

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2015
7:30 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Debra Hitz, Sharon Low (Chair), Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider, Sandy Snider
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren
NEST: John O'Malley, Camille Turcotte, Loraine Turcotte
NCC: Jack Erickson, Daren Fellner, Teasha Syrjanen
Visitor: Bob Katajamaki, Chair Lybster Local Roads Board

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Without objection, the agenda was adopted as printed.

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – February, 2015

Moved by Debra Hitz, seconded by Sandy Snider,

THAT the regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2015 as circulated, be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Financial Reports – February 2015

Moved by Lloyd Snider, seconded by Sandy Snider,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$543.47 for administration, \$2,019.50 for recreation services and \$3,895.08 for fire protection services for a total of \$6,458.05 for the month of February 2015 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for February 2015, as per the financial statement as compared to budget, have been reviewed and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

It was noted that the March cheques to NCC and NEST as well as to BDO for the audit are dated March 31, 2015 to coincide with the deposit of the annual levy.

5. Updates

5.1 NCC

Jack Erickson noted that the fish derby did very well, with a lot of prizes given out. There is a senior's lunch upcoming on April 14th and a take-out chili fundraiser on April 24th. A Family Breakfast is being planned for June. A motorcycle poker run is being discussed to take place in either August or September. Daren Fellner provided some profit and loss figures for recent events.

The Chair, with the consensus of the board, requested a short in-camera meeting with the NCC board members, to be held directly after this meeting.

5.2 NEST

John O'Malley noted that it was an average month with 4 to 5 first response calls and 1 fire call. The volunteer appreciation dinner is taking place this Saturday. NEST is continually looking for members, with only 1 response to the recent ad in the Grassroots. They plan to continue the ad on a monthly basis.

6. Correspondence

6.1 PLT Reform Update – Email

Sharon read the email dated March 24, 2015 from the PLT Reform Office of the Ministry of Finance respecting a Provincial Land Tax Review update that will be mailed to unincorporated property owners in March.

Karen noted that she had forwarded a copy of the email to board members which contains a link to further information. She will also be sending a copy to NCC and NEST.

7. Old Business

7.1 Extension of Board Term

Sharon noted that nothing has been received back from the letter sent to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) in support of Bob Katajamaki's letter. His letter requested a review of the Northern Services Board Act and Local Roads Boards Act which includes an extension of a board's term. Bob Katajamaki noted that receipt of his letter has been verbally acknowledged by Ministry staff but that it is working its way through the system before the Minister responds to it. If Bob has further information he will attend the next LSB meeting. He did suggest that an association for LSBs and LRBs be created that would help lobby the provincial government and provide training to these boards.

7.2 Alteration of LSB Boundary - Exclusion of Pete's Lake Properties

No response has been received to the letters that were sent to the three other owners of properties located in this area. It was noted that Bob Payne the Fire Chief did undertake to investigate access to these properties once the snow is gone. Once the board has that information it will make a determination at the May meeting if one, more or none of the properties in the area would be recommended for exclusion from the LSB's jurisdiction.

7.3 Alteration of LSB Boundary - Addition of Lismore Township

An email inquiry to Linda Braun at MNDM as to the progress of this item went unanswered. Karen will contact her again.

7.4 Educating the Community about the LSB

Sandy and Lloyd noted that their grandson does not have time to design a cartoon as per the discussion last meeting. Teasha undertook to check with her daughter who likes to draw cartoons if she would be interested.

There was discussion about how to present via a cartoon, ideas such as:

- *Why do we have an LSB?;* or
- *I remember when...*

There was discussion about the LSB, LRBs, NCC, NEST, and the Cemetery Board, all organizations that rely on volunteers, on how best to educate the community on why volunteers are needed. It was suggested that each organization have a pamphlet outlining what they do and how volunteers can help.

There was discussion around how NCC could perhaps resurrect the Welcome Wagon program previously done by Diana Bockus. It was suggested that a summer student could be hired through a grant to help with such a program.

The LSB, NCC and NEST are to come back to the next meeting with ideas of: (1) specifics of how to educate the community about the LSB and what it does; and (2) general ideas of how to promote volunteerism within the community.

7.5 LSB Training with MNDM

Sharon noted that a phone call to Linda Braun today went to voicemail so nothing new to report on this item. She will try to contact her again if a return call is not received.

8. New Business

8.1 Service Contracts – Bi-annual Review

The NCC contract was reviewed and the following changes are to be amended through an amending agreement to be considered at the next LSB meeting.

- 4.1 (a) change the seniors programs to 12 per year;
- (b) events/programs for kids as interest warrants;
- (e) use by community organizations as required;
- (g) free hall rental for funeral teas for community members who are a paid member of NCC;
- Take the percentage amounts out of section 4.1.
- 5 (c) Payment shall be made no later than the regular Nolalu LSB monthly meeting except for the month of March where it will be made March 31st to coincide with receipt of the LSB Levy from the Ministry of Finance.

Upon review of the NEST and Moose Media contracts, no amendments were recommended at this time.

8.2 Audited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2014

Moved by Lloyd Snider, seconded by Sheree O'Malley,

THAT By-law 2015-02 being a by-law to approve the 2013-2014 audited financial statements be hereby passed and enacted this 24th day of March 2015.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment of Meeting

The next regular meeting is April 28, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Moved by Sheree O'Malley, seconded by Debra Hitz,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:40 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____