

**LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 22, 2011**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Nolalu Community Centre**

**Attendance:**

Board Members: Larry Bockus, Sharon Low (Chair), Lloyd Snider, Sandy Snider  
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren  
NCC: Jack Erickson  
NEST: Bob Payne, Camille Turcotte, Loraine Turcotte

**1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The agenda was accepted as presented.

**2. Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**3. Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2011**

Moved by Larry Bockus, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT the minutes of October 25, 2011, as circulated, be accepted.

CARRIED

**4. Financial Reports – October 2011**

Moved by Sandy Snider, seconded by Larry Bockus,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$2,638.41 for administration, \$1,729.92 for recreation services and \$3,322.33 for fire protection services for a total of \$7,690.66 for the month of October 2011 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for October 2011, as per the financial statement, have been reviewed and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

**5. Updates:**

**5.1 NCC**

Jack Erickson, the new President of NCC, informed the members that the new board has been very busy learning it's role. December is a busy month ahead with a full calendar of events. It was noted each board member has an assistant (an alternate) who can act if the board member is unavailable.

## **5.2 NEST**

Bob Payne reported that new members are undergoing their final training to be active members. Currently, there is a roster of 22 members of combined fire and first responders, with the intent to eventually have all the first responders also trained as firefighters. NEST plans to proceed with a junior cadet program for 10 to 14 year olds, depending on the interest. This age group was selected rather than 15 to 18 year olds who tend to be busier with other activities. It is hoped to spark that interest in firefighting in the younger age group, who may then go on to join the team at age 18. An ad will be placed in the Grassroots, and possibly in the school newsletter about the program. There would need to be a minimum of five young people interested in order to proceed with the program. Fire calls have been slow, and the few medical calls attended have not been serious.

## **6. Correspondence:**

### **6.1 Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) – LSB Training Session**

Each member received a personal invitation to attend an LSB training session hosted by MNDM being held on January 27 and 28, 2012 at the Best Western NorWester. MNDM will cover all costs for the session including meals, travel and accommodation if necessary. Sharon, Sandy and Lloyd expressed an interest in attending. Larry is unavailable to attend on those dates. The Secretary/Treasurer will inquire if Sheree is able to attend, and undertook to RSVP the names of all interested members for this event to MNDM.

### **6.2 Bill Mauro, MPP – Attendance at LSB Meeting**

Bill Mauro's office had replied via email that he received the invitation to attend the January 2012 LSB meeting, but at this time, he is unsure of his schedule in January. He will keep the LSB informed as the date draws near.

### **6.3 Copy of Letter from Bill Mauro to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Sharon read the letter written by Bill Mauro to the Minister of Municipal and Housing, respecting his support of the LSB's comment to the Provincial Policy Review regarding the sale of crown lots for arrears taxes and the severance of property in unincorporated territory.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Sale of Crown Lots and Severance of Real Property**

It was the consensus that the committee comprised of Sharon Low, Larry Bockus and Bob Katajamaki are to meet in either early December or early January to discuss what the next steps should be on the issues of the sale of crown lots and the severance of real property. Sharon advised that she has been reviewing the Northern Growth Plan in order to provide comment on the Plan, but the Plan is very general and as a result is having difficulty finding concrete points on which to base an argument for the sale of crown lots and severance of real property.

### **7.2 1:1 Funding for LSBs**

Without objection, this item was deferred pending a meeting with Bill Mauro, MPP. The item will continue to be on the agenda until resolved.

### **7.3 Exclusion of Pete's Lake Property from LSB Levy**

Without objection, this item was deferred, since Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor, who had offered to provide assistance with this issue, is on medical leave until February. The item will continue to be on the agenda until resolved.

### **7.4 Service Contracts – NCC, NEST, Moose Media**

It was noted that NCC did forward its September financial statement prior to the last meeting, but the Secretary/Treasurer had not checked emails just prior to the meeting, and therefore the September contract cheque was issued. Also, with a board in place at NCC, the LSB is able to enter into contract with it for recreation services.

Moved by Larry Bockus, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT By-law No. 2011-03 being a by-law to enter into contracts for the provision of recreation services, fire protection services and webpage services for the 2011-2012 fiscal year be hereby enacted and passed.

CARRIED

## **8. New Business:**

### **8.1 Tax Levy 2011-2012 & Opt into PLT Billing**

The Chair noted the following:

- The total levy to be raised to meet the budget requirement of \$71,500 is \$110 per property (650 taxable properties), which is the same levy as last year.
- There was a suggestion made from the floor last year that the board raise the levy slightly every year instead of having larger increases every few years.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment.

- There was a suggestion from the floor that a couple of months before the board discusses the tax levy next year, that the public be requested to provide comment on how the tax levy should be increased, for example every 3 years raise the levy \$5 per property so that taxpayers know in advance of what the levy will be. It was the consensus that this item be discussed and voted on at the AGM in September 2012, with the topic to be tabled at the June meeting and then again at the August meeting as a reminder.

There was no further public comment.

Moved by Lloyd Snider, seconded by Sandy Snider,

THAT By-law #2010-04 being a by-law to set the tax levy at \$110 per eligible property for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and to authorize the Ministry of Revenue to collect the levy of \$71,500 be hereby passed and enacted.

CARRIED unanimously

**9. Adjournment of Meeting**

The next meeting is January 24, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Moved by Lloyd Snider,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:15 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary/Treasurer\_\_\_\_\_