

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2013
7:30 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Sharon Low (Chair), Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider, Sandy Snider
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren
NEST: John O'Malley, Bob Payne
NCC: Caroline DaSilva

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Without objection the agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Conflict of Interest - No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 October 29, 2013 Regular Meeting

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

THAT the regular meeting minutes of October 29, 2013, as circulated, be accepted.
CARRIED

4. Financial Reports – October 2013

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the financial statements in a new format.

Moved by Sandy Snider, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$2,128.15 for administration, \$1,939.53 for recreation services and \$3,722.38 for fire protection services for a total of \$7,790.06 for the month of November 2013 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for October 2013, as per the financial statement as compared to budget, have been reviewed and are hereby approved.
CARRIED

It was noted that since there is no meeting in December, the regular cheques for that month have been prepared, post-dated and will be distributed to the recipients.

5. Updates

5.1 NCC

Caroline DaSilva noted that the annual tree lighting is this Saturday and Breakfast with Santa is coming up in December. NCC is doing a food, toy and monetary donation collection for families in need in the Nolalu area. This program will be administered by the Free Methodist Church. The snowmobile poker run is being planned for January and the board is considering a change to the format of the annual Tough Boating Fish Derby planned for March

5.2 NEST

John O'Malley noted that October was a busy month for fire and first response calls. The team has some new members. Training is ongoing and has been moved to Tuesday nights. The first responders have all been recertified for 2014. They purchased some new auto extraction equipment - flat air bags and auto struts - which they were not able to afford in the past.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Bill Mauro, MPP – Invitation to Holiday Open House

The Chair read the invitation inviting the board members to Mr. Mauro's annual Holiday Open House taking place on December 5th from 4pm to 6pm at the Slovak Legion.

6.2 Minister Gravelle, MNDM – Funding

The Chair read the letter from Minister Michael Gravelle, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, announcing the funding program for LSBs that were previously unfunded. The amount of funding is \$2,909.28.

6.3 Email from Drew Redden, MNDM – Funding Distribution

The Chair read the email from Drew Redden, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, that was in response to the board's question to Ms. Carroll of Bill Mauro, MPP's office at the last board meeting, respecting how the new funding will be distributed. 50% of the funding will be forwarded in December and the next 50% at the end of June, pending submission by the board of the required documentation.

6.4 Anderson Consulting – Canada Post Rural Post Office Survey

The Chair read the letter from Anderson Consulting who is conducting a survey on rural post offices. Sheree O'Malley undertook to complete the survey since she has historical knowledge of post offices in Nolalu.

7. Old Business

7.1 Lobby for Funding Grant from MNDM

Sharon read the letters she drafted to thank Minister Gravelle for providing the LSB with funding and Mr. Mauro for his lobbying on behalf of the board to receive funding. Without objection, the Secretary/Treasurer was directed to send the letters to the intended recipients, with a copy to the previously unfunded LSBs and Linda Braun, MNDM.

It was noted that the question of how the new funding being received compares to that being received by previously funded LSBs has not yet been answered by MNDM. Without objection this issue was deferred to the January 2014 meeting.

7.3 Amendment to Procedural By-law

Without objection this item was deferred to the January 2014 meeting.

7.4 Draft Procurement Policy

Without objection this item was deferred to the January 2014 meeting.

7.5 Extension of Board Term

Sharon read the letter she drafted to the Minister respecting a request to consider extending the term of a LSB to three years. Without objection the sending of the letter was deferred to mid-January.

8. New Business

8.1 Budget and Levy 2013-2014 – By-laws

Moved by Sheree O'Malley, seconded Lloyd Snider,

THAT the MNDM funding be used toward the cost of the audit.
CARRIED

Moved by Lloyd Snider, seconded by Sandy Snider,

THAT By-law No. 2013-03 being a by-law to adopt the annual estimates of all amounts required for the purposes of the Board for operating expenditures for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and to set the tax levy, be hereby passed and enacted this 26th day of November 2013.

CARRIED

3 in favour

1 opposed

It was the consensus of the board in August 2014 to reconsider the amount of the transfer to reserves to pay out all or part of it to NCC and NEST.

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

THAT By-law No. 2013-04 being a by-law to authorize the Ministry of Finance to bill and collect the tax levy, be hereby passed and enacted this 26th day of November 2013.

CARRIED

8.2 Service Contracts – NCC, NEST, Moose Media – By-law

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

THAT By-law No. 2013-05 being a by-law to enter into contracts for the provision of recreation services, fire protection services and webpage services for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, be hereby passed and enacted this 26th day of November 2013.

CARRIED

8.3 Funding Agreement with MNDM – By-law

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

THAT By-law No. 2013-06 being a by-law to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, be hereby passed and enacted this 26th day of November 2013.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment of Meeting

The next regular meeting is January 28, 2013 at 7:30 PM. There is no meeting in December.

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

THAT there being no further business and the time being 8:25 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair_____ Secretary/Treasurer_____