

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF NOLALU
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2012
7:00 PM
Nolalu Community Centre

Attendance:

Board Members: Larry Bockus, Sharon Low (Chair), Sheree O'Malley, Lloyd Snider, Sandy Snider
Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Caren

NCC: Jack Erickson

NEST: John O'Malley, Bob Payne, Camille Turcotte, Loraine Turcotte

Visitor: Linda Braun, Northern Development Advisor, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Without objection, the following item was added under Old Business: 7.3 Regular Increases in Tax Levy.

The Chair welcomed Linda Braun to the meeting, who was also in attendance for the AGM and Election meeting that is to follow the regular meeting.

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2012

Moved by Larry Bockus, seconded by Sheree O'Malley,

THAT the minutes of August 28, 2012 as circulated, be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Financial Report – August 2012

Moved by Sandy Snider, seconded by Lloyd Snider,

THAT the LSB expenditures of \$532.40 for administration, \$1,729.90 for recreation services and \$3,322.35 for fire protection services for a total of \$5,584.65 for the month of August 2012 be accepted; and

THAT the reserve account, petty cash and bank account transactions and balances for August 2012, as per the financial statement, have been reviewed and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

5. Updates

5.1 NCC

Jack Erickson informed the members of the upcoming motorcycle poker run on October 13th. Teen dances have begun and so far have been successful. The dances have replaced move nights that were no longer being well attended. Gamer night is continuing. Supper Club will begin again in October since NCC now has a cook. The AGM and election will be held next month.

5.2 NEST

John O'Malley noted that some members attended FireCon training in September, in addition to regular training. Bob Payne noted that fire calls have been average the last 6 weeks, but first response calls have been up. As of August 31, 2012, there have already been 54 calls, whereas there was a total of 86 in all of 2011. The team hopefully has 5 new recruits.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Old Business

7.1 Exclusion of Pete's Lake Property from LSB Levy

The Board provided Linda Braun with information about the Scott's Pete's Lake Property that should be excluded from the assessment roll. Karen is to provide Linda with contact information for the local MPAC office. Linda will keep the board apprised of the progress on removing the property and hopes for an easy resolution rather than having to go through a boundary change.

7.2 Conflict of Interest Policy

Karen noted that no other LSBs have a Conflict of Interest Policy. Without objection, this item was deferred to the October meeting pending a draft policy from Karen and Sharon.

7.3 Regular Increases in Tax Levy

Sharon noted that in reviewing the past year's minutes, at the November 11, 2011, meeting it was decided that the board would discuss a suggestion made that the Board consider small regular increases to the levy each year to avoid having large increases every few years. This item was scheduled to be tabled in June and August for discussion, and then voted on at the September AGM. However, the item was forgotten about and was not on the agenda in those prior months. Linda Braun noted that since the Board operates on a one year term, that it cannot obligate future boards as to a pre-determined tax levy increase each year. The *Northern Services Board Act* provides that the tax levy shall be voted on annually by the inhabitants. The tax levy therefore may only be increased on a majority vote of the inhabitants. Without objection, discussion of the tax levy will occur at the November tax levy meeting at which the public is required to vote.

It was also noted by Linda, that the Board has two options for the tax levy: (1) a flat rate per property; or (2) a tax rate applied to the assessment. Each year, the LSB should present both options to the public to vote on each year. Linda will provide confirmation on this requirement for sure. Without objection, Karen was directed to provide the Board with a chart of what the tax levy would be for various properties if based on assessment versus a flat rate.

8. New Business

8.1 Insurance 2012-2013

The Board reviewed the insurance renewal with Frank Cowan as submitted by Philpot & Delgaty Insurance Broker.

Moved by Larry Bockus, seconded by Sheree O'Malley,

THAT By-law No. 2012-03 being a by-law to enter into contract for insurance against risks that may involve pecuniary loss or liability on the part of the Board be hereby passed and enacted this 25th day of September 2012.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Sheree O'Malley,

THAT there being no further business and the time being 7:37 PM, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair _____

Secretary/Treasurer _____