



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
IN THE KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
20 KING STREET, DRYDEN, ON
& VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING
COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM

PRESENT: Laurie Huffman, Oxdrift Unincorporated; Barry Baltessen, Lake of the Woods North; Jack Harrison, City of Dryden; Gord Griffiths, Municipality of Machin; James Dalzell, Township of Pickle Lake

PRESENT Via Videoconference: Mark Sobchuk, Lac Seul Unincorporated; Lisa Moncrief, City of Kenora; Matt Rydberg, Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls; Dennis Wallace, Lake of the Woods South; Doug Lawrance, Municipality of Sioux Lookout

REGRETS: Dan Sutton, Township of Ear Falls; Fred Mota, Municipality of Red Lake

STAFF: Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer; Louie Napish, Indigenous and Special Projects Liaison; Sarah Stevenson, Director of Integrated Social Services; Corrine Owen, Director of Finance; David Hamilton, Chief of Operations (EMS); Bri Pollock, HR Manager; Roberta Lappage, Communications Officer; Kimberley McCart, Executive Coordinator

GUESTS: Jeff Palmer, Urban Systems; Sarah Manteuffel, Urban Systems, Lesley Moore, Township of Pickle Lake

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and read the Land Acknowledgement:

As we gather, we recognize that we are on Treaty #3 lands and provide services to the people of Treaty #5 and Treaty #9. We acknowledge and appreciate the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the Anishinaabe, Metis and other indigenous people who have called this area home for many centuries.

The Kenora District Services Board is committed to doing its part and working intentionally with First Nation communities and aboriginal organizations to build understanding of the harm that colonization caused to indigenous people. We commit to reconciliation that respects our indigenous brothers and sisters and acknowledges their right to self-determination, working together to build capacity and support positive change.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Resolution to Approve the Agenda

RES 2023-051 Moved by Director Griffiths
Seconded by Director Harrison

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approves the agenda for the April 20, 2023, meeting.

CARRIED

6.8 2023 First Quarter Infrastructure Report

That the Board of Directors receive the Director of Infrastructure's 2023 First Quarter Infrastructure Report as information.

6.9 Land Ambulance (EMS) First Quarter Statistical Report for 2023

That the Board of Directors receive and accept the Director/Chief of Emergency Medical Services' Land Ambulance 2023 first Quarter Statistical Report BR2023-053 dated April 11, 2023.

6.10 First Quarter Communications Report

That the Board of Directors receive the Communications Officer's report BR2023-054 – 2023 First Quarter Communications report as presented on April 20, 2023.

6.11 First Quarter Human Resources Report

That the Board of Directors receive the Manager of Human Resource's report BR2023-055 dated April 10, 2023, as information.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

7.1 Appointment of Board Members to the Finance and Audit Committee

CAO H. Wall indicated that there is a vacancy on the Finance and Audit Committee; further information will be provided at the May 2023 meeting.

7.2 2023 Provincial/Federal Budget Update

CAO H. Wall provided information on the 2023 Provincial/Federal Budget.

7.3 Cultural Training

L. Napish provided details for the upcoming Cultural Training for Board and staff.

7.4 Regional Housing Strategy Resolution

RES 2023-054

Moved by Director Griffiths
Seconded by Director Huffman

RESOLVED THAT That the Board of Directors approve and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to transition the Kenora District Services Board to become the long-term operator of the Red Lake Area Emergency Shelter and establish the operational structure for the program as presented in report BR2023-032.

CARRIED

7.5 Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) Report

D. Hamilton provided a verbal report on the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) Report.

8. IN-CAMERA

8.1 Resolution to convene to In-Camera meeting

RES 2023-055 Moved by Director Harrison
Seconded by Director Dalzell

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors convenes to an In-Camera meeting.

CARRIED

8.2 Resolution to approve the Agenda for an In-Camera meeting

RES 2023-056 Moved by Director Rydberg
Seconded by Director Sobchuk

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approve the In Camera agenda for April 20, 2023.

CARRIED

8.3 Resolution to resume public meeting

RES 2023-057 Moved by Director Harrison
Seconded by Director Huffman

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors resumes the public Board meeting.

CARRIED

8.4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

Director Moncrief left the meeting at 2:22pm

8.4.1 Kenora Chiefs Property Purchase

There was no resolution brought forward for this agenda item.

8.4.2 Lake of the Woods Hospital and Kenora District Services Board Partnership

RES 2023-058 Moved by Director Sobchuk
Seconded by Director Rydberg

RESOLVED THAT The Board of Directors authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Finance to execute the Sales and Purchase agreement with Changes Recovery Homes as outlined in the Chief Administrative Officer's report BR2023-047 dated April 20, 2023; and further That the Sales and Purchase Agreement be subject to the Board of Directors approval.

CARRIED

8.4.3 Homelessness Prevention Program Investment Plan

RES 2023-059 Moved by Director Griffiths
Seconded by Director Wallace

RESOLVED THAT That the Board of Directors receives and accepts the Director of Finance and Director of Integrated Social Services joint report BR2023-056 Homelessness Prevention Program Investment Plan; and further That the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Finance to execute and submit the completed Investment Plan as attached.

CARRIED

8.4.4 Sioux Lookout Second Stage Housing Project

RES 2023-060 Moved by Director Griffiths
Seconded by Director Wallace

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the tender from Finn Way General Contractor including post-tender changes and to execute a CCDC2 Stipulated Price Contract with the firm not to exceed \$6.95 million for the construction of the new First Step Second Stage Housing Complex in Sioux Lookout, developed in partnership with First Step Women's Shelter. FURTHER that the Board of Directors authorizes a funding allocation from the Homelessness Prevention Program in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 be committed to the First Step Second Stage Housing Project.

CARRIED

8.4.5 Discretionary Benefits - Funeral costs

RES 2023-061 Moved by Director Harrison
Seconded by Director Huffman

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors receives and accepts the Director of Integrated Social Services report BR2023-058 Discretionary Benefits Funerals; and further That the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to increase the discretionary benefit amount for paying for funerals up to a max of \$4,200.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES

None

10. RESOLUTIONS

None

11. NEW BUSINESS

None

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

None

14. PETITIONS

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

RES 2023-062

Moved by Director Huffman

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors adjourns the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm.

Approved by Resolution **No.** _____

This _____ day of _____, 2023.

Chair