

Letter from the 2017/2018 current Local Services Board to the citizens of Gogama;

The previous Local Services Board from 2016/2017 where the Chairperson of the Board was Mr. Edward Benson, the following meeting minutes had to be posted as drafts as they had not been approved by the Mr. Benson's Board;

- June 1, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting
- July 6, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting
- July 6, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- August 11, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- September 1, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting
- September 8, 2017 Elections Meeting

For the purpose of remaining transparent to the members of the public, the current members of the Gogama Local Services Board, at the direction of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, have agreed to post the drafts and accept that the contents remain unapproved by the previous Board.

The members of the current Board would like to advise members of the public that posting meeting minutes here online is simply a courtesy. All meeting minutes can be requested at the office by filing out a request for information sheet. All requests will be answered according to the Freedom of Information Act.

Gogama Local Services Board
Special Board Meeting – February 5, 2018
Gogama Community Centre at 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **Call meeting to order and Roll Call**

Andre Jodouin, presiding as Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Present

Andre Jodouin – Chairperson
Gilles Veronneau – Vice Chairperson
Rachelle Minarik – Board Member
Christine Bedard – Secretary
Natalie Gaudette – Bookkeeper via phone

Absent with Regrets

Daniel Mantha – Board Member

2. **Declaration of conflict of interest** – As the meeting progresses.

3. **Acceptance of agenda**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to accept the agenda and add item of Notice of Legal Action as item 5 moving delegations to item 6.

The motion to accept the agenda and add item of Notice of Legal Action as item 5 moving delegations to item 6 was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Rachelle Minarik. **Motion Carried**

4. **FM/GFD/LSB Agreement review**

The Chairperson opened the floor to the Board to review and discuss the FM/GFD/GLSB Agreement. Bookkeeper, Natalie Gaudette, recommended to the Board that a second meeting between the Board and the Fire Marshall's office would be merited. She asked the Board to consider whether they wanted to make changes from the current agreement, keep the agreement contents the same or consider asking for less than already agreed upon.

The Board discussed the matter and agreed that the Secretary should draft an email to ADFM Booth asking whether the draft submitted to the Board for review is what the agreement is supposed to be or is the proposed draft what the agreement can be. Clarification of this would provide the Board with the information needed to move closer to a final proposed draft. Also, the Board asked that the Secretary get clarification from the Fire Marshall's office as to whether this is an agreement for all Fire Departments or is it just specific to Gogama.

Natalie Gaudette asked the Board whether the Fire Marshall's office had spoken to the Fire Chief about the agreement. The Secretary advised the Board that ADFM Booth had advised the office that he would

be meeting with the Fire Chief on February 15, 2018 whereas he would be requesting the GFD's Articles of Incorporation.

The Board directed the Secretary to also ask the ADFM whether he could confirm that the GFD had submitted their request to have the three fire department vehicles deemed emergency vehicles as per the process he had outlined during the first meeting with the Board. In the interim, the Board directed the Secretary to enquire with Service Ontario as to how long the GFD emergency vehicles had been under the Board's ownership.

The Board directed the Secretary to request, in writing, confirmation that the greater of the two insurance policies as it relates to volunteer firefighters would be the one paying out. In the event of an accident, would both policies pay out or would that be double jeopardy? The Board discussed the matter and agreed that if both the FM and GLSB's accidental policies are the same, the Board could consider cancelling the GLSB accidental loss policy at the next policy renewal date.

The Board requested that the Secretary ask for potential meeting dates whereas the ADFM would be able to meet with the Board to continue development of the agreement within the next two weeks.

The Board enquired whether ADFM Booth had responded regarding the door height requirements for the new truck as of yet. The Secretary advised that ADFM Booth had not but that she would follow up.

5. **Notice of Legal Action**

The Chairperson advised the Board that the office had received an emailed letter from the offices of Weaver Simmons from Sudbury on behalf of the Watershed144 Ltd. He went on to state that the Watershed was demanding that the Board reimburse the following costs for the "unlawful cancellation of their Christmas Staff Party booked for December 9, 2017";

1. Reimbursement for Band	\$1800.00
2. Liquor License	\$ 75.00
3. Room for Band	\$ 500.00
4. Dinner for staff and family	\$1500.00
5. Training cost for staff hired To cover during staff party	\$ 250.00
6. General damages	\$5000.00
Total	\$9125.00

The Board discussed the matter and agreed that the Secretary should reply to the email confirming the Board had received their request and was awaiting a response from the Board's legal counsel. The Board agreed that the Secretary should reach on behalf of the Board and turn the matter over for mitigation.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to have the Secretary schedule an appointment with the law office of Mr. Peter Doucet to have the matter reviewed.

The motion to have the Secretary schedule an appointment with the law office of Mr. Peter Doucet to have the matter reviewed was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Rachelle Minarik.

Motion Carried

7. **Deputations or Delegations or Discussions from the floor** - None

8. **Adjournment**

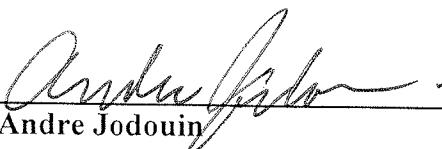
Having no further Board business to discuss, the Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Rachelle Minarik.

Motion Carried



Christine Bedard
Secretary



Andre Jodouin
Chairperson