

Gogama Local Services Board  
Monthly Board Meeting – August 23, 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 7:00 P.M.

**Present**

**Absent with Regrets**

Andre Jodouin – Chairperson  
Gilles Veronneau – Vice Chairperson  
Rachelle Minarik – Board Member  
Daniel Mantha – Board Member  
Paul Derkacz – Board Member  
Christine Bedard – Secretary

Eight (8) members of the public present.

2. Declaration of conflict of interest – As the meeting progresses.
3. Acceptance of agenda

The Chairperson asked for a motion to accept the agenda.

The motion to accept the agenda was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Daniel Mantha.

**Motion Carried**

4. Acceptance of minutes

- 4.1 June 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Paul Derkacz.

**Motion Carried**

- 4.2 July 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Rachelle Minarik.

**Motion Carried**

5. Disbursement:

- 5.1 Monthly Budget Review

The Chairperson turned the floor over to the Secretary so that she may take the Board through the monthly budget report submitted to the Board by the Bookkeeper.

The Secretary brought to the Board's attention, items on the Administration Operating Budget, more specifically, the section titled Eligible Expenses. She updated the Board on the total auditing cost of \$15,492.19. She stated this was the total cost to date for the GLSB audit of the financials ending September 30, 2017. She went on to state that the total typical cost of an audit is the budgeted \$8000.00.

This budget carries a deficit of \$7,492.19. Under Secretary Honorarium, the Board was budgeted for \$16,550.00 and is currently at \$17,738.83. She stated that some of that money will be moved over under the OCIF Top Up Grant as they are hours paid to the Secretary for work done on that grant. This will realign the budget to accurately reflect only hours worked relating to regular Board business. The Secretary then went on to update the Board on the legal fees column of the report. She stated that the legal fees reflected here in the amount of \$14,492.81 were only the partial fees incurred and the Board had not budgeted anything for legal fees as there had not been legal fees incurred in the past. She stated that the total amount incurred would likely be wrapped up within the next few weeks and would be available for their review at the next meeting.

Having no other changes to report, the Secretary turned the floor over to the Chairperson. The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the monthly budget report.

The motion to approve the monthly budget report was moved by Rachelle Minarik and seconded by Paul Derkacz. **Motion Carried**

## 6. Grants Update:

The Chairperson then turned the floor over to the Secretary to take the Board through the grants details that were considered updates since the last meeting.

The Secretary advised the Board of the following updates;

- Project 1 – Replacement of water and wastewater infrastructure in Gogama
  - Review/Approval of Tenders (currently ongoing, closes August 30, 2018)
  - Obtain all required permits (waiting on MTO & CN permits)
  - Public opening of Bids August 30, 2018 at 3:15 P.M.
  
- Project 2 – OCIF Formula Based Funding
  - No change
  
- Project 3 - Replacement of 35 yr old pump at wellhouse
  - Requested list of replacement pumps from OCWA (awaiting a reply)
  - Purchase of pump scheduled for September 2018
  
- Project 4 - Repair/Cleaning of Clear Well Tanks
  - Cleaning done
  - Post testing complete
  - Requested report from OCWA
  - Requested invoicing from OCWA
  - Interim reporting to Ministry due August 29, 2018
  
- Project 5 - Monitoring Equipment Upgrades at Water Distribution Plant
  - Purchased Sodium Hypochlorite Pump
  - Received list of additional equipment required
  - Interim reporting to Ministry due August 29, 2018
  
- Project 6 - Main Water Valve Rehabilitation/Replacement
  - Received update from OCWA, only two valves to date need replaced (one was damaged by grader operator)
  - Interim reporting to Ministry due August 29, 2018

- Project 7 - Wastewater lagoon cells clean up/deforestation
  - Commencement date of project set to end of August
  - Interim reporting to Ministry due August 29, 2018
- Project 8 - Upgrading Library Technology (ILDS)
  - Completed
- Project 9 - Community Centre Roof
  - Completed

## 7. Action Items:

The Chairperson asked the Secretary to continue and update the Board on the status of the Action Items.

The Secretary updated the Board on the old ongoing Action Items;

Christine

- Prepare Travel By-Law and Procedures (will be ready for new term)
- Draft new Nursing Clinic Agreement (will be ready for review by renewal date in April)
- Research hydro subsidies for water treatment plant (in new term)
- Research & request quotes for AMP Inspection update (in new term)

Andre

- No outstanding items

Gilles

- No outstanding items

Rachelle

- No outstanding items

Daniel

- Community Centre Hall floor stripping/waxing (date to come from Dan)

Paul

- Community Centre Hall floor stripping/waxing (waiting on date from Dan)

Natalie

- Outstanding invoices from Andres Beaton and Cheryl Secord (will provide the Secretary with outstanding invoices to send out)

The Secretary updated the Board on ongoing current Action Items;

Christine

- FM/GLSB/GFD Agreement  
The Board has held three meetings to date with a representative of the Fire Marshal's Office. The Agreement is still in the development stage. ADFM has requested an extension period of 6-10 weeks to work with the GFD on internal matters.
- Risk Assessment  
The Board has met with a group from the Fire Marshal's Office with regards to obtaining feedback for a community risk assessment plan. The group has been provided with all the supplementary information they required. The Secretary is awaiting a follow up meeting date to be provided to review the implementation process. Due date for mid-September.
- Legal Consult  
The Secretary has sent ADFM Booth an email requesting availability for a follow up meeting and is waiting for his reply.

Andre

- Nothing ongoing

- Gilles - Nothing ongoing
- Rachelle - Building Inspection  
Inspector Dale Moore has attended the sites and has completed the inspection. The Secretary advised the Board that although several deficiencies have been addressed, not all are completed as of yet. With the Board's permission, the Secretary will reach out to the inspector and request an extension for the bigger items.
- Daniel - Nothing ongoing
- Paul - Nothing ongoing
- Natalie - Outstanding invoices from Andrea Beaton and Cheryl Secord (will provide the Secretary with outstanding invoices to send out)

Having no other Board Action Items to review, and at the Chairperson's direction, the Secretary continued with New Business.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 Correspondence:

#### 8.1.1 Email from taxpayer

The Secretary advised the Board that an email had been received from Mrs. Magda Benson. Since Mrs. Benson was present at the meeting, the Secretary asked if she would like to ask the Board her questions personally. Mrs. Benson declined to do so and stated the Secretary could present it. The Secretary summarized the email for the Board and presented the four (4) questions posed to the Board by Mrs. Benson which were as follows;

- How much extra money is there?
- How much of that extra money went for a lawyer from the beginning?
- How much of extra money went for extra hours for people (example Secretary) to build the case against Chief Benson?
- How much of that extra money went for a great cause and for people of Gogama?

The Secretary clarified for Mrs. Benson that the "extra monies" Mrs. Minarik spoke of at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was monies being held by the Board in the Reserve account. The Secretary further clarified that these monies are held in the Reserve account and are earmarked for such things as breaks (water/sewer), left over funds from year to year and these funds are used at the discretion of the Board for any circumstances deemed to be an emergency, to which this legal issue was identified as being since it was necessary and not originally budgeted for.

Q. Mrs. Benson "How much do we have?"

The Secretary advised Mrs. Benson that without the breakdown at hand, an actual dollar amount can not be provided at this time, but if an estimate had to be provided immediately, she would estimate that the Reserve account currently holds approximately \$50,000.00. The Secretary went on to explain that since Mrs. Benson's questions were number specific, that the Board would be forwarding this information request to the Bookkeeper who would be able to provide answers based on actuals. The Secretary advised Mrs. Benson that not all invoices had been entered into the system at this time. Mrs. Benson was advised that once Bookkeeper returns her findings, the Board would be providing her with an answer in writing.

Q. Mrs. Benson "Do you know when?"

The Secretary advised Mrs. Benson that the reply from the Bookkeeper should be forthcoming soon and as soon as the document is received by the office, it would be sent to her.

Q. Mrs. Benson “and approximately, how much is it for the lawyer?”

The Secretary advised Mrs. Benson that currently to date, based on the budget report that was just approved by the Board earlier in the meeting, the amount that has currently been entered in the system is \$14,494.81. The Secretary asked if this satisfied her request, Mrs. Benson stated it did.

#### 8.1.2 Letter from a Citizen of Gogama

The Secretary advised the Board that the office had received an anonymous letter from a citizen of Gogama. She stated that the letter had been slipped under the community centre door and was found the morning of August 17, 2018. The Secretary stated that the letter was simply signed “Concerned resident of Gogama” and as the resident felt it was important enough to write and bring it to the office, the Board will hear a motion to accept this letter into the minutes.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to enter the concerned resident of Gogama letter into the minutes.

The motion to enter the concerned resident of Gogama letter into the minutes was moved by Daniel Mantha and seconded by Paul Derkacz. **Motion Carried**

At the Board’s direction, the letter will be scanned in and attached to the end of the meeting minutes.

#### 8.1.3 Request from taxpayer

The Secretary advised the Board that the next correspondence was a request from a taxpayer that came in to the office via phone, it was a request for a water/sewer fees review to have those user fees reviewed for the past three years. The resident states that their water has been turned off for the past three years and have now just realized that they are still being billed. The Secretary stated that she has forwarded the request to the Bookkeeper who states she has since contacted the resident. The resident has been advised that the Board is looking into the matter. The Secretary advised the Board that this case bared similarities to a case that last year’s Board had taken care of and the Bookkeeper has requested that Richard Gravelle from OCWA be asked to verify his log books for the date on which he attended the property to turn off the water, and also to have Claude Secord contacted to attend the property to ensure that the water valve is still closed. This will allow the Bookkeeper to continue with her investigation into the matter to report her findings and make her recommendation to the Board.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to have the Secretary reach out to Richard Gravelle and Claude Secord for the information and provide it to the Bookkeeper.

The Motion to have the Secretary reach out to Richard Gravelle and Claude Secord for the information and provide it to the Bookkeeper was moved by Paul Derkacz and seconded by Daniel Mantha. **Motion Carried**

#### 8.1.4 Environmental Framework & Operational Status Update

The Secretary advised the Board that the office had received an invitation from GHD to attend the next Science Table call regarding the CN remediation project which is being held September 20, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The Secretary asked the Board who would like to attend. All Board members stated they would like to participate. At the Board’s direction, the Secretary will send out a reminder closer to the date.

## **8.2 Administrative Portfolio:**

### **8.2.1 Public Dock – Signage**

The Secretary advised the Board that it had been brought to the Board's attention that there had been two pontoon boats and a red boat that had been moored at the public dock at the end of Poupore Street for the past week. The Secretary advised the Board that Board Member, Rachelle Minarik had brought it to her attention and had gone to verify what type of signage there was. Rachelle Minarik states that other than a "launch at your own risk" sign, there are no other signs prohibiting overnight or extensive docking. Rachelle Minarik has spoken to Gerry Talbot and he stated that metal signs can be made in Timmins and that they are not very costly, approximately \$45.00 each. The Secretary asked the Board if having signs made and erected prohibiting overnight docking something the Board wanted to consider?

The Board discussed the matter and agreed that these signs should be purchased and posted.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the signs.

The motion to approve the purchase of the signs was moved by Rachelle Minarik and seconded by Gilles Veronneau. **Motion Carried**

**Action Item – Christine** – Verify cost of signs and purchase.

### **8.2.2 Contractor Letters of Intent to Renew**

The Secretary advised the Board that the letters of intent to renew were sent out to all contractors for the exception of the Garbage Contract as Gilles was just signing the letter that evening. All other letters were sent out Friday, August 17, 2018 with a due date of September 1, 2018. The Secretary went on to state that since that time, two letters of intent to renew have been received. The Secretary stated that once all letters have been received, the Board will be able to review them and assess which contracts, if any, require to be posted. The Secretary reminded the Board that the NSBA only suggests that contracts be put out to tender every few years to ensure the lowest possible pricing for services is obtained but that the decision was ultimately the Board's.

## **8.3 Garbage Collection Portfolio:**

The Chairperson asked Gilles Veronneau if there was any new business concerning the Garbage Collection Contract, Gilles states that he had recently spoken with Mr. Hotchkiss and that there were no issues.

## **8.4 Financial Portfolio:**

### **8.4.1 Resident, Claude Secord - To speak to the Board**

Since Mr. Secord was present at the meeting, the Chairperson asked if he would like to present his concern or request at this time. Mr. Secord stated he would. Mr. Secord stated that his concern was with the Fire Department's refusal to provide the GLSB their books for the 2016/2017 audit. He stated that when the last derailment took place in March 2015, he was part of the Emergency Operation Committee, he stated that all involved were approached by CN and were told to bill CN for all of the hours that had been put in for the derailment clean up effort. He stated he was present when the Fire Chief, Edward Benson, submitted an invoice for over \$40,000.00. He stated that his question was, after having spoken to fire fighters who are no longer on the Fire Department Team but were there at that time, where did this money go and how come not all Fire Department Team members were aware that the department had received this money?

Mr. Secord advised the Board that he was starting here, putting his enquiry in to the Board and that he would be following this up by speaking with his M.P.P. because to him, this is a concern. In the very least, all members of the fire department should be aware of money like this and where it's spent.

Since Mrs. Benson was present at the meeting and is a current executive officer of the Gogama Fire Protection Team's Board of Directors, the Chairperson asked if she would have an answer to Mr. Secord's questions.

Q. Mrs. Benson "Was this person someone who just signed in?"

A. Mr. Secord "He was a volunteer fire fighter for over 20 years and he didn't know anything about it."

Q. Mrs. Benson "I'm surprised because ..." the rest of the comment was not audible.

The Secretary advised Mr. Secord that because the Board does not have any records of the fire department's 2016 financials...Mr. Secord stated he was aware, but the Board would have records of the 2015/2016 financials in which he believes the information would be found. The Secretary acknowledged the statement and added her recommendation to the Board to direct the question to the Fire Chief via email as he may answer. Mr. Secord stated that this issue has concerned him ever since then and finding out now that not all members of the fire department were aware that the money was even received was an even bigger concern.

The Chairperson asked Mr. Secord if this happened at a Board meeting and Mr. Secord stated no, this was separate from any Board meeting. It had nothing to do with the Board, it was a meeting of the Gogama Emergency Committee.

The Secretary advised that she did have a box of notes in the office from the emergency committee taken at the time of that derailment, she stated she could look in there to see if there was any reference of the money being given to the fire department but if the Board directed her to do so, she could send the fire chief an enquiry on Mr. Secord's behalf.

The Chairperson asked Mrs. Benson where the enquiry should be directed and Mrs. Benson stated that it should be sent to the President of the Corporation, Serge Cloutier.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to direct the Secretary to send an enquiry to the fire department on where the money was used and why not every fire team member was aware it had been received.

The motion to direct the Secretary to send an enquiry to the fire department on where the money was used and why not every fire team member was aware it had been received was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Rachelle Minarik. **Motion Carried**

## **8.5 Fire Protection Portfolio:**

### **8.5.1 OFMEM – Update**

The Secretary advised the Board that she had reached out to ADFM Art Booth requesting an update on the OFMEM's efforts to work with the Fire Department and the Fire Chief on the Board's concerns. The ADFM had sent the Board an email on August 1, 2018 stated he required 6-10 weeks in order to carry out his intentions. The Secretary advised that she has sent the ADFM a request for his meeting availability and had advised that the Board would be making themselves available.

### **8.5.2 Delnite Fire – Quote update**

The Secretary advised the Board that she had scanned all deficiency orders from Inspector Dale Moore and sent them to Delnite Fire so they may review them and provide the Board with a quote on the materials needed and labour costs to install. If a reply is not received by Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, she will reach out to them again. The Secretary asked the Board if they wanted to look into soliciting

a quote from Soucie Salo. The Board discussed the matter and decided to wait for Delnite Fire's response.

### 8.5.3 Fire Marshal – Building Inspections – Update

The Secretary advised the Board that the following orders have been complied with;

- Oxygen tanks at the fire hall have been properly secured
- Emergency exit stairwell at the fire hall has been properly secured to the building
- Building Occupancy rating for both the hall and fire hall have been posted
- The Styrofoam sound barrier, installed between the clinic and the hall, that the Fire Chief had deemed safe and to code has been removed as it did not comply with code.
- The broken panic bar from the hall's back door has been replaced
- Items blocking the fire alarm at the Library have been removed

Being that there were members of the GFD present at the meeting, the Chairperson asked to know what the large hole in the floor of the second fire hall building was for. Tracey Malcom stated she had fallen in it a few weeks before and Magda Benson corrected her and explained this is not the hole the Chairperson was referring to. She explained to Tracey Malcom that the hole in question was the drain hole in the second building and explained to the Chairperson that it was there to drain the water when they washed the trucks.

Rachelle Minarik asked Magda Benson why the hole did not have a proper cover on it like a metal grate instead of plywood. Magda Benson stated that they simply had not had the time to fix it properly as they all work other jobs. The Secretary asked Magda Benson if the plywood was still there and Magda confirmed it was. The Secretary asked if the size of the hole was the size of a regular manhole cover and Magda stated it was much larger than that.

A member of the public stated that Tracey Malcom had something she wanted to say. The Chairperson gave Ms. Malcom the floor.

Tracey Malcom stated that there was "a big hole in the driveway" of the fire hall, the Board asked whereabouts in the driveway the hole was located. Ms. Malcom stated that it was "almost in front of the second building, between the fire hydrant and the buildings". Estelle Constantin added her explanation of the location of the hole for the Board. Gilles Veronneau asked if the hole looked like it had been created by water run-off and Estelle Constantin stated "it was not, it's like a sink hole". Daniel Mantha stated that maybe an underground pipe had let go. Estelle Constantin said "no no, the same thing happened years ago somewhere else" and described the past incident for the Board. Estelle stated that they had attempted to "fill that hole for months and months and still it would continue to sink".

The Chairperson asked Tracey Malcom if the hole had been there very long and she stated "it was three weeks ago that I tripped up in it".

Paul Derkacz asked Tracey Malcom if she thought it would take a lot of gravel to fix it. The Chairperson asked if a load of gravel would fill it. The Secretary suggested to the Board that it may be best if the Board went to have a look at it to see if they could devise what the cause of the hole was before burying it. The Chairperson advised the Board that he would go to the fire hall following the meeting and would have a look.

Estelle Constantin stated something that was inaudible to the Secretary and the rest of the Board for the exception of Rachelle Minarik. Estelle Constantin repeated stating that she was trying to explain something to the Board and "she keeps interrupting". Rachelle Minarik corrected Ms. Constantin and stated that the Secretary was not interrupting, she was speaking to the Board and that Ms. Constantin should be nice. Ms. Constantin stated "I'm nice, she wasn't" and the Board continued



discussing the matter of the hole at the fire hall and agreed that they would all attend the fire hall following the meeting to go have a look before deciding what would be done.

Paul Derkacz asked if the hole was deep. Estelle Constantin refused to answer saying "I'm done", and Tracey Malcom stated the paramedics were there when she fell in it so they know about it.

Rachelle Minarik attempted to narrow down how long the hole had been there and stated that since Ms. Malcom had just joined the department, maybe Magda Benson would be in a better position to advise the Board on how long the hole had been there. Mrs. Benson stated that she didn't know because when she gets a call, she gets into the truck and just drives around.

Paul Derkacz asked if the hole was there when the Fire Hall had their open house on the July Canada Day weekend and Magda, Tracy and Estelle all said no.

#### 8.5.4 Hydrant Report for Risk Management Project

The Secretary advised the Board that the office had received a request from OFMEM for a hydrant testing report. She stated she reached out to OCWA to enquire if they had done any such testing. She stated she received a response from Paul Derda outlining the testing process and that typically, such testing is performed by the local fire department. Mr. Derda stated that OCWA can perform this testing but it would be at an additional cost. The Secretary advised the Board that the email from Mr. Derda along with the outline of the process is in their Board packages should they wish to read up on it and provided the Board with a summary of the process. She went on to state that OCWA does not have this report on hand and asked the Board if they wanted her to send the fire department an email to enquire if they've done any such testing. The Board discussed the matter and agreed to have the Secretary send out an enquiry to the GFD via email.

#### 8.5.5 Lighting at Fire Hall

The Secretary stated that it was reported to the office that there were no lights in front of the fire hall. The Secretary advised the Board that she had gone out and can confirm that the only light on at the fire hall was the man-door light on the side of the main fire hall building. Rachelle Minarik asked Magda Benson how long the light had been out and she stated that the sentinel light had been out for years but that they change the light bulb in the overhead light above the bay doors when it burns out.

Estelle Constantin lives directly in front of the fire hall and stated "when that light is on, my whole living room lights up like daytime".

Magda Benson stated that the last time they changed the light was a few months ago and was surprised it was burnt already. The Secretary confirmed that the light was not on on the evening she went to look. Magda said they would change it.

The Secretary stated she had reached out to Hydro One the day she confirmed the sentinel light was not on and they had put in a work order to have the light repaired but it would likely be at least one billing cycle. She stated that if Hydro One reports the light to be disconnected, then she would look into getting a reimbursement for the fees being charged on the hydro bills monthly for as far back as the light was disconnected. The Board discussed the matter further and stated they would check to see if maybe a switch or breaker was off for the light when they went to examine the hole in the driveway.

### 8.6 Library Portfolio:

#### 8.6.1 Letter from Librarian – Request to purchase desk

The Secretary advised the Board that the Head Librarian had requested, in writing, the Board's permission to purchase a new front desk for the Library as the current desk is too big to fit where they want to move it and still provide wheelchair accessibility to the books on the nearby shelf. She

stated that the Librarian had researched a desk that would fit and had provided her the item and sku numbers for the order from Staples. The Librarian is asking if the Board would allow them to purchase the desk through the Board Visa and have it delivered instead of the volunteers having to struggle with transporting a heavy piece of furniture. The Board discussed the matter and having confirmed with the budget report that the Library had funds to cover the purchase, they agreed to have the Secretary purchase the desk on the Board's Visa.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the Library desk on the Board Visa for the price quoted by the Librarian.

The motion to approve the purchase of the Library desk on the Board Visa for the price quoted by the Librarian was moved by Rachelle Minarik and seconded by Daniel Mantha. **Motion Carried**

## 8.7 Recreation Portfolio:

### 8.7.1 Manager/Custodian Monthly Report

Paul Derkacz stated that he had spoken to the manager/custodian a few weeks prior and she had stated she was just finishing this year's contract and would not be renewing. Paul stated that Erin would reply in writing and that the Board would need to be reposting the contract for the new year. The Secretary asked Paul Derkacz if the manager/custodian had provided him a report this month and he stated she had not. He did state that Erin had asked about an unpaid invoice and the Secretary advised that the manager/custodian had picked up her cheque already.

Estelle Constantin asked "If she's not renewing her contract again are you going to post it?". The Board advised it would be tendered out to bid.

### 8.7.2 Nursing Clinic – Request for ramp

The Chairperson advised the Board that he had spoken to Norm Roy about constructing a ramp to bridge the gap at the Clinic entrance so that wheelchairs could manoeuvre the doorway. Mr. Roy stated he would come have a look and take some measurements and provide the Board a quote charging the Board only for materials and not his time.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve Mr. Roy to come take the measurements and provide a quote for materials.

The motion to approve Mr. Roy to come take the measurements and provide a quote for materials was moved by Rachelle Minarik and seconded by Gilles Veronneau. **Motion Carried**

## 8.8 Water/Sewer Portfolio:

### 8.8.1 Grader Incident – Main Water Valve damaged

The Secretary advised the Board that the MTO grader contractor had pulled out the main water valve on the corner across from the post office. She stated that she had contacted OCWA right away and that OCWA had sectioned off the area and was looking after the repairs. She further advised that once the invoice was received, she would forward it to the MTO for payment.

### 8.8.2 Well issue – SCADA Invoice

The Secretary advised the Board that OCWA had notified the Board of an additional services invoice that would be coming their way for SCADA programmers. She stated that the Well House had been struck by lightning during the last storm and that the programming had been affected causing OCWA to have to bring in specialists to fix the issue as it was beyond their scope of expertise.

### 8.8.3 Relocation of the metal detector

The Secretary advised the Board that the metal detector had been relocated to the Water Treatment Plant as recommended by Richard Gravelle. He stated that the new detector should not be left in cold storage as it may damage it. Richard Gravelle has reached out to Claude Secord to advise him where it is being stored in the event he needs it for a valve locate.

## 9. Deputations or Delegations or Discussions from the floor

The Chairperson opened the floor to questions from the public.

Q. Estelle Constantin "I want to know the procedure to make a by-law".

A. The Chairperson advised Ms. Constantin that a by-law is created by majority vote. He further explained that all five members or in the least, three of the five must be in agreement in order for a by-law to be passed.

Q. Estelle Constantin "No, a by-law made by the public".

A. The Board advised Ms. Constantin that a by-law is not made by the public. Daniel Mantha explained that members of the public can request a by-law and the Board would consider it and only if the Board agrees and votes on it, would it be approved.

Ms. Constantin stated "That doesn't make sense." The Board advised her that this is the process and has always been the process.

Paul Derkacz stated that citizens of Timmins aren't the ones who make the by-laws. Ms. Constantin stated that "No but when you go to a meeting the citizens can talk. Here, we can't disagree with you. We have no say."

The Chairperson explained that in Gogama, it is the people who elect the Board and the elected Board makes those decisions for them.

Q. Estelle Constantin "Ok, I have a suggestion for one. I would like to have every Board member have a Criminal check because every member of the Board works with the public."

A. The Board stated they would have no issues with getting a criminal background check. The Secretary advised Ms. Constantin that currently, the Bookkeeper and the Secretary provide background checks yearly, as does the manager custodian and the Library and Recreation Committee volunteers but no where in the NSBA does it state that this would be a requirement for a Board member as they do not work one on one with the public nor do they handle money. She went on to explain that the Board makes decisions regarding financials but do not, at any time, handle money directly or personally. The Board advised Ms. Constantin that they would take her suggestion under consideration.

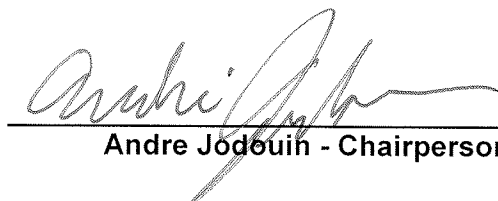
## 10. Adjournment

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

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Rachelle Minarik.

**Motion Carried.**

  
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Christine Bedard – Secretary

  
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Andre Jodouin - Chairperson

After attending the Thursday night GLSB meeting and reading the newsletter, I am sending this letter publicly to apologize to Christine Bedard, the secretary of the Local Services Board. Her firing was the worst decision ever taken, at any time, by any board. She is very dedicated, knowledgeable and qualified many times over for her position. She acquires grants for our town and has surpassed all other secretaries in this aspect. She is a jewel and the action taken by the "Benson Board" to fire her was a tremendous mistake. If you read the GLSB newsletter, you know that Christine tried to prevent Mr. Benson from committing unlawful acts. So the board fired her????? And thank God the following GLSB rehired her. We would have been the BIG losers. Do you know what happens to a town where there is no functioning LSB? Christine takes care of us and knows how to do her work. Most of her career was spent working at management level. Isn't that a plus for us! Ask her what her qualifications are when you see her after you apologize. Don't forget...when we voted in Benson and his friends, WE also agreed to fire Christine. And if you didn't vote for those board members or didn't vote at all I don't think we can take solace in that.

Please join me in offering Christine our deepest apologies. Let's make sure we keep her around for a long time. She does an excellent job and gets us grants, (as long as we can return to our A rating from our now D rating, when applying for those grants). This is just one negative result of this whole mess. It has caused our town hardship and money.

But all is not lost. We were wise enough to elect members who are striving to correct the wrongs that have been done. The amount of time these board members have given, so far, surpasses the mandate by many hours...check the minutes! And by the way, the minutes posted on the internet is purely a courtesy on the part of the GLSB. Their motivation is to bring this mess to an end. They inherited this mess. Their dedication is worth noting. Let's give the board members, along with Christine, the support they deserve and reelect the board members, who will then retain Christine. They will have more time to bring all these problems to an end. Let's do the right thing and give our town a chance to progress instead of going backwards. I for one am very happy that Christine decided to come back to her hometown and offer her expertise to the town. Thank you very much Christine.


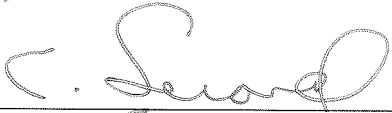

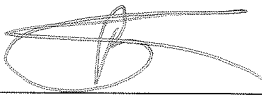


And to those participating in grandstanding or bullying, you are heard but seldom listened to.

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Concerned resident of Gogama

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 Monthly Board Meeting – August 23, 2017  
 Gogama Community Centre – 7:00 P.M.**

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