

Gogama Local Services Board  
Monthly Board Meeting – April 6, 2023  
Community Centre – 6:30PM

MINUTES

1. **Call meeting to order and roll call**

Gilles Veronneau, presiding as Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

**Present**

Gilles Veronneau – Vice Chairperson (via phone)  
Andre Jodouin – Board Member  
Lisa Fortin – Board Member  
Christine Bedard – Secretary Treasurer

**Absent with Regrets**

Daniel Mantha – Chairperson  
Paul Gignac – Board Member

**Members of the Public:                      None**

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 Lisa Fortin and seconded by Andre Jodouin.**

**Motion Carried**

4. **Acceptance of minutes**

4.1 **Acceptance of March 9, 2023 meeting minutes**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the March 9, 2023 meeting minutes.

**The motion to approve the March 9, 2023 meeting minutes was moved by Andre Jodouin and seconded by Lisa Fortin.**

**Motion Carried**

5. **New Business:**

5.1 **Administrative Portfolio:      None**

5.2 **Financial Portfolio:**

5.2.1 **OPTA Funding**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the Office had received a notice of funding deposit for OPTA has been received and is anticipated to be deposited in the bank on April 6, 2023.

5.2.2 **MNDM Funding**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the office had received MNDM funding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> request for payment of 2021-22 on April 3, 2023.

The Secretary Treasurer further advised the Board that the MNDM funding for the 1<sup>st</sup> request for payment of 2022-23 was confirmed as processed and uploaded to TPON on March 30, 2023 and is anticipated to be received/deposited within the next week.

5.2.3 **HST Rebate**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the auditor has confirmed that the HST rebate for both 2020-21 and 2021-22 have been submitted and payment is anticipated to be received by the end of April.

**5.3 Garbage Collection/Disposal Portfolio:**  
**(Conflict declared for Lisa Fortin on Garbage Collection/Disposal discussions)**

**5.3.1 Garbage Collection Issues**  
**Old Action Item**

**Review of Letter to Resident**

The Secretary Treasurer reminded the Board that this matter had been discussed at the March 9, 2023 meeting whereas Gilles Veronneau and Lisa Fortin both declared conflicts and it was agreed that the matter would be deferred to the April meeting for resolution.

As both, Daniel Mantha and Paul Gignac are absent with regrets, the matter will be deferred once again for review, discussion and resolution at the May meeting.

The Secretary Treasurer asked for a motion to defer the review of the letter to the resident to the May meeting or unless the matter can be reviewed by Daniel Mantha and Paul Gignac in the interim.

**The motion to defer the review of the letter to the resident to the May meeting or unless the matter can be reviewed by Daniel Mantha and Paul Gignac in the interim was moved by Andre Jodouin and seconded by Gilles Veronneau. Motion Carried**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the following item was reported to the office by the contractor and was the only occurrence reported since the last meeting:

**March 27, 2023**

F.Y.I One resident had put out what appears to be a refrigerator beside their garbage bin. It is unclear whether the resident plans on using the appliance in lieu of a garbage bin or if the appliance had been put out for pick up. The contractor wishes to put this forward as an informational item only as the appliance was not collected.

**5.4 Fire Protection Portfolio:**

**5.4.1 Fire Chief Monthly Report – None**

Board Member, Gilles Veronneau, advised the Board that he had not received anything from the Fire Chief.

As the Fire Chief was not present at the meeting, the Secretary Treasurer moved on to the next agenda item.

**5.4.2 Monthly GLSB/GFD meetings**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that OFMEM Advisor, Ryan Tront, had left a voicemail a few weeks ago. He did not specify if his message was related to the meeting previously requested by the Board. He has not returned the Board's voicemail.

**5.4.3 Monthly Bank Statement**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the March 2023 transactional bank statement was emailed to the GFD email address on April 4, 2023.

## **5.5 Library Portfolio:**

### **(Conflict declared for Lisa Fortin on Library discussions)**

#### **5.5.1 Raffle Licence – Update**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the office has finally received the raffle license for the Library raffle on April 5, 2023. The license was forwarded to Librarian Sue Primeau.

The Office was advised by the Librarian that the draw date of November 19, 2023 was incorrect, that they had requested the draw date to be July 8, 2023. The Secretary Treasurer wished to point out to the Board that the handwritten form that was submitted by Librarians Sue Primeau and Gisele Constantin shows the following;

*“The closing date for the sale of the tickets will be April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the draw for a winner or winners will be made at (address) 15 Low Avenue, Gogama, ON on (date) November 19, 2023 at (time) 1:00PM.”*

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that she had ensured that the Library's licence would allow them to sell tickets from the date the license was issued (April 5, 2023) up to the date and time of the draw (November 19, 2023).

At the Librarians' request, a change request was submitted through the ACGO portal to have the draw date moved up to July 8, 2023. The Office awaits a reply from ACGO. The Librarians will be advised as soon as a response is received.

#### **5.5.2 Work Order**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that Librarian, Sue Primeau, has requested to know when the Board will authorize the work order for the minor painting that needs to be done on the wall where the kitchenette was removed as they are waiting to move a cabinet in that area.

The Board discussed the matter and agreed that the Office is to issue a work order for the minor painting at the Library once the rest of the renovations at the Nursing Clinic have been ironed out.

#### **5.5.3 Letter from the Fire Chief**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that Librarian, Sue Primeau, has advised the Office that she has a letter from the Fire Chief that confirms how close they can put furniture to the emergency fire pull station. As this information is for the Board's files only, the Secretary Treasurer has advised the Librarian to just email the letter to the Board office.

#### **5.5.4 Letter from the Librarians**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the Librarians have submitted a request in writing to have the landline phone line in the Library disconnected as this line is no longer required and is incurring an unnecessary cost. They advise that everyone that requires to contact them have their personal cell numbers and email addresses.

The Board discussed the matter and, as the Library's landline costs are paid by the PLOG, and as the Librarians have expressed that they no longer need the line, the Board is agreeable to have the line disconnected. The Board directed the Secretary Treasurer to contact Bell and submit the request. The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that there may be an early termination fee as the line is likely in contract. She further advised that should there be an ETF, she will advise the Librarians in writing of the amount and await their final decision on the matter.

## **5.6 Recreation Portfolio:**

### **(Conflict declared for Andre Jodouin on Manager Custodian discussions)**

#### **5.6.1 Manager Custodian monthly report**

Board Member, Lisa Fortin, advised the Board that she had met with the Manager Custodian on April 4<sup>th</sup> to perform the monthly emergency lighting and fire extinguisher inspection. She advises that there were no issues. She further advised that since they had no access to the Nursing Clinic, that inspection will be carried over to the May inspection.

#### **5.6.2 Maintenance Contract**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the maintenance contractor has completed most of the work on the Clinic work order. The floors were badly damaged and required extensive work to restore and make ready for re-waxing. The contractor recommends the Board consider installing new flooring in the future and has provided a sample for the Board to look at. He will submit a quote for the Board's review.

The Secretary Treasurer provided the flooring sample to the Board. The Board voiced their concern that the anti-slip ridges built into the flooring could perhaps cause a tripping hazard to residents with canes and/or walkers. The Board requested that the Secretary Treasurer bring the sample to the Nurse Practitioner and ask whether this type of flooring would present an issue.

During the work, the contractor observed some power issues with the outlets in the Clinic. He suspected that the plugs were not ground properly as breakers kept jumping when he would try to plug in equipment. The contractor had to utilize a generator to power his equipment in order to complete the job.

As this posed a health & safety as well as fire risk, the contractor was asked to bring in an electrician to replace the outlets in the clinic, at the same time, the light switches were also changed. The electrician reported that most outlets were cross-wired and/or not ground, some outlets had an abundance of "floating" wires that were suspected were the cause of the breakers jumping.

The contractor installed the fire door in the Clinic's service room and advised that painting of the back door and fire door should wait until the warmer weather to ensure that the paint properly adheres to the door. This part of the project will conclude most likely at the end of May weather permitting.

#### **5.6.3 Gogama Nursing Clinic**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that TAFHT held their grand reopening/open house as scheduled on March 30, 2023. The event was well attended by approximately 46 residents.

TAFHT representatives, Dr. Raymond – CEO, Melanie Cecconi – Executive Director, Tabitha Beriault – Finance Department, Julie Erikson – Office Manager, Helene Labine – Nurse Practitioner and Serge Gravel – Nurse Practitioner were on hand to greet the residents and answer any questions.

CEO, Dr. Raymond and Executive Director, Melanie Cecconi took the time to deliver a short presentation to the public. In their opening statement, they extended a special thanks and recognition to the Gogama Local Services Board for their help in effectuating TAFHT's transition into the position.

TAFHT recognized that the community is asking for further clarification whether or not services from the Nurse Practitioner will be extended and be made available to all residents including those who currently have family doctors. Dr. Raymond stated that this plan is still intact and more services will open up and will be made available in the near future. He stated that Timmins is currently in a crisis

situation regarding their doctors. He advises that in this year alone, Timmins has lost 10% of their doctors and are struggling to reassign and cover Dr. Jasani's 1000 + patients due to his sudden and unexpected passing. Although it has been announced that Timmins is seeing the arrival of 7 new doctors with the anticipation of more to come, only one of those new doctors is a general practitioner (family doctor).

Executive Director, Melanie Cecconi, assured the residents in attendance that the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN), LifeLabs and prescription delivery to Gogama is open to all community members and will continue.

Dr. Raymond advises that TAFHT have not stopped working on implementing a visiting doctor's rotation. The service will move ahead once they have a better handle on the shortage of doctors. In the interim, he further advises that TAFHT, together with the input from the Nurse Practitioners, have moved forward with identifying those patients with serious medical needs to be rostered with Dr. Kos and Dr. Gillies. Together, these patients are receiving additional care to ensure that their medical needs are met. He advises that as they are proceeding, and more doctors provide their availability to add to their rosters, more patients will be matched in this manner.

A resident asked what the difference was between a Doctor and a Nurse Practitioner. Dr. Raymond explained that for the exception of very few medications, Nurse Practitioners can prescribe almost anything and to dispel the common myth, Nurse Practitioners are not overseen by doctors. In fact, Doctors often times will confer with Nurse Practitioners as they are most often the first to treat most patients and oversee their care. Dr. Raymond stated that the only difference between the two is the billing. He explains that while doctors must bill for patient services through OHIP in order to get paid, Nurse Practitioners are salaried.

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that M.P.P France Gelinas contacted the office earlier in the week prior to the open house. She stated that she was reaching out because her office had not received any complaints from residents regarding the Clinic in Gogama for quite some time. She wanted to know how things were developing. The Board office has provided France with an update and summary of the open house and France has responded that she is satisfied with the progress and transition for the time being but will be checking on the status of the nurse practitioner's availability to all residents and the visiting doctor's rotation in a few months to see if the matter needs to be revisited with the Minister of Health or not.

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that TAFHT have advised that an offer has been made to an individual for the position of receptionist and as soon as the offer is accepted and signed, TAFHT will be making the announcement to the community.

**5.7 Water/Sewer Portfolio: NONE**

**6. Deputations or Delegations or Discussions from the floor**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board on the following additional items that did not make it to the agenda in time;

**6.1 SAC Meeting**

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that Mr. David Vallier, of the Mattagami Region Conservation, has reached out to the Board to advise that they are hoping to host the next SAC meeting here in Gogama and would like some availability dates from members of the Board.

The Board discussed the matter and agreed that their availability is open at any time, daytime or evening.

## 6.2 Sudbury Health Unit

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the Sudbury Health Unit has booked the hall for a Food Handling Course, to be held on April 27, 2023. The Board was brought up to date on the new requirements and agreed that the information should be passed along to the members of the Recreation Committee, the Fire Department and the Helping Hands group.

Board Member, Andre Jodouin, asked if there was an update from Kresin Engineering on the status of the ECA for the Lagoon.

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the last update from Kresin Engineering was to advise that the Hydrogeological report had been submitted to MECP and the process was advancing as expected. The Secretary Treasurer advised that she would follow up with Kresin Engineering in order to have a new update for the next meeting.


## 7. Adjournment

As there was no further board business to discuss, the Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Andre Jodouin and seconded by Gilles Veronneau.

**Motion Carried**

  
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Christine Bedard – Secretary Treasurer

  
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Gilles Veronneau – Presiding as Chairperson