

Gogama Local Services Board
Monthly Board Meeting – May 4, 2023
Community Centre – 6:30PM

MINUTES

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

Daniel Mantha, presiding as Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

Present

Daniel Mantha – Chairperson
Gilles Veronneau – Vice Chairperson
Andre Jodouin – Board Member
Lisa Fortin – Board Member
Paul Gignac – Board Member
Christine Bedard – Secretary Treasurer

Absent with Regrets

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 Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Paul Gignac.

Motion Carried

4. **Acceptance of minutes**

4.1 **Acceptance of April 6, 2023 meeting minutes**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the April 6, 2023 meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the April 6, 2023 meeting minutes was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Andre Jodouin.

Motion Carried

5. **New Business:**

5.1 **Administrative Portfolio:**

5.1.1 **Review of MNRF meeting**

The Secretary Treasurer summarized for the Board that on April 25, 2023, MNRF invited members of the GLSB to attend a meeting. The purpose of the meeting was for MNRF to present and discuss the current status of the Gogama Waste Disposal site, their findings for a new proposed site and receive feedback.

As per the Chairperson's request, Chris Ciarrocca from OCWA, was consulted. The purpose of the consultation was to find out whether the Board's monitoring wells, located on the outskirts of the lagoon/exfiltration beds had shown any sign of garbage waste leeching as this information could prove useful for MNRF and MECP when/if considering increasing the permits for the current waste disposal site.

OCWA advises that whether there is any leeching or not coming from the waste disposal site, the leeching would not show in the tests performed via the Board's monitoring wells as these are very different types of tests. OCWA advises that leeching levels would show up in Engineering

Hydrogeological reports and would have nothing to do with water or wastewater treatment maintained by OCWA.

The Secretary Treasurer proposed that since Kresin Engineering has put together a recent hydrogeological report for MECP for the purpose of increasing the Lagoon ECA, it may hold some reference but would need to be reviewed and perhaps discussed with Kresin on a more specific note.

The Board discussed the matter and directed the Secretary Treasurer to reach out to Kresin Engineering on the matter.

5.1.2 Flood Watch Issued by MNRF

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the flood watch issued for Gogama and low-lying areas by MNRF in the early morning of May 3, 2023 was upgraded to a flood warning in the late afternoon of May 3rd and is on until May 12, 2023.

The Board discussed the matter and directed the Secretary Treasurer to forward pictures of the currently flooded areas to Kresin Engineering as these may be useful when discussing ground water infiltration into the system.

5.1.3 France Gelinas – Community Clinic

The Chairperson advised the Board that he had met with M.P.P France Gelinas during her Gogama Community Clinic on May 3, 2023. He advised the Board that they discussed the status of the vacant MNRF and O.P.P Housing and requested a follow up with the appropriate Minister on an update of when the properties would be put up for public sale and/or other options available regarding these properties. The Chairperson further advised the Board that they discussed the MNRF's dump relocation meeting.

The Board discussed the matters and await updates from the M.P.P.

5.2 Financial Portfolio:

5.2.1 HST Rebate

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the auditor has reached out to inform the Board that the CRA strike has caused a delay in processing the Board's HST Rebate. He advises that a paper copy of the rebate forms may need to be prepared for manual submission. He will advise as he hears more.

5.3 Garbage Collection/Disposal Portfolio:

(Conflict declared for Lisa Fortin on Garbage Collection/Disposal discussions)

5.3.1 Garbage Collection Issues

For privacy reasons, no address or names will be discussed.

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that issues continue with a resident's garbage that is found torn at the roadside. This issue has been previously discussed on several occasions by the Board. The resident has received numerous letters outlining the issue but the problem continues to occur almost weekly.

At a previous meeting, the Chairperson advised the Board that a barrel was supposed to be provided to the resident in the hopes that this would resolve the issue. The barrel does not appear to have been delivered or is not being used.

The Board discussed the matter and Paul Gignac, Garbage Collection/Disposal portfolio Board Member, advised that he would follow up on the matter. The Board agreed that since the matter will

be addressed, there would be no need for another letter or to suspend the resident's garbage pick up at the roadside for the time being.

May 1, 2023 Garbage Collection Issues

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that the following matters were brought to the Board Office's attention since the last meeting;

- One resident, loose garbage in bin, no lid on bin (freezer)
- One resident, torn garbage bags at roadside (second occurrence) not same resident as above.

The Board discussed the matter and agreed that letters would be drafted for review.

5.3.2 Bin Inspection

The Secretary Treasurer reminded the Board of their previous discussion regarding re-scheduling the bin inspection to May or June.

The Board discussed the matter and directed the Secretary Treasurer to have the contractor provide an updated list of problem bins and issues with accompanying pictures so that Paul Gignac and the Secretary Treasurer could review and draft the appropriate letters.

5.4 Fire Protection Portfolio:

5.4.1 Fire Chief Monthly Report - None

Gilles Veronneau advised the Board that he had nothing to report from the Fire Chief. Being that the Fire Chief was not in attendance, the Chairperson moved on to the next agenda item.

5.4.2 Monthly Bank Statement

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

5.5 Library Portfolio:

(Conflict declared for Lisa Fortin on Library discussions)

5.5.1 Raffle Licences – Update

The Secretary Treasurer provided the following updates to the Board;

Gogama Public Library

The first raffle license for the Library has been changed, as requested, to a draw date of July 8, 2023. Tickets are now on sale.

A second raffle license for the Library's 50/50 draw has been submitted. Ticket will go on sale July 29, 2023 and the Draw date will be December 5, 2023.

5.5.2 Request from Librarians – Landline

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that numerous attempts were made to call Bell to process the disconnection of the library's landline. Updates on the process will be provided to the Board and the Librarians as more information becomes available.

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 assisted the Manager Custodian with the monthly inspection of the alarms earlier today and reported no issues.

5.6.2 Maintenance Contract

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that a work order was issued to maintenance contractor for the replacement of the toilet in the Nursing Clinic. The work order has been completed.

Due to the priority level, the Library painting work order was put on hold as the Nursing Clinic toilet replacement was needed first. The Library work order will be issued by end of week.

The Secretary Treasurer further advised that the sample flooring for the Nursing Clinic was brought to the Nurse Practitioner and the Board's tripping hazard concern was provided. The Nurse Practitioner and the TAFHT Office Administration Manager both agreed that this would NOT pose a tripping hazard for patients with canes or walkers. They did, however, request a different color. Additional samples will be dropped off by maintenance.

5.6.3 Parking Lot Entrance – Community Centre

With the Spring thaw and significant amount of rainfall this past week, the Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that there were some significant pot holes that developed at the entrance of the community centre parking lot that was causing issues for motorists. Tate's was asked to come fill the holes with Board materials.

5.6.4 Raffle Licenses

The Secretary Treasurer provided the following updates to the Board;

Gogama Recreation Committee

A raffle license for the Recreation Committee's 50/50 draw (Catch the Ace) has been submitted with draw date of May 31, 2023. The approval is pending.

A raffle license for the Recreation Committee's firewood tier draw has been submitted with draw date of August 26, 2023. The approval is pending.

5.7 Water/Sewer Portfolio:

5.7.1 Possible water infrastructure break

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that earlier this week, the Chairperson of the Gogama Local Roads Board advised the office that there may be a possible water pipe break in front of the Stardust Motel. The information provided to the office was third-hand info.

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the situation was emailed to OCWA and the ORO was dispatched to the area on May 1st. OCWA advises that the ORO had observed a significant decrease in the system's pressure. He turned off three valves on Poupore Street then rechecked the system pressure and reported no change. OCWA surmises that there is no break at that location, it is likely ground water due to the amount of rain and ground thaw but they will keep an eye and recheck in a few weeks if the issue persists.

On a call with OCWA today, OCWA advises that he has requested a quote from the leak detection team. He states that a service break on private property was located this morning. The ORO turned off the water at the location and the property owner will have the break repaired so the water can be turned on again. OCWA states that this brought the 40 cubic meters per day of increased flow down to more than half. OCWA will continue to monitor the flow numbers and report them. He states that although this discovered break took care of a lot of the flow, he states that it indicates there is yet another small service valve leak left to find. He is not ready to rule out the Poupore Street valve, he will wait until the ground dries and reinvestigate.

5.7.2 ECA Lagoon

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that a request for an update on the status of the Board's application to have the ECA increased for the Lagoon was requested from Kresin Engineering. The

last update was that the Hydrogeological report had been submitted to MECP for review at end of January and that, although the progress at this stage is slow, it was progressing as anticipated and Kresin does not foresee any issues.

The Office was able to reach Mike Kresin of Kresin Engineering today, May 4, 2023. Kresin advised that they have been spearheading conference calls with MECP over the past months and he will endeavor to provide the Board with a written summary update report in time for the meeting. In the absence of a report, Kresin states that the process is progressing as expected and the points of discussion were not issues, more so, clarifications required. Kresin re-iterated that this stage of the review process is a slow one but he anticipates to see an approval from MECP by end of summer.

6. Deputations or Delegations or Discussions from the floor

6.1 Fundraising By-Law

Board Member, Lisa Fortin, wanted to know if the Board was ready to schedule a meeting with the Recreation Committee to discuss the upcoming restructuring of the committee as the matter had been discussed and deferred for several months now.

The Secretary Treasurer reminded the Board that in order to reach out the group to set a meeting date, the fundraising by-law document needed to be updated, reviewed and approved by the Board. As the audit and financial reports to the Ministry took precedence, the fundraising by-law had not yet been updated.

In the interim, the Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that she will continue to work with the committee to ensure that the community activities could take place as scheduled and that any new laws pertaining to licencing or hall rentals would be implemented on an as-needed basis.

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 at 7:58PM was moved by Gilles Veronneau and seconded by Lisa Fortin.

Motion Carried



Christine Bedard – Secretary Treasurer

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Daniel Mantha - Chairperson