

**GOGAMA LOCAL SERVICES BOARD – PUBLIC ELECTION MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**AGENDA**

**Call the meeting to order;**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

**Attendance;**

Andre Jodouin – Chairperson  
Christine Bedard – Secretary

53 members of the public attended. Public Sign-in sheet attached

The Chairperson welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and extended MNDM's apologies for their absence. The Chairperson thanked all current board members, previous secretary, Gerry Talbot, current secretary and treasurer for their work during this fiscal year.

The Chairperson explained the Eligibility to Vote process to the public as being;

- A permanent resident of the board area or
- An owner of a property situated in the board area and who is a Canadian Citizen and
- Who has attained the full age of 18 years

As there were no questions from the public regarding the election process at this time, The Chairperson asked for a motion from the floor to open nominations.

**A motion to open nominations was moved by Helen Beauchamp and seconded by Roger Beland.**

**Motion Carried**

**RESIDENTS NOMINATED;**

1. Michel Veronneau	NOMINATED BY	Gisele Constantin
2. Tracey Smith	NOMINATED BY	Magda Benson
3. Mark Smith	NOMINATED BY	Roger Beland
4. Mike Benson	NOMINATED BY	Joe Bielak
5. Gilles Veronneau	NOMINATED BY	Michel Veronneau
6. Andre Jodouin	NOMINATED BY	Gerry Talbot
7. Gord Hotchkiss	NOMINATED BY	Mark Smith
8. Claude Secord	NOMINATED BY	Helen Beauchamp
9. Kevin VanMierlo	NOMINATED BY	Lorraine Hawlis
10. Richard Gravelle	NOMINATED BY	Tracey Smith
11. Gerry Talbot	NOMINATED BY	Gilles Veronneau
12. Don Beauchamp	NOMINATED BY	Roger Beland
13. Joe Bielak	NOMINATED BY	Homer Vine

The Chairperson asked the floor three times if there were any further nominations. Having ensured that no further nominations were forthcoming, the Chairperson verified with the Secretary that no nominations were missed then asked for a motion from the floor to close the nominations.

**A motion to close the nominations was moved by Alain Constantin and seconded by Gisele Constantin.** **Motion Carried**

The Chairperson then turned the proceedings over to the Secretary to ask the people who were nominated if they accept or decline their nomination.

The Secretary, beginning with the last nominee, asked each nominee if they accept or decline their nomination while recording their answer;

**BEGINNING WITH THE LAST NOMINEE;**

Joe Bielak	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	DECLINE
Don Beauchamp	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	DECLINE
Gerry Talbot	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	DECLINE
Richard Gravelle	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	ACCEPT
Kevin VanMierlo	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	ACCEPT
Claude Secord	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	DECLINE
Gord Hotchkiss	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	DECLINE
Andre Jodouin	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	ACCEPT
Gilles Veronneau	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	DECLINE
Mike Benson	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	ACCEPT
Mark Smith	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	ACCEPT
Tracey Smith	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	ACCEPT
Michel Veronneau	DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION?	ACCEPT

The Chairperson announced that since there are more than 5 persons that have been nominated and have accepted their nomination, we will now proceed to a secret ballot vote. The Chairperson turned the proceedings over to the Secretary to explain the process of the secret ballot vote.

The Secretary provided the public with the following instructions which were excerpts taken directly from the NSBA Act;

**I WOULD INSTRUCT EACH OF YOU THAT THIS IS A SECRET BALLOT VOTE;**

- **PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE FOR 5 NOMINEES BY INDICATING THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER BESIDE THEIR NAME.**
- **ONLY 5 NUMBERS MUST APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OTHERWISE, THE BALLOT IS VOID.**
- **ONCE YOU HAVE CAST YOUR VOTE, PLEASE RETURN THE BALLOT TO THE SECRETARY TO BE ENTERED INTO THE BALLOT BOX.**

**AT THIS TIME, I WOULD INVITE EVERYONE TO PLEASE PICK UP A NOMINATION FORM FROM THE SECRETARY AND PROCEED TO THE BACK TABLE TO CAST YOUR VOTE.**

At this time, Mr. Mike Benson, a member of the public rose and challenged the Chairperson stating that "in previous elections, the people did not have to vote for 5 individuals, they could vote for less". He went on to state that " in previous elections, the ballot is only void if there are more than 5 nominees

listed on it". The Secretary re-iterated what the Act stated and then turned the floor back to the Chairperson to make the ruling. Although the Act clearly stated the rules of a secret ballot vote, and there was no standing Election By-Law in effect to state otherwise, the Chairperson conceded and state he would allow ballots to contain a minimum of one nominee to a maximum of 5 nominees. Having said this, the voting process began.

Having all votes submitted to the Secretary, the Chairperson announced to the public that the secret ballot vote was now closed. The Chairperson asked the public for two scrutinizers. The Chairperson went on to explain that the scrutinizers would be responsible to take the ballot box and retire to the privacy of the office to count the votes and, upon completion, return the ballot box to the Chairperson along with the results of the count.

Mrs. Diane Secord and Mr. Roger Beland, members of the public, volunteered to be the scrutineers. The Chairperson asked the public if there were any objections to these two individuals being scrutineers. No other member of the public had any objections.

The Secretary then escorted both scrutineers to the Board office and re-iterated the Chairperson's instructions. Having no questions, the Secretary left the scrutineers and returned to the meeting.

A few minutes before the scrutineers returned with their results, the Chairperson was approached by a member of the public. This resident voiced a concern regarding one of the scrutineers' validity as this person was related to one of the nominees. At that time, the scrutineers returned with their results and the Chairperson stated that since the count was now complete and since there were no public objections made prior to secluding the scrutineers, the decision would stand and the results would be read.

The Chairperson accepted the results from the scrutineers, thanking them for their participation and reviewed the results with the Secretary prior to announcing the newly elected Board.

The Chairperson called the meeting back to order, thanked everyone that came out to participate and turned the meeting back over to the Secretary to announce the results.

The Secretary announced that the 2016-2017 newly elected board members were;

1. Mike Benson
2. Tracey Smith
3. Mark Smith
4. Richard Gravelle
5. Michel Veronneau

The Chairperson congratulated the new board members and proceeded to ask the public for a motion to destroy the ballots.

**A motion to destroy the election ballots was moved by Helene Beauchamp and seconded by Alain Constantin.**

**Motion Carried**

The Chairperson addressed the members of the newly elected board and asked them to please remain for a brief moment following the conclusion of the election meeting to meet in the Board Office to select a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The Chairperson, once again, thanked everyone for coming out and participating in this year's election and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The Chairperson announced that any non-election related questions could be heard at the next board meeting which was being held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the community centre. Anyone who would like to be added to the agenda can contact the Secretary at the Board Office.

**A motion to adjourn the election meeting was moved by Michel Veronneau and seconded by Liliane Theriault.** **Motion Carried**

The Chairperson declared the 2016-2017 election meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



**Christine Bedard**  
**Secretary**



**Andre Jodouin**  
**Chairperson**