

**Gogama Local Services Board**  
Monthly Board Meeting – May 4, 2017, 2017  
Gogama Community Centre at 7:00 p.m.  
**Minutes**

**1. Call meeting to order and Roll Call - 7:05 p.m.**

**Present**

Mike Benson – Chairperson  
Tracey Smith – Vice Chairperson  
Michel Veronneau – Member – via conference call  
Richard Gravelle – Member  
Mark Smith – Member

**Absent**

5 members of the public present

**2. Declaration of conflict of interest – None**

**3. Acceptance of agenda**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to accept the agenda.

The motion to accept the May 4, 2017 meeting agenda was moved by Mark Smith and seconded by Richard Gravelle.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Acceptance of minutes**

**4.1** The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the March 2, 2017 minutes.

The motion to approve the March 2, 2017 minutes was moved by Michel Veronneau and seconded by Mark Smith.

**Motion Carried**

**4.2** The Chairperson asked for a motion to defer the approval of the April 20, 2017 meeting minutes stating not all board members, including himself, have had the opportunity to review them in their entirety as they were quite lengthy. The Chairperson also gave reason that, to his knowledge, past minutes have never contained details such as questions asked by the public and answers provided by the board therefore he did not want to set precedent moving forward. He stated he would provide amended minutes before the next meeting whereas the minutes of April 20, 2017 would then be approved.

The motion to defer the approval of the April 20, 2017 minutes pending board amendment was moved by Tracey Smith and seconded by Mark Smith.

**Motion Carried**

**5. Disbursements:**

**5.1** Monthly Budget Review

No new budget report since April 20, 2017, no items of concern brought forward by the bookkeeper.

**6. Asset Management Planning**

**6.1** Repair & Maintenance Review – deferred from April 20, 2017 meeting

The Chairperson provided an update to the current Asset Management Plan as follows;

The missing handrail to the stairs located at the fire hall main building has now been installed

The Chairperson requested the board's authorization for an expenditure of up to \$600.00 from the CN donation dollars in order to purchase lumber to replace the deteriorated step outside of the community centre door facing the rink. He states that he would like to also build a ramp so that the entrance would be accessible to the disabled. He states the work will be completed within three weeks in order to be safe for the Canada Day events.

The motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$600.00 for the purchase of lumber, for the repairs of the entrance steps facing the rink, was moved by Michel Veronneau and seconded by Tracey Smith.

**Motion Carried**

The Chairperson asked Tracey Smith to obtain three quotes for the Community Centre roof repair that had been shelved last fall due to the weather. He asked for a motion to approve.

The motion to approve Tracey Smith to obtain three quotes for the Community Centre roof repair was moved by Richard Gravelle and seconded by Mark Smith.

**Motion Carried**

## **7. Unfinished Business**

- 7.1 Administrative Portfolio: - None
- 7.2 Garbage Collection Portfolio: - None
- 7.3 Financial Portfolio: - None
- 7.4 Fire Protection Portfolio: - None
- 7.5 Library Portfolio: - None

### 7.6 Recreation Portfolio:

#### 7.6.2 Manager/Custodian Monthly Report Update

7.6.2 (i) Light repairs for Library and Clinic update – deferred from April 20, 2017  
Tracey Smith advised that the manager/custodian will check to see if the lights are still off and/or flickering and report her findings to the board. The Chairperson then directed the Secretary, pending the outcome of the manager/custodian's report, to reach out to electrician that had been consulted regarding the status of ballast replacement for said lights and if there is no action in one week, to call in a contractor to get it done.

7.6.2 (ii) Ontario Sport & Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF) – deferred from April 20, 2017

The Chairperson advised that the board did not have the opportunity to review the document and asked for a motion to defer the item once again to the next meeting.

The motion to defer agenda item 7.6.2 (ii) to the June 1, 2017 meeting was moved by Tracey Smith and seconded by Mark Smith.

**Motion Carried**

#### 7.6.3 GAMS – Kelly Lamontagne

7.6.3 (i) Board formal written response to support letter

The Chairperson advised he had not yet had the time to draft a formal letter of response to Kelly Lamontagne's request for a support letter. He stated he would do it and pass it along to the board for their review.

7.6.3 (ii) Board's formal response to Kelly's request for clarification on fees for May 3, 2017 hall booking

The Chairperson advised he did not prepare a formal response to this request as Kelly cancelled her hall booking the following day of the last meeting therefore this was no longer required.

### 7.7 Water/Sewer Portfolio:

7.7.2 Water Treatment Plant – Operation & Maintenance Manual – Update – Original MOECC Compliance deadline April 28, 2017, – Mark to enquire with OCWA on status  
Mark advised that he was unaware of the status. Richard Gravelle stated he had received communication from OCWA stating they had reached out to MOECC requesting an extension to the deadline and that MOECC had provided the extension. He was however, uncertain of the extension date at this time. The Secretary stated she had not been copied on the communication.



## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Correspondence:**

#### **8.1.2 MOECC Minisinakwa Lake & Makami River Tissue Analysis**

### **8.2 Administrative Portfolio:**

#### **8.2.1 ORNGE – 2017 Helipad Agreement**

The Chairperson asked for a formal motion to accept the ORNGE – 2017 Helipad Agreement.

The formal motion to accept the ORNGE – 2017 Helipad Agreement was moved by Tracey Smith and seconded by Mark Smith. **Motion Carried**

**8.3 Garbage Collection Portfolio:** - None

**8.4 Financial Portfolio:** - None

**8.5 Fire Protection Portfolio:** - None

**8.6 Library Portfolio:** - None

### **8.7 Recreation Portfolio:**

#### **8.7.1 Manager/Custodian Monthly Report**

Tracey Smith stated that the manager/custodian had removed the old signage from the outside sign for the recreation committee. She is asking that the committee remove the decorations from the tree as quickly as possible.

### **8.8 Water/Sewer Portfolio:**

#### **8.8.1 OCWA – Renewal of Partnership – Deferred from April 20, 2017 meeting**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to defer this item once again to the June 1, 2017 meeting.

The motion to defer the discussion and decision of the OCWA Renewal of Partnership to the June 1, 2017 meeting was moved by Michel Veronneau and seconded by Richard Gravelle. **Motion Carried**

#### **8.8.2 Exceedence of the annual average daily flow – Gogama Exfiltration Lagoon – Notification of violation of ECA NO. 3-0926-88-896 and the Ontario Water Resources Act.**

Richard Gravelle stated that he had called Mike Kresin of Kresin Engineering regarding obtaining a letter to assist in moving forward with the increase to the current C of A. He stated that Kresin would need to look into it and will be calling him back in a few days. The Chairperson explained the C of A to the public, the public had questions. The Chairperson stated that IAMGOLD had agreed to put funds towards this project. The Chairperson stated he would draft a response to be forwarded to MOECC regarding the matter.

## **9. Deputations or Delegations or Discussion from the floor**

The Chairperson moved Deputations or Delegations or Discussion from the floor from item 10 to item 9 and opened the floor to the public to ask their questions.

A late arrival to the meeting Edmond Chenier stated he had several questions to ask and apologized to the board for his being late. He asked the board's patience as he would like to request that only one board member speak at a time to answer his questions as he had troubles hearing with the echo in the hall. He proceeded to ask his questions. The board was divided on the answers. The resident advised he had read all of the previous minutes for the past year and had many concerns on how his taxpayer dollars were being spent. The chairperson advised that this board has been very prudent in our spending and were committed to "no raise in taxes unless it is necessary. In Septemeber 2016 when this board was elected, the board agreed that with the money on hand and the near guarantee of increased funding, the board made every effort to defer any tax increase, feeling the board was suitably funded at present. He also had concerns on the question of Mark and Tracey Smith's residency and intentions following



their statement of resignation made in the minutes of January 5, 2017. Andrea Beaton also added her concerns to the board on these issues. The board stated that the statement in the January minutes was a mistake and that the board should have had it amended at that time. It was an oversight on the boards part. there was never a written resignation, that the Smiths were remaining in their seats on the board until the end of the term. The board further advised the residents that the Smiths' proof of residency is a private matter and not one that they are willing to share with members of the public. A resident who had the NSB Act in hand quoted the section pertaining to residency , the chairman reiterated that the residency requirements are being followed

A resident stated he had a concern with the repairs the board was looking to make to the roof. The board stated the job would be tendered professionally therefore there should be no concerns.

**10. In Camera portion of meeting**

The Chairperson advised the public the meeting would now be moving in-camera to discuss a taxpayer request.

**9.1 Motion to bring the meeting in camera**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to bring the meeting in-camera.

The motion to move the meeting in-camera was moved by Richard Gravelle and seconded by Mark Smith.

**Motion Carried**

**9.2 Taxpayer Request – deferred from April 20, 2017 meeting discussed**

**9.3 Motion to come out of in camera**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to bring the meeting out of in-camera.

The motion to move the meeting in-camera was moved by Tracey Smith and seconded by Richard Gravelle.

**Motion Carried**

The Chairperson advised the public that the in-camera matter will be deferred to the next meeting pending further investigation. The Chairperson asked for a motion.

The motion to defer the in-camera meeting to the June 1, 2017 meeting was moved by Richard Gravelle and seconded by Mark Smith.

**Motion Carried**

**11. Adjournment**

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

The motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Tracey Smith and seconded by Richard Gravelle.

**Motion Carried**

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Christine Bedard  
Secretary



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Edward Benson  
Chairperson