

Local Services Board of Gogama

Monthly Board Meeting – August 13th, 2015 - Gogama Community Centre – 7:00 p.m.

-Steve McClinchey – Hydro One discussion on Gogama power outages. Mr. McClinchey had agreed to meet with the board to provide information due to multiple power outages occurring in Gogama over the last year. Mr. McClinchey listened to the introduction remarks of the board members and answered the questions as required. In turn, Mr. McClinchey provided a hard copy power point brochure prepared for the meeting and that explained in part the layout of the power grid supplying our area such as:

- 90 kms of line compared to a normal 75 to 80 kms
- Gogama located at the tail end of the grid
- Lumber companies leaving tree buffers, some located near hydro lines exposed to the wind causing some trees to fall on the hydro line
- \$1.3 million dollars of work was carried out on the distribution line power grid
- 67 trees removed in recent work carried out on the power line
- Looking at carrying out infra red imaging on insulators to determine if they are damaged and change them before it creates a power outage
- Installation of fault indicators in order to minimize the search time for the power outage.

Mr. McClinchey continued to answer more board questions and at 7:55 having no more questions, the meeting was adjourned. The Chairperson thanked Mr. McClinchey for taking the time to meet with the board to provide and clarify many questions from the Board.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:55 and roll call

Andre Jodouin - Chairperson & Presiding

Claude Secord – Vice Chairperson

Roxanne Veronneau – Board Member

Gerry Talbot – Secretary

Regrets:

Gilles Veronneau – Board Member

Mike Veronneau

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None to be declared

3. Acceptance of agenda

Moved by Claude Secord seconded by Roxanne Veronneau

Motion Carried

4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting:

-Motion to approve monthly board meeting minutes of July 2nd, 2015

Acceptance moved Roxanne Veronneau by seconded by Claude Secord

Motion Carried

5. Disbursement: Monthly budget reports:

-The secretary presented the monthly budget reports to the Board indicating that overall, there were some deficits in budget. Although there may be some line items that may be in a deficit mode, there were enough monies in other line items to cover the deficit.

Motion to approve the monthly budget reports:

Moved by Claude Secord and seconded by Roxanne Veronneau

Motion Carried

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.0 – Administrative Portfolio:

- Review of Inspection Work to be done by priority – UPDATE

The secretary reported to the board members that he had completed the review of the Major Capital, Minor Capital and Student Program projects and that projects had been grouped by priority. The next step would be to carry out a costing of the projects in order to budget accordingly to carry out the projects. It was suggested by the secretary that a special meeting be held to carry out the whole exercise due to time constraints at the current meeting. The chairperson will review some possible dates and in turn have the secretary contact the board members advising them of the special meeting.

6.1 – **Garbage Collection Portfolio:** No unfinished business to report.

6.2 – **Financial Portfolio:** No unfinished business to report.

6.3 – **Fire Protection Portfolio:** No unfinished business to report

6.4 -**Library Portfolio:** No unfinished business to report.

6.5 - **Recreation Portfolio:** No unfinished business to report

6.6 - **Water/Sewer Portfolio:** No unfinished business to report

7. - **By-Laws:** None to be approved

8. - NEW BUSINESS:

8.0 – CORRESPONDENCE:

- Two letters from Gogama Local Roads Board regarding expectations from CN for road repairs
- Timiskaming newsletter advising of herbicide spraying
- July newsletter from France Gelin
- Senior Social Club committee circulation of letter of support

8.1 – Administrative Portfolio:

- **LSB submission to Gogama Citizens Committee and CN for community centre financial assistance:** The secretary reported to the board members that the letter had been written and sent to parties concerned requested the items identified by the Board at previous meetings.

-**Announcement of New OCIF Infrastructure Fund Grant Program for 2015-2016:**

The secretary reported to the members that a new government grant program was announced and that possible projects that may be included were:

- the inspection and cleaning of the water storage tanks
- Lagoon tree removal project
- Water pump replacement at water distribution plant
- Engineering study for replacement of old water and sewer pipes transferred from MNR to the LSB in 1982. These same pipes have been installed in the mid to late fifties.

- **Notification sent to all contractors of August 1st deadline to state if they will renew their contract.**

-**Set election date for board elections:** The board discussed possible dates and agreed to hold the elections on September 3rd, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Community Centre. The chairperson ask for a motion to approve the agreed upon date.

Moved by Claude Secord and seconded by Roxanne Veronneau

Motion Carried

- **Appointment of board rep to Venture Centre Board:** The secretary reported to the board members that the annual appointment of a board rep was being asked for by Venture Centre.

Gerry Talbot expressed a willingness to continue as the board rep and the board members agreed. The chairperson asked for a motion to appoint Mr Talbot.

Moved by Claude Secord and seconded by Roxanne Veronneau

Motion Carried

-**Tour of CN Derailment site August 20th:** The secretary reported to the board that a tour had been arranged to visit the site by Andrea Horwath, France Gelinias and Mike Mantha and CN representatives. The board was also asked to attend and Gerry Talbot would attend on behalf of the board.

- 8.2 – **Garbage Collection Portfolio:** No new business to report

- 8.3 – **Financial Portfolio:** No new business to report

- 8.4 – **Fire Protection Portfolio: No new business to report**

- 8.5 - **Library Portfolio:**

- The secretary reported that the Library had received payment for the 2015-2016 OLCF IT grant in the amount of \$3683.00

- 8.6 - **Recreation Portfolio:**

- 30 new tables have been ordered and scheduled to arrive 3rd quarter of August

-Obtaining quotes for replacement of lights in Community Centre hall for more energy efficient types

-Obtaining quotes for new generator for community centre pending receipt of CN financial assistance

8.7 - **Water/Sewer Portfolio:**

-Application for conditional licence for Rick Gravelle not yet received. Secretary to check on its status

-Application to Take Water application not yet received. The secretary will check on status of application.

-Painting of water pipe project completed

-Obtaining budget quotes from Poly Fusion to remove trees in expansion cells at lagoon site

-The last water sample of the Makami River for MOE will be completed this month

9.0 - Deputations, delegations from the floor: Dawn Simoneau was scheduled to make a presentation to the board on behalf of the Gogama Citizens Committee but Ms. Simoneau did not attend the meeting.

10.8- Adjournment.

- Having no more business to discuss, the chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Claude Secord to adjourn the meeting.

Gerry Talbot
Secretary

Andre Jodouin
Chairperson