

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Board Meeting via Zoom Video Conference

Board Members Present:

Rick Zanussi
Peter McIsaac
Jamie McGarvey
Barb Marlow
Ted Knight
Lyle Hall
Gail Finsson

Ted Collins
Roger Burden
Jerry Brandt
Teri Brandt
Steve Crookshank
Joel Constable
Linda Alkins

Board Members Absent:

Teresa Hunt

Staff:

Mitzi Dinsmore, CFO
Jennifer Harris, Administrative Assistant to the CAO
Tammy MacKenzie, CAO

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, Rick Zanussi at 7:00 PM.
With the Board's approval, Mr. Zanussi made an amendment to the agenda and added item 7.4.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Mr. McGarvey declared a pecuniary interest regarding the Parry Sound Non Profit Housing Corporation portion of item 7.1.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1 November 12, 2020

Resolution 201201

CARRIED

Moved by Linda Alkins

Seconded by Ted Collins

"THAT the Board meeting minutes of Thursday, November 12, 2020 be approved as presented.

4. DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS.

5. REPORTS:

5.1 Chair

Thanked staff for carrying on business and doing a remarkable job during these difficult COVID-19 times.

5.2 Chief Administrative Officer

Monthly report was presented.

NOSDA will be sending a letter to the Provincial government concerning the rent freeze and the potential impact it will have on DSSABs; our DSSAB may do the same in the new year.

5.3 Chief Financial Officer

Financial statement was presented and reviewed.

6. OUTSTANDING ISSUES:

6.1 2021 DSSAB Budget (November 12, 2020)

Mr. Crookshank proposed creating a budget policy (will be discussed at January's Board meeting), having just the budget on the agenda for meetings held in November, December and potentially January to review the budget in depth, formation of a Finance Committee and every 2nd year, reviewing the budget line-by-line (will be discussed at January's Board meeting).

For this year's budget, Mr. Crookshank proposed removing the capital municipal contributions and postponing Strategic Planning to 2022.

Much discussion ensued with regard to Mr. Crookshank's proposed budget changes along with discussing if more time is needed to review the budget.

Mr. Brandt suggested hiring an outside agency to look for any potential inefficiencies, like his municipality did.

Resolution 201202

CARRIED

Moved by Teri Brandt

Seconded by Roger Burden

"THAT the Board approves the 2021 Budget as presented;

AND THAT the 2021 Municipal Levy be established in the amount of \$6,421,953.00."

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Town of Parry Sound Request for Property Taxes Update

A written report was presented.

Reviewed the background of this request with staff providing in depth information. If the Board decided to pay the taxes, it wouldn't be in the rent calculations anymore, it would be a separate cheque paid to the Town of Parry Sound.

Much discussion ensued around MPAC and the implications tax exemptions will have on municipalities and future social housing developments.

Direction was given that in the new year, staff prepare a letter (in consultation with Mr. McGarvey) to petition MPAC and the Province for lost funds and moving forward, that they help cover the cost of operating agreement shortfalls.

Mr. McGarvey removed himself from the meeting.

A recorded vote was requested.

Resolution 201203

DEFEATED

Moved by Gail Finnsion

Seconded by Joel Constable

“WHEREAS the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board received a request from the Parry Sound Non Profit Housing Corporation to continue to pay their municipal property taxes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board agrees to pay for municipal property taxes paid to the Town of Parry Sound by the Parry Sound Non Profit Housing Corporation, for their social housing units, until their operating agreements expire.”

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>		<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Rick Zanussi	_____	X _____	Steve Crookshank	_____	X _____
Peter McIsaac	X _____	_____	Joel Constable	_____	X _____
Jamie McGarvey	_____	_____	Ted Collins	_____	X _____
Barb Marlow	_____	X _____	Roger Burden	X _____	_____
Ted Knight	X _____	_____	Jerry Brandt	_____	X _____
Teresa Hunt	_____	_____	Teri Brandt	_____	X _____
Lyle Hall	X _____	_____	Linda Alkins	_____	X _____
Gail Finnon	_____	X _____			

Mr. McGarvey returned to the meeting.

Resolution 201204

DEFEATED

Moved by Ted Collins

Seconded by Barb Marlow

“WHEREAS the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board received a request from the Town of Parry Sound to continue to pay the municipal property taxes for Georgian Bay Native Non-Profit Housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board agrees to pay for municipal property taxes paid to the Town of Parry Sound by Georgian Bay Native Non-Profit Housing, for their social housing units, until their operating agreements expire.”

Resolution 201205

DEFEATED

Moved by Steve Crookshank

Seconded by Lyle Hall

“WHEREAS the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board received a request from the Town of Parry Sound to pay the municipal property taxes for the Parry Sound Affordable Housing Development Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board agrees to pay the municipal property taxes to the Town of Parry Sound on behalf of the Parry Sound Affordable Housing Development Corporation.”

7.2 Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Update

A written report was presented and reviewed for information.

The DSSAB applied for and received another lump sum of money for round 2 of SSRF funding; more details on this will be provided in January.

7.3 Waubeek Street Property Rezoning Update

A verbal report was provided.

Last year, the Board asked the previous CAO to rezone the ball park. Staff have the latest plans that will be brought to the town but they are just plans for purposes of rezoning. Staff to distribute the plans to the Board.

Direction was given that staff proceed with the rezoning of this property using the latest plans.

7.4 Board Meeting Time

Due to COVID-19 and Board meetings taking place virtually, it was suggested that the meetings take place earlier in the evening.

Resolution 201206

CARRIED

Moved by Jamie McGarvey

Seconded by Teri Brandt

“THAT the Board approves amending the start time of Board meetings to 6:30 PM;

AND THAT this amended time be in effect for video conference meetings only.”

8. IN-CAMERA.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, January 14, 2021 via Zoom Video Conference.

Resolution 201207

CARRIED

Moved by Jerry Brandt

Seconded by Roger Burden

“THAT the Board meeting now be adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the hour of 6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference.”