

Area Services Board Working Group

Minutes Thursday, June 28, 2001

5.00 pm

Board Head Office
Collver Road, Little Rapids

The regular meeting of the Algoma District Services Administration Board (ADSAB) began at 5.00 pm. At that meeting a new Board Chair was elected. That meeting was suspended at 5.30 pm for the ASB Working Group meeting. Electing the ADSAB Board Chair before the ASB meeting was important, as we needed a resolution confirming the new ADSAB Board Chair as the Chair of the ASB Working Group.

ASB Working Group Members in attendance:

L. Aelick
R. Capillo
J. Currie
G. Farkouh
B. Gallagher
R. Hamilton
H. Pelky
G. Tremblay
S. Reinhardt
A. Swanson
P. Wesselius
H. Whent

ASB Working Group Members absent with regrets: none

ASB Working Group Members absent: none

1. Opening of meeting

Mr. George Farkouh opened the meeting. He recognized several guests including Dr. Northan of the Health Unit and several representatives from the Homes For the Aged Board.

1.1 Confirmation of Chair of The Area Services Board Working Group

The CAO noted that Mr. Keith Currie, previously the Chair of the Algoma District Services Administration Board, had resigned effective May 25, 2001 to take a position as Justice of the Peace. The selection of a Chair of the Algoma District Services Administration Board occurred at the earlier meeting of the Board on this same evening. A resolution recognizing George Farkouh as Chair of the ASB Working Group was passed.

2. Opportunity for Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the May 24, 2001 ASB Working Group meeting were passed as distributed.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Bill 140 impacts

The CAO noted that the letter to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) on this issue had been sent on April 30, 2001. The ADSAB CAO wrote to Mr. Dimatteo to clarify the impact of Bill 140 on the assessment of power dams in both incorporated and unincorporated areas. Bill 140 removes power generation facilities from the assessment base of incorporated municipalities effective January 1, 2001.

The CAO distributed correspondence on Bill 140 from the Ministry of Finance that spoke indirectly to this issue. The impact under an ASB was still not clarified.

The CAO has confirmed with MNDM that our original letter remains unanswered. The CAO noted his efforts at getting answers to the key finance questions related to ASB formation have been fruitless. It was noted that the delay in getting this information out was due to the continuing efforts by the CAO and then the Board's ASB consultant to get answers.

Considerable discussion followed related to the impact of Bill 140 on power dams assessments on both the incorporated and unincorporated area.

It was agreed that, if the answers to the questions regarding the impact of Bill 140 on the ASB are not known by the August 2 meeting of the Board, then MNDM will be advised that the ASB planning will be suspended. Furthermore, the planned January 1, 2002 start date for an ASB would be abandoned.

5. Service Contract Discussion Update

The CAO asked the Consultant for an update on the discussions with the Health

Unit and Homes for the Aged Board. The report came in late in the afternoon of the Board meeting. The discussion of the report was put off until the August 2 meeting.

6. In camera Discussion with Homes For The Aged Board
The Homes for the Aged Board has requested an in camera discussion during the ASB portion of the meeting.
By resolution the ASB Working Group went in camera.
By resolution the ASB Working Group came out of the in camera session.
There were no resolutions resulting from any of the in camera discussions.

7. Open Questions and Answers

There were no additional questions.

8. Next Steps / Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the ASB Working Group will occur on Thursday, August 2, 2001 at the Blind River Marina Community Meeting room. The ASB Working Group meeting will begin at 5.00 pm and precede the regular meeting of the Algoma District Services Administration Board which will follow at the same location.

Resolutions

Moved By: Rosario Capillo

Seconded By: Scot Reinhardt

Resolve That: The minutes of the May 24th, 2001 ASB Working Group meeting be passed as distributed.

Moved By: Rick Hamilton

Seconded By: Bob Gallagher

Resolve That: the consultants report be tabled to the next meeting in August.

Moved By: Peggy Wesselius

Seconded By: Art Swanson

Resolve That: The Area Service Board Working Group go into a closed session for the discussion of personnel/property matters.

Moved By: Rosario Capillo

Seconded By: Art Swanson

Resolve That: The Area Service Board Working Group return to an open meeting.

Moved By: Rick Hamilton

Seconded By: Heather Pelky

Resolve That: The June 28th meeting of the Area Service Board Working Group be adjourned.