

KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Finance Committee
held Monday, September 10, 2007
at the Kenora District Services Board Office in Dryden
Commencing at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Anne Krassilowsky, Chair
Penny Lucas
Garry Parkes
Kim Thain (phone)
Bill Thompson

STAFF: Sten Lif, Chief Administrative Officer
Toni Thurbide, Director of Finance

ABSENT: Brian Larson

GUESTS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by the Chair at 10:10 a.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION NO.: FC2007-11

Moved by Garry Parkes
Seconded by Penny Lucas

RESOLVED THAT the Finance Committee approve the agenda for the standing committee meeting to be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at the Kenora District Services Board Administration office in Dryden commencing at 10:00 a.m. as amended.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: None

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None Declared

4. **DELEGATIONS / DEPUTATIONS**

None at this time

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1 Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held July 31, 2007

MOTION NO.: FC2007-12

Moved by Penny Lucas
Seconded by Bill Thompson

RESOLVED THAT the Finance Committee approve the minutes of July 31, 2007 standing committee meeting.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: File

6. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None at this time.

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Disbursement report for July 2007

MOTION NO.: FC2007-13

Moved by Garry Parkes
Seconded by Bill Thompson

RESOLVED THAT the Finance Committee accept the disbursement reports for the periods July 2007 as presented by the Director of Finance.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: Board Meeting

At the August 16th Board meeting a Board member questioned the process for reviewing disbursement reports. The Board member suggested that disbursement reports be approved by the Finance Committee and would not be presented for approval at the Board meeting. The Finance Committee members discussed the proposed change and determined that the existing process was satisfactory.

7.2 2008 Administration Budget

The Director of Finance presented the 2008 budget for the KDSB Administration department. The \$53,426 increase in the 2008 budget over 2007 budget was discussed. Budget lines seeing increases are salaries/benefits; insurance; legal/audit; office expenses and technology costs. The increase amounts to 7.3% over the 2007 budget.

The full time equivalent staffing for 2008 was also reviewed in conjunction with the 2008 administration budget. There is no increase to the full time equivalent staff required by administration (outside of program departments).

The draft KDSB Administration budget will be compiled with the program budgets and presented at the October 15, 2007 Finance Committee/Standing Committee meetings.

7.3 2008 Board Budget

The Director of Finance presented the 2008 budget for the KDSB Board. The ongoing Board costs have not increased from the 2007 budget. Included in the 2008 Board budget is \$90,000 expenditure for the governance/operational review. Funding will be sought to offset the cost of the review.

7.4 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care funding of Land Ambulance Program

The MOHLTC announced funding adjustments for TWOMO funding (downward \$118,305) and First Nations funding (downward \$262,957) in July and August respectively. The change in funding will affect the KDSB in a negative manner. Funding is being adjusted independently and changes to related funding is not being processed. The potential increase to the local municipalities with the funding changes is between \$67,907 and \$83,821. Staff will be addressing their concerns to the Ministry. The NOSDA Finance Group is also preparing suggested criteria for the distribution of funds from MOHLTC for the provision of Land Ambulance Services.

7.5 ODSP Impact

The Province of Ontario announced the upload of the local share of the Ontario Disability Support Program by 2011. The Director of Finance presented an estimate of the decreases in net local cost for the year 2008 to 2010, with 100% of ODSP costs being covered by the Province in 2011. The Director of Finance will be including this information in her report to the Board on October 4th.

Staff are concerned that it may be the intention of the government to sever the benefit unit into a pensionable disabled recipient and refer the spouse and the dependent adult to the Ontario Works program for employment assistance. Other concerns relate to the governments continuing practice of Ontario Works offices providing discretionary benefits to ODSP clients and their families. The Ontario Works program may see increased pressures as ODSP is uploaded.

8. RESOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 None at this time.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th at 10:00 a.m.

The next budget meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Standing Committees.

10. ADJOURNAMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Confirmed this 15th day of October, A.D. 2007.

Moved By: *Garry Parkes*

Seconded By: *Bill Thompson*