

# KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

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Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting  
Held on Wednesday, 17 December 2008  
Via Teleconference  
Commencing at 1:30 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Bill Blower, Chair  
Bill Thomson, Member  
Jack McKenzie, Member

**STAFF:** Sten S. Lif, Chief Administrative Officer

**GUESTS:** None

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION NO.:PC2008-06

Moved by Jack McKenzie  
Seconded by Bill Blower

**RESOLVED THAT** the Policy Committee approve the agenda for a committee meeting to be held via teleconference on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

**CALLED; CARRIED**

**ACTION: None**

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

No member disclosed any interest with any item on the agenda.

## 4. DELEGATIONS / DEPUTATIONS

None

## 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

### 5.1 Minutes of July 29, 2008

MOTION NO.: PC2008-07

Moved by Bill Thompson  
Seconded by Jack McKenzie

**RESOLVED THAT** the Policy Committee approves the minutes of the July 29, 2008 meeting of the Policy Committee as presented

**CALLED; CARRIED**

**ACTION: File**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Attendance at conferences**

Considerable discussion took place regarding how the Board would determine the number of Board members that would be approved to attend conferences, workshops, etc. and what process would be used to determine Board member attendance. Members were reminded that the Board has approved attendance of Board members to specific conferences as part of the 2009 budget process. The CAO will provide a list of the approved conferences including the number of Board members approved to attend. It was the consensus of the Members that a policy be developed that would outline a process of designating one Board Member representing the Unincorporated Areas and one Board Member representing municipalities to attend the approved conferences. The Committee Chair will advise the Board of the proposed policy and seek further input at the January 8, 2009 meeting of the Board

**7.2 Teleconference remuneration**

The Committee discussed this matter further following receipt of a request from the Member representing Sioux Lookout to the Committee Chair. As the Committee was unable to come to a consensus on the matter it was determined that the matter be referred to the Board for further discussion and debate.

**7.3 Expenses outside the district**

The Members discussed the need to address the issue of considerable costs for meals outside of the Kenora District as the current meal allowance is insufficient to cover basic meal costs especially when members must travel to southern Ontario (e.g.: Toronto or Ottawa). Members were advised that there are some municipalities and DSSAB's that provide an additional allowance for their members traveling outside their districts. The Members will develop a proposal that would allow for a higher meal allowance outside the district for consideration by the Board.

**8. RESOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is at the call of the Chair

**11. ADJOURNAMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Confirmed this 14th day of April, A.D. 2009,

By Resolution No.: PC2009-02

Bill Blower, Chair