

DISTRICT OF KENORA UNINCORPORATED AREAS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the District of Kenora Unincorporated Areas Ratepayers Association held commencing at 7:00 PM on Friday, July 20th, 2007 at the Vermillion bay Seniors Center in Vermillion Bay, Ontario.

- 1 - In the absence of Association Treasurer, Irene Kember, Jack McKenzie agreed to act as Secretary of the meeting.
- 2 - The meeting was called to order by Association President, Bill Blower. Bill welcomed everyone in attendance (17 individuals) and asked everyone to introduce themselves and note where they resided.
- 3 - On motion made by Penny Lucas, seconded by Bob Wall, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last annual meeting of the association, held July 26th, 2006 were approved, as circulated.
- 4 - An agenda for the meeting was circulated. On motion made by Ken Pride, duly seconded by Penny Lucas and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the agenda for the meeting be approved, as presented.
- 5 - In the absence of Association Treasurer, Irene Kember, Jack McKenzie presented the year end financial statement – March 31st, 2007 – financial statement of the corporation. On a motion made by Jack McKenzie, seconded by Linda Blower, and unanimously carried, the financial statement was approved as presented.
- 6 - The meeting was advised that the Treasurer had prepared a financial report on activities of the Association, in addition to the year end financial statement, that reflected more detail on the income and expense items, up to the end of June, 2007. The report was distributed and on motion made by Jack McKenzie, seconded by Linda Blower, it was agreed that the report be accepted as presented.
- 7 - Penny Todd reported on the activities of the Kenora District services Board, and the four individuals on that Board who represent the four Unincorporated Territory areas in the Kenora District.

8 - Bill Blower advised that meeting that he had brought with him, copies of various pieces of correspondence the Association had received, and written, over the past year, should anyone attending the meeting wish to review same.

9 - Jack McKenzie next reported to the meeting on the activities of DOKURA regarding efforts to get the Federal Gas Tax rebate funds flowing to the Roads Boards, Road Associations and Local Services Boards in all of Northern Ontario. He noted that meetings had been attended in Ottawa with federal officials and that numerous "E" Mails, telephone conversations and regular mail letters had been exchanged in an effort to get the funds flowing. Jack noted that he had received an "E" Mail from the Federal Minister's office in Ottawa on Tuesday of this week, advising that the Local Roads Boards would be receiving a letter within the week, advising of the funds they would be receiving. He went on to say that he had been in touch with that office regarding the funding for Road associations and Local Services Boards, but at this date, did not have an answer.

Jack further advised the meeting that the Federal Program had been extended for an additional four years for Municipalities in Ontario, and that as of this date, that funding had not been extended for the Unincorporated Areas. He explained that DOKURA would be suggesting to the various Roads Boards, Road associations and Local Services Boards that they write the Federal Minister pressing that that too be included in the four year extension of the program. He further noted that DOKURA would be in touch with the various Road Associations and Local Services Boards suggesting that they too write Ottawa asking where their share of the funds presently being distributes, were.

10 - The meeting was next advised of concern the Executive had regarding the handling of not only the election for representatives to KDSB, every four years, but also the handling of a Bye-Election should one ever be required in any of the Unincorporated Areas. The Directors had discussed the matter, briefly, with the KDSB and it was suggested that DOKURA ask the KDSB to establish a policy that any and all such elections be conducted by DOKURA. With this in mind, the meeting was presented with a proposed set of rules and regulations for the conducting of both a Bye-Election and the regular election, held every four years. Following discussion on the matter, it was moved by Linda Blower, seconded by Ray Leray, and unanimously carried that DOKURA approach the KDSB asking that KDSB adopt a policy to have DOKURA conduct all such elections, based upon the guidelines presented – copies attached.

11 - The meeting was next addressed by Ken Pride, whop reported on the PLT reform process, presently underway in Ontario. Ken explained how the assessment of the Unincorporated areas outside the current school board boundaries, was being conducted, and estimated that it would take two to three years to complete the process. Exactly how and when the reform would be implemented would depend a great deal on the outcome of the Provincial Election to be held this fall.

