

DISTRICT OF KENORA UNINCORPORATED RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting was held at Pellatt Community Center, July 18, 2008

The Annual General Meeting of DoKURA was called to order by the President, Bill Blower. There were 14 property owners and 1 guest in attendance.

Resolution 1- Approval of the Agenda. Gord Dingman moved, Penny Lucas seconded the approval of the agenda.

President, Bill Blower welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming out on such a nice evening. He then gave us a report of the happenings over the year.

Resolution 2 -The Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting were handed out to the people in attendance. They were given a few minutes to read the minutes. It was moved by Penny Lucas, seconded by Jack McKenzie that we accept the minutes as presented. The motion was carried.

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Jack McKenzie spoke about the Gas Tax Rebate. He told us that nothing has been done to extend the gas tax rebate to the unincorporated areas. DoKURA are working on it. Jack and Penny will be going to Ottawa to OMA in August. They are planning to meet with Ministers at this time. Penny suggested that we ask the Roads Boards to send copies to the government asking for an extension. Irene will send out the letters to all the Roads Boards.

Our next topic was holding DoKURA elections or By-elections for the KDSB. In the event of a vacancy, the Service Board will appoint someone. Municipalities have a say on who sits on the KDSB Board. DoKURA feels we should have a say on who our representative is. Bill had a By-law tabled until this AGM. If DoKURA got funding they would run the election. The KDSB would place the ad in the paper. DoKURA doesn't want that. The municipality would have a hand in appointing the person. The Policy Committee has a meeting at the end of the month. Municipal Representatives are chosen by the Council. Alternates are appointed by the person elected. Alternates can attend meetings but cannot vote. Why can't Alternates step into the person's place which includes the right to vote. Ken suggested that the KDSB will appoint the person we tell them we want. Penny stated that we give the name of only one person.

Resolution 3- "Be it resolved that the remaining unincorporated representatives on the KDSB form a sub-committee of the KDSB to review and recommend the replacement for a vacant Unincorporated position on the KDSB " This resolution was moved by Gord Dingman and seconded by Penny Lucas. The motion was carried.

Jack and Penny had a meeting with Karen Glass the last time they were in Toronto. She was supposed to meet with them again. She has moved on. There is a new person in her place. There is a NOSDA Convention in Thunder Bay in September. Jack is hoping our representative will be able to meet with this person at this time. We've run 3 elections.

We made up a package for potential candidates. We've never had an election-all acclaimed. Seasonal property owners can't vote. We have problems with voting lists.

Resolution 4- Financial Statements were distributed to those in attendance. It was moved by Ken Pride and seconded by Stephanie Kennedy that the Financial Statements be accepted as presented. This motion was carried.

KDSB REPORT

Jack McKenzie outlined the following topics:

1. Social Housing- The government gave a sum of money to develop social housing in the Kenora District. They are in the process of hiring a consultant. We will be asked if there is any need in our area.
2. We have a Land Ambulance Site in Kenora.
3. KDSB is in the process of taking over Ontario Works.
4. PLT Reform Tax- At this time, the unincorporated areas pay 31% to the KDSB. Our share will go to 45-50%. This is a saving that will be realized by the municipalities. The Unincorporated want a bigger say in running the DSSB.

Penny was asked for her report.

She told us that the Governance Review was done. The Committee talked to every Board Member to get input and to see if the KDSB needed change. Parkview is finally completed. The Grand Opening is next week. She also told us she will not be running again. DoKURA will need a replacement for her.

Bill Blower gave his report.

He is on the Policy Committee and the HR Committee. He said he goes into meetings with ideas but often meets with resistance from the municipalities. The HR Committee is also involved in the Governance Review. They are trying to keep the Governance of the Board more relevant. The Committee does not want to talk about representation.

Public Access to Defibrillator Program was the next topic. There were 25 defibrillators given out free for the taking. Since no unincorporated areas applied for them, the municipalities got all of them. There was lack of communication and Pellatt were not aware of this "freebie". They had fund-raised to buy their own. They were not happy campers.

Public Consultation on PLT Reform

DoKURA's position- Bill wrote 4 letters on this topic. He read a summary of what DoKURA has done in the last year.

Thoughts and ideas- Bill put together some ideas and got together with Thunder Bay. He notified contacts in the Rainy River but got no response from them. He said he will wait until after the AMO Meeting and try and work out something with Thunder Bay. Should DoKURA be part of the Common Voice? Bill did a report on the Common Voice. He said Thunder Bay wants no part of it. It is too expensive. It is a group of politicians, businessmen, etc. It sounds like another layer of government. Maybe there are no benefits to belonging to it. You have 1 seat in 15. A question was asked. Can someone go as an observer? We and Thunder Bay will attend in the spring.

Resolution 4- "Be it resolved that the DoKURA representative to Common Voice Committee Meeting will have expenses paid by DoKURA." This motion was moved by Ken Pride and seconded by Pat Moeller. This motion was carried.

New Business

A person asked if anything was happening with Oxdrift trying to get a Local Services Board. Bob Wall told Bill Blower that nothing was happening in this regard.

NOMINATING REPORT- Ken Pride

Resolution 6 – "Be it resolved that the report of the Nominating Committee at the 2008 Annual General Meeting be received." This resolution was moved by Gord Dingman and seconded by Ian Tucker. The motion carried.

Resolution 5- "Be it resolved that Bill Latham be an alternate on the KDSB." This motion was moved by Garnet Bennet and seconded by Grant Hayton. This motion was carried.

Resolution 8- "Be it resolved that the actions of the Executive of DoKURA since the last Annual General Meeting be approved." Gord Dingman moved and Grant Hayton seconded this resolution. The motion was carried.

Resolution 9- The meeting was adjourned by Grant Hayton.