

**DISTRICT OF KENORA UNINCORPORATED AREAS RATEPAYERS
ASSOCIATION
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The Annual General Meeting of DoKURA was held at the Happy-Go-Lucky Seniors' Center in Vermillion Bay, Ontario on Friday, August 27, 2010. 14 members attended the meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order by Bill Blower, Chairman.
2. Approval of the Agenda- Jack McKenzie approved, Ray Leray seconded the approval of the agenda.
3. Approval of the Annual Meeting of August 21, 2009- There was an error in spelling in the last paragraph. The meeting was adjourned by Jim Whyte. The Minutes were moved by Barry Baltessen, seconded by Ken Pride. This motion carried.
4. President, Bill Blower gave his yearly report. He thanked people for coming to the AGM. He listed things that DoKURA have been involved in since our last AGM. DoKURA has been successful in getting an extension of the Gas Tax Rebate for Roads Boards but not Road Associations. We will continue to fight for Road Associations' fair share of the tax.
He spoke about the changes undertaken by the KDSB. They have done away with many committees and replaced them with three committees. The Governance Committee sets the policies and directions for the Board. Unfortunately, not one of the unincorporated representatives on the KDSB was voted to the Governance Committee.
The governance committee's first resolution was to do away with Alternates. When the vote was taken, this resolution was defeated.
At the next KDSB meeting, our association brought forward a resolution to allow alternates to vote at a KDSB Board meeting. After much discussion, the municipal reps defeated the motion.
After 10 years of discussing where the right place to put the ambulance in the Kenora District would be, a site has been chosen. DoKURA was angry with Kenora stalling at each site chosen. Our reps made and presented a resolution that the Ambulance Base be placed in the Unincorporated. The resolution was defeated but it did move the process forward with a commitment from the City of Kenora for the land and full co-operation on the project.
Bill made us aware that this is election year. DoKURA has contracted with the KDSB to run the elections in the unincorporated areas. Jack McKenzie is the Returning Officer. Bill encouraged everyone to run for election and file nomination papers.
He closed by telling the group that he would be stepping down as chair after 14 years. He thanked everyone for the honour of serving the Unincorporated Areas as the Chairperson.
5. The Treasurer gave her Annual Financial Statement. It was moved by Jack McKenzie, seconded by Ray Leray that the Financial Statement be accepted as

presented. This motion was carried.

6. Reports:

- a) Membership Application in Kenora District Municipal Association- A letter was sent for membership in KDMA- Bill talked to Garry Parkes, President . He said a letter would be coming in the mail. We don't know the response.
- b) Low mileage and population information request- Jack told the group that we are dealing with Queen's Park. Most of them don't know our area and how large it is. He is putting together a package to show them how much road we represent. He told us he needs the number of kilometers of road on each Roads Board and how many properties on each road.
- c) Local Services Board Activities-
Oxdrift- Their LSB is up and running. We were given the steps they went through after the LSB was established.
Pellatt, Pelican, Umbach and Gidley Townships- Barry Baltessen spearheaded a campaign for the LSB. Meetings were held. When voting day came, 251 people showed up. 208 were in favour of forming a LSB. The papers are completed and in the hands of the Ministry.
McKenzie-Clearwater- All paperwork is completed. We are awaiting approval from Queen's Park.
- d) August 2010 Meeting with Mr. Greg Rickford- Greg was reminded that he has met many times with representatives from the municipalities and First Nations but only once with one of our members. We told him we would like to meet with him more often to keep him abreast with what we are doing. We talked about our problems with MPAC. Because he's is a federal rep, he can't help us in this matter. WE do not want to be ignored when Ministers come to town. We want to be invited to any meetings they have.
- e) Grow North Presentation. DoKURA sent in a brief to Michael Gravelle's department which is leading this task force. DoKURA wants to be one of the groups at the table.
- f) Bill spoke about the actions of NOSDA in trying to improve local ambulance services. NOSDA provides services to land ambulance, social housing and child care. They are trying to set up some organization chart to provide better service, especially in the land ambulance department.
- g) Directors' attendance at annual meetings of local groups. DoKURA will speak to other groups (if invited) and let them know who we are and what we do. One of our members did so at an AGM and ended up getting money to help our organization survive.
- h) Jack spoke about MPAC's responsibility for an enumeration list for the upcoming election. He said the list they gave him is incomplete. He cited an example of Lac Seul having 62 people eligible to vote. He has a presentation in to MPAC to finish their assessment and give him a complete list of voters. Bill gave a rundown of inadequacies in funding for the running of an election.

