

**DISTRICT OF KENORA UNINCORPORATED AREAS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

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The Annual General Meeting of DoKURA took place at the Storm Bay Fire Hall on Friday, August 22, 2014. 6 Directors and 2 property owners attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the acting President, Jack McKenzie at 7:04 p.m.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the last AGM held in Vermillion Bay on October 4, 2012 was made by Ray Leray, seconded by Ken Pride. The motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**- In the absence of the President, his report was read by the Secretary. Bill gave a short history on how DoKURA came about and how hard they, especially he and Jack, fought to have a voice on the KDSB from the Unincorporated areas. They also drew up a contract with the KDSB to handle elections in the Unincorporated Areas.

He thanked all the people he had worked with on the executive for their tireless efforts. He also congratulated Barry Baltessen for becoming Chairman of the KDSB. He is the first unincorporated representative to become president. He wished DoKURA well and felt certain that whoever was elected would continue to represent DoKURA's interests to the best of their ability.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer presented a year-end Financial Statement ending on March 31, 2014. There were no expenses. The only income was interest- \$66.14. Total liabilities and surplus amounted to \$10,019.78.

A year-to-date Financial Report from April 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 was presented. DoKURA's Cash Position is \$25,180.40.

It was moved by Irene Kember, seconded by Barry Baltessen that we accept both Financial Statements.

**ACTIONS OF DIRECTORS since the Last Annual Meeting**

I, Bob Stewart, hereby move that this meeting approve all the acts, proceedings, payments passed, made or taken as well as all decisions of the Board of Directors and Officers as set out or referred to in the Record Book of the Minutes of the Meetings of Directors, since the last Annual Meeting of The District of Kenora Unincorporated Areas Taxpayers Association. This motion was seconded by Gord Dingman. The motion carried.

**REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE KDSB**

Barry reported that a Strategic Plan had been implemented in 2014; KDSB is involved in Homeless and Housing Plan in conjunction with the City of Kenora and all the Municipalities; The KDSB is divesting houses in Minaki, Hudson and Dinoric; there is the Grand Opening of Sioux Lookout Ambulance Base; A new CEO will be chosen by September 30; 4-year Restructuring is in place eliminating positions; pushed for an ambulance in Vermillion Bay but after a study it was not cost effective- population and trips too sparse- not enough volume.

A vote of thanks was extended to retiring directors, Bill Blower and Colin Hodgson for their many years of representing their unincorporated constituency. We wish them continued health.

### **NOMINATING REPORT**

**It was moved by Jack McKenzie, seconded by Ken Pride that we accept the Nominating Committee Report. Carried**

We don't know who will be elected in the 4 ridings. After the election, there will be a DoKURA meeting and a President will be elected from the 4 elected people. Bill Blower will be the Past President

### **NEW BUSINESS**

PLT Consultation- the Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance will be holding a private meeting with some DoKURA reps on September 3<sup>rd</sup> by teleconference. Jack, Barry, Ken and Irene will represent DoKURA. Some things we will discuss with him are:

2-tier system; in and out school board boundary; 1-rate apply to everyone.

Everyone felt that MPAC must do their job and go out and assess everyone. The problem is there are only 4 assessors in the MPAC office to cover a vast area. At one time there were 13.

It was brought to our attention that in 2008 the Minister of Finance gave MPAC 2 million extra dollars to do a proper assessment. This was never done. We all feel that something is wrong when properties haven't been assessed for years.

Jack asked us to think of any questions we would like him to ask the Assistant Deputy Minister and to please forward them to Jack before September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jack noted that the Gas Tax Rebate had been signed with the Association of Municipalities and that the Roads Board would be receiving the Gas Tax Rebate for another 10 years.

The meeting was adjourned by Barry Baltessen.