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INFORMATION MEETING WITH THE OFM REGARDING THE FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT
October 4, 2017

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Acronym: Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM), Local Services Board (LSB)

Meeting brought to order by Stephen at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was held for further discussion with the OFM proposing a signed agreement with the Local Services Board and not the Fire Department.

In Attendance for LSB: Stephen Brushey, Sandra Gendron, Hilary Chambers, Tracey Watson, Earl Reading and Peggy Whitehead

In Attendance for OFM: Kevin Schooler, Program Specialist from Thunder Bay and Art Booth, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshall from Sudbury

Stephen said this meeting is to discuss the agreement with the OFM.

Kevin spoke as to the intent of the OFM wanting to sign with the LSB as they were an elected vote in the community and they have the power of Fire. He also said that this will not affect the relationship between the Fire Department and LSB. The OFM would then keep the LSB in the loop with the fire department if any problems arise with them.

Steve Davis asked how many LSB had signed with OFM and Kevin said there were 49 Fire Departments in the area and out of that there were 35 LSB. 22 were in an agreement with the OFM and 13 were with contracts with the Fire Department. Kevin said they have the authority to pull the contracts and we would be without a fire department.

Dallas Brushey asked why they wanted to do this and Kevin said this is the way they are going.

Art said if the LSB and fire department do not sign a contract the fire department cannot be called a fire department. They are only called a fire department because of OFM.

Christopher Ballard was concerned where the agreement said “establishing a fire department” and Art said he can change that to a contract with the fire department.

Earl asked if they sign they are only on for a year and what would happen with the new board. Stephen said that this would be on the critical path to look at the agreement. If they want to cancel there will be a 60-day notice.

Tim Gehrke asked why the Board would want to take on the responsibility. He did not realize that the Board would be responsible for the fire department either way. Sandra said that the Fire Department has its own insurance and Stephen said the LSB would be put on as an additional insurance. Hilary said we should still check with the insurance regarding liability.

John Wassink asked if the LSB signs would they still get supplies from the OFM? Kevin said that they will for now, but cannot say what the future holds.

Mike Legault mentioned Mutual Aid about sending equipment to another area and something happens here, could we be sued? Kevin suggested to check with the MNDM representative.

Darrell Rogerson stated that the OFM is finished with municipalities and are now looking at LSB.

The OFM will still appoint and approve the Fire Chief on whether they sign with the LSB or the fire department.

The Board agreed to look into this further.

The meeting concluded at 8:05 PM.

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