



**KINNA-AWEYA LEGAL CLINIC  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Sunday, November 25, 2018  
Thunder Bay, Ontario  
Minutes**

**Present:** Alta Fenton  
Andrea O'Nabigon  
Jamie McGinnis  
Mary Day  
Sally Colquhoun  
Cindy Whittington  
Michael Deschamps  
Manon White  
Beth Ponka

**1. Opening and Welcome**

Alta Fenton welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone again for meeting on Sunday. The Christmas Craft Show yesterday raised over \$500 for the Ojibwe Language Program.

Andrea O'Nabigon led an opening prayer and smudge.

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Alta Fenton asked if there are any conflicts. None declared.

**3. Review/Acceptance of Agenda**

Correction: 7.1 Funding Application is for 2019/20, not 2018/2018.

**MOTION #1**

**TO** approve the agenda, as amended.

**MOVED BY:** Cindy Whittington

**SECONDED BY:** Michael Deschamps

**CARRIED.**

**4. Review/Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**4.1** October 27, 2018

Correction: Mary Day's nomination for Secretary was seconded by Michael Deschamps.

## **MOTION #2**

**TO** approve the Board meeting minutes of October 27, 2018, as amended.

**MOVED BY:** Cindy Whittington

**SECONDED BY:** Jamie McGinnis

**CARRIED.**

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1** Statistical Report for the period ended October 31, 2018

Pat and Sally have been working on extracting information and have been successful in getting some information. Jayne Mallin, who is going to be the new VP for the Clinic Law Services Division, was at the ED meeting at the Northern Regional Training session in November. She is aware that getting helpful statistical information continues to be a challenge and she has indicated her support to clinics in meeting this challenge.

File openings are down this year. We have lots of birth certificate files but the numbers are down in other areas. ODSP files have decreased throughout the province.

### **5.2** Coordinator of Legal Services

Sally presented her report, which is attached to the minutes.

## **MOTION #3**

**TO** approve the Coordinator of Legal Services report, as presented.

**MOVED BY:** Jamie McGinnis

**SECONDED BY:** Manon White

**CARRIED.**

### **5.3** Director of Administration

Beth presented her report, which is attached to the minutes.

## **MOTION #4**

**TO** approve the Director of Administration report, as presented.

**MOVED BY:** Jamie McGinnis

**SECONDED BY:** Michael Deschamps

**CARRIED.**

## **6. Business Arising**

### **6.1** Legal Aid Ontario Review – response to report

## **MOTION #5**

**TO** approve the updated Complaints Policy, as presented.

**MOVED BY:** Cindy Whittington

**SECONDED BY:** Michael Deschamps

**CARRIED.**

A copy of the complaints policy is available on request. We will post the complaints policy on the website. In future, if we change the signs in our lobby, we will add a reference to the complaints policy.

## **MOTION #6**

**TO** accept the management response to the LAO Audit with the changes.

**MOVED BY:** Jamie McGinnis

**SECONDED BY:** Michael Deschamps

**CARRIED.**

### **6.2 Services to KZA/Gull Bay First Nation**

Chief Wilfred King and Special Advisor Beth Boon will be joining our meeting at 1 p.m. to discuss the Band Council Resolution passed by Gull Bay First Nation earlier this month, banning Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic from travelling to their community to provide legal clinic services. Our position is that we are not challenging their sovereignty, however, their decisions are subject to review. We are not the decision maker – it is up to the tribunals to decide what will happen. We will inquire about whether they want us to continue to come to provide the other legal clinic services that we provide, such as birth certificates and Canada Child Benefits assistance.

Sally will give an overview of the services of the clinic and that we provide similar services to the other First Nation communities in our catchment area.

### **6.3 Board & Staff Planning Session 2018/2019**

Alta Fenton will be on the planning committee. Beth and Alta will set a time to meet. The Board and Staff Planning Session is scheduled for February 23, 2019.

### **6.4 Northern Region Transformation Project/Advocacy North Update**

Alta and Sally attended the in-person N RTPSC meeting in November at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay. Updates were shared about the projects and areas of law. The N RTP has good staff who are doing good work.

### **6.5 Board Self Evaluation Summary**

Alta Fenton provided an oral summary of the responses that she received from the Board members from the meeting in July. Generally the responses were very

positive. The form needs to be updated to clarify that the process applies to the past year under review, not to the specific meeting (today).

## **6.6 Vision, Mission and Value Statement Review**

The Board would like more time to review and update some of the organization's policies. A copy of the Vision, Mission and Value Statement was requested to be available for the January meeting.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 2018/19 Application for Funding**

#### **MOTION #7**

**TO** accept the funding application for 2018/19, as presented.

**MOVED BY:** Jamie McGinnis

**SECONDED BY:** Manon White

**CARRIED.**

There was no other business. We are expecting to meet with Chief Wilfred King and Beth Boon from KZA/Gull Bay, at 1:00 p.m., here at the legal clinic.

## **Kiashke Zaaging Anishinabek**

Chief Wilfred King and Beth Boon from KZA/Gull Bay arrived at the clinic. Beth Boon presented tobacco to the Board members and management team. A discussion was held about the BCR passed by Chief and Council, banning Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic from providing services at KZA/Gull Bay. KZA will develop a service protocol and they will let us know when it is completed. Until then, we are not welcome on the reserve.

#### **MOTION #8**

**TO** adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

**MOVED BY:** Michael Deschamps

**SECONDED BY:** Jamie McGinnis

**CARRIED.**

## **8. Next Meeting - Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**