

West Suburban Veterans District – December 17, 2015

Location: Wellesley Town Hall, Great Hall

Present: Kate Fitzpatrick, Hans Larsen, John Senchyshyn, Donna VanderClock (Ms. VanderClock arrived after Agenda Item #2)

Also present: John MacGillivray, Acting Director

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Business:

1. **Citizen Speak**

None.

2. **Minutes**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Senchyshyn, the Board voted (3-0) to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting.

3. **FY16 Budget Update**

Mr. Larsen reviewed the status of the District budget. Given the ongoing absence of Stanley Spear, and the recent departure of Matt Ching, costs are well under budget. In addition, sufficient funds are on-hand to cover the near-term benefit costs for each community.

Ms. VanderClock requested that Weston be invoiced for \$15,000 for future veterans' benefit costs.

4. **Director's Update**

Mr. MacGillivray reported that he has not processed any new Chapter 115 cases recently. He has received a number of claims for Aid and Attendance benefits.

5. **Staffing Update**

Mr. MacGillivray left the meeting and Scott Szczebak, Wellesley Human Resources Director, joined the Board. Mr. Larsen reported that Stanley Spear has expressed interest in returning to work, following a medical-related absence of approximately six months. He has been asked to meet with Wellesley's occupational health specialist (Cadre) to confirm his fitness for returning to work. Mr. Larsen has advised Mr. Spear that the District is proceeding with interviews for the new Director, and it is Mr. Larsen's preference that Mr. Spear return to work as the Deputy Director (i.e., in Matt Ching's former position).

Mr. Larsen provided an update on the recent interviews of candidates for the replacement Director. He and Mr. Szczebak see merit to conducting a 2nd interview with 4 of the candidates. The other members of the Board wish to participate in those interviews. The Board tentatively agreed to schedule those interviews for Tuesday, January 5, 2016, from 9-12 AM. The Board

also agreed to defer scheduling of the Board's next regular meeting until a new Director is on board.

At 5:50 the meeting was adjourned.