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PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

On Tuesday, May 18, 2010 a meeting was held at the Pellatt Community Centre to discuss the possibility of establishing a Local Services Board for the purpose of administering fire protection in the townships of Pellatt, Gidley, Umbach and Pelican. Present were: Barry Baltessen (chair), Bonnie Baltessen, Ralph Webb, Jim Johnson, Gerry DeGagne, Audrey Larson, Joyce Crowley, Jim Crowley, Gord Fox, Garnet Bennett, Ken Pride, Fred Moeller, Pat Moeller, Glenn Iriam, Linda Iriam, Norie Bennett, Barry Bennett, Gale Tucker, Ian Tucker, Nick VanderZande, Bonnie Wares, Donna Remillard, Adam Mahaffy, Todd Burkart, Ron Mauthe, Jacques Gagne, Paul Wottyniak, Robert Wares, Leo Aubin, Charles Bond, George Parker, Cam Hagen, David King, Lori-Anne Pearson, Theresa Stephens (Northern Development Advisor, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry). Those in attendance unanimously authorized Barry Baltessen to call public meetings to inform inhabitants of the desire to form a Local Services Board to fund fire fighting in the townships of Pellatt, Gidley, Umbach and Pelican.

A communication campaign was conducted culminating in public information meetings held on Wednesday, June 16 and Saturday, July 17 at the Pellatt Community Centre. A vote took place on August 14, 2010 with 251 local residents' casting votes. There were 208 votes in favour and 43 opposed.

As a result of the favourable vote, the townships of Pellatt, Gidley, Umbach and Pelican wish to establish a Local Services Board to administer fire protection services only. The boundaries of this board would be the current boundaries of the Pellatt United Fire Fighters as mandated by the Office of the Fire Marshall. The board area includes all road and water accessible properties in the townships of Pellatt, Pelican, Umbach and Gidley, east to the Winnipeg River including Poplar Portage, Kris Island, Wet Island, Barefoot Island and Boudreau Island, West to the Pelican, Gidley township boundaries with Broderick and Malachi townships, north to the Pelican, Umbach township boundaries and south to the CPR Tracks.

The name of the new board would be the Pellatt, Pelican Umbach, Gidley Local Services Board. There will be five (5) board members.

Respectfully,

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