



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

- Ontario Works
- Child Care
- Social Housing
- Land Ambulance

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 2010 @ 5:20 p.m.

Social Services Building II Board Room

PRESENT:	P. Mick L. Madonna	F. Fata V. Burns	D. Edgar B. Hayes
STAFF:	M. Provenzano R. Cobean	K. Streich-Poser A. Nanne	A. McRae
REGRETS:	S. Myers	L. Turco	L. Tridicio

Call to order by Commissioner of Social Services at

Election of Executive

Election to be conducted by the Commissioner of Social Services.

1. Chairperson – P. Mick

Nomination: D. Edgar

Seconded: L. Madonna

2. Vice-Chair – D. Edgar

Nomination: B. Hayes

Seconded: P. Mick

3. Secretary – B. Hayes

Nomination: D. Edgar

Seconded: P. Mick

4. Treasurer – L. Turco

Nomination: B. Hayes

Seconded: D. Edgar

P. Mick assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Minutes

Resolution #10-001

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated November 19, 2009 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

2. Accounts

Accounts NOT Previously Reviewed:

Resolution #10-002

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated:

November 21st, 2009 in the amount of \$1,062,787.31
November 28th, 2009 in the amount of \$176,982.48
December 05th, 2009 in the amount of \$2,274,510.49
December 12th, 2009 in the amount of \$238,485.74
December 19th, 2009 in the amount of \$1,432,010.89
December 26th, 2009 in the amount of \$253,828.01
January 09th, 2010 in the amount of \$128,197.67
January 16th, 2010 in the amount of \$1,410,855.36

be passed for payment."

CARRIED

3. Executive/Finance

A. McRae noted that resolutions #10-003 is basically a cash flow item and is standard administrative procedure.

Resolution #10-003

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 3.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the following "Interim Levies" as proposed by the Social Services Financial Manager and the results from the December 23, 2009 fax / email poll be approved:

1. That the first Interim Levy equaling 25% of the Year 2009 levy be sent to the contributors with a due date of February 1, 2010.

2. Since our budget is due March 31, 2010, a second Interim Levy equaling 25% of the Year 2009 levy be sent to the contributors with a due date of April 1, 2010.”

CARRIED

A. McRae commented that resolutions #10-004 is a result of the new accounting requirements instituted by the MOHLTC. He also noted that there are two separate accounts to keep the Garden River Base 100% funding separate from our other operations.

Resolution #10-004

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 3.2 “Whereas the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has implemented restrictions that all capital expenditures must flow through a reserve to qualify for funding,

Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the proposal of the Social Services Financial Manager to:

1. Rename the Land Ambulance Vehicles Reserves to Land Ambulance Vehicles and Equipment Reserves and that all capital purchases of vehicles and equipment will flow through these reserves;
2. That the DSSMSSAB create a new reserve for Land Ambulance Equipment Reserve Garden River and that all capital purchases of equipment will flow through this reserve and;
3. That the changes in #1 and #2 above will take place effective for the 2009 year.”

CARRIED

Resolution #10-005

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 3.3 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the December 21, 2009 email / fax poll to approve \$50,000 from the ODSP Spousal Employment Savings to be provided to the United Way Community Assistance Trust to be used to assist those in financial crisis in the community.”

CARRIED

Resolution #10-006

Moved By: V. Burns
Seconded By: F. Fata

3.4 **"WHEREAS** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board deems it necessary to borrow the sum of \$4,000,000.00 to meet, until current revenue is collected, current expenditures for the year 2010; and

WHEREAS the total amount of the estimated revenues of the Board for the year 2010 not including revenue derived or derivable from the sale of assets, borrowing, Provincial subsidy, or from a surplus, including arrears of revenues and proceeds from the sale of assets is estimated to be in the excess of \$16,000,000.00;

THEREFORE the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board pursuant to Section 9 of the District Social Services Administration Boards Act, RSO 1990, Chapter D.15 and amendments thereto, ENACTS as follows:

1. The Chair and the Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board, to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note from the Royal Bank of Canada or any person, a sum or sums not exceeding \$4,000,000.00 to meet, until the revenues are collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the year, including the amounts required for the purpose mentioned in Section 9(3) of the District of Social Services Administration Boards Act and to give on behalf of the Board to the Bank or lender, a promissory note or notes, sealed with the corporate seal and duly signed for the moneys so borrowed, with interest, which may be paid in advance or otherwise, with interest at the Bank's prescribed lending rate or another persons' lending rate from time to time.
2. All the sums borrowed pursuant to the authority of this bylaw, as well as all other sums borrowed in this year and in previous years from the said Bank or lender for any or all purposes mentioned in the said Section 9 shall, with interest thereon, be a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the Board for the current year and for all preceding years as when such revenues are received."

CARRIED

4. Land Ambulance

M. Provenzano spoke to his report. He highlighted various items of interest to Board members. Chief Provenzano also invited all the board members to attend D. Stokes retirement gathering on January 28th. Robert Rushworth will be the assuming D. Stokes roles.

Resolution #10-007

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the November and December 2009 report provided by the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

5. Ontario Works

Theses are part of the mandatory reporting required by MCSS and are available for the Boards information.

Resolution #10-008

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information:

- 2009 Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiatives 3rd Quarter Report
- 2009 Ontario Works 3rd Quarter Report

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser discussed some of the items disclosed in C. Rosso's report.

Resolution #10-009

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the January 2010 report provided by the Ontario Works Program Manager as information."

CARRIED

6. Community Child Care

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the Community Child Care Manager's report. She noted that there is a lot happening in child care with the full-time JK and SK being implemented by the school boards. Before and after child care will be offered at a number of schools to compliment these extended services. The before and after child care programs were coordinated to cover different areas.

Resolution #10-010

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the January 2010 report provided by the Community Child Care Manager as information."

CARRIED

7. Community Coordinator

8. Social Housing Programs

R. Cobean spoke about the Affordable Housing Program – New Build intake. He noted that our previous submissions were rejected in the previous round of funding and the proponents would like them to be resubmitted in the 2010 intake deadline. He explained that there is minimal funding left for this program and that our submissions need to be ranked by preference to increase our opportunities to received funding.

Questions regarding the scoring tool and derived standing were asked and answered.

On a different topic R. Cobean noted that Housing Programs will be losing 57 units as a result of the transition of the Windsor Park Retirement Home. The inclusion of this information may help to solidify our proposals for the AHP and the need in the community.

Resolution #10-011

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the recommendation from the Affordable Housing Program Evaluation Committee (AHPEC) to submit the following proposals to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with conditions and as ranked for the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) 2009 Extension – New Rental Housing Component for the February 1, 2010 intake deadline:

Small New Build Projects (1 – 20 units)

1. Palmer Construction Group Inc.
2. Tridico Affordable Housing Project

Large New Build Projects (40 + units)

1. Sault Moose Non-Profit Housing Corporation
2. Croatian Non-Profit Housing Corporation
3. Italian Housing Corporation of Sault Ste. Marie – Phase II."

CARRIED

R. Cobean discussed Neech-Ke-When Homes and their need to retain their surplus funds.

Resolution #10-012

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 8.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the recommendation of the Housing Programs Manager to allow Neech-Ke-When Homes Inc. to retain their surplus funds of \$99,040. These funds will be used to supplement Neech-Ke-When's replacement reserves with the consultation and approval of the Housing Programs Manager."

CARRIED

R. Cobean was available to address questions regarding the DOOR funding for the SSMHC.

Resolution #10-013

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 8.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the results of the January 07, 2010 email / fax poll supporting the recommendation that the DSSMSSAB approve \$11,825.82 from the Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Fund for the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation to convert 133 Murphy St. to an accessible unit."

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #10-014

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation meeting dated November 19, 2009 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

Resolution #10-015

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that the membership of the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Board include all members of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Service Administration Board. They are: Pat Mick, David Edgar, Lou Turco, Bryan Hayes, Frank Fata, Lorena Tridico, Susan Myers, Vicki Burns and Lou Madonna"

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the NOSDA material included in the meeting package.

Resolution #10-016

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: D. Edgar

10.1 "Be it resolved that the Northern Growth Plan as prepared by NOSDA be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #10-017

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: V. Burns

10.2 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the December 3rd NOSDA teleconference be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

CARRIED

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

Resolution #10-018

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: F. Fata

11.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the renewal of the Commercial Insurance Policy 2010 for the sum of \$12,027.96 (same fee as 2008 & 2009) as provided by Patrick Policicchio from General Insurance Services Inc."

CARRIED

Resolution #10-019

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: D. Edgar

11.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services

Administration Board accept the renewal of our 2010 OMSSA (Ontario Municipal Social Services Association) Membership at the cost of \$8,557.50 including gst."

CARRIED

12. New Business

13. Old Business

14. Correspondence/Information

** See listing of Correspondence provided with meeting material **

15. Adjournment

Resolution #10-020

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

15.1 "Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.