



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 20th, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.

Russ Ramsay Room – Civic Centre

PRESENT:	D. Edgar R. Niro R. Amadio	P. Mick J. Gawne M. Bruni	L. Turco J. Krmpotich B. Watkins
STAFF:	M. Nadeau J. Barban A. Nanne	C. Fairbrother G. Grandinetti	P. Lebel D. Petersson
GUESTS:	D. Van Daele, Union Gas Limited Gerald F. Laforest, Union Gas Limited		
REGRETS:	R. Rushworth		

PRESENTATION:

Cheque Presentation to R. Niro, SSMHC Chair and D. Edgar, DSSMSSAB Chair for Union Gas Limited by Mr. Don Van Daele, Utility Services Manager for Sault Ste Marie and Gerald F. Laforest, Commercial / Institutional Markets Account Manager for the Ontario Northeast Districts

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Board Chair D. Edgar.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #14-024

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the March 20, 2014 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACCOUNTS

Resolution #14-025

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 4.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated February 20, 2014 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

FINANCE

PRESENTATION OF 2014 BUDGET - Social Services Finance Manager

D. Petersson discussed the budget changes since the last meeting.

Board members reviewed the 2013 Current Value Assessment for the 2014 Levy Allocation. It was noted that slight adjustments were made to each of the three levy partners.

The 2013 surplus was reviewed in detail. Questions regarding our current reserve accounts and balances were presented. It was noted that the budget does not include asset balances such as the reserve accounts. The recommendation of the management team is to return 50% of the surplus to the levy partners to maintain levy levels from 2013 and to set aside the other 50% of the levy to a reserve account.

As a result of the surplus from 2013 and its allocation the 2014 Consolidated Budget Summary shows as -1.83% change in the final levy distribution with all 3 levy partners sharing in a levy reduction.

Resolution #14-026

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 5.1 “Whereas the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Service Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) is responsible for providing funding for the delivery of the Ontario Works, Housing Programs, Child Care, the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation and Emergency Medical Services;

And Whereas the DSSMSSAB is responsible to levy the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Prince Township and its TWOMO partners for the municipal program contribution on an annual basis;

And Whereas the DSSMSSAB levies the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Prince Township and its TWOMO partners based on practical budget estimates using available data indicators and cost projections;

And Whereas the Ontario Works program, Housing Programs, Child Care program DSSMSSAB Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation and Emergency Medical Services are fluid programs and due to the nature of such programs are at risk of dramatic costs increases which are beyond managements capacity to control;

And whereas the DSSAB should have a reserve fund to mitigate this risk to its municipalities;

Therefore be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the recommendation brought forward by the Finance Manager and the Commissioner of Social Services to set aside 50% of the 2013 Budget Surplus which equates to \$1,013,956 to a Reserve Fund and;

Further be it resolved that the funds will be set aside in a new bank account to be set up in the name of the District of Sault Ste .Marie Social Services Administration Board and such funds will only be used for the purpose of program and levy stabilization in future years.”

CARRIED

Resolution #14-027

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: B. Watkins

5.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the 2014 Budget as prepared by the Financial Manager of Social Services;

And that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board Levy the Contributing Partners as outlined."

CARRIED

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE

D. Petersson spoke to the transfer of Child Care mitigation funding to a reserve fund for further use. He noted that the auditors require a resolution to have the funds moved to a reserve fund and this is simply needed to reallocate the current monies.

Resolution #14-028

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.3 “Whereas in 2013 Community Child Care received mitigation funding from the Ministry of Education to support the transition to the new childcare funding model;

AND whereas the balance of that fund stands at \$1,628,584 as at December 31, 2013;

Be It Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the transfer of the balance of mitigation funding into a Child Care Reserve Fund to be utilized for the completion of the Child Care transition over the next 2 to 3 years.”

CARRIED

C. Fairbrother spoke to the Northern Child Care Analysis report. She noted that information from 4 of our Northern DSSAB Child Care partners offered us a comparator for this report. M. Nadeau has also met with other NOSDA representatives in reaction to the new child care funding model. He noted that we seem to have a solid grasp of what is happening in our community and in regards to data collection.

C. Fairbrother and M. Nadeau feel that they have found some flaws in the new structure and that they will be able to open some debate and conversation to address the need for more funding in the Sault.

Resolution #14-029

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: J. Gawne

- 5.4 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Northern Child Care Analysis report prepared by the Child Care Manager as information.”

CARRIED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / LAND AMBULANCE

R. Rushworth spoke to the RTPP report and his submission to the Board. He noted that in the near future the Board will need to discuss and set the standard of service that they want to provide and what will need to be implemented to meet those goals.

Resolution #14-030

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: R. Amadio

5.5 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the 2013 Response Time Performance Plan (RTPP) Results Report submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC)

AND that the DSSMSSAB recognize and acknowledge that our Emergency Medical Services has met or surpassed the response time targets and goals set at this time as recorded in this report.”

CARRIED

HOUSING PROGRAMS

J. Barban spoke to the Child and Family Investment Fund. It was asked how the allocated values were derived. J. Barban explained the committee process for evaluating submissions.

Resolution #14-031

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

5.6 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve funding \$356,582 to the following programs in order to continue serving the most vulnerable in our community from the Child and Family Investment Fund (CFIF) as recommended by the Child and Family Investment Fund (CFIF) Committee;

- Soup Kitchen - \$ 73,600
- Vincent Place Food Bank - \$ 28,160
- Canadian Red Cross Community Kitchens - \$ 30,800
- Pauline's Place Youth Shelter - \$ 112,500
- YMCA / SSMHC Community Hubs - \$ 30,522
- United Way-Community Assistance Trust - \$ 81,000

AND that the DSSMSSAB access reserve funds to augment anticipated funding shortfalls;

AND THAT the CFIF Committee report back to the DSSMSSAB on future program viability and funding pressures.”

CARRIED

The CHPI funds are provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and has very strict guidelines on how it is to be spent to help alleviate homelessness. J. Barban and M. Nadeau addressed questions and comments regarding the CHPI funding and distribution.

Resolution #14-032

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: R. Amadio

5.7 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the allocation of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative funds for the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 as recommended by the Housing Programs Manager.

- Vincent Place Men’s Shelter - \$44,520
- Pauline’s Place Youth Shelter - \$16,626
- Algonquin Hotel - \$62,834
- Red Cross - \$812
- United Way – Rent Bank - \$38,484
- United Way- Emergency Energy - \$16,980
- DSSMSSAB Housing Programs – Tenant Support Worker - \$68,372
- Homelessness Prevention - Ontario Works - \$390,332
- Program Administration - \$25,247”

CARRIED

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

M. Nadeau highlighted his report for Board members. He commented on the French Language Services plan that must be implemented before June 2014. Bilingual staff members have been identified and new hires meeting these criteria will be sought.

He also discussed the upcoming NOSDA AGM to be held in Sault Ste. Marie. He noted that the ADM for MCSS / Ontario Works will be meeting with representatives and he would like to meet with this representative.

M. Nadeau mentioned the Ontario Works open house sessions for the public and the successes realized there.

Resolution #14-033

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.8 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the March 20, 2014 Social Services Overview Report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #14-034

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 5.9 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the NOSDA AGM material provided as information."

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

7. OUTSTANDING / ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION

- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie
Ongoing. Would like to see this settled in this council term.
- Goulais River Emergency Medical Services Presentation
All board members have had the opportunity to review the presentation package. At the next meeting this should be discussed in detail. The committee will meet prior to the next board meeting to come up with recommendations.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Prince Township Council Meeting – May 6, 2014
On May 6th DSSMSSAB representatives will be attending the Prince Township Council meeting.

9. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #14-035

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 24, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at