



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

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

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**Minutes**  
**DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2008 - 5:20 PM**  
**Social Services Building II Boardroom (180 Brock Street)**

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	P. Mick B. Hayes	F. Fata L. Madonna	V. Burns L. Tridico	D. Edgar L. Turco
<b>STAFF:</b>	K. Streich-Poser A. Nanne	A. McRae L. McCoy	J. Barban	F. Lake
<b>REGRETS:</b>	S. Butland			

Meeting called to order by Chair, P. Mick at 5:26 pm

### **1. Minutes**

#### **Resolution #08-089**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated September 18, 2008 be adopted as recorded."

**CARRIED**

### **2. Accounts**

Accounts NOT previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee:

#### **Resolution #08-090**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Turco

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

September 05, 2008 in the amount of \$1,293,686.01  
September 11, 2008 in the amount of \$32,550.80  
September 18, 2008 in the amount of \$29,516.93  
September 25, 2008 in the amount of \$51,389.16

October 02, 2008 in the amount of \$2,524,333.54  
October 09, 2008 in the amount of \$51,595.61  
October 17, 2008 in the amount of \$865,147.24  
October 24, 2008 in the amount of \$1,552,289.40  
October 31, 2008 in the amount of \$4,933.51

be passed for payment."

**CARRIED**

### **3. Executive / Finance**

### **4. Land Ambulance**

#### **Resolution #08-091**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the September and October 2008 reports from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

L. Madonna inquired about the trade-in allowance of \$5,000 and commented that he feels this is a low figure. It was clarified that this is the going rate. In the past local First Response teams or Essar Algoma Steel has purchased the decommissioned units.

#### **Resolution #08-092**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that the Board

- 1) Authorize appropriate staff to proceed immediately with the purchase of one 2009 diesel fueled ambulance built on a GM chassis and manufactured by Crestline per their quote of \$131,699.26 and
- 2) That one (1) 2000 model year ambulance be decommissioned and that the trade-in allowance of \$5,000 be applied against the purchase of the new unit and
- 3) That the funds for this purchase be taken from the Ambulance Vehicle Reserve

as recommended by the Fire Chief.

**CARRIED**

L. Madonna asked if this rental amount was all inclusive. L. McCoy confirmed that this rental agreement includes utilities, taxes and other expenses. It is a flat rate agreement.

**Resolution #08-093**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.3 "Be it resolved that the Lease Agreement with the City of Sault Ste. Marie for rent at 65 Old Garden River Road in the amount of \$127,586.90 per year for the 10 year term January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2018 be approved by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board."

**CARRIED**

L. McCoy provided some background regarding the Base Hospital Steering Committee and our need to have direct representation at this table.

**Resolution #08-094**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.4 "WHEREAS the rationalization of Base Hospitals has led to the creation of a new central Base Hospital located at the Sudbury Regional Hospital;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board communicate to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care its expectation that the DSSMSSAB be directly represented on the Steering Committee;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be sent to NOSDA and FONOM."

**CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- *Land Ambulance Expansion – Garden River Ambulance Base*

L. McCoy informed the Board that the MOHLTC has approached us regarding an Ambulance Base in Garden River. They want us to manage this centre and it will be 100% funded including the construction of an ambulance base and two ambulances. MOHLTC is awaiting the Minister's letter to commence construction. The expectation is that they will approve it and that we will then be given a budget to manage this base.

P. Mick inquired about administration costs. L McCoy expects that this will be included in the budget. D. Edgar noted that we currently provide this service and that this may actually help us to realize a savings.

K. Streich-Poser suggested that L. McCoy research the impacts that this might have on our current First Nations Funding.

- *Increase Transfer Payment to City of Sault Ste. Marie – DSSAB monthly payment for Ambulance adjusted to reflect the higher costs of service*

The City of Sault Ste. Marie are inquiring about our monthly agreement rate with them. When our new 2009 budget is submitted the monthly costs will increase.

- *Good News Topic – Pre-hospital ECGs for Acute Coronary Syndromes (see attached email)*

We are the only EMS service to carry defibrillators and this puts us far ahead of other providers. We are now looking to purchase breathing apparatus at an approximate cost of \$20,000. This will once again help to increase our efficiency and level of service.

## **5. Ontario Works**

### **Resolution #08-095**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the November 20, 2008 Report from the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution #08-096**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Ontario Works – MCSS 2008 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report
- Ontario Works – Addiction Services Initiatives 2008 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report
- Ontario Works – Savings Resulting from ODSP Participation in OW Employment Assistance 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

**CARRIED**

## **6. Community Child Care**

F. Lake spoke to the development of the Centralized Waitlist System. During the OMSAA symposium she met with the manager from Ottawa, who is the only CMSM to currently have a centralized waitlist. The City of SSM is unable to build the software necessary to build the waitlist system so Child Care went to RFP for this service. There is 100% funding available for this service and it is only available until December 31<sup>st</sup>. F. Lake would like to have this approved via fax poll in the very near future and was available to answer any questions at this time prior to the fax poll circulation.

**Resolution #08-097**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the November 20, 2008 Community Child Care Services Report to the Board be accepted as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #08-098**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 6.2 "Be it resolved that the MCYS Contract Amendment for the Best Start Hub be accepted by the DSSMSSAB."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #08-099**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 6.3 "Be it resolved that the following financial report be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Community Child Care – MCYS 2008 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**CARRIED**

**7. Community Coordinator**

**Resolution #08-100**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 7.1 "Be it resolved that the following financial report be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- MCSS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Reports for Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP), Energy Emergency Fund (EEF) and Water Filter Fund (WFF)

**CARRIED**

**8. Social Housing Programs**

D. Edgar suggested that the DSSMSSAB approached the MMAH for more funding for the Northern Repair Program. A resolution will be brought forward at the next Board meeting.

**Resolution #08-101**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the November 20, 2008 report from the Social Housing Programs Manager be accepted as information."

**CARRIED**

**9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation**

**Resolution #08-102**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Board meeting dated September 18, 2008 be adopted as recorded."

**CARRIED**

**10. Commissioner of Social Services**

K. Streich-Poser prepared the "Potential Impact on Social Services Department Due to a Local Economic Downturn" report in an effort to give the Board a "heads-up" on the impact of that an economic downturn would have on Social Services. The report presents a series of scenarios that could occur. She noted that the impact would be quickest, most direct and greatest on Social Housing and Child Care rather than Ontario Works.

**Resolution #08-103**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the "Potential Impact on Social Services Department Due to a Local Economic Downturn" report dated November 20, 2008 prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- *Update: Provincial – Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review*

K. Streich-Poser gave an overview on the items that affect the DSSMSSAB Board. Included is the upload of the ODSP and Ontario Works benefits. A review over the next 2-years in the Ontario Works administration costs and the upload of the 50/50 cost sharing may cause concern that there will be no-stake for the municipalities if the cost and efficiency benefits are removed.

INFORMATION INCLUDED:

- *MMAH – Province Eases Financial Pressures on Municipalities and Property Taxpayers*
- *MMAH – Uploading Ontario Works*

**11. DSSMSSAB Administration**

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- *Update - Visit from the Minister of Community and Social Services, the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur and MPP David Oraziatti*

P. Mick reviewed the meeting with the Minister.

- *December Board Meeting and Christmas Party*

December 18<sup>th</sup> at Root River if majority is able to attend.

**12. New Business**

**13. Old Business**

**14. Correspondence/Information**

**15. Adjournment**

**Resolution #08-104**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: B. Hayes

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm