



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

*DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 17th, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.
Plummer Room (Civic Centre)*

PRESENT:	S. Myers J. Hupponen L. Turco	J. Gawne D. Edgar P Christian	J. Krmpotich K. Lamming M. Bruni
STAFF:	M. Nadeau B. Bradica D. Petersson	M. Figliola J. Barban A. Nanne	D. Petersson G. Grandinetti

REGRETS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by board chair, J. Gawne at 4:30pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #15-078

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the September 17, 2015 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

L. Turco served notice that he needs to depart meeting at 7:00pm due to a previous commitment.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACCOUNTS

Resolution #15-079

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated July 16th, 2015 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

M. Figliola commented on the EMS report and noted that we are meeting our targets. He also noted that the pilot project adding another ambulance in service has produced a better service and good statistical results.

Resolution #15-080 (A)

Moved By: J. Hupponen

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.1(a) "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Quarterly Response Time Performance Report and the Statistical Ambulance Report prepared by the EMS Manager as information."

CARRIED

M. Figliola noted that this is a follow up to his June report to the Board. The old vehicles are no longer in service and unusable. Recoverable material and resources from the old vehicles will be resold. M. Figliola noted that this is a new supplier and the cost is substantially less.

Resolution #15-080 (B)

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 5.1(b) "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the EMS Support Vehicle Purchase Report prepared by the Fire Chief as information

AND that the Board approves the purchase of two (2) Support Vehicles at the total price of \$155,393.53 per unit from D&R Electronics (including taxes and additions)

AND THAT THE Emergency Medical Services Reserve Fund be used to cover the cost of this expenditure.”

CARRIED

HOUSING PROGRAMS

J. Barban and G. Grandinetti were present to discuss the Investment in Affordable Housing resolution. M. Nadeau commented that the resources needed to be reallocated after our attempt to purchase the Windsor Park failed. S. Myers clarified that the IAH deadline is indeed March 2016. She then inquired about the distribution of the RFP and the process used. The DSSMSSAB is looking to partner with a developer in an IAH project.

Resolution #15-081

Moved By:

Seconded By: S. Myers

5.2 "WHEREAS the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation was unsuccessful in the bidding process to purchase the University of Algoma's Windsor Park;

AND WHEREAS the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board previously approved the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Year 2 funding be used for the purposes of acquisition and/or rehabilitation of property under the Ontario Renovates Component;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the update report and the current Request for Proposals for Affordable Housing process closing on September 30th, 2015 as recommended by the Housing Programs Manager.”

CARRIED

ONTARIO WORKS

M. Nadeau told the Board that the Ontario Works increase trend is across Ontario and is of concern to all. Policy changes from the Ministry may have had an effect on this trend and service providers are not trusting of SAMS data.

Of more concern is the fact that our costs are up. The only way we can reconcile these numbers is through our bank records not through SAMS. P. Christian inquired about the Board's liability and risk in this matter. M. Nadeau sees future risk in regards to budgeting as opposed to current matters.

Resolution #15-082

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: J. Hupponen

- 5.3 "WHEREAS our Ontario Works caseload has increased 5% and the benefit costs have increased 11.36% since the implementation of the new provincial Ontario Works delivery system (SAMS);

AND WHEREAS this is recognized as an issue across Northern Ontario and appears to be linked to multiple factors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the report and statistics provided by the Commissioner of Social Services regarding this significant matter as information."

CARRIED

FINANCE

D. Petersson spoke to Board members about the upcoming CRA audit. He does foresee any issues with the audit.

Resolution #15-083

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.4 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the notification from the Canada Revenue Agency regarding the October 19, 2015 audit of our good and services tax / harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) rebates and returns as information."

CARRIED

This was originally discussed at the June 2015 board meeting but no resolution was passed. J. Gawne provided background about this matter to Board members.

Resolution #15-083(b)

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 5.4(b) "WHEREAS the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board has recently conducted a review of reserve accounts and balances;

AND WHEREAS resolution 12-053 dated July 11, 2012 established a reserve account with the refund received through the GST / HST rebate;

AND WHEREAS since that time the GST / HST reserve account has accrued funds based upon the rebate differential received between the Non-Profit Organizational status and the Para Municipal Organizational status;

AND WHEREAS the GST / HST reserve account currently carries a balance of approximately \$750,000;

AND WHEREAS the Board recognizes an opportunity to enhance this much needed reserve account balance by allocating the full GST / HST reserve refund rather than the differential for the remainder of 2015;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the application of the full GST / HST refund for the 3rd Quarter 2015 and 4th Quarter 2015 to be directly deposited into the GST / HST reserve account.”

CARRIED

6. GOVERNANCE / ADMINISTRATION

J. Hupponen commented that she is excited about the opportunity for governance training.

Resolution #15-084

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: P. Christian

6.1 "WHEREAS the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board recognizes the legal and ethical responsibilities that come with being a board member;

AND WHEREAS the Board strives for continuous improvement and best practices while providing mandated services within the catchment area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve David Hartley from Hartley Nonprofit Consulting - NonProfitHelp to facilitate Board Governance Training for a full-day session to be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.”

CARRIED

Resolution #15-085

Moved By: J. Hupponen

Seconded By: K. Lamming

6.2 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now enter into closed session to discuss contractual and human resource matters."

CARRIED

Resolution #15-086

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: M. Bruni

6.3 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now return to open session."

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

- **NOSDA Federal Election Letters**

The Executive Assistant will create and distribute letter to election candidates.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #15-087

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: S. Myers

8.1 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn."

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 4:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm