



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

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

*MINUTES*  
*DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING*  
*Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 @4:30 p.m.*  
*Biggings Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Level - Civic Centre*

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	D. Edgar L. Turco S. Myers	J. Gawne J. Hupponen	J. Krmpotich M. Bruni (left early)
<b>STAFF:</b>	M. Nadeau M. Figliola J. Bowen	D. Petersson G. Grandinetti J. Barban	R. Rushworth A. Kohler A. Nanne
<b>REGRETS:</b>	K. Lamming	P Christian	

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair J. Gawne called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### Resolution #15-027

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

**CARRIED**

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

J. Gawne declared a conflict of interest with the Lions Club and Housing Programs resolution #15-034.

### 4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACCOUNTS

#### Resolution #15-028

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 March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adopted as recorded."

**CARRIED**

## **5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS**

### **FINANCIAL**

#### **PRESENTATION OF 2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants- Michael Marinovich and Chris Pomeroy

M. Marinovich and C. Pomeroy spoke to the drafted Audited Financial Statements with Board Members. C. Pomeroy reviewed the Audit Findings Report in detail first. This report covers both the DSSMSAB and the SSMHC. It was noted that the Ontario Works Social Assistance Management Software (SAMS) implementation has caused a significant financial reporting risk for the DSSMSSAB.

#### **Resolution #15-029**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: J. Hupponen

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Audit Findings Report, DSSMSSAB Audited Financial Statements and SSMHC Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 as prepared and presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants."

**CARRIED**

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / LAND AMBULANCE**

#### **Resolution #15-030**

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the purchase of one (1) new ambulance using the insurance payment of \$77,975.59 plus \$61,084.48 from DSSMSSAB capital to purchase one new 2015 ambulance from Crestline Coach for the total price, including HST, of \$139,060.07 as approved via DSSMSSAB poll on April 14, 2015."

**CARRIED**

R. Rushworth spoke to his reports prepared for the Board's review. Board members posed questions regarding the lack of ambulance availability, insurance policies and the need to assess our staffing patterns.

**Resolution #15-031**

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 5.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Quarterly Response Time Performance Report, the Statistical Ambulance Report for the Year 2015 and the EMS Operating Expenses Report prepared by the Manager of Emergency Medical Services as information."

**CARRIED**

**ONTARIO WORKS**

M. Nadeau introduced the new Ontario Works Program Manager Alison Kohler to the Board.

**Resolution #15-032**

Moved By: J. Hupponen

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 5.4 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board designate Alison Kohler, Ontario Works Program Manager, to be the Ontario Works Administrator (Ministry of Community and Social Services) effective immediately."

**CARRIED**

Board members held a conversation with M. Nadeau and A. Kohler regarding the contracted Job Retention Coach position. The purpose of the position and the need for this reworked employment strategy were reviewed in detail.

**Resolution #15-033**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 5.5 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve up to \$50,000 in one time funding to create a Job Retention Coach to increase employment retention for Ontario Works employment projects (i.e. Superior Skills, Bush plane Maintenance and Construction Program, Habitat for Humanity) utilizing the Ontario Works employment related expense funding (ERE) as recommended by the Ontario Works Manager."

**CARRIED**

## **SOCIAL HOUSING**

### **Resolution #15-034**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

5.6 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) funding request in the amount of \$3,782.96 in order to reimburse the Lions Club of Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation for items which have improved and enhanced tenant accessibility and safety including;

- One (1) tub to accessible step-in shower kit in the amount of \$1,010.00
- One (1) automatic door opener for the garbage room in the amount of \$2,772.96

### **CARRIED**

J. Barban addressed the request for funding for the William McMurray Corporation.

### **Resolution #15-035**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: D. Edgar

5.7 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve a ten (10) year interest free loan with the first payment due in September 1, 2016 for up to \$60,000.00 from the Housing Program Reserve Account to the William McMurray Corporation for their required major elevator repairs."

### **CARRIED**

### **Resolution #15-036**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

5.8 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the \$1,320,200 allocation of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative funds for the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 to be distributed as recommended by the Housing Programs Manager for submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

- Vincent Place Men's Shelter (**Emergency Shelter Solutions**) \$133,932
- Pauline's Place Youth Shelter (**Emergency Shelter Solutions**) \$ 123,151

- United Way – Rent Bank/Emergency energy Fund  
**(Homelessness Prevention Services)** \$74,000
- Ontario Works – Rent Bank/Emergency energy Fund  
**Homelessness Prevention Services)** \$240,332
- ODSP – Rent Bank/Emergency energy Fund  
**(Homelessness Prevention Services)** \$150,000
- Housing Programs - Rent Bank  
**(Homelessness Prevention Services)** \$65,000
- United Way Community Housing Support Worker (1)  
**(Homelessness Prevention Services)** \$53,890
- RFP Housing Stability Workers (2)  
**(Homelessness Prevention Services)** \$114,550
- Housing Programs Tenant Support Worker **(Out Reach Services)** \$104,270
- John Howard Society (1.5 positions) **(Out Reach Services)** \$32,500
- Algoma Public Health Community Mental Health Program (1)  
**(Out Reach Services)** \$82,000
- Canadian Mental Health Association (1) **(Out Reach Services)** \$14,555
- DSSMSSAB **(Program Administration)** \$132,020

**CARRIED**

## **COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

M. Nadeau addressed the new Social Development Coordinator staff position and the work being done in the community hubs.

### **Resolution #15-037**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.9 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the April 23<sup>rd</sup> report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services regarding the Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy and the new Social Development Coordinator staff position as information.”

**CARRIED**

J. Krmpotich told Board Members about his experience at the NOSDA AGM and encouraged Board members to become involved for 2016. J. Gawne also noted that NOSDA is growing and that this year’s conference was the best attended to date.

### **Resolution #15-038**

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: L. Turco

5.10 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept NOSDA press release regarding the 2015 NOSDA AGM as information."

**CARRIED**

**6. OUTSTANDING / ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION**

- Goulais River EMS Station RFP
- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

M. Nadeau informed Board Members that in the new Provincial Budget there are increases to Ontario Works rates and Housing. He will bring together specifics at the next meeting.

R. Rushworth would like to get the new EMS committee together to discuss matters. The group will be emailed in the next day or so to discuss a date.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #15-039**

Moved By:M. Bruni

Seconded By:S. Myers

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

**CARRIED**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING- Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m. – Plummer Room**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm