



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

MINUTES
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 17, 2008 @ 5:10 p.m.
Social Services Building II Boardroom (180 Brock Street)

PRESENT:	F. Fata L. Turco	V. Burns B. Hayes	L. Madonna L. Tridico
STAFF:	K. Streich-Poser J. Barban A. Nanne	A. McRae R. Cobean	L. McCoy D. Pauze
GUESTS:	Brian Bumbacco	Michael Marinovich	
REGRETS:	S. Butland	P. Mick	D. Edgar

Meeting called to order by DSSMSSAB Treasurer L. Turco at 5:05 pm

1. Executive/Finance

PRESENTATION: KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants

- Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Brian Bumbacco and Mr. Michael Marinovich reviewed the Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report with Board members. The Board was encouraged to ask questions during discussion of the Findings Report and Financial Statements.

Resolution #08-036

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: B. Hayes

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board accept the Audit Findings Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 as prepared and presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants."

CARRIED

2. Minutes

Resolution #08-037

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meetings dated February 21, 2008 and March 26, 2008 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

3. Accounts

Accounts NOT Previously Reviewed:

Resolution #08-038

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

February 01, 2008 in the amount of \$42,174.02
February 07, 2008 in the amount of \$1,236,002.62
February 14, 2008 in the amount of \$20,701.58
February 22, 2008 in the amount of \$9,195.73
February 28, 2008 in the amount of \$1,001,387.75
March 06, 2008 in the amount of \$1,210,640.11
March 13, 2008 in the amount of \$41,703.04
March 20, 2008 in the amount of \$1,021,573.07
March 28, 2008 in the amount of \$89,017.50

be passed for payment."

CARRIED

4. Land Ambulance

L. McCoy was available to discuss his monthly reports with the Board. He also spoke to the issue of the Cairns helmets for the paramedics and estimated the cost at approximately \$5,000. He brought the sign trailer in the parking lot for Board members to see.

Resolution #08-039

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: B. Hayes

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

CARRIED

Resolution #08-039(b)

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB support the recommendation of the Fire Chief to proceed to tender for the purchase of Cairns Helmets for the Paramedics for Health and Safety purposes.

CARRIED

5. Ontario Works

C. Rosso spoke to his report. He disclosed some of the workings of the new OCB process and the effects that it will have on clients. This is a major change in Ontario Works and a big shift in the way things are to be done.

C. Rosso commented on the increase in Ontario Works and noted that there is an influx of people moving into the area and a weakening call center base.

Resolution #08-040

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

CARRIED

Resolution #08-041

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:
- Ontario Works – MCSS 2007 4th Quarter Report "Amended"
 - Ontario Works – 4th Quarter Report Addiction Services Initiative – Early Sites"

CARRIED

6. Community Child Care

Resolution #08-041 (b)

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

- Community Child Care Services MCSS 4th Quarter Report”

CARRIED

7. Community Coordinator

D. Pauze spoke about the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) funding recommendation to the DSSMSSAB Board. She gave background regarding Community Assistance Trust and the Community Liaison Worker.

Resolution #08-042

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Madonna

7.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve funding the United Way of Sault Ste. Marie with 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) funds for the following program;

- Community Assistance Trust in the amount of \$13,332.00 for direct client service.
- The continuation of the Community Liaison Worker for the 2008 calendar year in the amount of \$49,704.00

As recommended by the CHPP Review Committee.”

CARRIED

Resolution #08-042 (b)

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: L. Tridico

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

- Consolidated Homeless Prevention Program MCSS 4th Quarter Report”

CARRIED

8. Social Housing Programs

R. Cobean spoke to Social Housing Programs issues and resolutions. The Northern Housing Program has over 120 applications on file and is spending an average of \$13,000 per home. He would like to do a press release regarding the programs and the accessibility projects it's supported. A. McRae noted that he has implemented an accounting system that appears to be tracking this program efficiently to date.

Resolution #08-043

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the April 2008 Report from the Manager of Housing Programs be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

R. Cobean has arranged the services of a Building Inspector from the Engineering Department to assess the properties for the Northern Repair Program. There are over 80 files awaiting review at the City Department.

Resolution #08-044

Moved By: L. Tridico

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 8.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB support the recommendation from the Manager of Housing Programs to allocate \$10,000 of Administration funding from the Affordable Housing Program to the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Engineering Department for services of a building inspector to assist in the Northern Repair Program."

CARRIED

R. Cobean addressed the funding for Cara I as well as the importance of these funds. Board members confirmed that Cara I will be using the tendering process. They also inquired if excess funds would be returned to the Board? R. Cobean confirmed that they would. A written agreement will be put in place.

Resolution #08-045

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: L. Tridico

- 8.3 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve that the one-time grant of \$853,161.00 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be provided as a one-time subsidy to Cara Corporation Cara I for the urgent capital repairs of windows replacement, balcony replacement and re-cladding of the exterior walls.

CARRIED

R. Cobean explained the need for the loan to Cara I as well. It will bridge the gap between the estimated costs and the funds provided in resolution #08-045. The Board asked if excess funds are available, that the residual balance would be applied directly to this outstanding loan. R. Cobean agreed.

Resolution #08-046

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: L. Tridico

- 8.4 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the Manager of Housing Programs to negotiate a loan of \$210,839.00 from the Housing Reserve with Cara Corporation Cara I and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and

Housing to cover the balance of urgent repairs necessary for the Cara I complex.

CARRIED

Resolution #08-047

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: L. Tridico

- 8.5 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB support the recommendation from the Manager of Housing Programs to approve La Chaumiere Housing Co-Op to receive \$3,210.00 for the purchase of replacement pumps and \$23,337.68 for the purchase of hot water tank and mixing valves from the Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOORS) funding."

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #08-048

Moved By: L. Tridico

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Board meeting dated February 21, 2008 and March 26, 2008 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

Resolution #08-049

Moved By: L. Tridico

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 10.1 "Whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has provided Rent Bank Funding to the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board since 2004 to assist individuals and families who experience difficulty securing rental accommodation or are at risk of losing their rental accommodation and

Whereas the funding provided by MMAH for DSSMSSAB has been fully used as of April 2008 yet there continues to be a significant need in our community for this assistance which if not provided could result in increased risk of homelessness for those experiencing financial difficulty paying for their rental accommodation and

Whereas there was no announcement about funding for the Rent Bank in the provincial budget and to date no commitment for additional funds from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing,

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB petition the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for replenish the Rent Bank Funding at 2007 levels to continue to address the need in this community for this service.”

CARRIED

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

12. New Business

K. Streich-Poser invited board members to the OMSAA conference to be held in Sault Ste. Marie in June 2008. She had conference handouts available for Board members. Electronic information will be forwarded.

L. Turco mentioned that the next board meeting in May conflicts with the PHENOM conference. The DSSMSSAB meeting date will be changed.

13. Old Business

14. Correspondence/Information

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

15. Adjournment

Resolution #08-050

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm