



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 20th, 2012 @ 4:30 p.m.
Russ Ramsay Room – Civic Centre

PRESENT:	D. Edgar P. Mick L. Turco	R. Niro J. Krmpotich	R. Amadio P. Christian
STAFF:	K. Streich-Poser J. Bowen C. Fairbrother	P. Lebel R. Cobean	D. Petersson A. Nanne
GUESTS:	S. Candido (MCSS)	P. Baldassarro (MCSS)	
REGRETS:	J. Gawne	S. Myers	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, D. Edgar at 4:36 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #12-088

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the December 20, 2012 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES (MCSS)

Paul Baldassarro, Regional Program Manager, Northern Region
Sharon Candido, Program Supervisor, Northern Region

Round table introductions.

P. Baldassaro spoke to Board Members regarding the recent meeting session with the Deputy Minister. He offered thanks for the efforts of the DSSMSSAB. He addressed the 6 key themes being engaged by the MCSS.

1. Employment supports (First Nations)
2. Integration of Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works
3. Strengthen Accountability
4. Income Security
5. Engaging First Nations and Increasing their role
6. Return on Investment

Engagement, collaboration and meetings is the focus right now both on a formal and informal basis.

S. Candido noted that the support received from staff regarding the Deputy Minister's meeting was appreciated. It was a good demonstration of the partnership of the relationship with the Ministry.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACCOUNTS

Resolution #12-089

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated November 15, 2012 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

6. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

FINANCE

Resolution #12-090

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the following "Interim Levies" to our contributing municipalities and appropriate Provincial Ministries that contribute the TWOMO portion as proposed by the Social Services Financial Manager:

1. That the first Interim Levy equaling 25% of the Year 2012 levy be sent to the contributors with a due date of February 1, 2013.

2. Since our budget is due March 31, 2013, a second Interim Levy equaling 25% of the Year 2012 levy be sent to the contributors with a due date of April 1, 2013.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-091

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 6.2 **"WHEREAS** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board deems it necessary to borrow the sum of \$4,000,000.00 to meet, until current revenue is collected, current expenditures for the year 2013; and

WHEREAS the total amount of the estimated revenues of the Board for the year 2013 not including revenue derived or derivable from the sale of assets, borrowing, Provincial subsidy, or from a surplus, including arrears of revenues and proceeds from the sale of assets is estimated to be in the excess of \$16,000,000.00;

THEREFORE the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board pursuant to Section 9 of the District Social Services Administration Boards Act, RSO 1990, Chapter D.15 and amendments thereto, ENACTS as follows:

1. The Chair and the Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board, to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note from the Royal Bank of Canada or any person, a sum or sums not exceeding \$4,000,000.00 to meet, until the revenues are collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the year, including the amounts required for the purpose mentioned in Section 9(3) of the District of Social Services Administration Boards Act and to give on behalf of the Board to the Bank or lender, a promissory note or notes, sealed with the corporate seal and duly signed for the moneys so borrowed, with interest, which may be paid in advance or otherwise, with interest at the Bank's prescribed lending rate or another persons' lending rate from time to time.
2. All the sums borrowed pursuant to the authority of this bylaw, as well as all other sums borrowed in this year and in previous years from the said Bank or lender for any or all purposes mentioned in the said Section 9 shall, with interest thereon, be a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the Board for the current year and for all preceding years as when such revenues are received.”

CARRIED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / LAND AMBULANCE

D. Edgar noted that J. Bowen was present to address questions. He suggested that a sub-committee consisting of the 2 representatives from the Sault North, EMS staff and 1 representative from Sault City Council.

R. Niro inquired about the urgency of this matter. J. Bowen responded that volunteerism is decreasing while population and calls are increasing. The matter is escalating and while not yet dire, needs attention. They also noted at all the First Response teams in the TWOMO are in the same situation.

A response will be forwarded to the Goulais River LSB regarding this meeting and the committee formed. The committee will consist of D. Edgar, J. Gawne, J. Krmpotich, J. Bowen, R. Rushworth and D. Petersson.

Resolution #12-092

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: R. Amadio

6.3 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board accept the letter dated September 27, 2012 from Tammy Warren of the Goulais and District Local Services Board regarding their current Emergency Medical and First Response challenges

AND that a sub-committee of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and appropriate representatives from SSM Fires Services be formed to meet with Goulais River representatives to discuss this matter.”

CARRIED

SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY COORDINATION

R. Cobean highlighted the CHPI agreement and its format. The Emergency Hostel Services (EHS) Program was discussed in detail. J. Krmpotich circulated a set of questions regarding these changes, the actual dollar figures and where funding shortfalls would be covered from. Discussion noted that this matter will need to be reassessed over the next few months and possibly addressed at budget time.

Resolution #12-093

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 6.4 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Service Manager Service Agreement - Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CHPI consolidates five provincial homelessness-related programs currently administered by MCSS or MMAH - Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program, Emergency Energy Fund, Emergency Hostel Services, Domiciliary Hostel Program and Provincial Rent Bank to four service categories - Emergency Shelter Solutions, Housing with Related Supports, Other Services and Supports and Homelessness Prevention.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-094

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 6.5 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve funding \$124,790 among the following four hostels through the Emergency Hostel Services (EHS) Program portion of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) for 2013, to be reviewed and reported quarterly as recommended by the Social Housing Programs Manager and the Ontario Works Program Manager;

- The Algonquin Hotel \$62,832
- Vincent Place Men’s Shelter \$44,513
- Pauline’s Place Youth Shelter \$16,597
- And The Red Cross \$811.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-095

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 6.6 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve funding the following homelessness-related programs with Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Program Funds through the United Way of Sault Ste. Marie / Community Assistance Trust for 2013, to be reviewed and reported quarterly as recommended by the Social Housing Programs Manager and the Ontario Works Program Manager;

- Community Assistance Trust -Community Liaison Worker - \$50,000
- Community Assistance Trust - Direct client service - \$18,372

- Community Assistance Trust - Emergency Energy Fund - \$16,980
- Community Assistance Trust - Rent Bank - \$37,770.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-096

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: R. Niro

6.7 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve funding the following agencies through the 2013 Social Assistance Recipients (SARS) / Child and Family Investment Fund (CFIF);

- Canadian Red Cross – Community Kitchens - \$35,952
- Pauline’s Place Youth Shelter - \$102,691
- Soup Kitchen Community Centre - \$73,375
- United Way – Community Assistance Trust - \$110,746
- And Vincent Place Food Services - \$23,433

AND that the total allotment of \$346,197 remains unchanged from 2012 spending levels as recommended by the CFIF / SARS Committee.”

CARRIED

ONTARIO WORKS

P. Lebel spoke to her report. She noted the three (3) options for dealing with Community Start-Up Benefit funding reductions. It is recommended that the options be considered as part of the budgeting process once we have had a few months to monitor the matter.

Resolution #12-097

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Amadio

6.8 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the report of the Ontario Works Program Manager as information.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-098

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 6.9 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board recommend that the Ministry of Community and Social Services designate Patricia Lebel the Ontario Works Administrator for the DSSMSSAB effective January 10, 2013.”

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #12-099

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 7.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board continue to hold their 2013 monthly Board Meetings on the third Thursday at 5:00 p.m. as listed below:

- Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. (BUDGET – later in the month)
- Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. (Sault North or Prince Township)
- Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. (Executive Committee only)
- Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. (Executive Committee only)
- Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.”

CARRIED

Resolution #12-100

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 7.2 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board extend a warm and heartfelt THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to Kim Streich-Poser and special GRATITUDE to Susan Myers and Paul Christian for their dedication and hard work with the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board”.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

C. Fairbrother addressed the Board and updated them regarding new Child Care Funding Formula. An overview was provided earlier this week and quite a bit of information still has to be received. It appears that we are going to lose a significant amount of funding over the next 3 years. The Board was made aware of the situation and will be kept up-to-date as more information is received.

9. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #12-101

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING -Thursday, January 17, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.