



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 20th, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.

Russ Ramsay Room – Civic Centre

PRESENT: D. Edgar P. Mick L. Turco
R. Niro J. Gawne J. Krmopotich
R. Amadio M. Bruni B. Watkins

STAFF: M. Nadeau D. Petersson J. Bowen
C. Fairbrother G. Grandinetti J. Barban
A. Nanne

REGRETS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair D. Edgar at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #14-012

Moved By: J. Krmopotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the February 20, 2014 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACCOUNTS

Resolution #14-013

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 4.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated January 16, 2014 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

FINANCIAL

Financial Manager D. Petersson presented his draft budget preview for Board members. He noted that this preliminary Budget presentation is based upon program expenditures and contracted services with the City of Sault Ste. Marie. D. Petersson confirmed that the official budget will be presented for approval at the March meeting after the Auditors have completed their review of 2013.

M. Nadeau and program managers were present to answer questions and comment on their respective departments.

Savings in administration as a result of restructuring and funding availability were discussed and well received. The report was discussed in detail and the fact that this is basically a preview of the budget and that the numbers may vary when the actual budget is brought forward next month.

The Board requested that if a surplus is found from 2013 that a recommendation and options be brought to the Board along with the budget proposal. Board members will have the ability to make an educated decision with the application of the surplus.

Resolution #14-014

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve in principal the 2014 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Service Administration Board Budget preview as presented by the Finance Manager and Commissioner of Social Services.”

CARRIED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / LAND AMBULANCE

**** UPDATE – Goulais River EMS Presentation / Next Steps / Financial**

D. Edgar led the conversation about the Goulais River proposal for an EMS base. A spreadsheet report with financial impact projections of the additional costs of a new ambulance base and staffing along with other options presented in the Goulais River proposal. The intent of this report was to provide a better idea of the financial impact of this service increase.

It was asked that D. Petersson investigate the option of a 25 year buy back option to help spread out the costs of the construction of a new ambulance base.

Next steps were discussed. It was agreed that the subcommittee will gather more information and present a recommendation to the board.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

M. Nadeau and J. Barban presented the Housing Programs report, objectives and outcomes. J. Barban discussed the report in detail and answered questions for Board members. M. Nadeau commented that the objectives and outcomes were added to this report in an effort to set targets and to form goals for the department.

Resolution #14-015

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.2 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Housing Programs 2013 Year in Review Report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services as information and support the 2014 Objectives and Outcomes provided in that report”

CARRIED

J. Barban commented that since the Rent Supplement program is now administered by the Housing Programs department the Internal Transfer Policy needs to be implemented by the DSSAB.

Resolution #14-016

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 5.3 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Housing Programs Rent Supplement Internal Transfer Policy as prepared by the Housing Programs Manager.”

CARRIED

J. Gawne abstained from the Lions Club vote.

Resolution #14-017

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.4 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Lions Club of Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation receive funding in the amount of \$4,981.04 in order to reimburse them for the purchase and installation of heavy duty vinyl flooring for a modified unit from the DOOR Fund.

J. Barban explained that Neech Ke When Homes has requested to keep their surplus in an effort to replenish their reserves.

Resolution #14-018

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 5.5 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve Neech Ke When Homes Inc. retain their fiscal year end December 31, 2012 subsidy surplus in the amount of \$8,686.00 to be distributed to five (5) under-funded replacement reserve funds.”

CARRIED

This matter was discussed with MMAH and is simply a name change for legal purposes in relation to the Franklin St. project.

Resolution #14-019

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 5.6 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board acknowledge and accept the transfer of ownership name for the Franklin Street Senior Citizens Centre to Rain-One Investments Inc. from Palmer Construction Group Inc.”

CARRIED

Resolution #14-023

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 5.8 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board appoint J. Barban Housing Programs Manager with authority to administer the Rent Supplement Program.”

CARRIED

CHILD CARE

C. Fairbrother gave some background information about the Child Care correspondence between Child Care Algoma and the Ministry of Education.

Resolution #14-020

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.7 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the correspondence from Child Care Algoma and Ministry of Education response regarding the New Child Care Funding Formula and Framework as information.”

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #14-021

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the information regarding the April 8, 9, and 10, 2014 NOSDA AGM to be held at the Delta Waterfront Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie as information and that Board members consider participating in this important event."

CARRIED

7. OUTSTANDING / ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION

- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie

The Executive Assistant / committee with hopefully be meeting with Hugh MacDonal next week to discuss the agreements.

- Departmental Letterhead

This matter has been resolved.

8. NEW BUSINESS

M. Nadeau brought up the matter that the 10% administration funding available for community reinvestment funds has never been taken. In the future he would like to recommend that these funds are accessed and held in reserve on a needs based priority.

Discussion was held regarding the cheque presentation from Union Gas. It was agreed that they would be present before the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #14-022

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING (BUDGET)

Thursday, March 20, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm