



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 2009 @ 5:00 p.m.

Social Services Building II Boardroom (180 Brock Street)

PRESENT: P. Mick F. Fata V. Burns B. Hayes
 D. Edgar L. Madonna L. Tridico
 L. Turco (left early – 7:10pm)

STAFF: K. Streich-Poser L. McCoy A. McRae
 J. Barban D. Pauze A. Nanne

REGRETS: S. Myers

Call to order at 5:52 pm

1. Minutes

Resolution #09-012

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 1.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated January 15, 2009 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

2. Accounts

Accounts NOT Previously Reviewed:

Resolution #09-013

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated:

January 10th, 2009 in the amount of \$1,296,886.28
January 17th, 2009 in the amount of \$215,124.82
January 24th, 2009 in the amount of \$863,989.01
January 31st, 2009 in the amount of \$68,801.42
February 07th, 2009 in the amount of \$1,455,474.83
be passed for payment."

CARRIED

3. Executive/Finance

A. McRae spoke to the 2008 Current Value Assessment for 2009 Taxation & Resulting Levy Allocation Report. He also updated the Board regarding the status in the Social Services Financial unit. KPMG accountants are scheduled to begin the DSSMSSAB and SSMHC audit on March 9th. There has been frustration while preparing the auditors with our new accounting system. The Social Services Financial team has been working 7-days a week to keep on top of the situation as best as possible.

A. McRae asked board if they would like to suggest any directions prior to the completion of the 2009 budget. No input was provided.

Resolution #09-014

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 3.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the weighted percentages as outlined in the 2008 Current Value Assessment for 2009 Taxation & Resulting Levy Allocation Report prepared by the Social Services Financial Manager for the purpose of determining levies for the 2009 budget year."

CARRIED

4. Land Ambulance

Resolution #09-015

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the January 2009 report from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

- DISCUSSION TOPIC: Correspondence from MOHLTC regarding one-time funding for the construction of a two-bay standalone land ambulance garage in Garden River

L. McCoy led the conversation regarding the Garden River Ambulance base. The funds (\$500,000) to build the base have been approved by the Ministry of Health. The funds will flow through the DSSMSSAB. A draft agreement is currently circulating regarding this site. The MOHLTC will supply two ambulances for this service. A copy of the draft MOU will be circulated tomorrow.

Question arose regarding accounting / administration costs?

5. Ontario Works

K. Streich-Poser noted the 10.1% increase in the Ontario Works caseload.

Resolution #09-016

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: D. Edgar

5.1 "Be it resolved that the January 19, 2009 report from the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

6. Community Child Care

Resolution #09-017

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: F. Fata

6.1 "Be it resolved that the February 19, 2009 Report from the Manager of Community Child Care Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser provided some background regarding the Child Care programs in the new Algoma District Schools to be constructed.

Resolution #09-018

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: F. Fata

6.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board petition the Provincial Government for Capital Funding to construct Child Care programs within the two (2) new Algoma District School Board schools in Sault Ste. Marie."

CARRIED

7. Community Coordinator

D. Pauze was present to present the CFIF funding and reviewed her report. Recipients and applicants were discussed in detail.

Resolution #09-019

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 7.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the 15 programs recommended for funding from the 2009 Children and Family Investment Fund in the amount of \$644,963

Algoma Family Service	\$46,570
Canadian Red Cross	\$53,641
CAS Family Preservation	\$94,500
Community Assistance Trust (United Way)	\$88,555
Child Care Algoma	\$ 5,000
Indian Friendship Centre	\$36,500
Ontario Works Miscellaneous	\$ 8,000
Pauline's Place Youth Shelter	\$120,000
Salvation Army	\$ 4,000
Sault International Youth Association	\$ 5,625
Soup Kitchen Community Centre	\$98,500
Vincent Place Food Services	\$20,000
Waabinong Head Start	\$23,936
Women in Crisis	\$25,000
YMCA Kid's Kare	\$15,136."

CARRIED

Resolution #09-020

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 7.2 "Whereas the Provincial Government has yet to announce allocations for the Provincial Rent Bank for 2009,

And where as the allocation for 2008 has been exhausted by the DSSMSSAB Service Provider, United Way, Community Assistance Trust and there continues to be significant demand for assistance from the community for this program,

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB petition the Provincial Government for a commitment to adequately fund the Rent Bank program for 2009/10 to reduce the risk of persons becoming homeless and to stabilize tenancies for low income persons in our area."

CARRIED

8. Social Housing Programs

Resolution #09-021

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB support the recommendation from the Manager of Housing Programs to approve The Ontario Finnish Rest Home Association to receive \$10,154.55 (including GST) to replace the electronic starter mechanism for their elevator from the Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOORS) funding."

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #09-022

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation meetings dated December 18, 2008 and January 15, 2009 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

Resolution #09-023

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the discussion paper of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) entitled Improving the Housing System in Northern Ontario."

CARRIED

Resolution #09-024

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the position paper of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) entitled NOSDA and the Northern Growth Plan."

CARRIED

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

12. New Business

The electronic meeting packages were discussed.

13. Old Business

14. Correspondence/Information

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

15. Adjournment

Resolution #09-025

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: D. Edgar

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 20 pm