



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 16th, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.
Russ Ramsay Room – Civic Centre

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

STAFF: M. Nadeau R. Rushworth J. Bowen
C. Fairbrother P. Lebel G. Grandinetti
D. Petersson A. Nanne

REGRETS: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Executive Assistant, A. Nanne at 4:55 pm

Election of Executive

The Executive Election was conducted by the Executive Assistant.

Chairperson - **D. Edgar**
Nominated by: J. Krmpotich
Seconded by: P. Mick

Vice-Chair - **P. Mick**
Nominated by: J. Gawne
Seconded by: D. Edgar

Secretary - **J. Krmpotich**
Nominated by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: J. Gawne

Treasurer - **L. Turco**
Nominated by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: B. Watkins

Board Chair D. Edgar assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #14-001

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the January 16, 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 #14-002

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 December 19, 2013 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / LAND AMBULANCE

R. Rushworth noted that the Emergency First Response training results were very positive and wanted to share the documentation with Board members.

Resolution #14-003

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Course Evaluation Summary of the Centre of Prehospital Care for the provision of Emergency First Response training sessions held in November 2013 as information.”

CARRIED

R. Rushworth noted that while this purchase is below the \$10,000 threshold it will result in regular reoccurring costs and as a result wanted to bring forward for the Board's approval.

Resolution #14-004

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: P. Mick

5.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the capital expenditure purchase of the iMedic Analytics Application from Interdev Technology at the cost of \$8,701.00."

CARRIED

R. Rushworth commented that EMS is following the Fleet Replacement Schedule and trying to keep the fleet under four (4) years of age.

Resolution #14-005

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: M. Bruni

5.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the purchase of one (1) new ambulance as per the fleet replacement schedule at the quoted price of \$140,224.90 from Crestline Coach."

CARRIED

R. Rushworth noted that he prefers the new reporting format presented to Board members. He informed Board members that he is putting a proposal forward that the Garden River Ambulance Base be extended from a 12 hour / day operation to a 24 hour / day base as a result in the increase in call volume.

Resolution #14-006

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: R. Amadio

5.4 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Statistical Ambulance Report for 2013 as information."

CARRIED

R. Rushworth addressed the Capital and Equipment Budget Requests with Board members. Items were discussed in detail. It was noted that the Capital Expenditures would be approved with the budget.

Resolution #14-007

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 5.5 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the 2014 EMS Capital and Equipment Budget Request for Garden River First Nation as well as the 2014 Capital and Equipment Budget Request for the Sault Ste. Marie EMS Division as presented.”

CARRIED

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

M. Nadeau spoke about his Social Services Overview Report with Board members. He noted that many good things have happened in Social Services in 2013 and wanted to highlight Ontario Works and Child Care in this first 2013 review report. Goals and objectives for these areas in 2014 are also included in the documentation.

A Social Planning Council that would advocate for increased Child Care funding, the renegotiation of employment training dollars and their spending allocation are all items of interest moving forward. Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) travel rates and engagement in Provincial working groups are matters that need our attention in 2014. Board members were in agreement and supported staff involvement with Provincial working groups and meetings.

Child Care’s new funding model is an area of concern and focus for 2013 and carrying forward to 2014 and beyond. This matter is system manageable even though not preferable. All of the programs have been approached and notified about the reduction in funding and an open communication model is in place.

Upon closing M. Nadeau suggested that in 2015 the DSSMSSAB formulate a 5 year strategic plan to help give direction to Social Services and expectations in the future.

M. Nadeau also brought to the Board’s attention that Q&A’s will be formulated for any contentious issues that may develop in order for the DSSMSSAB to present common and knowledgeable responses.

Resolution #14-008

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.6 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Social Services Overview Report

prepared and presented by the Commissioner of Social Services as information.”

CARRIED

Resolution #14-009

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 5.7 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the 2014 Goals and Objectives for Ontario Works and the 2014 Goals and Objectives for Community Child Care as outlined in the Social Services report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services.”

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #14-010

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the membership of the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Board include all members of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Service Administration Board. They are: Pat Mick, Lou Turco, Joe Krmpotich, Rick Niro, Marchy Bruni, Brian Watkins, Ron Amadio, David Edgar, and Janet Gawne"

CARRIED

7. OUTSTANDING / ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION

- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie

An update was provided by Board Chair D. Edgar. DSSMSSAB legal council H. MacDonald continues to review suggested amendments to the City agreements.

- Goulais River Emergency Medical Services Presentation

D. Edgar spoke to this matter as a member of the sub-committee reviewing this matter. Proposal packages were distributed to all Board members for their review. An information session will be held for the DSSMSSAB to discuss this matter and meet with consultant Tim Kelly and Goulais River representatives. An email to narrow down possible meeting dates will be sent out by the Executive Assistant.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Departmental Letterhead

M. Nadeau requested clarification regarding proper letterhead to be used when conducting business. Program matters will use DSSMSSAB letterhead and staffing matters will use City letterhead.

9. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #14-011

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING -Thursday, February 20, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM