



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 19th, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.

Russ Ramsay Room – Civic Centre

PRESENT:	D. Edgar M. Bruni B. Watkins	J. Gawne R. Amadio	J. Krmpotich R. Niro
STAFF:	M. Nadeau G. Grandinetti R. Rushworth	D. Petersson P. Lebel J. Bowen	C. Fairbrother J. Barban A. Nanne
GUESTS:	Destination North Representatives: Justice Feldmen, Sandra Hollingsworth and Dan Hollingsworth (EDC)		
REGRETS:	L. Turco R. Amadio (left at 7:45 pm)	P. Mick	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair D. Edgar at 5:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #14-051

Moved By: B. Watkins

Seconded By: J. Gawne

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the June 19th, 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 #14-052

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 4.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated May 15, 2014 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE

C. Fairbrother spoke to the Board about the Closure of Child Care Programs report provided. She noted that through discussions with Sault College they are excited about the opportunity to provide the aboriginal daycare need with the closure of the Indian Friendship site. In 2015 Sault College will undertake renovations to expand their physical space.

A number of questions regarding the transfer / replacement of the 100 daycare spots currently managed by the municipal daycares ensued. M. Nadeau as spokesman for the DSSMSSAB cannot 100% guarantee that all these spots will be covered by expanding other current service providers.

Resolution #14-053

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.1 “Be It Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the information provided in the Closure of Child Care Programs Report provided by the Manager of Community Child Care Services as information.”

CARRIED

HOUSING PROGRAMS

J. Barban spoke to the restructuring of Emergency Shelters and the financial need for Pauline’s Place. The Algonquin Hotel is being phased out as a shelter and focus is being put on the current not-for-profit shelters in place. Pauline’s Place has been budgeted for the first time and supports put in place to help them stay financial viable and on track.

Synergies and sharing between Pauline’s Place and Vincent’s Place are being encouraged and mentored in an effort to achieve efficiencies. At this time the

Housing Programs Manager and Pauline's Place are entering into a sort of co-management system to ensure financial responsibility and management.

Resolution #14-054

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: R. Niro

5.2 "Be It Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the restructuring of the Emergency Shelters as proposed by the Manager of Housing Programs;

AND that the DSSMSSAB approve the re-disbursement of funding to reduce the 2014 shortfall in revenue for Pauline's Place in the amount of \$86,180.26 from the following sources:

1. \$25,000 CHPI Administration
2. \$26,180 Remaining CHPI (Algonquin)
3. \$30,000 Ontario Works One-Time Funding Administration
4. \$5,000.26 Ontario Works CHPI Reduction"

CARRIED

ONTARIO WORKS

This item was moved earlier in the agenda as representative from Destination North – Superior Skills were in attendance to present their proposal and discuss this matter with Board members. M. Nadeau introduced our guests and the matter with Board members.

Justice Feldmen informed the board how this presentation became to be. He provided background to the business opportunity that Superior Skills program offers for Ontario Works clients. He walked Board members through the presentation provided in their meeting packages.

Sandra Hollingsworth reiterated about the Brooklyn workforce element of the presentation. She pointed out that this is a model that they aspire to follow and piggyback with. The model creates sustained business, create new skills and offer employment options that individuals may choose to continue to pursue further. This is not a new concept; it is well used and has been successful.

It was noted that is an absolute work in progress as it evolves into what the community needs and fills needs therein. Through the summer a proper plan will be developed with a training program to be in place by the fall.

An initiative such as this is not present in any other Ontario Works program and is an opportunity to create growth and jobs within this sector. The resolution is requested "in principle" and the details will be brought forward as they are

worked out. The ask is also for year 1 only and future funding will be approved on a move forward basis as benchmarks and indicators are decided upon.

Extensive conversation regarding the viability and details of this project was held. The Board was pleased with the presentation provided.

Resolution #14-055

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: M. Bruni

5.3 “WHEREAS Destination North is an incorporated non-profit corporation that is pursuing social enterprise opportunities for an Ontario Works “Superior Skills Trainee” program;

WHEREAS the Commissioner of Social Services has been in discussions with Destination North representatives about this initiative over the past two months;

AND WHEREAS there is currently a documented shortage of traditional and non-traditional employment opportunities within the District for social assistance recipients to exit into;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the continued discussion with Destination North, Superior Skills Trainee program;

AND that the DSSMSSAB provide in principle up to \$200,000 in year one (1) for Capital Costs for this initiative and that the funding be provided based on achieving agreed milestones to be developed between the Commissioner of Social Services and Destination North, Superior Skills representatives.”

CARRIED

P. Lebel was present to speak to the update report provided regarding the Ontario Works Service Plan.

Resolution #14-056

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

5.4 “Be It Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Ontario Works Service Plan Report provided by the Manager of Ontario Works as information.”

CARRIED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

D. Edgar and J. Krmpotich led the conversation regarding the EMS proposal and resolution. The committee process for arriving at this recommendation was reviewed.

It was noted that the DSSMSSAB is not being asked to approve any funding but rather approve the project and move forward with lobbying Provincial sources for the financial supports.

Resolution #14-057

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 5.5 “WHEREAS the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and the Emergency Medical Services branch are experiencing;
- increasing ambulance call volumes
 - an aging demographic within the catchment area
 - AND escalating challenges faced by Emergency First Response Teams (EFRTs) to maintain trained volunteers while coping with call-volumes in the Sault North;

AND WHERE trends indicate that the performance gap is expected to widen between Standard Response Times for our most critical patients set by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as mandated by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC);

It is THEREFORE the recommendation of the EMS Review Committee that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board proceed with the implementation of a staffed ambulance base in Goulais River with the addition of one (1) new ambulance in service in order to more effectively achieve mandated response times and offer a better and more acceptable level of service for the residents of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board catchment area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board contact the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) as well as the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) to inform them of our intentions to strengthen our EMS service in order to receive the necessary funding and resources for this initiative;

AND THAT the DSSMSSAB consult with NOSDA and First Nations representatives for guidance and support for these much needed EMS service improvements.”

CARRIED

R. Rushworth was present to discuss the purchase of tablets for our EMS personnel.

Resolution #14-058

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.6 “Be It Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the purchase of two (2) Panasonic CF19 Toughbook tablets pre-programmed with the Interdev iMedic program at the cost of \$9,650.20.”

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #14-059

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 6.1 “Be It Resolved that Adele Nanne, DSSMSSAB Executive Assistant be hereby appointed Deputy Returning Office for the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and as so be delegated to carry out duties in accordance with the TWOMO Election Guidelines and Ministry of Community and Social Services regulations.”

CARRIED

Resolution #14-060

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: M. Bruni

BY-LAW NO. 2014-60

- 6.2 “**WHEREAS** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2014 TWOMO Election partnering with the Algoma District School Board using a vote by mail method and contracting with DataFix to provide election services;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board hereby enact as follows:

1. The "Vote by Mail" as an alternative voting method is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2014 and in subsequent elections."

CARRIED

7. OUTSTANDING / ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION

- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie
No update. It's in the hands of the solicitors.
- Richard Steele (ADM, Social Assistance Operations) Visit May 30th
The meeting was held at the Crawford Ave. hub. A new ADM that was very engaged during our conversations and meeting. Approximately 10 Ontario Works staff were also present

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #14-061

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: J. Gawne

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm