



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 15th, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.

Biggings Room – Civic Centre

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

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

REGRETS: J. Krmpotich L. Turco

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #14-044

Moved By: B. Watkins

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the May 15th, 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 #14-045

Moved By: M. Bruni

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 April 24, 2014 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

FINANCE

M. Nadeau suggested to Board members that he would like to provide Quarterly Financial reports two months after the end of the period in order to give the finance department more time to compile reports. Board members agreed that this is acceptable.

D. Petersson reviewed the 1st Quarter Financial report with Board Members.

It was noted that the Ontario Works caseload in comparison to the 1st quarter of 2013 is down .68% which is positive in relation to projections made with this year’s budget. Most areas are consistent with budget levels with very little variance.

Resolution #14-046

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 5.1 “Be It Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the 2014 1st Quarter Financial Update Report provided by the Social Services Financial Manager as information.”

CARRIED

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE

C. Fairbrother spoke to the closure of the Abinojii Klnomaggo daycare. It was noted that this provider has had challenges over the last little while and were capped in the funding restructuring. This is an unfortunate situation and was a difficult decision for Abinojii Klnomaggo.

Staff has been in consultation with Sault College to explore the option of offering Aboriginal daycare with them. Sault College has a high Aboriginal student population. Everyone is working hard to preserve the Aboriginal program.

Resolution #14-047

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: J. Gawne

- 5.2 “Be It Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Issue Report prepared by the Community Child Care Manager regarding notification from the Indigenous Friendship Centre and the closure of the Abinojii Klnomaago Daycare as information.”

CARRIED

M. Nadeau spoke to Board members regarding the current Municipal Daycare situation. D. Edgar commented and provided reaction regarding reports submitted for this matter.

M. Nadeau asked the Board for direction regarding the City’s request for more information about the availability of an additional 100 spaces should the Municipality decide to close their services. A report will be provided back to the DSSMSSAB with options and availability.

It was suggested that the June 23rd time line is tight for the DSSMSSAB to report back to the City regarding the availability about the 100 spots. A report will be compiled outlining the contingency plan to the best of our ability.

The Child Care Backgrounder along with a list of Child Care providers distributed to Board members at this meeting will be forwarded by the Commissioner of Social Services to City representatives.

Resolution #14-048

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.3 “WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie is currently re-evaluating the status of their Municipal Day Care Services;

AND WHEREAS the District of Sault Ste. Marie in their role as Child Care Service System Manager is responsible for the administration of Child Care Services across the DSSMSSAB catchment area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the reports provided as information regarding this matter.”

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #14-049

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 6.1 “Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB partner with the Algoma District School Board for the October 2014 Municipal Election and that the DSSMSSAB also approve cost-sharing with the Algoma District School Board for this election.”

CARRIED

7. OUTSTANDING / ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSION

- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie
Legal representatives will be meeting in June to discuss the recent version distributed.
- Goulais River Emergency Medical Services Station
A complete information package will be provided at the June DSSMSSAB meeting.
- UPDATE - Prince Township Council Meeting – May 6, 2014
R. Amadio updated board members and stated that the meeting went well. Reports presented were well prepared and details for Prince Township representatives.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The NDP local election office / party researcher has contacted the Commissioner of Social Services regarding a discussion on election issues. No comment was provided.

Pauline’s Place Youth Shelter contacted the Housing Programs Manager to inform them that they are in severe financial crisis. A full issue report will be brought forward in June.

Community Recognition Award for someone in the community. Just an idea for now and looking to bring it forward in the future.

Sault College is currently working in conjunction with Ontario Works to provide some training and education. Working on the project together.

Assistant Deputy Minister of Operations for Ontario Works visiting Sault Ste. Marie on May 30th between 1pm and 3pm. He would like to meet with DSSMSSAB representatives regarding Ontario Works.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #14-050

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: J. Gawne

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
(Russ Ramsay Room - Civic Centre)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.