



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 16, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m.

Plummer Room (Civic Centre – Foster Drive)

PRESENT:	D. Edgar M. Bruni L. Turco	P. Mick B. Watkins J. Krmpotich	J. Gawne R. Amadio R. Niro (arrived at 6:03 pm)
STAFF:	M. Nadeau J. Pearson	D. Petersson A. Nanne	J. Barban
GUESTS:	M. Marinovich	C. Pomeroy (Chris)	
REGRETS:	NONE		

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, D. Edgar at 4:58PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #13-030

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: M. Bruni

2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the May 16, 2013 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. FINANCE

PRESENTATION:

KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants - 2012 Audited Financial Statements

M. Marinovich and C. Pomeroy presented the 2012 Audited Financial Statements to Board Members.

The Audit Findings Report was reviewed first followed by the SSMHC Financial Statements. The DSSMSSAB consolidated Financial Statement was the final document to be discussed. Questions were asked and answered during the discussion of the statements.

Resolution #13-031

Moved By: B. Watkins

Seconded By: J. Gawne

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Audit Findings Report, DSSMSSAB Audited Financial Statements and SSMHC Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 as prepared and presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants."

CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACCOUNTS

Resolution #13-032

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated April 18, 2013 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

6. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

SOCIAL SERVICES

M. Nadeau was present to discuss his report presented to the Board. He highlighted Provincial Budget items that effect Social and Income Assistance and the DSSMSSAB. He commented that there are to be a number of Provincial Working Groups arising to discuss Ontario Works and that the DSSMSSAB staff and board members need to be around the table whenever possible.

April 26th was Social Services staff meeting at the John Rhodes. It gave an opportunity for staff to gather and network between various programs. On June 7th Senior Management is meeting to discuss unit efficiencies and strategies.

Discretionary funding allotment previously calculated by caseload was miscalculated and failed to include ODSP client numbers in the total. At \$10 per case that will be another \$35,000 monthly for use.

J. Krmpotich suggested that some of the good news stories from Social Services be brought forward to Board members. D. Edgar asked that a “feel good story” of the month or something similar be introduced to show that programs are working.

A revision in the Ontario Works funding strategy is underway to reflex the flexibility introduced in 2010. An environmental scan is being completed to evaluate the needs and current employment requirements. It was suggested that Ontario Works work in conjunction with the Economic Development Corporation to look for employment opportunities.

Resolution #13-033

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 6.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services updating Board Members regarding the Impacts of the 2013 Provincial Budget, the Youth Labour Market, Childcare Funding and Other Department Business as information.”

CARRIED

J. Barban and J. Pearson informed Board member about the history and background of the Community Hubs. J. Barban noted that the Hubs have undergone a number of partnerships and transitions but remains a success and positive influence for the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation.

A conversation regarding the funding source took place. Reserves and surpluses could be used to fund this expenditure. This is a one-time request and if successful a full presentation could be made for permanent funding. With the showcasing of our Community Hubs to the rest of the Province we could examine the possibility of submission for Provincial funding for this project.

Resolution #13-034

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 6.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board provide the requested funding of \$19,171.18 to our partnering agency the YMCA in order to operate the four (4) Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation (SSMHC) Community Hubs with full time hours from July 2013 to December 2013 from the reserve account.”

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATION

More information from Ontario 211 was requested and an invitation to Gary Vipond of the United Way to attend an upcoming DSSMSSAB board meeting will be extended. G. Vipond will be asked to come prepared to make a presentation to the Board about our current 211 service and it's funding.

Resolution #13-035

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: B. Watkins

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board accept the report regarding 211 Service currently provided by the Lakehead Social Planning Council and financially supported by the DSSMSSAB."

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Prince Township Levy Increase

R. Amadio addressed the Board about the levy increase to Prince Township and asked if there are any measures that can be taken to alleviate this problem. D. Petersson noted that the levy calculation currently used is the formula suggested in the DSSAB Act. It was recommended that Prince Township speak to Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) regarding this matter.

9. ITEMS OUTSTANDING

- Contracts with City of Sault Ste. Marie

Timetable for finalizing the Agreements between the City and DSSMSSAB

May 2013	City SSM Legal Department in conjunction with the DSSMSSAB Executive Assistant review "boilerplate" Agreement terms
June / July 2013	City will liaise with relevant City Departments re: the operational terms of the Agreement and the appendices.
August 2013	Agreements presented to City Council and the DSSMSSAB Board of Directors

- Goulais River LSB Meeting Regarding EMS / First Response (May 30th)

The EMS committee consisting of D. Edgar, J. Krmpotich, J. Gawne, R. Rushworth and A. Nanne will attend an information meeting in Goulais River.

Discussion will be focused on the possibility of a full EMS station located in Goulais River.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #13-036

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: P. Mick

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

CARRIED

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
Russ Ramsay Room (Civic Centre) OR Sault North / Prince Township

The next DSSMSSAB meeting will be held at the Civic Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM