



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 22, 2008 @ 5:10 p.m.
Social Services Building II Boardroom (180 Brock Street)

PRESENT:	D. Edgar L. Turco	F. Fata P. Mick	V. Burns
STAFF:	K. Streich-Poser J. Barban	A. McRae F. Lake	L. McCoy A. Nanne
REGRETS:	S. Butland L. Tridico	B. Hayes	L. Madonna

Meeting called to order by Chair, P. Mick at 5:37 p.m.

1. Minutes

Resolution #08-051

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated April 17, 2008 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

2. Accounts

A. McRae reviewed Accounts Payable items with Board members.

Accounts NOT Previously Reviewed:

Resolution #08-052

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Turco

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

April 03, 2008 in the amount of \$2,359,414.81

April 10, 2008 in the amount of \$30,295.45

April 17, 2008 in the amount of \$251,793.15

April 24, 2008 in the amount of \$860,290.84
be passed for payment."

CARRIED

3. Executive / Finance

Resolution #08-053

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 3.1 "Be it resolved that the 2007 Audited Financial Statements be accepted by the DSSMSSAB Board as information."

CARRIED

4. Land Ambulance

L. McCoy informed the DSSMSSAB that they are currently in negotiations with EMS Paramedics. He noted that things are going well and that the Board should be pleased.

A lease agreement will be drawn up between the City of Sault Ste. Marie Fire Services and the DSSMSSAB EMS for usage of the new EMS Centre. A meeting will take place with the EMS committee to discuss this matter.

Resolution #08-054

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: F.Fata

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the April 2008 report from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-055

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the purchase of Cairns Helmets for the Paramedics for Health and Safety purposes for the total cost of \$6,285.06 (taxes included) as recommended by the Fire Chief."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-056

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: F.Fata

- 4.3 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the Capital Expenditures (purchases) outlined in the 2008 Capital and Equipment Budget Request submission and approved in the 2008 DSSMSSAB Budget:
- 3 Stretchers - \$13,727.82
 - 1 Zoll E Series 12 Lead Defibrillator - \$37,677.00

- 8 Automatic BP Units - \$20,976.00
- 1 Venipuncture and Injection Arm - \$629.41
- 1 Adult Rescue Manniken - \$987.17
- 1 Code Simulator - \$1,248.65.”

CARRIED

Resolution #08-057

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: F.Fata

- 4.4 “Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB renew the Land Ambulance Service Contract with the City of Sault Ste. Marie Fire Services for the period beginning January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2009 for the annual fee of \$3,420,000.”

CARRIED

5. Ontario Works

K. Streich-Poser spoke to C. Rosso’s report. She noted the recent increase in Ontario Works client numbers. An explanation of the Ontario Works Budget Submission was also provided.

Resolution #08-058

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: F.Fata

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the May 2008 Report from the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-059

Moved By: David Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the following financial report be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:
- Ontario Works – MCSS 2008 Budget Submission”

CARRIED

6. Community Child Care

Resolution #08-060

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the May 2008 Report from the Community Child Care Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

DISCUSSION:

Community Child Care Manager Request for Direction from the DSSMSSAB:

A DSSMSSAB policy with regard to funding commercial operators will be required in order to consistently address any existing or future commercial operators who request fee subsidy or wage subsidy funding.

F. Lake provided background and led the conversation regarding the funding of commercial for-profit Child Care Operators. She gave examples of what other Municipalities and DSSABs are doing in regards to a policy for this matter. This will be brought forward for further thought and discussion. At this time we have no funds available for fee & wage subsidies but a policy could be implemented should funding become available. This decision lies with the DSSMSSAB.

F. Lake offered to do more research and bring more information forward.

Resolution #08-061

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

6.2 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Community Child Care Services – MCYS 2008 Budget Submission”

CARRIED

7. Community Coordinator

Resolution #08-062

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: D. Edgar

7.1 "Be it resolved that the following financial report be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Homelessness Prevention and Emergency Energy and Water Filter Programs – MCSS 2008 Budget Submission”

CARRIED

8. Social Housing Programs

A. McRAe spoke to the Northern Repair program funding. He noted that there are possible risks associated with flowing funds for the program prior to Ministry approval, but also noted that so far none of the 25 applications processed have been denied by MMAH.

D. Edgar suggested that we go on a yearly basis with this solution in order to avoid possible debt or problem for future Boards. L. Turco asked what would happen if an audit happened and the MMAH discovered that the funds were flowing in this fashion?

Reserve funds could be used for this purpose if necessary.

Resolution #08-063

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 8.1 "Whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing must endorse the payment for each Northern Repair Applicant approved by the Social Housing Program Manager and

Whereas the Ministry's process takes up to a minimum of 4 weeks, resulting in delays for the Applicant and the Contractors to begin the approved work thereby putting at risk the completion of the work as well as the required payments,

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve that the Housing Programs Manager be given the ability to flow funds to those clients eligible for the Northern Repair Program in advance of funding coming from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing."

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #08-064

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Board meeting dated April 17, 2008 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

K. Streich-Poser provided a NOSDA update. She noted that the NOSDA Annual General Meeting was to be held in April 2008 but has now been postponed. The new tentative date is the 3rd week in September. In the meantime, the Cochrane DSSAB is looking to hire someone to do the administrative work previously handled by S. French. D. Court has also been hired by NOSDA to handle some research work.

Resolution #08-065

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the Matrix of Ongoing DSSMSSAB Issues May 2008 prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #08-066

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: D. Edgar

10.2 "Be it resolved that the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the 2008 Rent Bank Allocation be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information."

CARRIED

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (OMSSA)
2008 Learning Symposium
June 11-13, 2008
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

WELCOME TO THE NORTH
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

K. Streich-Poser extended an invitation to all Board Members to attend the OMSSA conference. The registration fee is \$480 for the full conference. Board members are asked to contact the DSSMSSAB office for registration.

12. New Business

- June meeting in Sault North

K. Streich-Poser has offered her camp for a barbecue and get-together following the June Board meeting. Spouses are invited. The meeting will take place on June 19th.

13. Old Business

14. Correspondence/Information

Special items attached:

- Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) workshop
- CARA Community Corporation – Thank you letter

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

15. Adjournment

Resolution #08-067

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: V. Burns

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.