



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

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

### MINUTES

*DSSMSSAB Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 24, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Common Room - 55 Chapple Ave. (SSMHC)*

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	D. Edgar R. Niro S. Myers (left at 6:50pm)	L. Turco P. Mick	R. Amadio J. Krmpotich
<b>STAFF:</b>	K. Streich-Poser P. Lebel	J. Barban A. Nanne	R. Cobean
<b>REGRETS:</b>	J. Gawne	P. Christian	

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Board Chair, D. Edgar.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### Resolution #12-039

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the Agenda for the May 24, 2012 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 #12-040

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

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 26, 2012 be adopted as recorded.”

**CARRIED**

## **5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS**

### **COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

K. Streich-Poser was present to answer questions from Board Members.

#### **Resolution #12-041**

Moved By: R. Amadio

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Social Services Quarterly Report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services as information.”

**CARRIED**

### **SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS**

R. Cobean highlighted his report for Board Members. He informed the Board that there will be a decrease in Federal funding in the near future. The DSSMSSAB will need to make up the deficit in funding at that time.

R. Cobean is examining ways of off-setting the financial effects. At this time it is unknown whether it is possible or not. This matter could become part of the Housing Plan as it is developed.

**ACTION ITEM:** A letter communicating the upcoming funding deficit will be sent to our contributing municipalities, Prince Township and the City of Sault Ste. Marie, in an effort to forewarn and inform. It was agreed that the Annual Apportionment of Federal Funds Report and a letter be sent to both parties.

#### **Resolution #12-042**

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: R. Niro

- 5.2 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Annual Apportionment of Federal Funds Report prepared by the Manager of Housing Programs as information.”

**CARRIED**

By January 2014 the DSSMSSAB needs to complete a Housing and Homelessness plan. The requested committee would be involved in the creation of this plan. J. Krmpotich and D. Edgar agreed to sit on the Housing and Homelessness Steering Committee.

**Resolution #12-043**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

- 5.3 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board appoint two (2) representatives to the Housing and Homelessness Steering Committee.”

**CARRIED**

**ONTARIO WORKS**

P. Lebel spoke to her report regarding discretionary and community start-up items. There is indecision with respect to what specific discretionary items will be affected. Clarification was requested from the Ministry but has yet to be addressed. It was noted that there was no consultation about this decision prior to the budget release. P. Lebel and K. Streich-Poser will compose the letter and discuss the matter with those listed in the resolution.

**Resolution #12-044**

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: R. Amadio

- 5.4 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the report of the Ontario Works Program Manager as information,

And that a request be sent for immediate clarification of what discretionary items under the Ontario Works directives will be impacted by the changes in the 2012/13 provincial budget from the Ministry of Community and Social Services and outlining the negative impact that changes to all discretionary funds will have for the most vulnerable in our community.

This letter will be copied to the MPP David Oraziotti, NOSDA, AMO, OMSSA, the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the Township of Prince and the Territory without Municipal Organization.”

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #12-045**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 5.5 “Whereas the Provincial Government did not consult with DSSAB’s, CMSM’s NOSDA, OMSSA or AMO on the changes to the Ontario Works health discretionary and non-health discretionary budget items being reduced for 2012;

And whereas, Ontario Works has been spending based on previous approved allocations for the budget year 2012;

And whereas the change to health discretionary and non-health discretionary is scheduled to occur in July 2012 with the lower allocation;

And whereas the majority of that lower allocation for DSSMSSAB will have been spent in the first half of 2012;

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB request that the Ministry of Community and Social Services honour the 2011 allocation levels in health discretionary and non-health discretionary for the first half of 2012 thereby allowing time for DSSMSSAB to develop stricter parameters on the dispersement of this new fund and advise the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Payment clients, community organizations and the community in general of the new restrictions and limitations.”

**CARRIED**

## **6. ADMINISTRATION**

This matter was brought forward from the last Board Meeting. In the past the Executive Committee has acted as an audit committee. It was noted that due diligence and involvement of the Board is crucial in regards to the annual audit.

### **Resolution #12-046**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 6.1 “Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board examine the implementation of an “Audit Committee” and provide a recommendation to the Board at the September 2012 meeting.”

**DEFEATED**

### **Resolution #12-048**

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 6.2 “Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board reaffirm their responsibility to act as the

“Audit Committee” on behalf of the Board and that the Executive Committee redefine their role in this capacity.”

**CARRIED**

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.  
(Searchmont Recreational Centre)

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at the Searchmont Recreational Centre.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #12-047**

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.