



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.

Russ Ramsay Room - Civic Centre

PRESENT:	D. Edgar P. Mick L. Turco (left at 6:05 pm)	R. Niro J. Gawne	S. Myers J. Krmpotich
STAFF:	P. Lebel A. Nanne	D. Petersson	R. Rushworth
REGRETS:	P. Christian	R. Amadio	K. Streich-Poser

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #12-078

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: J. Gawne

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the Agenda for the November 15, 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 #12-079

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 4.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated October 18, 2012 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

FINANCE

Finance Manager, D. Petersson discussed the 3rd Quarter Financial summary. He provided an overview of each program and the reasoning for any budget to actual variances to date.

Resolution #12-080

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: J. Gawne

- 5.1 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept Third (3rd) Quarter Financial Summary provided by the Social Services Financial Manager and previously reviewed by the Executive Finance Committee. “

CARRIED

EMS / LAND AMBULANCE

R. Rushworth highlighted the purchase request for 5 new defibrillators. All software upgrades are included in the cost of the machine.

Some time was spent discussing the free CPR session that hosted 278 citizens held the previous evening. Five (5) paramedics were involved as volunteers with the program.

Resolution #12-081

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 5.2 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the following:
- The purchase of five (5) Zoll X-series defibrillator / monitor for paramedic crews as budgeted at \$100,303

- The use of pre-approved Ministry of Health one-time funding from the Garden River surplus in the amount of \$21,000 to off-set the cost of two units
- The trade of the two (2) oldest, near obsolete defibrillators for new Zoll AED Plus units at no cost (\$0.00), to be carried in the EMS managers' vehicles.”

CARRIED

ONTARIO WORKS

P. Lebel led the conversation reviewing the meeting with the MCSS Deputy Minister. Those in attendance were invited to provide feedback regarding the meeting. Board members felt that it was a positive gathering as well as beneficial. It was noted that the MCSS contingent were taking notes during the meeting. All agreed that we were successful in making a good impression on the MCSS contingent. An opportunity for some additional administration funding was welcomed by our Ontario Works representatives. The meeting content and timing stayed right on track. It was felt that goodwill and respect was achieved today due to the way that the meeting was set up and carried out.

Resolution #12-082

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.3 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the verbal report / discussion regarding the meeting with MCSS Deputy Minister Marg Rappolt and the DSSMSSAB held earlier today, Thursday, November 15th, as information.”

CARRIED

P. Lebel spoke to her report. A number of recommendations were put forward in this report for the Board's consideration. The Board was asked to consider each of the options and to assist with this funding shortfall and need.

It was asked how this funding helps with the root problems of homelessness. These expenditures do not directly solve the problems but help to alleviate the circumstances that result from this issue.

The creation of a policy created with landlords to help cover first and last months rent or arrears could be helpful. A number of small agreements and arrangements may be more effective than one large deal.

The board needs to decide what level they want to fund this at and support a recommendation.

Funding options were discussed for this program and the need in the community. This matter will be discussed again at the December Board meeting. The new guidelines will be brought forward and a recommendation on how to deal with the shortfall. Direction from staff on where the funding might be available.

Resolution #12-083

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 5.4 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Report regarding the Community Start Up Benefit (CSUB) Changes prepared by the Ontario Works Program Manager and reviewed by the Executive Finance Committee as information.”

CARRIED

P. Lebel noted that the Brighter Prospects report would like to stream the ODSP and OW programs. It was commissioned by the Ontario Government and resulted from much consultation across the province.

Resolution #12-084

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 5.5 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Report regarding the Social Assistance Review Commission Report, “Brighter Prospects: Transforming Social Assistance in Ontario” prepared by the Ontario Works Program Manager and reviewed by the Executive Finance Committee as information.”

CARRIED

SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Resolution #12-085

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 5.6 “Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the supplementary information provided regarding Neech Ke When Home’s Inc. prepared by the Social Housing Programs Manager and requested at the November 2012 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting.”

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
Christmas dinner at Root River to follow.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #12-087

Moved By: R. Niro

Seconded By: P. Christian

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm