



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 15th, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.

Russ Ramsay Room (Civic Centre)

PRESENT:	J. Gawne M. Bruni L. Turco	J. Krmpotich P. Christian S. Myers	J. Hupponen K. Lamming
STAFF:	M. Nadeau D. Boulet	M. Figliola A. Nanne	D. Petersson
REGRETS:	D. Edgar		

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, J. Gawne at 4:40pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #15-100

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the Agenda for the October 15, 2015 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 #15-101

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 4.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social

Services Administration Board regular meeting dated September 17, 2015 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. CAO / COMMISSIONER / MANAGER REPORTS

FINANCE

Finance Manager D. Petersson spoke to the Finance reports dated August 31, 2015. We are currently under-budget at this time despite Ontario Works rising costs. Questions regarding spending variances and under/over spending and the repercussions on the levy were held. Housing Programs is on target at this time as is Community Child Care. EMS is a 50/50 cost share and is maintaining their budget goals. Garden River EMS is under-budget as it is every year and will most likely be again this year. SSMHC was discussed with no financial issues.

Resolution #15-102

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 5.1 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Financial Update at August 31, 2015 Report, Budget Summary and Variance Analysis as prepared and presented by the Social Services Finance Manager.”

CARRIED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

M. Figliola was present to discuss his report. The \$3,000 first response grant is a standard stipend provided to the EFR teams. The defibrillator funding request is to replace the old equipment Goulais River First Response currently has for their use. Reserve funds will be used to cover the defibrillator costs.

Resolution #15-103

Moved By: J. Hupponen

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.2 "WHEREAS early defibrillation provides the best chance for survival in the event of a cardiac arrest;

AND WHEREAS the TWOMO Emergency First Response Teams provide a vital link to the DSSMSSAB catchment area to support citizens in need and Ambulance crews stationed within the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board allocate \$3,000.00 to the Goulais Fire and Rescue from the First Response Team Grant as per the Agreement;

AND also provide a one- time, additional funding request for a new Defibrillator at a cost of \$4,737.74 to the Goulais Fire and Rescue First Response Team.”

CARRIED

HOUSING PROGRAMS

D. Boulet spoke to the DOOR funding history and monies provided.

Resolution #15-104

Moved By: J. Krmpotich

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 5.3 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve Cara Community Corporation's Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) funding request in the amount of \$3,051.14 in order to reimburse Cara Community Corporation for the purchase and installation of an automatic door opener.”

CARRIED

M. Nadeau spoke to the IAH funding, once our bid for the purchase of the Windsor Park was not successful and RFP was launched to find a good candidate for the funding. There was only one submission for the funding. D. Boulet provided background information about Guardian Real Estate Ventures. The project consists of 11 new affordable 1 bedroom units into our system. It was confirmed that costs are monitored and risk is not assumed by the DSSMSSAB. The Board was pleased with the positive use of local property and IAH funding.

Resolution #15-105

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: J. Hupponen

- 5.4 "BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the recommendation of the Investment in Affordable Housing Program Evaluation Committee to select Guardian Real Estate Ventures Ltd. as the successful recipient of the Rental Housing Component of the Affordable Housing for Ontario - 2014 Extension - Year Two in the amount of \$993,579.”

CARRIED

Resolution #15-106

Moved By: P. Christian

Seconded By: M. Bruni

5.5 “WHEREAS previous Requests for Proposals (RFP) have been issued with short time lines;

AND WHEREAS this may have resulted in a lower than anticipated response rate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board authorize Housing Programs to issue the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Year Three - Affordable Housing Component, totaling \$689,715 at their earliest convenience.”

CARRIED

M. Nadeau gave some background regarding the old NCBS and the Ontario Child Benefit and SARS savings. Recommending a strategic wind down of this funding. Concerns that the Board pull this funding were discussed. K. Lamming noted that this is a budget item and would like it brought up later. A report with alternative funding options will be brought forward at the next meeting with staff will seek direction regarding CFIF.

Resolution #15-107

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: J. Krmpotich

5.6 “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Child and Family Investment Fund (CFIF) for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$150,000 for the following agencies;

Soup Kitchen - \$54,000
Vincent Place - \$27,000
United Way - \$40,000
YMCA - \$29,000

AND THAT 2016 be the final year for CFIF funding, as there are no current legislative or policy requirements to continue funding this initiative.”

DEFEATED

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

M. Nadeau spoke about the rebranding of Ontario Works and the positive steps moving forward. A video reflecting the rebranding was shown to Board members. Currently Ontario Works is viewed as a place of last resort and we are looking to reposition to a place of first response. "We're here to help" will be the new approach. January may be a possible launch time for this repurpose program approach. The Board commended M. Nadeau, his approach and the good work he is doing. He commented that the Ontario Works staff deserves credit for their good work and commitment to clients.

Resolution #15-108

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: P. Christian

- 5.7 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the October 2015 Department Overview Report provided by the Commissioner of Social Services as information."

CARRIED

6. GOVERNANCE / ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #15-109

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 6.1 "WHEREAS the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board contracted the services of Weilers Law Firm and specifically Brian Babcock, LLP from Thunder Bay Ontario to provide a Written Opinion and Advice regarding our Organizational Structure;

AND WHEREAS Weiler Law Firm has experience and expertise in dealing with District Social Services Administration Boards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board further retain the services of Weilers Law to assist with the transition of our model."

CARRIED

At future meetings a cost approximation should be provided.

Resolution #15-110

Moved By: K. Lamming

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 6.2 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve Board Chair and NOSDA Vice-Chair, Janet Gawne to attend the BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE - Meeting the North East's Housing Needs hosted by the Northeast LHIN in Sudbury Ontario on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Bryston's on the Park, Copper Cliff."

CARRIED

Resolution #15-111

Moved By: J. Hupponen

Seconded By: K. Lamming

- 6.3 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now enter into closed session to discuss contractual and human resource matters."

CARRIED

Resolution #15-112

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 6.4 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now return to open session."

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #15-113

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 8.1 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 4:30pm