



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

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

**MINUTE**  
**DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 16,, 2010 @ 5:20 p.m.**  
**Social Services Building II Board Room**

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| PRESENT: | P. Mick<br>L. Turco                      | V. Burns<br>B. Hayes  | S. Myers<br>L. Madonna |
| STAFF:   | K. Streich-Poser<br>D. Pauze<br>A. Nanne | J. Bowen<br>R. Cobean | J. Barban<br>A. McRae  |
| REGRETS: | D. Edgar                                 | F. Fata               | L. Tridicio            |

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Call to order by Chair P. Mick at 5:20 p.m.

### **1. Minutes**

#### **Resolution #10-088**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 1.1 “Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated June 17, 2010 be adopted as recorded.”

**CARRIED**

### **2. Accounts**

Accounts Previously Reviewed:

#### **Resolution #10-089**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 2.1 “Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee dated:

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the amount of \$107,725.07

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the amount of \$123,255.57

July 09<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the amount of \$2,360,762.74

be passed for payment."

**CARRIED**

Accounts **NOT** Previously Reviewed:

**Resolution #10-090**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

2.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated:

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the amount of \$2,030,368.24

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the amount of \$1,904,503.16

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the amount of \$1,332,470.98

September 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in the amount of \$233,971.60

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the amount of \$1,359,835.25

be passed for payment."

**CARRIED**

**3. Executive/Finance**

**Resolution #10-091**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

3.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Executive / Finance Committee meeting dated March 11, 2010 be accepted as information."

**CARRIED**

**4. Land Ambulance**

J. Bowen was present to discuss the EMS reports. He noted that the number of calls in August was approximately 200 calls higher than the normal monthly average. He also noted that the Garden River EMS station is paying dividends in regards to staffing levels and availability.

S. Myers asked if there was a particular reason why there was an increase in calls in August. J. Bowen responded that he didn't see where one particular factor would be attributed as a cause. He gave a brief run down on the different types of priority calls.

Comments regarding "tele-health" and their push to call "911" for health matters may have an effect on the increased calls.

**Resolution #10-092**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the June 2010 report previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee and the July 2010 and August 2010 reports provided by the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**5. Ontario Works**

K. Streich-Poser spoke to her Ontario Works report. She discussed the Ministry's launch of a new online application system to be rolled out by April 2011. Mr. David Court has been contracted to complete an Operational Review for Ontario Works on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

There are currently three (3) Ontario Works manager off-work due to medical reasons.

K. Streich-Poser also addressed the Statistical Reports, the Ontario Works Two Year Service Plan 2010-11 and the Modernizing the Delivery of Social Services Report.

**Resolution #10-093**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the September 16, 2010 Ontario Works Report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #10-094**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: S. Myers

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the Ontario Works Caseload Statistical Reports for June, July and August be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #10-095**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

5.3 "Be it resolved that the Ontario Works Two Year Service Plan 2010-11 be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #10-096**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

5.4 "Be it resolved that the Modernizing the Delivery of Social Services Report previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #10-097**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

5.5 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information:

- Ontario Works – MCSS 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- Ontario Works - Enhanced Employment Services for Vulnerable Persons - MCSS 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- Ontario Works – Addiction Services Initiatives – MCSS 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report"

**CARRIED**

**6. Community Child Care**

K. Streich-Poser was available to discuss the Community Child Care Services Report. She noted that F. Lake provided an update of the School Boards and the programs running in conjunction with them. An update regarding the online application system was also given.

**Resolution #10-098**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

6.1 "Be it resolved that the September 16, 2010 Community Child Care Services Report prepared by the Community Child Care Manager be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #10-099**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

6.2 "Be it resolved that the following financial report be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information:

- o Community Childcare – MCYS 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report"

**CARRIED**

## **7. Community Coordinator**

D. Pauze spoke to her report and gave background to Board members. She noted that there has been a decrease in people accessing shelters and returning to shelters. This is being attributed to the success of various programs.

A lot of interest in Community Assistance Trust and its funding needs was generated.

### **Resolution #10-100**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: S. Myers

7.1 "Be it resolved that the report submitted by the Community Coordinator-Social Services Department be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information. Be it further resolved that in order to facilitate planning for the homeless and at risk of homeless population, a letter be sent to Federal Minister Diane Finley, who is responsible for Housing and Homelessness, to request confirmation of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy allocation for Sault Ste. Marie for April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014, with copies of said letter to Northern Ontario Services Delivery Association (NOSDA) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)."

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution #10-101**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

7.2 "Be it resolved that the following financial report be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information:

- o CHPP and EEF – MCSS 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report"

**CARRIED**

## **8. Social Housing Programs**

R. Cobean updated the Board regarding current Housing Programs matters. He reiterated that a communication black-out remains in effect regarding Affordable Housing Program matters.

R. Cobean discussed the Short Term Rent Support Program and its inception.

The North Bay DSSAB is looking to collect data regarding allotments for the various Affordable Housing Program envelopes. R. Cobean asked the Board for direction about divulging such information to North Bay. It was agreed that the information could be shared as long as it was not a labour intensive task.

**Resolution #10-102**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the September 16, 2010 verbal report regarding the new Short Term Rent Support Program by the Social Housing Programs Manager be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #10-103**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 8.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board agree to participate in the Short Term Rent Support Program and designate the Social Housing Programs Manager authority to administer this program."

**CARRIED**

**9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation**

**Resolution #10-104**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation meeting dated June 17, 2010 be adopted as recorded."

**CARRIED**

**10. Commissioner of Social Services**

K. Streich-Poser provided a verbal update from her NOSDA - CAO / Commissioners face-to-face meeting in North Bay last week.

K. Streich-Poser also spoke to the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Report and the fact that it does not affect the DSSMSSAB.

**Resolution #10-105**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the verbal NOSDA Update provided by the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #10-106**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Report previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance Committee be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**11. DSSMSSAB Administration**

**Resolution #10-107**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 11.1 "Be it resolved that update regarding the October 25<sup>th</sup> Territory Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO) Election be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #10-108**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 11.2 "Be it resolved that update regarding the GST status for the DSSMSSAB be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**12. New Business**

### **13. Old Business**

### **14. Correspondence/Information**

### **15. Adjournment**

#### **Resolution #10-109**

Moved By: S. Myers

Seconded By: V. Burns

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

**CARRIED**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING - Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. - CANCELLED**