

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD
MEETING HELD December 21, 5:00 PM
DSSAB Boardroom, Ontario Works Building**

PRESENT: W. Pickard D. Amaroso D. Edgar P.Vaudry
D. Jones S. Lepore B. Irwin

DSSAB STAFF: K. Streich-Poser S. French

CITY STAFF: A. McRae F. Lake D. Overboe

GUEST: Gary Avery, Algoma District Housing Authority

REGRETS: W. Lamming S. Bergamin C. Jensen
C. Swift B. McHale

The Chair, Wayne Pickard congratulated all directors who were re-elected and appointed to the DSSAB board. He thanked all those who would be leaving DSSAB for their outstanding contribution and stated that they would be missed.

The Chair also welcomed Gary Avery from the Algoma District Housing Authority on behalf of the board.

1. Minutes

Resolution #00-160

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board dated December 7, 2000 be adopted as recorded."

Carried

2. Accounts

Resolution #00-161

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the DSSAB Accounts Payable dated

November 23, 2000 in the amount of \$577,285.80

November 30, 2000 in the amount of \$6,778.64

December 7, 2000 in the amount of \$3,435.58

be passed for payment."

Carried

Resolution #00-162

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Financing Bylaw for the year 2001 to authorize the borrowing of \$4,000,000.00 by promissory note from the Royal Bank of Canada to meet current expenditures in accordance with Section 9 of the District Social Services Administration Board Act."

Carried

The Financial Manager explained that the promissory note would insure that DSSAB has enough dollars to cover costs in the event that funding is delayed. After discussion with the Board members it was agreed that the Financial Manager would approach the City first and then the bank through this resolution for financial assistance if necessary.

Resolution #00-163

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the report from the Financial Manager for December 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

Financially, DSSAB is doing well. The new budget will need to be passed by March 31, 2001. The year-end will be completed by the end of February, beginning of March. Last year an unexpected bill came from the Province, a concern was raised regarding whether or not it could happen again this year. The Financial Manager has "built it in" for the 2000 budget so there should be no surprises.

3. Director of Ontario Works

Resolution #00-164

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Ontario Works for December 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

David Overboe highlighted the Ontario Works report. The "go live" date for the Northern Intake Screening Unit was a non-event and the Sault received rave reviews. Efficiencies and savings from this system are still in question.

With the reduction of cases the workers are now able to focus on the harder to serve clients which means more detailed work. David Overboe stated that the average case to worker ratio was 175 to 1, currently it is 135 to 1 and he would like to reach the Provincial standard which is 100 to 1. It was commented by one of the Board members that Ontario Works would be delivering a better quality of service with the decreased workload. David Overboe has been asked by Walter Lamming to give a presentation to City Council.

Resolution #00-165

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept and sign the 2000 Service Contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services."

Carried

David Overboe and Florence Lake were asked to comment on the 2000 Service Contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services. David stated that the contract mainly deals with Child Care. Florence explained that after an initial review of the contract she had some concerns with the targets and expectations from the Ministry. After consultation with the Program Supervisor regarding her concerns, Florence recommended that the Board sign the agreement. Florence commented that the targets identified are fine for now, but will have to be negotiated in the new year.

4. Community Child Care Manager

No report.

5. Director of Performance Standards

Resolution #00-166

Moved by: D. Amaroso

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Performance Standards for December 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

Kim Streich-Poser gave a summary of the report. The DSSAB office has received verification from the City Clerks office that the three returning members are: Debbie Amaroso, Duane Jones and Peter Vaudry. The three newly appointed members to DSSAB from City Council are: Tom Austin, Niel DelBianco and Tony Ryma. David Edgar will continue to represent Prince Township with Leslie Cassidy-Amadio identified as their alternate. Orientation of the new board members is scheduled for early January.

ACTION: The Board will need to make decisions around the issue of designating an alternate for the unorganized townships in the new year.

6. Land Ambulance

Resolution #00-167

Moved by: B. Irwin

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the report from the Land Ambulance Committee for December 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

Kim Streich-Poser gave an overview of the status of Land Ambulance.

- Andrew McRae and Kim Streich-Poser are working on the Land Ambulance funding template. There has been little direction provided by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.
- Signage and crests have been finalized.
- DSSAB will assume responsibility for the Service on January 1, 2001. Arrangements have been made to transfer the vehicles on January 3, 2001.
- The inventory review was conducted on December 19, 2000. Shannon French, John Morassut (Ontario Works Finance employee), David Stokes (from the Sault Area Hospitals), a representative from KPMG and Clem L'Ecuyer (MOHLTC) attended the review. An updated inventory will be finalized by the end of January 2001.
- Still have to negotiate cross-boundary process with Algoma DSAB. There are approximately 1200 cross-boundary calls. The issue is how much do we charge each other and how much do we charge the Ministry for First Nations calls. The MOHLTC has a formula but fairness is an issue. It was suggested that the charge should be based on actual costs. This problem of appropriate cross-border billing is an outstanding provincial issue.

8. Social Housing Committee

Resolution #00-168

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: B. Irwin

"Be it resolved that the report from the Social Housing Committee for December 2000 be accepted as information."

Carried

Kim Streich-Poser gave an overview of the course held in Sudbury that David Overboe and Gary Avery also attended.

A meeting following the last board meeting between Kim Streich-Poser, Walter Lamming, David Overboe and Peter Vaudry was held to clarify roles and responsibilities regarding the Social Housing Transfer Plan.

A contract between the Algoma DSAB and the Sault DSSAB has been drafted. It was vetted through all parties and solidifies arrangements for the next 6 months to enable the new Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation to provide administrative and operational services to the Algoma District Housing Corporation for the operation of public housing.

David Overboe stated that a resolution to hire the Social Housing position will be tabled at the January 8th City Council Meeting.

David Overboe will try to complete an executive summary.

Both Peter Vaudry and Debbie Amaroso have been named to the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Board. This was necessary for the completion of the Articles of Incorporation and etc.

Gary Avery, Manager of the Algoma District Housing Authority, stated that after January 1, 2001 the public housing component will look the same. The change will be seamless

to the clients, behind the scenes are where the changes will occur. To meet the January 1, 2001 deadline the Ministry passed transfer orders for the start-up of the corporations. The new Housing Corporation will be an independent organization with it's own board of directors. Gary Avery will report to the Directors of the Corporation who will in turn report to the DSSAB. Eventually, it is possible to have the corporation dissolved. The Ministry set-up the housing corporations to make it easier to transfer the public housing stock and staff to the Municipal level. This approach also ensured that there was consistency across the province.

Resolution #00-169

Moved by: B. Irwin

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board enter into an agreement with the Algoma District Services Administration Board (ADSAB) for the new Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation to provide to the new Algoma District Housing Corporation the administrative and operational services necessary to continue the operation of the public housing portfolio within the jurisdiction of the Algoma DSAB."

Carried

The agreement has been sent to Lorie Bottos the City Solicitor for review.

9.1 Correspondence/Information

9.1 Fax dated December 8, 2000 from Beverly Crockford, Executive Director of Sudbury Youth Services, Inc. regarding the new Operator of the Sault Ste. Marie Observation and Detention Home.

9.2 Letter and package dated December 15, 2000 from Meredith Beresford, Director of Devolution and Portfolio Management from MMAH regarding information that has been forwarded to the LHCs pertaining to the newly created corporations.

10. Adjournment

Resolution #00-170

Moved by: D. Amaroso

Seconded by: B. Irwin

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried