



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD February 21, 2002, 5:00 PM Civic Centre, Russ Ramsey Boardroom

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| PRESENT: | D. Amaroso | W. Pickard | D. Edgar |
| | N. DelBianco | P. Vaudry | D. Jones |
| | B. McHale | L. Turco | P. Mick |
| DSSAB STAFF: | K. Streich-Poser | S. French | |
| CITY STAFF: | A. McRae | F. Lake | C. Rosso |
| | G. Avery | R. Cobean | L. McCoy |
| MCSS: | R. MacKinnon | | |
| REGRETS: | D.Overboe | | |

Debbie Amaroso called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

1. Minutes

- 1.1 Resolution #02-21
Moved by: L. Turco
Seconded by: B. McHale
"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated January 17, 2002 be adopted as recorded."

Carried

2. Accounts

- 2.1 Resolution #02-22
Moved by: D. Jones
Seconded by: L. Turco
"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated
January 03, 2002 in the amount of \$9,903.00
January 14, 2002 in the amount of \$535,363.45
January 25, 2002 in the amount of \$226,723.31
be passed for payment."

Carried

3. Finance

- 3.1 Resolution #02-22A
Moved by: L. Turco
Seconded by: D. Jones
"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Finance Committee be accepted as information."

Carried

Resolution #02-22B

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Land Ambulance Services 'Grant Request for Increase' submission for 2002."

Carried

Recommendations from the February 19, 2002 Finance Committee Meeting:

3.2 Resolution #02-23

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: L. Turco

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the renewal of the 2002 Ontario EMS Directors & Managers membership in the amount of \$450.00."

Carried

3.3 Resolution #02-24

Moved by: L. Turco

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the 2001 Current Value Assessment for 2002 Taxation and Resulting Levy Allocation as recommended by the Financial Manager."

Carried

3.4 Resolution #02-25

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: L. Turco

"Whereas, the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie appointed BDO Dunwoody LLP Chartered Accountants as the municipal auditor for a term of five years at their Council meeting on January 28, 2002; and

Whereas, section 86(1) of the Municipal Act sets out the requirements for this same auditor to audit the accounts and transactions of every local board as defined in the Municipal Affairs Act;

Therefore be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board appoint BDO Dunwoody LLP Chartered Accountants as the auditor for the same five-year period as passed by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie."

Carried

There was discussion regarding audits, the length of the contract and if there would be any double billing from BDO and the previous auditors. After questions were addressed the resolution received full support from the Board. The Financial Manager will review the City's contract to see what mechanism are in place regarding and "opt out" clause.

- 3.5 Resolution #02-26
Moved by: D. Jones
Seconded by: P. Mick
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Ontario Disability Support Program Increase in Expenditures for 2002 report submitted by the Financial Manager as information."
Carried

Debbie Amaroso, on behalf of the Board welcomed City Councillor Pat Mick as the newest member of the Board.

- 3.6 Resolution #02-27
Moved by: P. Mick
Seconded by: D. Jones
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Royal Bank Banking Arrangement Extension report submitted by the Financial Manager as information."
Carried
For the Board's information, the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie will be looking at tendering Banking arrangements next year.

- 3.7 Resolution #02-28
Moved by: B. McHale
Seconded by: D. Jones
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the purchase of a new Land Ambulance in the amount of \$92,196.00 (plus taxes) from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Emergency Health Services Branch - Fleet & Equipment Services."
Carried

4. Land Ambulance

- 4.1 Resolution #02-29
Moved by: P. Mick
Seconded by: B. McHale
"Be it resolved that the report from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services for February 2002 be accepted as information."
Carried
- 4.2 Resolution #02-30
Moved by: B. McHale
Seconded by: P. Mick
"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Chief regarding Land Ambulance Transition for February 2002 be accepted as information."
Carried

Lynn McCoy, Fire Chief gave a verbal overview of the transition to date. All station renovations have been completed. There are on going issues regarding staffing. The job-postings for the paramedics positions were advertised on the EMS Website, in the Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury newspapers. After the EMS Service has been in operation for a couple weeks, there will be a tour organized for Board Members of the Fire/EMS facilities.

- 4.3 Resolution #02-31
Moved by: P. Mick
Seconded by: Neil DelBianco
"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Land Ambulance Committee be accepted as information."

Carried

Recommendations from the January 24, 2002 Land Ambulance Committee Meeting:

- 4.4 Resolution #02-32 - amended
Moved by: P. Mick
Seconded by: N. DelBianco
"Whereas there is a shortage of qualified paramedics in Ontario thereby making it impossible to recruit and retain part time paramedic staff to fulfil the current deployment strategy; and

Whereas the shortage in part time staffing has and will result in excessive overtime for the full time paramedics working for the service; and

Whereas the shortage will result in the service not being able to meet call in demands to ensure balanced emergency coverage for the District of Sault Ste. Marie;

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the changes to the deployment of the approved staffing pattern and further approve the recommendation to hire an Assistant Manager for the Emergency Medical Services Division, as presented to and approved by the Land Ambulance Sub Committee by Chief Lynn McCoy effective April 1, 2002."

Carried as amended

Fire Chief Lynn McCoy explained the changes to the staffing deployment strategy that would result in emergency cover of three (3) ambulances, twenty-four (24) hours a day. The resolution would be amended to include the approval of the EMS Assistant Manager, who will be responsible for outreach, training, and quality assurance. A working committee will be established with relevant community agencies to discuss inter-facility transfers due to changes in the staffing pattern.

- 4.5 Resolution #02-33
Moved by: P. Mick
Seconded by: B. McHale
"Whereas, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has forwarded \$269,931.00 to cover their responsibility for the severance liability for the period ending December 31, 2000; and

Whereas, the actual costs for MOHLTC severance liability has been calculated by the Sault Area Hospitals in the amount of \$374,752.00;

Therefore be it resolved the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board request that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care immediately pay the difference of \$104,821.00 to cover the Ministry's actual severance liability costs."

Carried

5. Ontario Works

- 5.1 Resolution #02-34
Moved by: W. Pickard
Seconded by: D. Edgar
"Be it resolved that the report from the Manager of Ontario Works for February 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Carl Rosso provided an overview of the report.

6. Social Housing

- 6.1 Resolution #02-35
Moved by: W. Pickard
Seconded by: D. Edgar
"Be it resolved that the report from the Manager of Social Housing for February 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

- 6.2 Resolution #02-36
Moved by: W. Pickard
Seconded by: D. Edgar
"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Social Housing Committee be accepted as information".

Carried

Recommendation from the February 5, 2002 Social Housing Committee Meeting:

- 6.3 Resolution #02-37
Moved by: W. Pickard
Seconded by: N. DelBianco
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve and adopt the local policies, consistent with Provincial Regulations, as recommended by the Manager of Housing Programs submitted under the memorandum dated February 1, 2002."

Carried

Rick Cobean gave an overview of the areas where the DSSMSSAB has local discretion under the *Social Housing Reform Act 2000*.

6.4 Resolution #02-38

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Whereas the Public Housing portfolio in Ontario previously received cost shared capital funding allocations from the Province and this funding recognized the Comprehensive Asset Management Program (CAMP) of its Northern portfolio with respect to both building conditions and the Northern setting; and

Whereas the Province advised District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) of their LHC Federal funding allocation in January of 2001 and program funding in April of 2001;

And whereas the Province in December of 2001 decided to redistribute the above noted Federal capital funding for Social Housing purposes;

And whereas communities in Northern Ontario are adversely affected due to this reduction of funding as well as a retroactive clawback of capital funds;

And whereas the implementation of this redistribution of capital funding will result in the loss of \$16m to Northern Ontario communities over the 5 year life of the new funding model;

Now therefore be it resolved that District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board does hereby strongly petition the Provincial Government to reassess the impact of the revised Provincial capital funding model on Northern DSSABs and further that any clawback of funds either retroactively or currently be suspended pending a review of this decision.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Chris Hodgson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Senator Poulin, Chairman Northern Caucus Federal Liberal Party, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; the Mayors Action Group; the Northern Ontario Municipal Association; the five Progressive Conservative leadership candidates and all local MPs and MPPs."

Carried

Kim Streich-Poser explained that this resolution evolved from the NOSDA CAOs meeting. The MMAH advised that the this claw back was going to be effective but did not provide any supporting information regarding the half-million per year reduction in Federal Capital Funds.

7. Community Child Care

7.1 Resolution #02-39

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the report from the Manager of Community Child Care for February 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Florence Lake provided an overview of the report

8. Director of Performance Standards

8.1 Resolution #02-40

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Performance Standards for February 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

One Board member asked if the Northern DSSABs (NOSDA) were still meeting. Kim Streich-Poser explained that the NOSDA structure was discussed at the last CAO's meeting. At that meeting it was discussed that there should be a forum for Administrators and for politicians to meet. One suggestion was to have the meeting held at the same time as the Provincial CMSM conference held in the fall.

9. Executive Committee

9.1 Resolution #02-41

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Executive Committee for February 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Debbie Amaroso gave a verbal report from the committee. Debbie updated the Board regarding the status of the Ontario Works, Child Care and Administrative contracts, salary reviews, and office accommodation. Recommendations for the areas discussed will be brought forward to the full Board for approval after further research has been completed. The past chair will be sitting on the Executive Committee as part of the new proposed committee structure.

10. Old Business - None.

11. New Business - None.

12. Correspondence/Information

12.1 Newsletter, *OMSSA Connection* dated Winter 2002 from the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association.

12.2 Letter dated January 29, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services - MCSS regarding the Child Care Plan.

- 12.3 Letter dated January 29, 2002 from David Zuccato, Regional Program Manager Municipal Services - MCSS regarding 2001 Time Limited Service contract - Amendment #1 Business Transformation Project (BTP).
- 12.4 Letter/fax dated January 31, 2002 from Malcolm Bates, Director EHS Branch - MOHLTC regarding De-activation of First Responders' Hotline.
- 12.5 Newsletter, *OW News* dated February 5, 2002 from Ontario Works - City of Sault Ste. Marie.
- 12.6 Letter/fax dated February 5, 2002 from Malcolm Bates, Director EHS Branch - MOHLTC regarding Contingency Plan for Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers.
- 12.7 Memorandum dated February 5, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services - MCSS regarding District Social Services Administration Boards Cost Apportionment Formulas - Power Dams.
- 12.8 Letter dated February 7, 2002 from Malcolm Bates, Director EHS Branch - MOHLTC regarding Land Ambulance Grants (based on the Base Funding Template) and Year-End Report.
- 12.9 Letter received February 12, 2002 from OMERS regarding Annual Statement Contributions.
- 12.10 Letter dated February 12, 2002 from Lynn MacDonald, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Housing Division - MMAH regarding Homelessness Rent Supplement Program; Additional Flexibility.
- 12.11 Letter dated February 12, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services - MCSS regarding 2002/03 Transfer Payment Budget Package.

13. Adjournment

Resolution #02-42

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried