



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FINANCE, PERSONNEL, GOVERNANCE)

MINUTES for Thursday, February 2nd, 2006

Tarentorus Boardroom (Civic Centre) at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

PRESENT:	D. Edgar D. Amaroso	P. Mick B. Hayes
CITY / DSSAB STAFF:	A. Nanne	K. Streich-Poser
REGRETS:	S. Butland A. McRae	J. Curran L. McCoy

Call to order by D. Edgar at 12:18 p.m.

Review minutes from November 30, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting.

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Reports to Executive Committee:

- **2005 Emergency Hostel Review**

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the report. The Emergency Hostel Review ensures and confirms that the proper procedures are in place and that the City of Sault Ste. Marie is acting responsibly.

- **Land Ambulance MOHLTC 2005-2006 Diagnostic & Medical Equipment Fund Application**

The DSSMSSAB Board approved the use of the Land Ambulance Diagnostic and Medical Equipment Fund for the purchase of a new ambulance in January. This report is application for that purpose.

- **Ontario Works Enhancement Funding – MCSS 2005 Final Report**

The report was accepted by the Executive / Finance committee.

Accounts Payable:

DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable:

January 06, 2006 in the amount of \$1,181,653.74

January 13, 2006 in the amount of \$29,636.84

January 19, 2006 in the amount of \$22,270.12

Due to the absence of A. McRae, the Accounts Payable were deferred to a later date.

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB statement of claim - Cross Border Billing

BACKGROUND: The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board has filed a Statement of Claim against the following municipalities and DSSAB's for the recovery of Cross Border revenue they feel they are owed from 2001 -2004. The DSSMSSAB court papers were served to the DSSMSSAB office on January 25th. We have 20 days after the statement of claim was served to file a statement of defence, which would be February 14th.

Manitoulin-Sudbury has filed against the following parties:

Algoma DSSAB - \$233,753.70

Cochrane DSSAB - \$60,459.70

Nipissing DSSAB - \$422,822.99

Parry Sound - \$139,296.88

DSSMSSAB - \$113,761.17

City of Greater Sudbury - \$1,124,918.93

Timiskaming DSSAB - \$47,977.50

Joe Nicholls, Chief EMS from Sudbury suggested that each group determine if there is interest in combining funds and activities to defend this statement of claim collectively. Although Greater Sudbury (council or legal) has not suggested nor asked that we take this approach it is something that we may wish to consider or discuss with our boards.

D. Edgar began the conversation regarding the statement of claim issue and asked how the legal costs would be split should we decide to join the group defense? The committee then questioned whether it is prudent to fight something that hasn't yet been settled on the provincial level or if this would be cost effective for the taxpayers? Should we even respond to this as the DSSMSSAB borders do not even touch Manitoulin-Sudbury's?

It was agreed that the DSSMSSAB should initially become a part of the defense group in order to get consultation. It was then suggested that a conference call be held among the group to find out cost details. We will commit "in principal" to the group defense but insist that the cost details be determined before proceeding. A. Nanne will contact the Mr. O'Hara from Miller, Maki LLP in Sudbury also provide a copy of the Statement of Claim to the City of Sault Ste. Marie Legal representative, Lorie Bottos.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 16th, 2006. It was agreed that the date should be changed to Wednesday 15th subject to the availability of our auditor Gabe Stefanizzi.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.