

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD
MEETING HELD January 17, 2002, 5:00 PM
Civic Centre, Russ Ramsey Boardroom**

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

Kim Streich-Poser, Director of Performance Standards called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

Election of Executive Officers

Kim made a call for nominations for the position of Chair. Debbie Amaroso was nominated by Wayne Pickard and seconded by Duane Jones. Wayne Pickard made a motion that the nominations be closed, Lou Turco seconded that motion. Debbie Amaroso accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair for year the 2002.

Kim made a call for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. David Edgar was nominated by Debbie Amaroso and seconded by Peter Vaudry. Brent McHale was nominated by Wayne Pickard and seconded by Neil DelBianco. Wayne Pickard made a motion that the nominations be closed, Neil DelBianco seconded that motion. The Board voted by secret ballot. David Edgar was voted Vice-Chair for the year 2002.

Kim made a call for nomination for the position of Secretary. After three (3) calls for nominations there were no nominations brought forward. Kim asked Peter Vaudry, the current Secretary, if he would be interested in continuing in the position for the year 2002. Peter Vaudry agreed to continue in the capacity of Secretary for the year 2002.

Kim made a call for nomination for the position of Treasurer. After three (3) calls for nominations there were no nominations brought forward. Kim asked Duane Jones, the current Treasurer, if he would be interested in continuing in the position for the year 2002. Duane Jones agreed to continue in the capacity of Treasurer for the year 2002.

Kim Streich-Poser made a presentation to the Past-Chair, Wayne Pickard. Kim thanked Wayne for his contributions and hard work towards the DSSMSSAB. A part of the gavel had been engraved with the years that Wayne held the position of Chair (1999-2001).

Kim turned the meeting over to the 2002 Chair. Debbie Amaroso called the meeting to business order at 5:15pm.

Presentation to the Board:

Dree Pauze, Special Services Unit Manager – Ontario Works and Norm Jaehrling, Consultant - The Possibilities Group gave a power point presentation to the Board regarding the document and initiative: A Community Plan to Prevent and Ameliorate Homelessness in the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Resolution #02-01a

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the Community Plan on Homelessness and support the use of the Provincial Homelessness Initiative Fund as part of the Community Contribution."

Carried

Debbie thanked the presenters for the presentation.

1. Minutes

Resolution #02-01b

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated December 20, 2001 be adopted as recorded."

Carried

2. Accounts

Resolution #02-02

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

December 20, 2001 in the amount of \$661,837.26

December 28, 2001 in the amount of \$1,333,410.79

be passed for payment."

Carried

3. Finance

Reports from the Financial Manager:

Resolution #02-03

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: L. Turco

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Ontario Works, 3rd Quarter Report for 2001 as information."

Carried

Resolution #02-04

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the following "interim levies" as submitted by the Financial Manager;

1. That a 1st Interim Levy equal to 25% of the Year 2001 levy be sent to the contributors with a due date of February 1, 2002;
2. Since our budget is due March 31, 2002, a 2nd Interim Levy equal to 25% of the Year 2001 levy be sent to the contributors with a due date of April 2, 2002."

Carried

David Edgar stated that the due dates might be an issue for the Township of Prince. A. McRae, Social Services Finance Manager indicated that any issues could be accommodated.

Resolution #02-05

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the Chair, Debbie Amaroso and the Vice-Chair, David Edgar be authorized as co-signers for the signature plates".

Carried

Resolution #02-06

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board let the current signing authorities stand until the new signature plates arrive."

Carried

Resolution #02-07

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the renewal of the 2002 Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) membership in the amount of \$3,775.00."

Carried

David Overboe explained that this is an annual renewal for the membership. The OMSSA membership is a valuable membership that provides continuous updates and interpretations on a number of relevant legislations.

4. Land Ambulance

Resolution #02-08

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: L. Turco

"Be it resolved that the report from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services for January 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

There was a question raised regarding the fuel costs; some of the vehicles have almost double the mileage recorded but less fuel consumption. **ACTION:** Kim Streich-Poser will follow-up with the EMS Manager and report back to the Board.

Resolution #02-09

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Chief regarding Land Ambulance Transition for January 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Lynn McCoy, Fire Chief gave a verbal summary of the transition to date. (An updated Land Ambulance Workplan is available from the DSSMSSAB office.)

5. Ontario Works

Resolution #02-10

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: L. Turco

"Be it resolved that the report from the Manager of Ontario Works for January 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Carl Rosso gave a summary of his report.

6. Social Housing

Resolution #02-11

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the report from the Manager of Social Housing for January 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Gary Avery gave an overview of the report.

7. Community Child Care

Resolution #02-12

Moved by: L. Turco

Seconded by: D. Jones

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

Carried

Florence Lake, Community Child Care Manager gave an overhead presentation to the Board regarding the Ontario's Early Years Plan & Centres. (Copies of the presentation slides are available from the DSSMSSAB office).

8. Director of Performance Standards

Resolution #02-13

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: D. Jones

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

Carried

Kim Streich-Poser gave an overview of the report.

There was an inquiry from a Board Member if there had been any update received from the City of Sault Ste. Marie regarding the status of the CMSM issue.

9. Old Business - None.

10. New Business

Brent McHale declared a conflict and left the meeting.

Resolution #02-14

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: L. Turco

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board shall now go into a closed session to discuss one item concerning a potential legal matter".

Carried

Resolution #02-15

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: L. Turco

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board shall now enter back into open session".

Carried

11. Correspondence/Information

11.1 Newsletter, *Ontario Prehospital Advanced Life Support Study (OPALS)* dated December 2001.

11.2 Newsletter, *BTP News* dated December 2001.

11.3 Memorandum dated January 2, 2002 from David Chan, Manager Financial Administration Section Social Housing Branch – MMAH regarding Mortgage Renewal Process – Social Housing Projects.

11.4 Letter dated December 14, 2001 from Patti Redmond, Director Social Housing Branch – MMAH regarding Rent Supplement Homelessness Program.

11.5 Letter dated December 19, 2001 from Patti Redmond, Director Social Housing Branch – MMAH regarding Investment Program for Replacement Reserves.

11.6 Letter dated January 2, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor – MCSS regarding the remaining funds for the Eligibility Review Officer position.

11.7 Letter dated January 3, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor – MCSS regarding the approval of the funding request for remaining 2001 PHIF funds to be used by the Community Assistance Trust Committee.

11.8 Letter dated January 3, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor – MCSS regarding the approval of Child Care Fee Subsidies for the one-time health and safety issues.

12. Adjournment

Resolution #02-16

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

