



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

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

**MINUTES for the  
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, March 15, 2007 - 5:20 PM  
Social Housing Boardroom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Level (180 Brock Street)**

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**PRESENT:**

<i>P. Mick</i>	<i>D. Edgar</i>	<i>L. Turco</i>
<i>F. Fata</i>	<i>L. Madonna</i>	<i>B. Hayes</i>
<i>L. Tridico</i>	<i>S. Butland</i>	

**CITY / DSSAB STAFF:**

<i>K. Streich-Poser</i>	<i>A. McRae</i>	<i>L. McCoy</i>
<i>A. Nanne</i>		

**REGRETS:** *P. Mick*

The meeting was called to order at 5:26 p.m.

### **1. Minutes**

#### **Resolution #07-017**

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated February 1, 2007 be adopted as recorded."

**CARRIED**

### **2. Accounts**

Accounts NOT previously reviewed by the Executive Committee

#### **Resolution #07-018**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

January 25, 2007 in the amount of \$4,770.26  
February 01, 2007 in the amount of \$18,728.70  
February 08, 2007 in the amount of \$1,240,662.65  
February 15, 2007 in the amount of \$3,609.38  
February 22, 2007 in the amount of \$786,840.20  
March 01, 2007 in the amount of \$345.60

be passed for payment."

**CARRIED**

### **3. Executive/Finance**

### **4. Land Ambulance**

L. McCoy spoke to his report and noted that overtime hours have decrease dramatically with the implementation of new policies.

Board members inquired about the 2007 Budget figures quoted in the report. L. McCoy confirmed that these figures have yet to be approved and are included in the budget submission to the DSSMSSAB.

#### **Resolution #07-019**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the January 2007 and February 2007 reports from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution #07-020**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that Board accept the written summary prepared by the DSSMSSAB Executive Assistant providing an update on the status of the current First Nations / Cross Border Billing situation be accepted as information."

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution #07-021**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 4.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board renew the Letter of Agreement with the Sault Area Hospital Base Hospital Program and the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Services – EMS Division effective April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008."

**CARRIED**

### **5. Ontario Works**

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the Ontario Works reports and matters.

**Resolution #07-022**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the report prepared by the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

K. Streich-Poser spoke about the dental contract with the Algoma Health Unit for Ontario Works and ODSP clients. At this time, the payment rates are so low that most dentists refuse to handle Ontario Works and ODSP clients. The new proposed agreement will increase dentist involvement and care for clients. This agreement will also increase the administration fees paid from 5% to 10% for the Algoma Health Unit to provide this service and cover their costs.

Board members asked for a dollar figure attached to the 5% increase for administration. A. McRae will report back. Board members commented that they found this issue "disturbing".

**Resolution #07-023**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 5.2 "Whereas it has become increasingly difficult for Ontario Works clients to secure dental care due to the low rates authorized by MCSS and

Whereas the DSSMSSAB has to pay the MCSS rates for children that are OW and ODSP clients and

Whereas the adult rates can be set by the DSSMSSAB

Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board renew the contract with the Algoma Health Unit for the provision of Dental Benefits for Ontario Works adult clients at the new rates recommended by the Ontario Works Program Manager and the Special Service Unit Manager."

**CARRIED**

A. McRae spoke to the I.T. / PC Technical / Network Support Agreement for with the City of Sault Ste. Marie and clarified that this is a continued arrangement with the City Information Technology Department to provide technical support to Ontario Works.

**Resolution #07-024**

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 5.3 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept and sign the I.T. / PC Technical / Network Support Agreement for with the City of Sault Ste. Marie for January 1, 2007 to May 31, 2009 at the annual cost of \$160,407.93."

**CARRIED**

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the Ontario Works 4<sup>th</sup> and addiction Services 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reports.

**Resolution #07-025**

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 5.4 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:
- Ontario Works MCSS 2006 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report
  - Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiatives 2006 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report

**CARRIED**

**6. Community Child Care**

**Resolution #07-026**

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the report prepared by the Community Child Care Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**7. Community Coordinator**

**8. Social Housing Programs**

**Resolution #07-027**

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 8.1 "Be it resolved that the report prepared by the Social Housing Programs Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

K. Streich-Poser informed Board Members that the City of Sault Ste. Marie Legal Department has reviewed the agreements listed below.

**Resolution #07-028**

Moved By: L. Madonna  
Seconded By: F. Fata

- 8.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Canada-Ontario New Affordable Housing Program (2003) Northern Component Service Manager Funding Delivery Administration Agreement as recommended by the Social Housing Program Manager."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #07-029**

Moved By: V. Burns  
Seconded By: F. Fata

- 8.3 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Canada-Ontario New Affordable Housing Program (2003) Homeownership Component Service Manager Funding Delivery Administration Agreement as recommended by the Social Housing Programs Manager."

**CARRIED**

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

**Resolution #07-030**

Moved By: F. Fata  
Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Meetings held February 1, 2007 and February 15, 2007 be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**10. Commissioner of Social Services**

Board members agreed that the ODSP resolution is "common sense" and would like to see affirmative action take place.

**Resolution #07-031**

Moved By: L. Madonna  
Seconded By: F. Fata

- 10.1 "Where as the Premier Dalton McGuinty announced that the Province and the Association of Municipalities would be undertaking a provincial municipal fiscal service review over the next two years to review the fiscal and service imbalance between the province and the municipal sector and

Whereas the Ontario Disability Support Program is a provincially administered program that bills the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) 20% for the cost of benefits and 50% for the costs of administration and

Whereas the costs over the last six years for the for the ODSP program have increase significantly since the funding for this program was devolved in 1997 for all Northern Ontario Service Deliverers and

Whereas the province is apparently offsetting these costs to municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund resulting in unnecessary administration and bureaucracy to transfer funds from the province to the municipalities, to the DSSABs and back to the province,

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB recommend to the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Service Review Committee that all costs for the Ontario Disability Support Program be uploaded to the province thereby reducing the burden of ODSP on the municipal tax base where the OMPF is insufficient in offsetting costs as well as eliminating administrative and bureaucratic red tape associated with the multiple transfers of funds that end up back with the province and that this resolution be forwarded to NOSDA for their support at the Annual General Meeting in April 2007 and to member municipalities."

**CARRIED**

## **11. DSSMSSAB Administration**

A. McRae informed Board Members that the audit is drawing to a close and hopes to have their approval before processing the finalized budget.

### **Resolution #07-032**

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: V. Burns

11.1 "Be it resolved that a special DSSMSSAB Board meeting be held on the evening of Thursday, March 29, 2007 to review the 2007 DSSMSSAB Budget."

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution #07-033**

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: F. Fata

11.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB designate David Edgar and Lou Turco as it's representatives to travel to and attend the 2007 Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Annual General Meeting to be held in North Bay, Ontario on April 2, 3 and 4."

**CARRIED**

**12. New Business**

**13. Old Business**

**14. Correspondence/Information**

\*\* See listing of Correspondence provided with meeting material \*\*

**15. Adjournment**

**Resolution #07-034**

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

