

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD
MEETING HELD May 10, 2001, 5:00 PM
Civic Centre, Council Chambers**

PRESENT:	W. Pickard D. Jones N. DelBianco	D. Amaroso T. Ryma	D. Edgar P. Vaudry
DSSAB STAFF:	K. Streich-Poser	S. French	
CITY STAFF:	A. McRae R. Cobean	F. Lake	D. Overboe
SAULT AREA HOSPITALS:	D. Stokes		
MCSS:	R. MacKinnon		
REGRETS:	B. McHale	T. Austin	W. Lamming

Wayne Pickard called the meeting to order at 5:12pm

1. Minutes

Resolution #01-81

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: T. Ryma

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated April 19, 2001 be adopted as recorded."

Carried

2. Accounts

Resolution #01-82

Moved by: T. Ryma

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the DSSAB Accounts Payable dated

March 22, 2001 in the amount of \$85,367.00

March 29, 2001 in the amount of \$426,259.42

April 5, 2001 in the amount of \$1,124,226.75

April 11, 2001 in the amount of \$440,850.62

April 20, 2001 in the amount of \$355,391.60

April 26, 2001 in the amount of \$7,196.25

be passed for payment."

Carried

3. Finance Committee

Resolution #01-83

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: T. Ryma

"Be it resolved that the report from the Finance Committee for May 2001 be accepted as information."

Carried

Debbie Amaroso gave a verbal report. The Finance Committee had met earlier in the afternoon (10/05/01). Dave Edgar, Land Ambulance Committee Chair attended the meeting to discuss contract tendering/RFP process, as referred by the Land Ambulance Committee. After a lengthy discussion, representatives from both committees agreed that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board should extend the current contract with the Sault Area Hospitals by one year. This would allow the DSSAB to consult with key stakeholders regarding long term plans for Land Ambulance Service Delivery. The Finance Committee also reviewed a report from the Director of Performance Standards regarding the Provincial Homelessness Initiatives Fund. The report recommended that a new service agreement be signed with the Community Housing Association of Sault Ste. Marie to continue to fund the Mobile Support Worker position. As part of the responsibilities, the Mobile Support Worker will continue to monitor the Housing Registry and Rent Bank. The Finance Committee agreed to support the proposal until December 31, 2001 and would not guarantee funding for future years. The Finance Committee would like to see future PHIF funding used to reflect the criteria that DSSAB had set out for this fund.

Recommendations from the May 10, 2001 Finance Committee:

Resolution #01-84

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the MCSS 2001 Budget Submission for:

1. Community Childcare
2. Homelessness Initiatives
3. Eligibility Review Officer
4. Enhanced Family Support
5. Ontario Works Childcare"

Carried

Resolution #01-85

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve and negotiate a one year extension to the current contract for Land Ambulance Services with the Sault Area Hospitals."

Carried

A one year extension to the current contract would mean an end date of December 31, 2002.

Resolution #01-86

Moved by: N. DelBianco

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board postpone pursuing a tendering process for Land Ambulance Services until further consultation with key stakeholders is completed."

Carried

There was discussion regarding postponing the tendering process and what the new consultation process/approach would be. Discussion revolved around consultation with stakeholders, negotiations, and the existing contract. It was decided that the Land Ambulance Committee would meet to discuss the new approach and report back to the Board with recommendations.

Resolution #01-87

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: T. Ryma

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve \$48,504 of the 2001 Provincial Homelessness Initiative Fund to support the Community Housing Association of Sault Ste. Marie Mobile Housing Support Worker program until December 31, 2001. Future funding (2002) for this position will not be guaranteed."

Carried

4. District of Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services Report

Resolution #01-88

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: T. Ryma

"Be it resolved that the report from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services for May 2001 be accepted as information."

Carried

Kim Streich-Poser gave an overview of the EMS report as submitted by Sault Area Hospitals.

5. Director of Ontario Works

Resolution #01-89

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: T. Ryma

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Ontario Works for May 2001 be accepted as information."

Carried

David Overboe gave a brief summary of the report. The Service Delivery Model Technology (SDMT) training is in full swing and the release date is on schedule for September 10, 2001. Training will require a significant amount of staff time. On May 3rd, 2001 there was a media announcement that there will be mandatory drug and literacy testing of clients. Five pilot sites will be established for the program. Ontario Works is developing programs with the Canadian Hearing Society and the Ontario March of Dimes for multiple barrier clients.

6. Social Housing

Resolution #01-90

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the Social Housing report from the Director of Ontario Works for May 2001 be accepted as information."

Carried

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing have provided feedback for the draft Social Housing Joint Local Transfer Plan on May 9, 2001. The JLTP was revised and will be forwarded with a letter of intent by the deadline date of May 14, 2001.

Resolution #01-91

Moved by: N. DelBianco

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Social Housing Joint Local Transfer Plan for submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing."

Carried

7. Community Child Care Manager

Resolution #01-92

Moved by: D. Jones

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the report from the Child Care Manager for May 2001 be accepted as information."

Carried

Florence Lake gave an overview of the report. After the Program Review/Audit is completed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services Florence will provide a copy of the written report to the Board. Although it has had numerous problems, the Ontario Child Care Management System is up and running. When adjustments have been made to the system and it is operating properly DSSAB will be provided with custom generated reports.

8. Director of Performance Standards

Resolution #01-93

Moved by: N. DelBianco

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Performance Standards for May 2001 be accepted as information."

Carried

Kim Streich-Poser reported on a number of committee meetings that have occurred since the last board meeting. The Director of Performance Standards met with Batchawana, Goulais and Aweres Fire Chiefs and representatives from Sault Search and Rescue to discuss and review the agreement for First Response Teams. A number of concerned citizens from Searchmont have been calling and writing letters to the DSSAB Chair and office regarding which group the DSSAB will contract with as a First

Response Team. Representatives from Searchmont have requested to present at the June 21, 2001 Board meeting.

9. Land Ambulance Committee

Resolution #01-94

Moved by: N. DelBianco

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the report from the Land Ambulance Committee for May 2001 be accepted as information."

Carried

David Edgar gave a verbal report.

Peter Vaudry verbally resigned from the Land Ambulance Committee, a number of Board Members requested that he reconsider.

10. Constitution, Bylaws and Policies Committee

Resolution #01-95

Moved by: N. DelBianco

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the report from the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies Committee for May 2001 be accepted as information."

Carried

Peter Vaudry gave a verbal report. The committee had a good meeting. Once all the potential changes have been formalized, a copy of the constitution, bylaws and policies will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval.

11. New Business - none.

12. Old Business – none.

13. Correspondence/Information

- 13.1 Letter dated April 17, 2001 from Patti Redmond, Director Social Housing Branch – MMAH regarding One-time Federal Funds.
- 13.2 Letter dated April 24, 2001 from Lynn MacDonald, Assistant Deputy Minister – MMAH regarding One-time Allocation of Funding for Capital Reserves.
- 13.3 Letter dated April 30, 2001 from Debbie Moretta, Director – MCSS regarding 2000/2001 Annual Welfare Fraud Control Report.
- 13.4 Copy of letter dated April 30, 2001 from Gary Avery, General Manager, Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation in response to a tenant's correspondence.
- 13.5 Letter dated May 1, 2001 from Malcolm Bates, MOHLTC regarding First Response Teams.
- 13.6 Letter dated May 2, 2001 from Lynn Buckham, Northeast Area Director – MMAH regarding the Social Housing Joint Local Transfer Plan.
- 13.7 Letter received May 2, 2001 from a concerned citizen in Searchmont regarding First Response.

- 13.8 Memo dated May 2, 2001 from Rick Cobean, Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation regarding Snow Removal at Brien/Poplar/McNabb Sidewalk Adjacent to Willow Avenue Extension.
- 13.9 Memo dated May 2, 2001 from Rick Cobean, Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation regarding Laundry Room Lighting.
- 13.10 Letter dated May 3, 2001 from David Zuccato, Municipal Services – MCSS regarding Minister John Baird's announcement of the government's five-point action plan for Ontario Works.
- 13.11 Letter dated May 4, 2001 from Ron MacKinnon, Municipal Services – MCSS regarding 1999 Service Contract.
- 13.12 Letter dated May 4, 2001 from Ron MacKinnon, Municipal Services – MCSS regarding 2000 Service Contract – Amendment #1.
- 13.13 Letter dated May 7, 2001 from concerned citizens in Searchmont regarding First Response.
- 13.14 Letter dated May 7, 2001 from Don Muio, Sault Area Hospitals regarding Land Ambulance Services.

14. Adjournment

Resolution #01-96

Moved by: D. Amaroso

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.