



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD
MEETING HELD Thursday May 15, 2003, 6:00 PM
Civic Centre, Council Chambers**

PRESENT:

D. Amaroso	N. DelBianco	D. Edgar
P. Mick	B. McHale	W. Pickard
L. Turco	P. Vaudry	

DSSMSSAB STAFF: K. Streich-Poser S. French (Minutes)

CITY STAFF:

D. Overboe	A. McRae	F. Lake
C. Rosso	G. Avery	R. Cobean
L. McCoy	J. Crawford	M. Granic

MCFCS STAFF: R. MacKinnon

REGRETS: D. Jones

Debbie Amaroso called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Presentations to the Board:

- Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services – Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services regarding Board Consultation on Governance.

Ron indicated that MCFCS would like to meet with Board members on governance issues. The consultation with the Ministry is scheduled for June 25th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Staff and Members of the Algoma DSSAB Board will be in attendance as well. The DSSMSSAB office will coordinate the meeting logistics.

1. Minutes

1.1 Resolution #03-49

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated March 27, 2003 be adopted as amended."

Carried

Change to item 4.1 – remove "...of which interfacility transfers are not included."
The sentence should read, "The legislation is very prescriptive and describes 3 criteria for transporting in Ambulances."

2. Accounts

Accounts reviewed by the Executive Committee (May 1, 2003)

2.1 Resolution #03-50

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

March 6, 2003 in the amount of \$679,368.12
March 13, 2003 in the amount of \$406,341.67
March 20, 2003 in the amount of \$35,425.73
March 28, 2003 in the amount of \$80.00
April 3, 2003 in the amount of \$1,447,948.30
April 10, 2003 in the amount of \$977,701.80
April 17, 2003 in the amount of \$15,989.63

be passed for payment."

Carried

Accounts not reviewed by the Executive Committee

2.2 Resolution #03-51

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

April 24, 2003 in the amount of \$2,488.01

be passed for payment."

Carried

3. Executive/Finance

Recommendations from the May 1, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting

3.1 Resolution #03-52

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the Ontario Works - 2002 Enhancement Fund Report be accepted as information."

Carried

3.2 Resolution #03-53

Moved by: L. Turco

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board contract with the City of Sault Ste. Marie for Financial Services from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2006."

Carried

- 3.3 Resolution #03-54
Moved by: L. Turco
Seconded by: P. Vaudry
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board contract with the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the program management and delivery of Ontario Works from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2006."

Carried

- 3.4 Resolution #03-55
Moved by: L. Turco
Seconded by: P. Vaudry
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board contract with the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the program management and delivery of Community Child Care from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2006."

Carried

The current contracts come due for renewal in June 2003.

4. Land Ambulance

- 4.1 Resolution #03-56
Moved by: W. Pickard
Seconded by: D. Edgar
"Be it resolved that the March 2003 and April 2003 reports from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted as information."

Carried

Lynn McCoy gave a verbal update. He indicated that SARs expenses have really driven up cost of supplies. There was discussion regarding the increasing costs of Land Ambulance and the other program areas as result of new Ministry directives. The Board wants to keep the Municipalities informed as to the ongoing costs. There was concern expressed that when the services were transferred to the DSSABs they were suppose to remain revenue neutral. This is not the case anymore, as the Ministries keep changing policies it is affecting the cost of doing business and their funding levels are not changing to account for the additional costs.

- 4.2 Resolution #03-57
Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: P. Mick
"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the strategy, as presented by the Director of Performance Standards, to address the recommendations contained in the report received on April 3, 2003 from the Investigation, Certification and Regulatory Compliance Group (Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care) pertaining to the Searchmont Community Volunteer Fire Department."

Carried

Brent McHale declared a conflict and removed himself from the table.

Kim gave an overview of the strategy that was provided to the Board Members.

4.3 Resolution #03-58

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board will not pay or invoice for 2002 Cross Border Ambulance Calls until the final recommendations for cross border billings are received from the Provincial Land Ambulance Implementation Steering Committee's Cross Border Billings Sub-committee."

Carried

A bill was received from the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB for Cross Border Ambulance Calls. Kim discussed this item in her report. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the following items:

- There had been an agreement across the North that no one would be billing for Cross Border Calls until there was resolution to the issue on a provincial level. It is not known if other DSSABs have passed a similar resolution.
- It was suggested that in the financing there should be a record of accounts payable/receivable for the Cross Border Billings and First Nations Billings. Although an actual cost is difficult to calculate, it was emphasized that the number of calls need to be confirmed and the potential cost could be calculated on a worst-case scenario basis to reduce the any potential financial risk.

4.4 Resolution #03-59

Moved by: P. Mick

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Whereas the Emergency First Response Teams (EFRT) are not legislatively regulated since the devolution of Land Ambulance Services and changes to the Ambulance Act in May 2000, and;

Whereas there are many EFRTs operating across Northern Ontario,

Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the recommendation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's Investigation, Certification and Regulatory Compliance Group from Investigation # 2201231 that Emergency First Response Team's actions be regulated by a regulating body as there is a need for these teams to be held to a performance standard,

And further that the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care be petitioned to address this recommendation."

Carried

5. Ontario Works

5.1 No report from the Manager of Ontario Works.

6. Community Child Care

6.1 Resolution #03-60

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the report from the Community Child Care Services Manager received May 12, 2003 be accepted as information."

Carried

Florence provided a brief overview of her report. The Ontario Early Years Centre will be located in the Station Mall.

7. Social Housing

7.1 Resolution #03-61

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the report from the Housing Programs Manager submitted May 7, 2003 be accepted as information."

Carried

Rick gave a summary of his report. All of the Housing Providers except one, have agreed to have their special needs waiting list managed by the Coordinated Access Service of the Housing Division. This will provide better service to disabled persons seeking subsidized modified housing units.

8. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

8.1 Resolution #03-62

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation meeting held March 27, 2003 be accepted as information."

Carried

These minutes from the SSM Housing Corporation Meetings arel be presented to the DSSMSSAB Board as information.

8.2 Resolution #03-63

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the membership of the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Board continue to include all members of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board."

Carried

8.3 Resolution #03-64

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board appoint the DSSMSSAB's Chair or designate as the authorized representative with the proxy vote to represent the DSSMSSAB for the purposes of the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation's 2003 Annual Shareholders Meeting."

Carried

Added Item:

Resolution #03-64A

Moved by: L. Turco

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept for the purposes of Social Housing that Senior Citizens be considered as persons age 60 and over and in special circumstances, after a review by Housing Programs, may be extended to persons age 55 and older."

Carried

A recommendation came forward from the SSM Housing Corporation Meeting for the above change. It was recommended that Staff conduct a review to see if it would be feasible to lower the age to 55 at some point in the future, to match the Senior's Drop In center age criteria. This report will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

9. Social Services

9.1 No report from the Commissioner of Social Services.

10. Director of Performance Standards

10.1 Resolution #03-65

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that the report from the Director of Performance Standards dated May 9, 2003 be accepted as information."

Carried

Kim gave an overview of the report. There was discussion regarding costs associated with Ontario Disability Support Program and the fact that DSSABs have no control over the costs associated with this program. DSSMSSAB is being billed directly by MCFCS. This item is being raised at the NOSDA level and at the Provincial/Municipal Working Group level. It was suggested that following the next Provincial Municipal Social Services Working Group (PMSSWG) meeting and depending on the recommendations from that meeting that this item be raised with the Member Municipalities to rally support.

Resolution #03-66

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve Kim Streich-Poser, Director of Performance Standards to travel to

Sudbury, Ontario June 16 and 17, 2003 for the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Meeting."

Carried

10.2 Resolution #03-67

Moved by: P. Vaudry

Seconded by: N. DelBianco

"Be it resolved that District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board support the resolution passed by the City of Sault Ste. Marie on April 14, 2003 to develop a business case to lobby and work with the province to continue the operation of the Young Offenders Phase 2 Facility, part of the Sault Ste. Marie Jail scheduled for closure."

Carried

11. New Business

12. Old Business

13. Correspondence/Information

13.1 Newsletter, *OMERS* March 2003.

13.2 Letter dated March 28, 2003 from Frank Malvaso, A/Regional Program Manager Municipal Services - MCFCS regarding Cost-sharing of Funds Collected by the Family Responsibility Office from March 1, 2002 to February 28, 2003 on Ministry Assignments.

13.3 Letter dated March 31, 2003 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services - MCFCS regarding Information on Supporting Community Partnerships Initiatives.

13.4 Letter dated April 2003 from Carl DeFaria, Minister of Citizenship regarding Ontario's volunteer recognition programs for 2003.

13.5 Newsletter, *OMERS* received April 1, 2003.

13.6 Newsletter, *Prince Township* April 2003.

13.7 Letter dated April 3, 2003 from James D. Kutscheke, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk - County of Renfrew regarding a resolution passed by their Council relating to Land Ambulance.

13.8 Letter dated April 7, 2003 from David Zuccato, Regional Director Northern Region - MCFCS regarding Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

13.9 Letter dated April 7, 2003 from Marjorie Wilcox, Senior Manger of Finance & Corporate Planning - MOHLTC regarding the DSSMSSAB Land Ambulance Business Case submission.

13.10 Copy of letter dated April 9, 2003 from Tony Martin, MPP Sault Ste. Marie addressed to the Minister of MMAH supporting the DSSMSSAB's concerns regarding the Social Housing Federal Funding Shortfalls.

13.11 Letter dated April 10, 2003 from Phil Hassen, Deputy Minister - MOHLTC regarding Tracking Extraordinary SARS Related Costs for Reimbursement.

13.12 Copy of letter dated April 10, 2003 from Tony Martin, MPP Sault Ste. Marie addressed to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of MCFCS supporting the DSSMSSAB's recommendation regarding the New Federal Child Care Funding.

13.13 Letter received April 14, 2003 from Toni Farley, Director Social Housing Branch - MMAH regarding 2003 Dr. Albert Rose Bursary Program.

- 13.14 Letter dated April 14, 2003 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services - MCFCS regarding Funding for Early Sites for the Ontario Works Addiction Treatment Initiative.
- 13.15 Letter dated April 15, 2003 from Dave Zuccato, Regional Director - MCFCS regarding Early Years Challenge Fund.
- 13.16 Letter dated May 1, 2003 from Connie Morphet, Director of Finance - Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB regarding Cross Border Land Ambulance Service Delivery Charges.
- 13.17 Letter dated May 1, 2003 from David Court, CAO - Algoma DSSAB regarding First Nations Billings for 2001 and 2002.
- 13.18 Letter dated May 2, 2003 from David Young, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Social Housing funding issues.
- 13.19 *SHBnotification, Releases 03-08, 03-09*, from Toni Farley, Director, Social Housing Branch – MMAH received May 9, 2003.

14. Adjournment

The following resolution was read just prior to adjournment.

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board requests that the Financial Manager, Social Services Department track the actual receivables and payables for Cross Border Ambulances Calls and that the tracking be the worst-case scenario." RESOLUTION READ, then withdrawn.

After a brief discussion by the Board it was decided that the matter be referred to the Land Ambulance Sub-Committee for their consideration.

Resolution #03-67

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: P. Vaudry

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.