



District of Sault Ste. Marie
Social Services Administration Board

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

Minutes
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 17, 2007 - 5:20 PM
Ontario Works Boardroom – 540 Albert St. E.

PRESENT: *P. Mick* *D. Edgar* *L. Turco*
 L. Tridico *V. Burns* *S. Butland*
 F. Fata (left @ 7:05 pm)

CITY / DSSAB STAFF: *K. Streich-Poser* *A. McRae* *J. Crawford*
 F. Lake *D. Pauze* *L. McCoy*
 A. Nanne

REGRETS: *B. Hayes* *L. Madonna*

Board Chair, D. Edgar called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION: KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants

- Audited Financial Statements

M. Marinovich and B. Bumbacco addressed Board Members and presented both the SSMHC and DSSMSSAB Financial Statements at the SSMHC meeting prior to the DSSMSSAB meeting. (see May 17, 2007 SSMHC meeting minutes)

Resolution #07-038

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Turco

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board accept the Audit Findings Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 as prepared and presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants."

CARRIED

1. Minutes

Resolution #07-039

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meetings dated March 15, 2007 and March 29, 2007 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

2. Accounts

Resolution #07-040

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: F. Fata

2.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

March 08, 2007 in the amount of \$1,159,888.15

March 15, 2007 in the amount of \$15,172.00

March 22, 2007 in the amount of \$525.00

March 29, 2007 in the amount of \$834,604.50

April 05, 2007 in the amount of \$1,125,456.84

April 19, 2007 in the amount of \$8,812.45

April 26, 2007 in the amount of \$3,648,936.46

be passed for payment."

CARRIED

3. Executive/Finance

Resolution #07-041

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Turco

3.1 "Be it resolved that the firm of KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed as the auditors for the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board for the financial year 2007."

CARRIED

4. Land Ambulance

Resolution #07-042

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

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

CARRIED

Resolution #07-043

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Turco

4.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB authorize EMS staff to proceed with the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) project and that the appropriate staff be authorized to apply to the MOHLTC to capitalize on the 50% funding subsidy being offered until May 4, 2007 for this technology and that the DSSMSSAB single source the system from Grey Island Systems Inc., the company that

provides the Provincial Base Hospital RMS program and that the costs to cover this project be taken from the ambulance fleet reserves and that the ongoing costs to operate the system be built into the EMS annual operating budget as approved in the April 23, 2007 fax poll."

CARRIED

Resolution #07-044

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 4.3 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the sale of the decommissioned 1999 Demers Type 3 Ambulance to Algoma Steel for \$9,250.00"

CARRIED

Resolution #07-045

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 4.4 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:
- 2006 Land Ambulance Service Grant Financial Assurance Statement – Form A & B General Information

CARRIED

Resolution #07-046

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.5 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the price increase of \$1,411 more than originally quoted by Crestline Coach Ltd. for the expected increase in the chassis price for our new Type III Ambulance"

CARRIED

Discussion and update regarding the First Nation Realignment was led by D. Edgar and L. McCoy.

Resolution #07-047

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 4.6 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the 2007 Updated First Nation Community Information & Realignment of Land Ambulance Service Delivery Information Sheet relating to funding for First Nation communities as information"

CARRIED

5. Ontario Works

K. Streich-Poser was available for questions regarding the Ontario Works manager's report.

Resolution #07-048

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Turco

5.1 "Be it resolved that the April and May reports prepared by the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser addressed the financial reports provided to Board Members.

Resolution #07-049

Moved By: F. Fata

Seconded By: L. Turco

5.2 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Ontario Works – MCSS 2007 Budget Submission
- 2007 Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiative Early Site – MCSS Budget Submission

CARRIED

This proposed NCBS changes could result a complete restructuring of the Ontario Works program. More information has not yet been presented, however a municipal savings may be realized in the next five years as a result of the removal of children from the Ontario Works system. The NCBS claw back will no longer take place and the Province has promised that funds will still be provided to communities for this purpose.

Resolution #07-050

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Turco

5.3 "Be it resolved that the information package regarding the Proposed Ontario Child Benefit and changes to the treatment of the federal National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS) for families on social assistance be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

6. Community Child Care

F. Lake spoke to the Best Start Child Care Plan. She walked the Board members through the package provided. F. Lake will share this report with Child Care providers and other local entities upon DSSMSSAB approval.

Resolution #07-051

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the Child Care Plan as presented by the Manager of Community Child Care Services."

CARRIED

Resolution #07-052

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 6.2 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:
- Community Child Care Services MCCA 2007 Budget Submission
 - Community Child Care Services MCCA 4th Quarter Report
 - Community Child Care Services MCCA Best Start Annual 4th Quarter Report
 - Community Child Care Services MCCA Best Start Annual Program Expenditure Reconciliation Report
 - Community Child Care Services MCCA Annual Program Expenditure Reconciliation Report

CARRIED

7. Community Coordinator

Resolution #07-053

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 7.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) report as presented by the Community Coordinator and approve the balance of funding from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) in the amount of \$38,934 to the United Way, Community Assistance Trust for the Community Liaison Worker Position and \$51,809 for the 2008 calendar year with the understanding that in December 2007 a preliminary review will be completed to ensure activities under this position are meeting the expected objectives before administering CHPP funds in 2008."

CARRIED

Resolution #07-054

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: F. Fata

- 7.3 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the 2007 National Child Benefit Supplement Program report and approve the NCBS Review Committee recommendation to fund 16 programs

with the 2007 National Child Benefit Supplement Fund in the amount of \$428,611."

CARRIED

Resolution #07-055

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Tridico

7.4 "Be it resolved that the following financial reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program Energy Emergency Fund – Annual Program Expenditure Reconciliation Report

CARRIED

8. Social Housing Programs

Resolution #07-056

Moved By: L. Tridico

Seconded By: V. Burns

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

CARRIED

Province-Wide Arrears Database

The Province-Wide Arrears Database is a joint effort between the Social Housing Coordinated Access Network of Ontario (SHCANO) and SHSC. This web-based system can help Access Centres to determine eligibility for Rent-Geared-to-Income assistance, in compliance with their responsibilities under the Social Housing Reform Act (SHRA).

Resolution #07-057

Moved By: L. Tridico

Seconded By: V. Burns

8.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the payment of \$565.33 to the Social Housing Services Corporation to manage the Province-Wide Arrears Database through their web based system for the period of May 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007."

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #07-058

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Tridico

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Meeting held March 15, 2007 and March 29, 2007 be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

Resolution #07-059

Moved By: L. Tridico

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 10.1 "Where as the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the Emergency Energy Fund provided \$33,960 to the DSSMSSAB for 2006, all of which was used to address energy needs of low income families in our community and

Whereas we have been advised by MCSS that the Emergency Energy Fund for 2007 will only be \$16,980 which is insufficient to meet the established need for these funds in our community,

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB request that the Ministry of Community and Social Services Restore the Emergency Energy Fund to the 2006 funding levels for 2007."

CARRIED

Resolution #07-060

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Tridico

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board accept the OMSSA Quick Connect summarizing the 2007 Provincial Budget key budget items affecting OMSSA members be accepted as information."

CARRIED

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

The June 2007 DSSMSSAB meeting date and location were reviewed. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday June 19th. A. Nanne will follow up with a fax poll.

Resolution #07-061

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: L. Tridico

- 11.1 "Be it resolved that the June 2007 DSSMSSAB Board meeting be held in the Sault North planning area."

CARRIED

12. New Business

13. Old Business

14. Correspondence/Information

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

15. Adjournment

Resolution #07-062

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: L. Tridico

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.