



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

**MINUTES OF
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD
MEETING HELD May 30, 2002, 5:20 PM
Civic Centre, Council Chambers**

PRESENT: D. Amaroso W. Pickard D. Edgar
N. DelBianco D. Jones
B. McHale L. Turco P. Mick

DSSAB STAFF: K. Streich-Poser S. French

CITY STAFF: A. McRae G. Avery R. Cobean
J. Crawford F. Lake E. Vanderburg
L. McCoy M. Granic

MCSS: R. MacKinnon

REGRETS: P. Vaudry D. Overboe C. Rosso

Debbie Amaroso called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

1. Minutes

1.1 Resolution #02-75
Moved by: D. Edgar
Seconded by: P. Mick
"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated April 18, 2002 be adopted as recorded."

Carried

2. Accounts

2.1 Resolution #02-76
Moved by: P. Mick
Seconded by: D. Edgar
"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

March 28, 2002 in the amount of \$85,320.20
April 05, 2002 in the amount of \$544,005.41
April 11, 2002 in the amount of \$1,343,761.09
April 18, 2002 in the amount of \$8,305.49
April 25, 2002 in the amount of \$1,108,042.35
May 9, 2002 in the amount of \$1,021,719.76
May 16, 2002 in the amount of \$676,824.82

be passed for payment."

Carried

3. Executive/Finance

3.1 Resolution #02-77

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Executive Committee meeting held May 29, 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Debbie Amaroso gave an overview of the committee meeting. Areas of discussion included; office accommodation, invoicing the Ministry of Health for reimbursement for ambulance calls completed during the OPSEU strike and First Response (Brent McHale declared a conflict regarding the First Response issue).

Kim further highlighted that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is leading a fact-finding mission in regards to complaints lodged against one of the First Response Teams. A report will be forwarded to the DSSMSSAB office once the Ministry has completed the research.

Recommendations from the May 29, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting:

3.2 Resolution #02-78

Moved by: P. Mick

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the 2002 Budget vs. Actual for the Period January 1 – March 31, 2002 report as submitted by the Financial Manager as information."

Carried

3.3 Resolution #02-79A

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board contract a consultant to conduct a salary review of the DSSMSSAB Executive Office staff positions. The review will include the Director of Performance Standards and the Administrative Assistant positions."

Carried

Three quotes were obtained and the information was circulated to the Board. This was not tendered out, as the cost of the contract will be less \$2,000.00.

After some discussion regarding the each of the quotes it was decided that Ironside Consulting Services would conduct the salary review.

Resolution #02-79B

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board contract with Ironside Consulting Services to complete the salary review of the DSSMSSAB Executive Office staff positions."

Carried

4. Land Ambulance

4.1 Resolution #02-80

Moved by: P. Mick

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the April 2002 report from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted as information."

Carried

4.2 Resolution #02-81

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting held May 10, 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Debbie Amaroso informed the group that she had talked to one of the paramedics and that the individual had nothing but a glowing report in regards to how they are being treated. Interfacility Transfers continue to be a provincial issue; locally open dialogue is ongoing between the SSMEMS and the Sault Area Hospitals in regards to alleviating any concerns

5. Ontario Works

5.1 Resolution #02-82

Moved by: N. DelBianco

Seconded by: W. Pickard

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

Carried

5.2 Resolution #02-83

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Jones

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the Ontario Works Manager's recommendation to express interest as a second round early site for the Ontario Works Addiction Treatment Initiative."

Carried

The Ontario Works Manager will bring back more information if Ontario Works is successful in becoming a second round early site. The initiative is 100% funded for the initial 6 months.

6. Community Child Care

6.1 Resolution #02-84

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: W. Pickard

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

Carried

Florence Lake gave an overview of the report. It was clarified that the individuals residing in the Algoma District Services Administration Board catchment area that have requested child care subsidy within the catchment area of the DSSMSSAB, work or go to school in Sault Ste. Marie.

6.2 Resolution #02-85

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Child Care Committee meeting held May 2, 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Lou Turco gave an overview of the committee meeting. It was the first committee meeting under the new committee structure for Child Care. The meeting took the form of an orientation/training meeting for the Members.

7. Social Housing

7.1 Resolution #02-86

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: B. McHale

"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

This resolution will be presented formally at the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Annual Shareholder's Meeting scheduled for June 26, 2002.

7.2 Resolution #02-87

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: B. McHale

"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 2002 Annual Shareholders Meeting."

Carried as amended

7.3 Resolution #02-88

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the report from the Housing Programs Manager for May 2002 be accepted as information."

Carried

Rick Cobean summarized the report. There was discussion regarding the waiting lists, rental arrears and legislation.

8. Director of Performance Standards

8.1 Resolution # 02-89

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: W. Pickard

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

Carried

Kim Streich-Poser gave an overview of the report.

8.2 Resolution #02-90

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve \$11,424.00 of the 2002 PHIF funds to support the Community Assistance Trust program until December 31, 2002."

Carried

The Community Assistance Trust has requested additional funding from the DSSMSSAB to be able to continue to provide financial assistance to individuals who are in a crisis situation and experiencing financial hardships that could put them at risk of losing their housing.

9. Old Business

10. New Business - Congratulations went to Brent McHale on being elected Councillor, Region 4 for the Métis Nation of Ontario.

11. Correspondence/Information

- 11.1 Letter dated April 15, 2002 from Gordon J. Chong, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer – Social Housing Services Corporation regarding the creation of the corporation.
- 11.2 Letter dated April 22, 2002 from Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner – Regional Municipality of Halton regarding Mental Health Series Report #6: Actions to Address the Issues from a Social Services Perspective".
- 11.3 Letter date April 25, 2002 from John Fleming, Deputy Minister - Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services regarding the proposed Provincial/Municipal Social Services Program Consultation Group.
- 11.4 Newsletter, *OMERS – Employer Update* dated April 2002.
- 11.5 Newsletter, *OMERS – Member Update* dated April 2002.
- 11.6 Letter dated May 1, 2002 from Gerry E. McGuire, Quality Leadership Team Chair – Building An Extraordinary Community regarding a workshop being held May 30, 2002 called "Becoming a Quality Community...Our Shared Vision".
- 11.7 Letter dated May 6, 2002 from Gary Champagne, CAO - Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board regarding Potential Changes to OW Cost of Administration Funding Formula.
- 11.8 Letter dated May 9, 2002 from Toni Farley, A/Director – Social Housing Branch MMAH regarding the Social Housing Services Corporation.
- 11.9 Letter dated May 10, 2002 from Community Assistance Trust regarding a Funding Proposal.
- 11.10 Letter and Report dated May 10, 2002 from Kelly Bissaillon, Northern Intake Screening Unit Manager regarding NISU 1st Quarter Report.
- 11.11 Letter dated May 13, 2002 from Dennis Brown, Manager of Land Ambulance Programs – MOHLTC regarding land ambulance service costs.
- 11.12 Letter dated May 14, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services – MCFCS regarding Comprehensive Verification Process (CVP) Workload Funding Strategy Service Contract Amendment.
- 11.13 Letter dated May 14, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services – MCFCS regarding Comprehensive Verification Process (CVP) Workload Funding Strategy- 2001 Service Contract Amendment.

- 11.14 Letter dated May 14, 2002 from Lynn McCoy, Fire Chief - Sault Ste. Marie Fire Services regarding an invoice for out of district calls that were required as a result of air ambulance disruptions.
- 11.15 Letter dated May 21, 2002 from Ron MacKinnon, Program Supervisor Municipal Services – MCFCS regarding Provincial Homeless Initiative Fund.
- 11.16 Letter dated May 21, 2002 from Mary Ellen Luukkonen, Vice President of Clinical Programs - Sault Area Hospitals regarding Critical Care Patient Interfacility Transfers.
- 11.17 Letter dated May 22, 2002 from Frank Malvaso, A/Regional Program Manager - MCFCS regarding the "Building Linkages at the Local Level to Support Young Parents and Families" Forum being held in Toronto June 13 and 14, 2002.
- 11.18 Letter dated May 24, 2002 from Maggie Bite, Administrative Assistant - MOHLTC regarding Release 25.

12. Adjournment

Resolution #02-91

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.