



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD Thursday, October 16, 2003 - 5:20 PM
Civic Centre, Council Chambers**

PRESENT:	D. Amaroso D. Jones	D. Edgar B. McHale	W. Pickard P. Mick
DSSMSSAB STAFF:	K. Streich-Poser	A. Nanne (notes)	
CITY STAFF:	D. Overboe C. Rosso A. Granic	G. Avery J. Crawford	A. McRae L. McCoy
GUESTS:	A. Capisciollo (BDO Dunwoody)		
REGRETS:	P. Vaudry F. Lake	N. DelBianco R. Cobean	L. Turco

DSSMSSAB Chair, Debbie Amaroso, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Minutes

1.1 Resolution #03-099

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the Minutes of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated September 11, 2003 be adopted as recorded."

Carried

2. Accounts

2.1 Accounts not yet reviewed by the Executive Committee - Andy McRae reviewed and discussed the Accounts Payables presented to the Board.

Resolution #03-100

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated
August 28, 2003 in the amount of \$10,505.32
September 05, 2003 in the amount of \$976,496.11
be passed for payment."

Carried

3. Executive/Finance

- 3.1 Mr. Armand Capisciolo from BDO Dunwoody LLP, Accountants and Consultants presented the 2002 Financial Statements as a representative for Mr. Gabe Stefanizzi. Debbie Amaroso commented that the statements were previously reviewed with Mr. Stefanizzi at the October, 9th 2003 Executive Committee meeting.

Resolution #03-101

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: Brent McHale

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board accept the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2002 as prepared and presented by BDO Dunwoody LLP, Accountants and Consultants."

Carried

4. Land Ambulance

- 4.1 Fire Chief, Lynn McCoy presented his report to the DSSMSSAB Board.

Resolution #03-102

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the September 2003 report submitted by Fire Chief, Lynn McCoy for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted as information."

Carried

- 4.2 Debbie Amaroso read Resolution #03-103 to the Board prior to comments and questions. Brent McHale expressed that there was some urgency to have this matter addressed. With winter quickly approaching, there will be more activity at the Searchmont Ski hill and potential more First Response calls. David Edgar, chair of the EMS / Land Ambulance Committee, replied that the issue is being addressed and that the committee is looking at a variety of ways of handling this matter as well as creating a policy.

Resolution #03-103

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board accept the recommendation from the EMS / Land Ambulance sub-committee to not repair the 1992 First Response vehicle and that a strategy to address First Response vehicles be brought to the board at a later date."

Carried

5. Ontario Works

- 5.1 Ontario Works Manager, Carl Rosso presented his manager's report to the DSSMSSAB Board.

Resolution #03-104

Moved by: Brent McHale

Seconded by: W. Pickard

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

Carried

5.2 Mr. Andrew McRae briefly discussed the Ontario Works Second Quarter Report.

Resolution #03-105

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the Ontario Works - MCFCS Second Quarter Report be accepted as information."

Carried

6. Community Child Care

6.1 In the absence of Community Child Care Manager Florence Lake, Commissioner David Overboe addressed questions on her behalf.

Resolution #03-106

Moved by: W. Pickard

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the report from the Community Child Care Services Manager be accepted as information."

Carried

6.2 Resolution #03-106A

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: W. Pickard

"Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the 2003 Service Contracts for the below noted child care Service Providers."

- Alternative School Childcare Services
- Children's Rehabilitation Centre – Algoma
- Community Co-operative Children's Services
- Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
- Corporation of the Township of Prince
- Rainbow Place Preschool (January to October 2003)
- Riverside Christian Children's Centre
- Sault College Child Development Centre
- Sault Ste. Marie Day Care Services Co-operative
- Sault Ste. Marie Pied Piper Nursery
- Waterfront Child Development Centre
- YMCA Day Nursery

Carried

6.3 Jim Crawford presented the Community Childcare - MCFCS Second Quarter Report and noted that the various programs are all on target.

Resolution #03-107

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the Community Childcare - MCFCS Second Quarter Report be accepted as information."

Carried

At this time, Andrew McRae requested permission to distribute a report he prepared based on a question by Board Member Peter Vaudry regarding the various costs associated with downloading. It was decided at that the Board take some time to review the information presented in this report before any discussion take place. The report was tabled until a later date.

7. Social Housing

7.1 Resolution #03-108

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: B. McHale

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

Carried

8. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

8.1 Resolution #03-109

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: D. Edgar

"Be it resolved that the Minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation meeting held September 11, 2003 be accepted as information."

Carried

9. Social Services

9.1 Mr. David Overboe, Commissioner of Social Services presented his report to the DSSMSSAB verbally.

Resolution #03-110

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the report from the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted as information."

Carried

10. Director of Performance Standards

10.1 Kim Streich-Poser addressed her report previously distributed to all Board members. She also mentioned that she is just returning from the annual AMEMSO conference in Niagara Falls. The Governor General's office distributed a number of awards at this function where five (5) local paramedics received Exemplary Service medals & bars for years of service. Debbie Amaroso requested that Chief Lynn McCoy pass along congratulations on behalf of the board. Duane Jones suggested that DSSAB should compose a letter of congratulations as well. Kim Streich-Poser agreed to draft the letter for Debbie Amaroso and David Edgar's signatures.

Kim confirmed that there will indeed be a DSSMSSAB election in the Sault North Planning Area. There have been three people put forth their names for the two positions.

Resolution #03-111

Moved by: P. Mick

Seconded by: B. McHale

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

Carried

- 10.2 Kim Streich-Poser addressed the following resolutions and information supplied prior to the meeting.

Resolution #03-112

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the resolutions past at the September 10th, 2003 NOSDA conference be accepted as information."

Carried

- 10.3 Kim Streich-Poser, David Edgar and Wayne Pickard attended the NOSDA Annual Meeting held in September 2003. David Edgar addressed the need for all DSSABs to share in the expenses of NOSDA. Kim indicated that this applies to all ten (10) DSSABs identified in the DSSAB act and that each would pay a flat rate to cover the NOSDA costs.

Resolution #03-113

Moved by: D. Edgar

Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board support the allocation of \$5000 towards NOSDA as per resolution #2003-08."

Carried

- 10.4 Duane Jones asked whether or not the Ministry of Health discussed the First Nation's Billing issue during the meeting in Sudbury. Kim informed the Board that the MOHLTC limited the discussions strictly to TWOMO funding.

Resolution #03-114

Moved by: P. Mick

Seconded by: B. McHale

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board accept the Chair's approval for Kim Streich-Poser to travel to Sudbury to attend the meeting hosted by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding Land Ambulance Services Funding for Territories without Municipal Organization."

Carried

- 10.5 The First Nation's Billing Business Case was prepared and presented by Kim Streich-Poser. Duane Jones inquired as to whether or not we had received a

response to this issue and was informed that no response was provided to the June 2003 letter or to the August 2003 followup letter sent to the MOHLTC.

David Edgar commented that he felt that the business case clearly spells out the issue. Lynn McCoy voiced some concern for option #5 stated in the business case, as he is unsure about our ability to withhold Land Ambulance services and what legal implications could arise from such actions. Kim indicated that this option was included to draw attention to the fact that this could be a possibility.

Debbie Amaroso asked if the document was complete or if it should be tabled until a later date to rework the wording. Board members felt that this issue would still be outstanding in December or later if not addressed at this time. Lynn McCoy did not feel that the Business Case needed to be tabled but wanted to caution Board members about this option and would need to approach the Board again before taking such actions.

Duane Jones indicated that it would be a disadvantage to include information that the Ministry would discard and consider not viable. A report carries more weight when it is accurate. Brent McHale suggested that legal advice may help to answer some of the questions regarding the Business Case options were David Edgar felt that this may be a good "attention grabber" for the Ministry of Health and that it may finally get their interest.

Wayne Pickard suggested that once letter is sent the DSSMSSAB Board meet with the local member of parliament and enlist his help.

Board members agreed that no amendments were necessary to the Business Case as written.

Resolution #03-115

Moved by: B. McHale

Seconded by: P. Mick

"Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board support the Business Case regarding First Nation Funding."

Brent McHale voted in opposition of resolution.

Carried

11. New Business

No New Business was discussed.

12. Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

13. Correspondence/Information

13.1 Announcement received August 05, 0223 from Rick Channon, Paramedic Manager - SkyCare Air Ambulance regarding SkyCare Air Ambulance appointment as a contract vendor in the province of Ontario.

- 13.2 Letter dated August 14, 2003 from Kathryn Miller - Chief Administrative Officer - Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board - regarding Intake Screening Unit
- 13.3 Letter and Petition dated August 29, 2003 from Louise Blais, Concerned Citizen - Volunteer of the Searchmont Community Fire Department - regarding Petition for Mr. Pulkkinen's Portable Radio. Response from Kim Streich-Poser dated September 2, 2003 - attached.
- 13.4 OMERS newsletter titled Employer Update dated August 2003 - received September 03, 2002
- 13.6 2003 Learning Forum on Homelessness "Building Capacity" from the Ontario Association of Hostels and Ontario Municipal Social Services Association received September 04, 2003
- 13.7 Memorandum from Joe Fratesi, Chief Administrative Officer - City of Sault Ste. Marie regarding PUC Energies Inc.
- 13.8 CC. Of Memorandum from Lynn McCoy, Fire Chief - City of Sault Ste. Marie to David Stokes regarding the approval of the Long-Range Ambulance Fleet Replacement Strategy.
- 13.9 SHBNotification Newsletter dated September 10, 2003 regarding Cost Factors to be used in 2004 final year budgets for non-profit / co-operative housing providers
- 13.10 Letter dated September 17, 2003 from the Chair of the IMC (Interministerial Management Committee) regarding the Northern Bursary Program.
- 13.11 2nd Annual Competitive Cities Conference information brochure and registration received September 22, 2003
- 13.12 Letter dated September 22, 2003 from Donna Dittario, Chief Administrative Officer, RRDSSAB regarding Closure of Judson Ambulance Supply Centre
- 13.13 Letter dated September 23, 2003 from Malcolm Bates, Director - Emergency Health Services Branch regarding Land Ambulance Services Funding for Territories without Municipal Organization.
- 13.14 Letter dated September 26, 2003 from Malcolm Bates, Director - Emergency Health Services Branch regarding Grant for Salaries, Wages and Other Operating Costs Increases
- 13.15 SHBNotification Newsletter dated September 24, 2003 regarding 2004 Rent Control Guideline and Inflation Factor (Rent Control Index).
- 13.16 Letter dated October 1, 2003 from Anne Marie DeCicco, Mayor of London, ON regarding the Summit on the Municipal Costs of Provincial People Services Downloading.
- 13.17 Letter dated October 3, 2003 from Malcolm Bates, Director - Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding their review of funding methodology for land ambulance services and TWOMO.
- 13.16 Letter dated October 8, 2003 from Catherine Conrad, City Clerk - City of North Bay, ON regarding a resolution passed by North Bay City Council regarding Ontario Works rate levels.

14. Adjournment

- 14.1 Resolution #03-116
 Moved by: D. Edgar
 Seconded by: P. Mick
 "Be it resolved that we do now adjourn."

Carried

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair, Debbie Amaroso at 6:30 p.m.