



# District of Sault Ste. Marie

## Social Services Administration Board

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE  
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, September 22, 2005 - 5:20 PM  
Council Chambers, Civic Centre**

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>P. Mick V. Burns</b>	<b>B. Hayes L. Madonna</b>	<b>L. Turco</b>
<b>CITY STAFF:</b>	<b>K. Streich-Poser R. Cobean J. Crawford</b>	<b>F. Lake G. Avery L. McCoy</b>	<b>C. Rosso A. McRae</b>
<b>DSSMSSAB:</b>	<b>A. Nanne</b>		
<b>REGRETS:</b>	<b>D. Edgar</b>	<b>S. Butland</b>	<b>J. Curran</b>

P. Mick called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

### **1. Minutes**

#### **Resolution #05-078**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated June 22, 2005 be adopted as recorded."

**CARRIED**

### **2. Accounts**

Accounts previously reviewed by the Executive Committee

#### **Resolution #05-079**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

June 16, 2005 in the amount of \$72,337.29  
June 23, 2005 in the amount of \$748,894.99  
June 30, 2005 in the amount of \$38,107.50  
July 7, 2005 in the amount of \$1,095,191.65  
July 14, 2005 in the amount of \$738,430.77  
July 21, 2005 in the amount of \$102,485.76

August 5, 2005 in the amount of \$1,097,209.17  
August 11, 2005 in the amount of \$16,690.80

be passed for payment."

**CARRIED**

Accounts NOT previously reviewed by the Executive Committee

A. McRae spoke to the Accounts Payable not previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance committee. He discussed and provided detail for each payment.

**Resolution #05-080**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Turco

2.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated

August 18, 2005 in the amount of \$35,023.05

August 25, 2005 in the amount of \$728,705.74

be passed for payment."

**CARRIED**

**3. Executive/Finance**

**Resolution #05-081**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

3.1 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the May 12, 2005 and July 5, 2005 Executive Committee meetings be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

K. Streich-Poser reminded Board members that the reports reviewed are required by the Ministry of Children and Social Services and must be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board before being submitted to the governing body.

**Resolution #05-082**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Turco

3.2 "Be it resolved that the following MCSS reports previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance committee be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Provincial Homelessness Initiative Fund – 2005 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- Ontario Works Administration – LSS Staffing and Equipment – MCSS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- 2005 Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiatives – Early Sites – 2005 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

- Ontario Works – MCSS 2005 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- Childcare Service Contract
- Community Childcare MCFCS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- ELCC Annual Program Expenditure Reconciliation Report (APER) 2004/05

**CARRIED**

A. McRae reviewed the reports with the Board members at the request of B. Hayes.

**Resolution #05-083**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 3.3 "Be it resolved that the Budget vs Actual DSSAB Budget – January 1 to June 30, 2005 report NOT previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance committee be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information."

**CARRIED**

**4. Land Ambulance**

L. McCoy pointed out that the reports are self-explanatory. In the August report he highlighted the fact that the Paramedic wage negotiations had been settled and noted that although a wage increase was issued both sides were very pleased with the negotiations and settlement reached.

L. McCoy also discussed the ADDAS system and informed Board members that it still doesn't work. This has been a long-term problem. Sault Ste. Marie has not been able to retrieve the information that should be provided through the ADDAS system. Chief McCoy informed Board members that very good records are kept locally and that we are well aware of our performance levels.

B. Hayes asked about the high over-time costs. L. McCoy responded that in the month in question there were 3 pay periods but over-time costs are still a concern and sick time is a concern as well. Sault Ste. Marie only has seven employees to cover the six full-time positions. At this time, it is still less costly to pay overtime rather than hire additional personal.

L. Madonna complimented the paramedic teams for their response times to Prince Township. L. McCoy thanked him for the favorable remark and noted that once the MTO site is up and running they could increase efficiencies even more.

L. Turco asked if our paramedics are prepared to deal with situations at the airport or should other unforeseen situations should arise.

**Resolution #05-084**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the June 2005 and July 2005 reports from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services previously reviewed by the EMS / Land Ambulance committee as well as the August 2005 report be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #05-085**

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the January 10, 2005 EMS / Land Ambulance Committee meeting be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

L. McCoy provided a First Nations Billing update. He has been contacted and informed that they are looking to settle this on a per capita basis but no settlement has been reached. Funding increases have been approved to account for TWOMO and 1% wage increase, however but this still does not come close to helping achieve the 50/50 cost sharing arrangement. A. McRae agreed and commented that this is simply a standard increase that still falls short of the original 50/50 agreement.

**5. Ontario Works**

C. Rosso spoke to his report. He commented that despite the fact that the local intake screening operation has handled a large volume of calls, the in-house transition has been relatively smooth. The employment readiness scale testing has begun and to date one-hundred clients have been tested.

C. Rosso referred to his report and noted that there are a number of employers that are actively helping to hire current Ontario Works clients. He noted that Danny Krmpotich has been very effective by working directly with the EDC and the hosting of various job fairs.

The new funding model should be coming forward soon. This will necessitate some changes once the details are released over the next several months.

The counter registration statistics were reviewed. C. Rosso noted that the Sault Ste. Marie office is a very busy location. L. Turco asked about if there are more people migrating to the Sault. C. Rosso confirmed that this has definitely been a trend and that people are coming to Sault Ste. Marie because the word is circulating that jobs are available here.

**Resolution #05-086**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 5.1 "Be it resolved that the report prepared by the Ontario Works Program Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

**CARRIED**

## **6. Community Child Care**

F. Lake and the DSSMSSAB Board Members viewed the Best Start Initiative power point presentation. F. Lake also distributed copies of the proposed Best Start Network and Terms of Reference released and proposed earlier that day.

P. Mick inquired about the DSSMSSAB representation on the French Regional Network. A bilingual representative must be present and the DSSMSSAB does not currently have someone with these credentials. The options are being explored at this time.

### **Resolution #05-087**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

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

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution #05-088**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 6.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the designation of the Community Child Division of the Social Services Department of the City of Sault Ste. Marie to conduct the Best Start Project on their behalf for the District of Sault Ste. Marie as approved in the fax poll circulated on August 19, 2005."

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution #05-089**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 6.3 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the Best Start Network and Terms of Reference."

**CARRIED**

## **7. Homelessness**

There was not any Homelessness issues or reports discussed.

## **8. Social Housing**

R. Cobean provided some general comments concerning his report.

- He is still awaiting a response for the Cara Community Capital Funding request.
- Benchmarking is almost fully complete.
- He has been in touch with LaChaumiere regarding the equipment necessary for their housing units. They are in the process of putting out tenders for the work now and it appears as if the cost could be less than originally anticipated.
- The Liuna amalgamation is now complete.

The Affordable Housing Program was discussed. R. Cobean has attended one meeting to day and will go to another session next week. The media release has created a public perception that may be misleading as R. Cobean and other Northern managers are unsure how this program will apply in our centres. There are four different components of the program and there are still a number of outstanding questions that need to be answered before we decide if the program will work in Sault Ste. Marie.

### **Resolution #05-090**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: V. Burns

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

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution #05-091**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 8.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the recommendation of the Executive / Finance Committee and Housing Programs Manager to provide a special subsidy advance, not to exceeding \$150,000.00, to LaChaumiere Co-Operative Housing Corporation for emergency repair purposes. A minimum of \$6,000.00 will be repaid to the DSSMSSAB annually beginning January 1, 2006. This agreement will include a stipulation that alternative government funding will be sought and if acquired, these monies will replace the special subsidy advance agreement. Any subsidy advance dollars already spent will be recovered if alternative financing is available as approved in the fax poll circulated on July 6, 2005."

**CARRIED**

K. Streich-Poser explained that the next resolution allows the Housing Programs manager to proceed with the Affordable Housing Program.

### **Resolution #05-092**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 8.3 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB investigate the merit of participating in the new Affordable Housing Program and approve the designation of the Housing Programs Manager to be the lead for this program."

**CARRIED**

## **9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation**

### **Resolution #05-093**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Meeting held June 22, 2005 be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

## **10. Commissioner of Social Services**

K. Streich-Poser explained the DSSMSSAB Board members that her matrix report provides a summary of the highlights of the Manager reports previously provided. She gave an update on the NOSDA AGM attended earlier in September by DSSMSSAB representatives L. Turco, A. Nanne and herself.

### **Resolution #05-094**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: V. Burns

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the report matrix from the Commissioner of Social Services be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

**CARRIED**

### **Resolution #05-095**

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the recommendation of the Executive / Finance Committee to accept Kim Streich-Poser as the Ontario Works Administrator on behalf of the DSSMSSAB as approved in the fax poll distributed February 16, 2005."

**CARRIED**

## **11. DSSMSSAB Administration**

**12. New Business**

**13. Old Business**

**14. Correspondence/Information**

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

**15. Adjournment**

**Resolution #05-096**

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: V. Burns

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.