



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

**MINUTES FOR THE
DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 20, 2005 - 5:00 PM
Biggings Boardroom, Civic Centre**

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

District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board Chair, D. Edgar called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

1. Minutes

Resolution #05-113

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated October 27, 2005 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

2. Accounts

A. McRae was available to answer questions regarding the accounts payable.

Accounts NOT previously reviewed by the Executive Committee

Resolution #05-114

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: S. Butland

- 2.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Accounts Payable dated
October 27, 2005 in the amount of \$113,387.98
November 3, 2005 in the amount of \$1,091,696.58
November 10, 2005 in the amount of \$30,924.66

November 17, 2005 in the amount of \$63,181.09
November 24, 2005 in the amount of \$733,886.94
December 1, 2005 in the amount of \$1,148,878.95

be passed for payment."

CARRIED

3. Executive/Finance

A. McRae asked that the contract amounts with the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the DSSMSSAB be updated to reflect a more accurate sum.

Department budgets have been requested, and are required from all Social Service Department Heads prior to January 15th, 2006.

A. McRae asked the DSSMSSAB Board for any budget directive that they might have for him. B. Hayes requested that he ensure that the variances from the 2005 budget be both accountable and accounted for. He also suggested that the budget preparation be completed so that questions can be answered easily and accurately.

Resolution #05-115

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Turco

3.1 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the August 30, 2005 Executive Committee meeting be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-116

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: S. Butland

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 - MCSS 3rd Quarter Report
- Ontario Works – MCSS 2005 3rd Quarter Report
- Ontario Works Administration – LSS Staffing and Equipment
MCSS Q3 2005
- 2005 Ontario Works – Addiction Services Initiatives – Early Sites
3rd Quarter Report"

CARRIED

Resolution #05-117

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Turco

3.3 "Be it resolved that the following MCSS report NOT previously reviewed by the Executive / Finance committee be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- Community Child Care – MCSS 3rd Quarter Report

CARRIED

Resolution #05-118

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: S. Butland

3.4 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board endorse the following "interim levies" as proposed by the Social Services Financial Manager.

1. The first Interim Levy equaling 25% of the Year 2005 levy be sent to the contributors with a due date of February 1, 2006
2. Since our budget is due March 31, 2006, a second Interim Levy equaling 25% of the Year 2005 levy be sent to the contributors with a due date of April 3, 2006"

CARRIED

Resolution #05-119

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: J. Curran

3.5 "**WHEREAS** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board deems it necessary to borrow the sum of \$4,000,000.00 to meet, until current revenue is collected, current expenditures for the year 2006; and

WHEREAS the total amount of the estimated revenues of the Board for the year 2006 not including revenues derived or derivable from the sale of assets, borrowing, Provincial subsidy, or from a surplus, including arrears of revenues and proceeds from the sale of assets is estimated to be in the excess of \$16,000,000.00;

THEREFORE the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board pursuant to Section 9 of the District Social Services Administration Boards Act, RSO 1990, Chapter D.15 and amendments thereto, ENACTS as follows:

1. The Chair and the Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board, to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note from the Royal Bank of Canada or any person, a sum or sums not exceeding \$4,000,000.00 to meet, until the revenues are collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the year, including the amounts required for the purpose mentioned in Section 9(3) of the District of Social Services Administration Boards Act and to give on behalf of the Board to the Bank or lender, a promissory note or notes, sealed with the corporate seal and duly signed for the moneys so borrowed, with interest,

which may be paid in advance or otherwise, with interest at the Bank's prescribed lending rate or another persons' lending rate from time to time.

2. All the sums borrowed pursuant to the authority of this bylaw, as well as all other sums borrowed in this year and in previous years from the said Bank or lender for any or all purposes mentioned in the said Section 9 shall, with interest thereon, be a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the Board for the current year and for all preceding years as when such revenues are received."

CARRIED

4. Land Ambulance

Fire Chief L. McCoy noted that in his monthly report to the Board the statistics for the monthly call volume are provided but the response times are still unavailable. This is a result of the fact that the Ministry of Health still does not have a system in place that allows us to track this data.

WSIB costs and overtime requirements have contributed to the elevated staffing expenses for October. Chief McCoy commented that EMS is diligent in their attendance management program.

Resolution #05-120

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: S. Butland

- 4.1 "Be it resolved that the October 2005 and November 2005 reports from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-121

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: J. Curran

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accepted the recommendation of Fire Chief, L. McCoy to proceed with the purchase of a 2006 Crestline Ambulance at the cost of \$99,799.20 plus applicable taxes."

CARRIED

L. McCoy commented that he has previously asked to go single source with the purchase of new ambulance vehicles and that he was pleased with the results. The Ministry of Health has just announced that there are now special grants for this purpose and L. McCoy has already been contacted. They have informed him that approximately \$89,000 will be made available and could be used towards the purchase of the new 2006 Crestline Ambulance. L. McCoy made a recommendation that the money be used

for the purpose of this vehicle purchase. The Board agreed and resolution #05-123(A) was drafted and passed.

Resolution #05-123(A)

Moved By: D. Amaroso

Seconded By: S. Butland

- 4.5 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB Board recommend that the full grant for 2005/2006 be used towards the purchase of a new land ambulance."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-122

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: D. Amaroso

- 4.3 "Be it resolved that DSSMSSAB approve the AMEMSO (Associations of Municipal Emergency Medical Services of Ontario) Membership renewal for 2006."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-123

Moved By: J. Curran

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 4.4 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the report submitted by Fire Chief Lynn McCoy to William Freiburger, Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer as information."

CARRIED

5. Ontario Works

C. Rosso spoke to his report. He commented that the local Ontario Works office daily records and accurately captures statistics and information regarding clients and foot traffic.

Resolution #05-124

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

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

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser spoke the matter of dental benefits for Ontario Works. She commented that the original dental contract with the Algoma Health Unit was struck up in 1998, early in the DSSMSSAB history. The rates had not been updated since that

time and drastically required review. Dentists were refusing care for clients as a result of the low and unrealistic contract rates.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services was contacted and updated rates were provided. The MCSS rates are now approximately 75% of the current Dental Association rates where as the old MCSS rates were only 55%. The rate increase will be effective upon the passing of the resolution by the Board. The addition of a 3-year renewal clause will also be added to the contract to replace the perpetual-open contract used previously.

It was clarified that the rates set this year, will remain in-place for the entire 3-year contract but will be subject to review at the end of the 3-year term. K. Streich-Poser also noted that the AHU only charges a 5% administration fee which is a low expense compared to other sources.

Resolution #05-125

Moved By: J. Curran

Seconded By: D. Amaroso

- 5.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board renew the contract with the Algoma Health Unit for the provision of Dental Benefits on behalf of Ontario Works with the new MCSS approved rates for a three year term."

CARRIED

6. Community Child Care

K. Streich-Poser was available to speak to the Child Care report. She noted that the next Best Start deadline was delayed to January 31, 2006 as a result of the heavy workload and requirements.

Resolution #05-126

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 6.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the report prepared by the Community Child Care Services Manager be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-127

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: J. Curran

6.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the 2006 Service Contracts for the below noted Child Care Service Providers."

- Alternative School Childcare Services Co-operative
- 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 Parent Child Resource Centre
- Riverside Christian Children's Centre
- Sault College Child Development Centre
- Sault Ste. Marie Day Care Services Co-operative
- Sault Ste. Marie Pied Piper Nursery School
- Waterfront Child Development Centre
- YMCA Day Nursery

CARRIED

7. Homelessness

D. Amaroso requested a brief update of the status of the Bridge Funding given to Pauline's Place Youth Shelter. K. Streich-Poser addressed the question and provided agreement details to the Board. She also pointed out that the Core Funding for Homelessness Initiatives report provided by the Community Coordinator addresses this matter and lists possible contingency plans to for community needs.

Board members agreed that the bridge funding was simply a band-aid solution and that funding must be addressed on a more permanent level. A message needs to be sent to the Pauline's Place regarding future operations. All agreed that it is unfair to approach the Board at the last minute to request funding in an emergency basis.

Resolution #05-128

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

7.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the recommendation of the Executive / Finance Committee and the results of the fax poll circulated on November 29, 2005 to approve the provision of \$50,000 in Emergency Bridge Funding from the Ontario Works Community Enhancement Fund for Pauline's Place Youth Shelter."

CARRIED

A report prepared by Community Coordinator D. Pauze highlights previous situations where one-time funding has been provided while core funding was not available.

Resolution #05-129

Moved By: L. Madonna

Seconded By: L. Turco

- 7.2 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the recommendation of the Community Coordinator and the Commissioner of Social Services to petition the Provincial Government to work with the Federal Government to secure Core Funding for Homelessness Initiatives."

CARRIED

8. Social Housing Programs

R. Cobean addressed the Board informing them that the Italian Housing provider continues to have difficulty with the wait list laws, however the situation has been addressed and is being worked out.

The Affordable Housing Program plan must be prepared by March 2006. This program is difficult to put together as the administration dollars are minimal and the time requirements are extensive. The northern program supervisors are meeting regularly to discuss this matter and the various options. This program does not fit well with Northern Ontario.

Resolution #05-130

Moved By: J. Curran

Seconded By: L. Turco

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

CARRIED

Resolution #05-131

Moved By: L. Turco

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 8.2 "Be it resolved that DSSMSSAB approve the ONPHA (Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association) Associate Membership renewal for 2006."

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #05-132

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Meeting held October 27, 2005 be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

Resolution #05-133

Moved By: J. Curran

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 11.1 "Be it hereby resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the renewal of Commercial Insurance Proposal '06-'07 for the sum of \$11,972.88 as provided by Patrick Policicchio from General Insurance Services Inc."

CARRIED

Resolution #05-134

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 11.2 "Be it resolved that DSSMSSAB approve the OMSSA (Ontario Municipal Social Services Association) Membership renewal for 2006."

CARRIED

12. New Business

13. Old Business

14. Correspondence/Information

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

15. Adjournment

Resolution #05-135

Moved By: D. Amaroso

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

