



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FINANCE, PERSONNEL, GOVERNANCE)

MINUTES for Tuesday, July 5th, 2005

Social Housing Boardroom, 464 Albert St. E. at 12:20 p.m.

PRESENT: D. Edgar D. Amaroso B. Hayes
P. Mick J. Curran

CITY STAFF: K. Streich-Poser J. Crawford R. Cobean
A. McRae

DSSMSSAB: A. Nanne

Committee Chair, D. Edgar, called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm.

Review minutes from May 12, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting.

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Reports to Executive Committee:

- **Childcare Service Contract**

J. Crawford discussed the Child Care Service Contract with the committee. He informed them that there are very few changes from our previous contract. J. Curran commented that some of the numbers on the contract are very large and J. Crawford responded that the information is consistent with past contracts. The Best Start Program is still "up in the air" at this time.

The contract was accepted.

- **2005 Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiative Early Site MCSS Budget Submission**

A. McRae noted that the Sault Ste. Marie Budget submission includes the maximum allowance. This report was submitted in an effort to meet Ministry needs, although the software would not allow some fields to be entered.

The Budget Submission was accepted.

- **2005 Ontario Works Administration LSS and Equipment MCSS Budget Submission**

There are key adjustments to the Ontario Works Budget Submission as a result of the closing of the Intake Screening Unit. We may be receiving a little extra funding to cover these costs. A. McRae has allocated the funds and will receive the maximum funding.

The Budget Submission was accepted.

- **Community Childcare Annual Program Expenditures Reconciliation Report**
- **Community Childcare MCSS 4th Quarter Report**

J. Crawford spoke to both reports. A. McRae commented that the Fourth-Quarter for the Ministry year is actually the First-Quarter of 2005. MCYS works on an April-to-April year.

The reports were accepted.

La Co-Operative D'Habitation La Chaumiere Inc. Funding Proposal

R. Cobean, Housing Programs Manager, presented the funding proposal for La Co-Operative D'Habitation La Chaumiere Inc.

Background information regarding the La Co-Operative D'Habitation La Chaumiere Inc. funding proposal was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting. It was suggested that the financial support given to La Co-Operative D'Habitation La Chaumiere Inc. would come from DSSMSSAB funds and be repaid with no interest.

R. Cobean told committee members that he received a call last week to inform him that La Chaumiere has identified two additional units with mold. Thankfully, one unit is empty right now but the occupied unit is requesting that the townhouse be cleaned and goods replaced as in the past. R. Cobean suggested that La Chaumiere speak to an attorney prior to spending any more money.

D. Edgar asked about the setting of a possible precedent in terms of other groups requesting funding in the future. R. Cobean indicated that the St. Gregory's complex was given an interest free loan in the past as well. Others may come along later requesting funds but each situation will need to be examined separately.

J. Curran asked if the funds were allocated to La Chaumiere, that the DSSMSSAB would be unable use this money for other purposes in the future? R. Cobean thought that we might be able to add stipulations into the contract should other funds become available for the group from alternative sources. Everyone agreed that this would be a good idea and R. Cobean will add this

stipulation to the agreement. R. Cobean has already sent a copy of the agreement to legal for review.

K. Streich-Poser asked R. Cobean if La Chaumiere has ever talked to the City regarding the sewer drainage problems and ditches. She wants to ensure that the City is taking responsibility for fixing any problems external to the building to help relieve the problem.

B. Hayes asked if Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing would have a problem with us allocating funds for this purpose? R. Cobean assured him that this reserve and funding was set up for this very purpose and that the Province had similar processes in place when they administered social housing.

A. McRae wants to make certain that the DSSMSSAB is cautious with the investment of funds and recommends this be treated as a loan. R. Cobean stated that it could also be considered a subsidy advance.

K. Streich-Poser requested that a fax / phone poll be conducted to approve the La Co-Operative D'Habitation La Chaumiere Inc. Funding Proposal. The DSSMSSAB office will send out the fax / phone poll this week.

The Executive / Finance committee accepted and agreed to support the La Co-Operative D'Habitation La Chaumiere Inc. Funding Proposal.

The topic of capital investment thru SHSC came up. , D. Edgar and A. McRae felt that the NOSDA Annual General Meeting might be a good venue to discuss this type of issue. D. Edgar asked A. McRae to draft up an investment recommendation to be brought forward at the NOSDA Annual General meeting in September.

Other Business

No Other Business was discussed

Next Meetings – The Executive / Finance Committee chose the following meeting dates for the remainder of the summer.

Thursday, July 21st, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Thursday, August 11th, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. – This meeting date will be postponed until the last week of August.

The next Executive / Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 30th at noon in the Social Housing Boardroom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.