



District of Sault Ste. Marie

Social Services Administration Board

Minutes for the DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 20, 2006 - 5:20 PM
Social Services Building II Board Room – Brock Street

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

Call to order by DSSMSSAB Board Chair D. Edgar at 5:36 pm.

1. Minutes

Resolution #06-058

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: J. Curran

- 1.1 "Be it resolved that the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board dated June 22, 2006 be adopted as recorded."

CARRIED

2. Accounts

Accounts NOT previously reviewed by the Executive Committee

A. McRae reviewed the Accounts Payable and Accounts Payable summary with Board members.

Resolution #06-059

Moved By: J. Curran

Seconded By: L. Turco

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

June 15, 2006 in the amount of \$769,179.69

June 22, 2006 in the amount of \$9,146.30

June 29, 2006 in the amount of \$236,596.50

July 07, 2006 in the amount of \$1,115,624.17
July 14, 2006 in the amount of \$500.00
July 20, 2006 in the amount of \$890,861.87
July 27, 2006 in the amount of \$36,449.43
August 03, 2006 in the amount of \$1,124,942.95
August 11, 2006 in the amount of \$375,277.87
August 17, 2006 in the amount of \$737,030.62
August 24, 2006 in the amount of \$275,621.94
September 8, 2006 in the amount of \$1,133,732.54

be passed for payment."

CARRIED

3. Executive/Finance

A. McRae and J. Crawford each spoke to their respective financial reports.

Resolution #06-060

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: S. Butland

3.1 "Be it resolved that the following reports be accepted by the DSSMSSAB as information:

- DSSMSSAB Budget vs Actual – January 1 to June 30, 2006
- Ontario Works – MCSS 2006 2nd Quarter Report
- Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiative-Early Sites – 2006 2nd Quarter Report
- Community Childcare – 2005 Annual Program Expenditure Reconciliation
- Community Childcare – MCFCS 2nd Quarter Report
- Provincial Homelessness Initiative Fund – 2005 Annual Program Expenditure Reconciliation
- Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program Energy Emergency Fund – MCSS & MCYS 2nd Quarter Report

CARRIED

DSSMSSAB Auditor

A. McRae addressed the appointment of the DSSMSSAB auditor for 2006. He noted that the DSSMSSAB Act states that we must use the same auditor as the largest municipality in the region, which in our case is Sault Ste. Marie. He also indicated to the Board members that our original contract with BDO Dunwoody LLP Chartered Accountants has expired and that a new tender has been distributed.

As a result resolution #06-037 passed on June 22, 2006 stating:

"Be it resolved that the firm of BDO Dunwoody LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed as the auditors for the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board for the financial year 2006."

was reversed and resolution #06-061 was approved.

Resolution #06-061

Moved By: J. Curran

Seconded By: B. Hayes

3.2 "Whereas the current five year agreement for external audit services for the Municipality of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, expires with the completion of the 2005 fiscal year audit and

Whereas Section 296(3) of the Municipal Act states that an auditor of a municipality shall not be appointed for a term exceeding five years;

Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the same auditors as appointed by the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the 2006 fiscal year audit."

CARRIED

4. Land Ambulance

L. McCoy informed Board members that there is a definite decline in sick-time as a result of newly implemented procedures and protocol.

Resolution #06-062

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: S. Butland

4.1 "Be it resolved that the June 2006, July 2006 and August 2006 reports from the Fire Chief for the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Medical Services be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

L. McCoy spoke to Board Members regarding a Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) grant application. He would like to purchase a trailer for the delivery of EMS material. The application needs to be submitted by Friday. The trailer would cost approximately \$7,500 - with the price to the DSSMSSAB running approximately \$4,000 should the grant application be approved. The trailer would need to be purchased up-front and if the grant is approved the DSSMSSAB would then be subsidized the grant amount. If the grant is not accepted, the sole responsibility for the expense of the trailer would fall on the DSSMSSAB.

L. McCoy asked the Board's approval to the purchase of the trailer and submit a JEPP grant application. Board members agreed.

Resolution #06-062 (B)

Moved By: L. Madonna
Seconded By: V. Burns

- 4.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve the purchase of a trailer to house the Emergency Medical Equipment for easy deployment."

CARRIED

5. Ontario Works

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the Ontario Works manager's report on behalf of C. Rosso. She noted that the Ontario Works caseload is currently 100-200 clients less than at this time last year. The Consolidated Verification Process (CVP) unit has completed 75% of their targeted internal reviews as of August 2006. The children's playroom has now been transformed to a satellite employment assistance area. Clients now have access to computers and job boards on site.

Resolution #06-063

Moved By: B. Hayes
Seconded By: J. Curran

- 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

K. Streich-Poser spoke to the Community Child Care report as F. Lake was in Sudbury attending an update session for the next steps of the Best Start Plan. K. Streich-Poser noted the Best Start renovations are complete and that the Best Start Child Care spaces are up and running.

The Best Start Network continues to meet and plan in an effort to consolidate hubs. With the government restructuring there is less of a planning role at this time.

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) is now responsible for Community Child Care. MCYS representative, Nicole True, will be our main contact.

Resolution #06-064

Moved By: P. Mick
Seconded By: L. Turco

- 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

7. Homelessness

Community Coordinator, D. Pauze, spoke to her report. She outlined the difference between the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) and the Provincial Homelessness Initiatives Fund (PHIF). The reporting is much more comprehensive for CHIP. Clients, on a monthly basis, submit demographically and financially detailed information. A complete client profile is also submitted. A review committee looks at proposals, previous year statistics and expenditures before any funds are awarded.

S. Butland inquired about the need for disabled / accessible homeless shelters. D. Pauze informed him that there is currently a shortage of accessible homeless spaces and that there is an increasing need for this service. S. Butland would like to know what is being done in regards to this matter and would also like to be informed of future developments. K. Streich-Poser noted that there are contingencies in place that deal with this situation but only for the short-term.

Resolution #06-065

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: J. Curran

- 7.1 "Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the 2006 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program report prepared by the Community Coordinator."

CARRIED

Resolution #06-066

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: J. Curran

- 7.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB approve funding the Community Assistance Trust in the amount of \$11,227.00 and the Mobile Support Worker Program in the amount of \$51,500.00 out of the 2006 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program with the understanding that full review of the Mobile Support Worker will be completed before the end of the calendar year, and future funding will depend on the outcome as recommended by the review committee."

CARRIED

8. Social Housing Programs

R. Cobean spoke to the Social Housing Programs and the Affordable Housing Program. He commented that there might be problems with the Affordable Housing Program and the administrative responsibilities that accompany it. At this time, some large service managers have already declined participation in the Affordable Housing Program. R. Cobean will continue to work on this initiative, but is not yet comfortable with this project. He hopes to have more information at the next Board meeting.

Resolution #06-067

Moved By: P. Mick

Seconded By: S. Butland

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

CARRIED

9. Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation

Resolution #06-068

Moved By: J. Curran

Seconded By: P. Mick

- 9.1 "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Meeting held June 22, 2006 be accepted by the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board as information."

CARRIED

10. Commissioner of Social Services

K. Streich-Poser provided a written report summarizing the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) AGM held in Dryden last week. The NOSDA website is now up and running for further information. <http://www.nosda.net/>

Resolution #06-069

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: J. Curran

- 10.1 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the 2006 NOSDA AGM report prepared by the Commissioner of Social Services as information."

CARRIED

K. Streich-Poser noted that the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review came as a result of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference.

Resolution #06-070

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: B. Hayes

- 10.2 "Be it resolved that the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review be accepted by the Board as information."

CARRIED

D. Edgar informed Board members that Resolution #06-071 was written to ensure that our concerns are heard.

Resolution #06-071

Moved By: B. Hayes

Seconded By: J. Curran

- 10.3 "Whereas the provincial government announced at the annual AMO conference that they would be doing a comprehensive Provincial Municipal social Services review over the next 18 months and

Whereas the District of Social Services Administration Boards have the mandate of delivering Social Services in Northern Ontario and differ from their Consolidated Municipal Services Managers in Southern Ontario who tend to be Regional and County level upper tier municipalities,

Be it resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board recommend that there be representation on the Joint Review Committee of a District Social Services Administration Board through the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) to ensure the interests of Northern Ontario are included in the review and that this resolution will be shared with all members of NOSDA, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Emergency Medical Services Branch."

CARRIED

11. DSSMSSAB Administration

Resolution #06-072

Moved By: V. Burns

Seconded By: S. Butland

- 11.1 "Be it resolved that Marlene Polychuk of the Algoma District School Board hereby be appointed an Assistant Returning Officer for the 2006 DSSMSSAB election to be held in the Sault North and in addition to the duties and responsibilities of an Assistant Returning Officer as provided by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 is hereby delegated the following duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

- Authority to receive election results as they are reported on Election Day.

CARRIED

Resolution #06-073

Moved By: J. Curran

Seconded By: L. Madonna

- 11.2 "Be it resolved that the DSSMSSAB accept the Interim Governance and Accountability Guidelines for DSSABs dated July 5, 2006 as information."

CARRIED

13. New Business

Website Administration

Through a HRSDC (Human Resources and Social Development Canada) and a training contract with Lynn Rosso, Municipal Plan Coordinator and the Accessibility Centre, Kim Anderson was contracted to administer the DSSMSSAB website at www.ssm-dssab.com. This contract has now expired. Kim Anderson would like to continue administration of this website by contracting directly with the DSSMSSAB. A. Nanne will explore funding options for website administration duties.

Provincial Land Tax Reform and Federal Gas Rebate Funding

A. McRae noted that the Provincial Land Tax Reform could possibly have an impact on the Sault North area. He advised the Board to stay tuned and stay informed about this matter.

D. Edgar also informed Board members that the Provincial government has not yet distributed the current Federal Gas rebate earmarked for the unincorporated areas. The Northern Service Deliverers (NOSDA) are now perusing this issue and are trying to find a way to retrieve the funds.

Governance of Early Years Centres

K. Streich-Poser noted that there is a possibility that the Early Years Centers may be designated to the DSSMSSAB for governance.

14. Old Business

15. Correspondence/Information

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

16. Adjournment

Resolution #06-074

Moved By: S. Butland

Seconded By: L. Madonna

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

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm