



Social Services

District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services
Administration Board
Conseil d'Administration des Services du District Sault Ste. Marie
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MINUTES

*DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 4:30 PM
ZOOM Teleconference*

PRESENT:	L. Dufour K. Lamming	J. Gawne D. Edgar	M. Bruni
STAFF:	M. Nadeau C. Fairbrother	S. Ford D. Petersson	A. Kohler J. Bowen
ABSENT:	M. Scott	C. Gardi	D. Hilsinger

1. CALL TO ORDER by L. Dufour, Board Chair at 4:31 PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #22-018

Moved By: M. Bruni
Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 2.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Agenda for March 17, 2022** District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”
CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
NONE

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution #22-019

Moved By: D. Edgar

Seconded By: J. Gawne

- 4.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated February 17, 2022 be adopted as recorded.”

CARRIED

5. MANAGERS REPORTS

HOUSING SERVICES

Resolution #22-020

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: K. Lamming

- 5.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the March 17, 2022 Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) Transfer Payment Agreement Report of the Director of Community Housing and Development and enter into a transfer payment agreement with the Province of Ontario for the purposes of being eligible for 2022-2023 funding initiatives related to COCHI at an allocation of \$1,078,780, and OPHI at an allocation of \$454,000.”

CARRIED

PARAMEDIC SERVICES

Resolution #22-021

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: K. Lamming

- 5.2 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the March 17, 2022 Vehicle Purchase Report of the Chief of Paramedic Services and approve the purchase of three (3) vehicles for the DSSMSSAB’s Community Paramedic Program from Northside Toyota at a the total cost of \$123,025.86.”

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #22-022

Moved By: K. Lamming

Seconded By: M. Bruni

5.3 “**WHEREAS** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) recognizes the increased funding received from the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada specific to homelessness and vulnerable community members during the pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Policy Institute recently found that Sault Ste. Marie has a higher homelessness population per 1,000 people than Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, etc. as identified through comparing Point in Time (PiT) counts;

AND WHEREAS the DSSMSSAB has experienced a significant increase in both the prevalence and acuity of community members struggling with mental health and addictions since the onset of the Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS people require a safe, secure and affordable home with on-site supports, in addition to access to special health care and treatment, to have any meaningful chance at stabilizing and/or recovery;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DSSMSSAB call upon the Province of Ontario to permanently increase the Homelessness Prevention Fund (HPP), at minimum, equal to the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF);

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the DSSMSSAB requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify Homelessness as a Provincial and National Crisis and acknowledge a lack of resources to adequately support addiction and mental health programs and services to be a leading cause of homelessness and commit the necessary resources needed to solve chronic homelessness across the province and country;

AND FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED the DSSMSSAB requests the Province of Ontario to create a task force which includes an all of government representation in partnership with local Service Managers and Indigenous Organizations to create a fulsome strategy to address homelessness and the root cause of homelessness, mental health and addictions.”

CARRIED

Resolution #22-023

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 5.4 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now enter into closed session for educational purposes.”

CARRIED

Entered into closed session at 4:43 PM

Resolution #22-024

Moved By: J. Gawne

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.5 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now returns to open session.”

CARRIED

Returned to open session at 4:59 PM

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Letter of resignation received from Matt Scott
Appointment will be considered at next city council meeting

7. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #22-025

Moved By: K. Lamming

Seconded By: D. Edgar

- 8.1 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn.”

CARRIED Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 21, 2022 4:30 PM