



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 MEETING

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:15 PM

390 Bay Street, Suite 405

PRESENT:	L. Dufour	M. Bruni (exited at 7:16 PM)	
	S. Spina	E. Palumbo	L. Vezeau-Allen
	A. Caputo (entered at 4:38 exited at 5:24 returned at 5:36)		
	J. Hupponen (entered at 4:44 PM)		S. Hopkin
STAFF:	M. Nadeau	S. Ford	D. Petersson
	L. Bruni	C. Fairbrother	A. Borrelli
	J. Pearson	T. Ritter	A. Kohler
	E. Cuglietta	K. Kirkham(via Zoom)	P. Patteri
	J. Barban		

1. CALL TO ORDER by L. Dufour, Board Chair at 4:36 PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #23-017

Moved By: L Vezeau Allen

Seconded By: E. Palumbo

- 2.1 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Agenda for February 16, 2023** District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as AMENDED to include the homelessness resolution under new business .”

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
NONE

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution #23-018

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: S. Spina

- 4.1 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated **January 19, 2023** be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Early Years Update – Carla Fairbrother, Director Early Years

5.2 Paramedic Services Update – Kate Kirkham, Chief Paramedic Services

6. MANAGERS REPORTS

HOUSING SERVICES

Resolution #23-019

Moved By: A. Caputo

Seconded By: S. Hopkin

- 6.1 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the February 16, 2023 Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) Investment Plan report of the Integrated Programs Manager and accept the HPP Investment Plan for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 as detailed in the report.”

CARRIED

Resolution #23-020

Moved By: J. Hupponen

Seconded By: E. Palumbo

- 6.2 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the February 16, 2023 Community Homelessness Report of the Housing and Homelessness Supervisor as information.”

CARRIED

Resolution #23-021

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: E. Palumbo

- 6.3 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the February 16, 2023 Reaching Home (RH) Investment Plan Report of the Integrated Programs Manager and accept the Strategy Investment Plan for the period of April 01, 2023 to March 31, 2024 as detailed in the report.”

CARRIED

PARAMEDIC SERVICES

Resolution #23-022

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: S. Spina

- 6.4 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the February 16, 2023 Offload Delay report of the Chief of Paramedic Services as information.”

CARRIED

Resolution #23-023

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: J. Hupponen

- 6.5 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the February 16, 2023 Rising Operational Costs for Paramedic Services report of the Chief of Paramedic Services as information.”

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES

Resolution #23-024

Moved By: A. Caputo

Seconded By: S. Hopkin

- 6.6 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the February 16, 2023 Proposed 2023 Operating Budget report as information”

CARRIED

Resolution #23-025

Moved By: J. Hupponen
Seconded By: E. Palumbo

- 6.7 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now enter into closed session for labour relations.”
Entered into closed session at 7:23 PM
CARRIED

Resolution #23-026

Moved By: A. Caputo
Seconded By: E. Palumbo

- 6.8 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now returns to open session.”
Returned to open session at 7:42 PM
CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Finance Committee - strike committee for 2023
2023 Finance Committee will be comprised of:

- L. Vezeau Allen
- J. Hupponen
- S. Hopkin
- S. Spina

Resolution #23-028

Moved By: J. Hupponen
Seconded By: S. Hopkin

- 8.2 “**WHEREAS** the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with NOSDA, FONOM, AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; and the Minister of Health.”

CARRIED

- 8.3 L. Vezeau-Allen provided information on a community economic development initiative with Garden River First Nation and arranging a meeting to discuss this with the DSSMSSAB. M. Nadeau will work with L. Vezeau-Allen and include E. Palumbo to arrange this discussion

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #23-027

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: S. Spina

- 9.1 **"BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 16, 2023 4:30 PM