



**Social Services | Services Sociaux
Zhawenimi-Anokiitaagewin**

Sault Ste. Marie District

District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services
Administration Board

Conseil d'Administration des Services du District Sault Ste. Marie
Zhawenimi-Anokiitaagewin

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD AGENDA

Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 12:00 PM

390 Bay Street, Suite 405

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Metis Council.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #23-101

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: S. Hopkin

- 3.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Agenda for December 14, 2023** District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution #23-102

Moved By: S. Hopkin

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

- 5.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Minutes** from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated **November 16, 2023** be adopted as recorded.

6. MANAGERS REPORTS

Housing and Homelessness

Resolution #23-103

Moved By: J. Hupponen

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

- 6.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve the the recommendation to re-allocate the slippage of Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) funding to operate a supportive housing program at 101 Chapple Street and to support the development of programming at the Community resource Centre as presented”.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES

Resolution #23-104

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: E. Palumbo

- 7.1“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accepts the recommendation to borrow the sum of \$4,000,000.00 to meet, until current revenue is collected, current expenditures for the year 2024; and;

WHEREAS the total amount of the estimated revenues of the Board for the year 2024 not including revenue 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."

ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #23-105

Moved By: S. Hopkin

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

7.2 **"BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services

Administration Board continue to hold their 2024 regular monthly Board Meetings generally on the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. as listed below:"

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Thursday, June 20, 2024 (Sault North or Prince Township)

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Resolution #23-106

Moved By: E. Palumbo

Seconded By: J. Hupponen

7.3 **"BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services

Administration Board now enter into closed session for labour relations."

Resolution #23-107

Moved By: E. Palumbo

Seconded By: J. Hupponen

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

Resolution #23-108

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: S. Hopkin

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

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #23-109

Moved By: E. Palumbo

Seconded By: S. Spina

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



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DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM 390 Bay
Street, Suite 405*

PRESENT: L. Dufour E. Palombo
 S. Spina A. Caputo
 J. Hupponen E. Palombo via zoom
 M. Bruni L. Vezeau-Allen

STAFF: M. Nadeau L. Bruni
 M. Scott K. Kirkham
 A. Borrelli J. Barban
 D. Petersson

Regrets: S. Hopkin A. Kohler

CALL TO ORDER at 3:07

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Metis Council.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #23-093

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: A. Caputo

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for November 16, 2023 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 #23-094

Moved By: E. Palombo

Seconded By: M. Bruni

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

Carried

5. BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution #23-095

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: A. Caputo

- 5.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;

1. That intimate partner violence be integrated into The Corporation of The City of Sault Ste. Marie community safety and well-being plan in accordance with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest;

2. That the request to write a letter be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario re-consider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic and act on all of 86 recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest by setting up a provincial implementation committee to oversee comprehensive consideration of all of the recommendations;

3. That a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity; The Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction; Sault Ste. Marie MPP Ross Romano; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers’ Association.

Carried by all

MANAGERS REPORTS

CORPORATE SERVICES

Resolution #23-096

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: A. Caputo

- 5.2 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve the 2024 Operating Budget as presented by the Chief Financial Officer a total levy increase of 4.95%”

Carried

PARAMEDIC SERVICES

Resolution #23-097

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: A. Caputo

- 5.3 "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept this Offload Delay Report by the Chief of Paramedic Services as information".

Carried

ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #23-098

Moved By: A.
Caputo Seconded
By: M. Bruni

- 5.4 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB), in accordance with section 43 of the Ontario Works Act, designate Pam Patteri, Integrated Program Manager-Community and Client Support, as the Ontario Works Administrator (Ministry of Community and Social Services) effective immediately.

Carried by all

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #23-099

Moved By: M. Bruni
Seconded By: E. Palumbo

- 5.5 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the travel request of: Luke Dufour, Sonny Spina, Lisa Vezeau-Allen, Enzo Palumbo , Stephanie Hopkin and Angela Caputo to attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) AGM in Toronto January 21 to 23 2024 at an approximate cost of \$2,000 each”.

Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #23-100

Moved By: E. Palumbo
Seconded By: S. Spina

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

Carried

Adjourn at 3:51pm

Next Board Meeting December 14, 2023 12:00 PM



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Conseil d'Administration des Services du District Sault Ste. Marie
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DSSMSSAB BOARD REPORT

AUTHOR: Joanne Pearson

DATE: December 14, 2023

RE: Homelessness Prevention Program Funding Slippage 2023/2024

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) re-allocate 2023/24 Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) funding to a supportive housing program at 101 Chapple Street and to support the development of programming at the Community resource Centre as follows:

1. \$718,718 for supportive housing
2. \$28,546.33 to move existing residents at 101 Chapple into new housing units
3. \$27,254 for a three month contract to initiate and coordinate programming at the CRC

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In July of 2023, the DSSMSSAB approved the investment plan for the Homelessness Prevention Program funding for fiscal 2023/2024. As a result of our need to consult with, and secure community partners, many of the service contracts with community partners were pro-rated, which resulted in underutilization of funds for fiscal 2023/2024 only. To date date totals \$ 544,518.33. In addition, there is also unspent funds that were dedicated for the Youth Portable Housing Benefit – a result of youth experiencing difficulty securing accommodations in a timely manner, and finally, an average of \$20,000 is being spent monthly as part of the Housing Stability Bank, resulting in a surplus of funds in the Housing Stability Bank as well due to later implementation and underutilization. The chart below outlines the surplus funds to date.

Service Contracts	\$544,518.33
Youth Portable Housing Benefit (estimated)	\$115,000
Housing Stability Bank (estimated)	\$115,000
TOTAL	\$774,518.33

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As part of the initial HPP investment plan, a one-time capital investment of \$100,000 was approved by the DSSMSSAB for renovations to 101 Chapple Street to convert the common room into a communal kitchen area/ programming space as well as converting a janitor room into office space. This renovation has since been completed (November 2023) and is now ready to accommodate a service provider to operate a supportive housing program for 10 high acuity women. This will increase the total number of supportive housing program spaces dedicated to women to 18 (8 located at Pauline's Place and 10 proposed for 101 Chapple).

It is our intention to move the semi-supportive housing program currently operating at 137 East Street to 101 Chapple Street and expand service to offer 24-7 supports. This will offer better services and security to vulnerable women in our community. The layout of the 137 East Street does not allow for secure entrances or monitoring who is accessing the site or each unit, despite having camera systems in place. The move to a secure one entry location like 101 Chapple Street will mitigate and protect those most vulnerable. We will repurpose 137 East Street units and offer them to community members who do not require intensive supports to remain housed.

Additionally, the Community Resource Centre (CRC) officially opened in September of this year. Social Services staff and community partners are worked very hard to serve community partners within the space. The needs of people accessing the services are often very acute and the CRC team (agencies) have determined that a short one-time investment for a CRC Coordinator would greatly assist in coordinating activities, developing activity/programming schedule, etc. to ensure that guests of the CRC are participating in active programming on a daily/regular basis.

SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

The John Howard Society (JHS) of Sault Ste. Marie has indicated an interest in delivering the supportive housing program for 101 Chapple. The John Howard Society has been part of our Homeless Prevention Team (HPT) for many years, is currently providing housing supports at 137 East Street and has the capacity to excel in this scope of work. Social Services is recommending that we award JHS with a multi-year contract to offer supports at 101 Chapple.

Additionally, Social Services has identified a very capable team member to lead the animation of programming at the CRC for a three month period; who will be tasked with implementing programming and building partner agency capacity.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

The Homelessness Prevention Program aligns with the pillar of Service Delivery and Community Partnerships.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no net municipal financial implications since the Homelessness Prevention Program funding is 100% provincial funding.

101 Chapple – JHS and has submitted a budget in the amount of \$1,315,972 over three years to operate 24/7.

The following chart outlines the budget details:

Budget Line	Budget Allocations (2024-2026)
HPP (based on current MMAH funding agreement)	\$360,000
Homemakers	\$210,000
TOTAL	\$570,000
Shortfall	\$745,972

The recommendation is to use remaining \$774,518.33 HPP as follows:

4. \$718,718 for supportive housing
5. \$28,546.33 to move existing residents at 101 Chapple into new housing units
6. \$27,254 for a three month contract to initiate and coordinate programming at the CRC

There will be an overall funding shortfall of \$27,254 that will need to be funded over the life of the agreement in 2026 to operate 101 Chapple.

CONCLUSION

Increasing supportive housing options in our community is essential in order to continue to support those most vulnerable. We are pleased that we have an opportunity to fill a much needed gap in our community. Additionally, community members accessing the CRC require more structure and programming than is currently being offered to assists in their life stabilization.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Pearson
Integrated Program Manager

Approved by:



Mike Nadeau
Chief Executive Officer