



**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

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**DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

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**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**

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Carried by all

## 6. MANAGERS REPORTS

### CORPORATE SERVICES

#### Resolution #23-096

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: A. Caputo

- c. **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%”

### PARAMEDIC SERVICES

#### Resolution #23-097

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

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

**Carried**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Resolution #23-098**

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

**“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

- e. **“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”.

## **M. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Resolution #23-100**

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

a. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn."

**Carried**

**Adjourn at 3:51pm**

**Next Board Meeting December 14, 2023 12:00 PM**