



**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, July 25, 2024 at 12:00 PM*

*548 Albert Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON*

**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 #24-075**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

- 3.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Agenda for July 25, 2024** 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 #24-076**

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: A. Caputo

- 5.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Minutes** from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting dated **June 20, 2024** be adopted as recorded.

## 6. MANAGERS REPORTS

### INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **Resolution #24-077**

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: S. Spina

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) allocate the 2024/25 Canada – Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) funding as follows:

- \$857,235 to the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation (SSMHC); \$380,000 for the construction of a four unit apartment building at 61 Wellington St. E. and \$477,235 for 393 Dovercourt Drive to convert the electrical Make Up Air supply to a high efficiency MUA unit, and;
- \$360,000 to Ontario Aboriginal Housing to maintain Urban Indigenous Housing (UNH) rent supplement units at the Neetch-Ke-When homes location(s).

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the DSSMSSAB allocate \$377,700 Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) to the SSMHC for the replacement and of windows and balcony enclosures at 615 Bay Street”.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

#### **Resolution #24-078**

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: S. Spina

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



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**DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 4:30 PM  
548 Albert Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON*

**Present:**     **Stephanie Hopkin via Zoom**  
                  **Lisa Vezeau-Allen**  
                  **Marchy Bruni**  
                  **Ron Zagordo via Zoom**  
                  **Enzo Palumbo**  
                  **Angela Caputo Acting Chair**  
                  **Sonny Spina**

**Mike Nadeau**  
                  **Miranda Scott**  
                  **Louie Bruni**  
                  **Tanya Ritter**  
                  **Joanne Pearson**  
                  **Pam Patteri**

**1. CALL TO ORDER at 5:05 pm**

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #24-062**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

3.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Agenda for June 20, 2024** District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”  
CARRIED

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

#### **5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Resolution #24-063**

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: R. Zagordo

5.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Minutes** from District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Special Board meeting dated **May 23, 2024** be adopted as recorded”.  
CARRIED

**Resolution #24-064**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: E. Palumbo

5.2 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Minutes** from District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Special Board meeting dated **June 6, 2024** be adopted as recorded”.  
CARRIED

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **7. MANAGERS REPORTS**

**PROGRAMS**

**Resolution #24-065**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: M. Bruni

7.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve an allocation up to \$332,439.44 in Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding to eligible child care operators as per the Emerging Issues applications; and up to \$400,000 in provincial funding to cover the balance of the identified pressures child care operators have identified in the Emerging Issues applications”.  
CARRIED

**Resolution #24-066**

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

- 7.2 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the 2023/2024 fiscal year Community Homelessness Report as information”.

CARRIED

**Resolution #24-067**

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

- 7.3 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the updated Homelessness Prevention Program Investment Plan for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025”.

CARRIED

**Resolution #24-068**

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen  
Seconded By: R. Zagordo

- 7.4 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accept the Mobile Unit Report as information”.

CARRIED

**CEO**

**Resolution #24-069**

Moved By: S. Spina  
Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 7.5 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board provide the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation with \$2,200,000 from strategic reserves to be used for capital/construction needs as determined by the SSMHC Board of Directors.”

CARRIED

**Resolution #24-070**

Moved By: M. Bruni  
Seconded By: R. Zagordo

- 7.6 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 as prepared by KPMG”.

CARRIED

**Resolution #24-071**

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: S. Spina

- 7.7 **"BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board now enter into closed for labour management and capital facility discussion"

CARRIED

**Resolution #24-072**

Moved By: R. Zagordo

Seconded By: E. Palumbo

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

CARRIED

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolution #24-073**

Moved By: R. Zagordo

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

- 8.1 **"BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the travel request of: Stephanie Hopkin and Enzo Palumbo to attend the AMO AGM in Ottawa Ontario August 18th to 21st 2024 at an approximate cost of \$3000"

CARRIED

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #24-074**

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: S. Spina

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

CARRIED



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## **DSSMSSAB BOARD REPORT**

**AUTHOR:** Mike Nadeau

**DATE:** July 25, 2024

**RE:** Awarding of the 2024/2025 Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative Dollars and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Be it Resolved that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) allocate the 2024/25 Canada – Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) funding as follows:

- \$857,235 to the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation (SSMHC). \$380,000 for the construction of a four unit apartment building at 61 Wellington St. E. and \$477,235 for Dovercourt Drive to convert the electrical Make Up Air supply to a high efficiency MUA unit, and;
- \$360,000 to Ontario Aboriginal Housing to maintain Urban Indigenous Housing (UNH) rent supplement units at the Neetch-Ke-When homes location(s).

Further Be It Resolved that the DSSMSSAB also allocate \$377,700 Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) to the SSMHC for the replacement and of windows and balcony enclosures at 315 Bay Street.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Funding received under COCHI is intended to represent a re-investment of Federal funding that has been declining under the Canada-Ontario Social Housing Agreement. These funds provide an opportunity for Service Managers and Community Housing providers to address the challenges associated with the housing projects reaching the end of operating agreements and/or mortgage maturity.

The OPHI program is modelled after similar affordable housing programs that have since ended, with the most recent being the Investment in Affordable Housing Program Extension (IAH-E). While the program is similar to IAH-E, there are additional

opportunities available to the Service Manager in this program including a new support services component and the allowance of being able to supporting community housing under Ontario Renovates.

### **SUMMARY/OVERVIEW**

OPHI funding (\$377,700) will be awarded to the SSMHC to upgrade windows and balconies at 615 Bay St. as the windows are 25 years old and in need of replacement.

COCHI funding for will be awarded for the following:

- \$380,000 to the SSMHC towards the construction of a four-unit apartment building at 61 Wellington St. E. The DSSMSSAB has made increasing the supply of affordable housing a priority and this supports the goal of increased housing supply.
- \$477,235 for 393 Dovercourt Drive to convert the electrical Make-Up Air supply to a high efficiency MUA unit. The make-up air supply is original and in need of replacement. Replacing will also make the building's operating costs more efficient for many years.
- \$360,000 to Ontario Aboriginal Housing to maintain Urban Indigenous Housing rent supplement units at the Neetch-Ke-When homes location(s). UNH units are a priority under the provincial contract signed by the DSSMSSAB.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

The additional funds will align with the pillar of Organizational Excellence as the team works on new ideas and solutions to develop the properties.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no implications to the budget as the 2024/2025 COCHI/OPHI funding received by the DSSMSSAB are provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). Awarding funding as recommended is also in scope with the funding agreement entered into with MMAH.

### **CONCLUSION**

These funds will help SSMHC improve energy efficiencies to their buildings that will result in energy savings and more efficient operating costs and contribute to adding four (4) new affordable single bedroom apartments in the community. It will also continue to support Urban Indigenous Housing as we have in past years through rent subsidies.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Nadeau  
Chief Executive Officer