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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 MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 4:30 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, and the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Metis Council.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #24-085

Moved By: A.Caputo

Seconded By: S.Spina

- 3.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Agenda for September 19, 2024** District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board meeting be approved as presented.”

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

5. MANAGERS REPORTS

PARAMEDIC SERVICES

Resolution #24-086

Moved By: R. Zagordo

Seconded By: E. Palumbo

- 5.1 “**Be it Resolved** that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve the disposal of surplus assets in accordance with the proposals in the report.”

OPERATIONS

Resolution #24-087

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.2 “**Be it Resolved** that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the attached Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Update for 2023 as information.”

Resolution #24-088

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: A. Caputo

- 5.3 “**Be it Resolved** that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve an allocation of \$100,000 to the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the Downtown Ambassador Program (DAP) from 2024/25 Homelessness Prevention Program funding.”

Resolution #24-089

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: R. Zagordo

- 5.4 “**Be it Resolved** that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) enter into a closed session to discuss the following matters: personal matters about identifiable individuals, including employees of the Board; EMS labor relations and employee negotiations; and; a pending or proposed acquisition of land by the Board.”

Resolution #24-090

Moved By: E. Palumbo

Seconded By: M. Bruni

- 5.5 “**Be it Resolved** that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) now returns to an open session.”

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #24-091

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: R. Zagordo

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



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BOARD REPORT

AUTHOR: Kate Kirkham

DATE: September 19, 2024

RE: Disposal of Surplus Assets

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve the disposal of surplus assets in accordance with the proposals in this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In adherence to established procurement protocols, we have determined the need to dispose of the following items:

Item	Current State	Reason for Disposal
12 Panasonic Toughbook CF20s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-functional, poor condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irreparable
1 MK1 Intel Core m5-6Y57v Pro Processor Toughbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-functional, poor condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irreparable
1 2014 Fleetmax Ambulance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High mileage, high engine hours, no longer suitable for frontline response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No longer viable for frontline operations
4 Stryker Power Pro Stretchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expired per Ministry of Health Standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not compliant for frontline, emergency response use

SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

As per the organization's disposal policy, several avenues for disposal were considered, including public auction, public tender, trade, or negotiated sale.

Item	Possible Disposal Methods	Details
12 Panasonic Toughbook CF20s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrap metal value only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard drives will be wiped for privacy/confidentiality Disposal at AIM Recycling
1 MK1 IntelCore m5-6Y47 v Pro Processor Toughbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrap metal value only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard drive will e wiped for privacy/confidentiality Disposal at AIM Recycling
1 2014 Fleetmax Ambulance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sell to Elite 911 for \$7500 List on Public Auction Site – GovDeals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GovDeals typically returns between \$3,000 to \$10,000 with no guarantee
4 Stryker Power Pro Stretchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sell to Elite 911 for \$4,600 each (\$18,400 total) Sell to Rolands for \$1,000 each (\$4,000 total) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elite 911 offers the highest return and we've successfully dealt with this vendor in the past.

Based on this information, please see the recommendation for disposal of each asset:

Panasonic Toughbook CF20s & MK1 Intel Core m5-6Y57 v Pro Processor Toughbook:

It is recommended to dispose of these Toughbooks by recycling them for scrap metal value only. Prior to disposal, hard drives will be cleared to ensure privacy and confidentiality. The disposal will be managed through AIM Recycling to ensure secure handling.

2014 Fleetmax Ambulance:

It is recommended to proceed with the the sale of the ambulance through Elite 911, which has offered \$7500. This will provide a guaranteed financial return for the asset.

Stryker Power Pro Stretchers:

It is recommended to sell the stretchers to Elite 911, which has offered \$4,500 each, totaling \$18,000. This will provide the highest return.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

The decision on how to dispose of surplus assets significantly impacts the strategic plan of the DSSMSSAB. The chosen disposal methods directly affect the financial health and sustainability of the organization. Opting for the options with the highest return, can contribute positively to the organization's financial resources. This aligns with strategic

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goals aimed at ensuring long-term financial stability and effectiveness in resource allocation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of the recommended disposal methods for DSSMSSAB are as follows:

- Recycling the Panasonic Toughbooks and the MK1 Intel Core Processor will result in minimal revenue from scrap metal, with no significant financial impact.
- Selling the 2014 Fleetmax Ambulance to Elite 911 for \$7,500 will provide a guaranteed return, ensuring a stable financial outcome.
- The sale of the Stryker Power Pro Stretchers to Elite 911 for \$4,500 each, totaling \$18,000, offers the highest financial return, maximizing revenue for DSSMSSAB.

These recommendations facilitate efficient asset liquidation, converting surplus assets into cash that can be utilized according to the organization's financial priorities, while also providing certainty and stability in financial planning.

CONCLUSION

Adopting these disposal recommendations will optimize financial returns for DSSMSSAB, ensuring that the highest possible revenue is achieved for surplus assets. By securing guaranteed returns and maximizing value, these actions will contribute positively to the organization's financial position.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Kirkham
Chief Paramedic Services



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DSSMSSAB BOARD REPORT

AUTHOR: Joanne Pearson

DATE: September 19, 2024

RE: Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Update- 2023

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the attached Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Update for 2023 as information.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2014, the DSSMSSAB contracted with OrgCode Consulting to assist with the development of the DSSMSSAB's 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan and again in 2019, OrgCode assisted with the subsequent 5 Year Update. This plan was a requirement under the provincial Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy and the Housing Services Act (2011), and has been our guiding document towards ending homelessness by 2025 – a date set out by the Province.

The Plan contained five strategic directions, including:

1. Expand access to affordable housing.
2. Foster the development of an integrated system of housing and homelessness services.
3. Enhance support services for homelessness individuals and families.
4. Develop solutions to prevent homelessness.
5. Engage in on going planning.

Under each of the 5 strategic directions outlined above, the plan also detailed specific objectives and action items.

Every year, there is a requirement for Service Managers to provide an update on the progress being made towards the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan and the update to be made public. Historically, the update has been made public on the DSSMSSAB's website following board approval of the plan.

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SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

The attached is the 2023 Housing and Homelessness Plan Update.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

The Housing and Homelessness Annual Update aligns with the pillar of Service Delivery and Community Partnerships.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Annual Update.

CONCLUSION

Despite 2023 being a challenging year in addressing the issues related to our housing and homelessness system, there were strides made towards addressing the strategic directions outlined in the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. We will continue to use the plan as one of our guiding documents to end homelessness in our community.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Pearson
Integrated Program Manager



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Strategic Direction	Action	Timeline	Responsibility	Measures Taken
Strategic Direction 1: Expand access to affordable housing in the Service Area	Target available funding for new affordable housing stock to one –bedroom units	2023	DSSMSSAB	Purchased 61 Wellington Street to build a 4 plex. This building will consist of 4 – one bedroom units and supports will be offered.
Strategic Direction 1: Expand access to affordable housing in the Service Area	Evaluate the feasibility of a local fund such as a reserve fund or affordable rental housing and affordable ownership housing.	2023	DSSMSSAB	The purchase and renovation of properties continues with Ontario Works participants involved in the renovation of the homes. Once complete, the homes are sold to eligible families that reside within the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corp at an affordable home ownership rate. Two homes were purchased in 2023 for this purpose. One family moved into a newly renovated home as part of the Affordable Home Ownership program in 2023
Strategic Direction 1: Expand access to affordable housing in the Service Area	Dedicate additional funds to provide rent supplements to help single adult households on the waitlist access units in the private market as appropriate	2023	DSSMSSAB	DSSMSSAB continues to offer Portable Housing Benefits to individuals on the centralized waitlist. New in 2023, was the introduction of a Youth Portable Housing Benefit to assist youth experiencing homelessness.



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Strategic Direction 2: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Housing and Homelessness Services	Encourage service provider agencies to share office space in geographic areas that are identified as high- need to streamline client access and improve service provider collaboration	2023	DSSMSSAB	New Community Resource Centre opened in October 2023 with several service providers sharing office space and offering services/supports to those most vulnerable in our community.
Strategic Direction 2: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Homelessness services	Ensure a multi sectoral process for addressing encampments	2023	DSSMSSAB Service Providers	DSSMSSAB continues to coordinate and provide outreach services, along with other service providers, in the city of Sault Ste. Marie to address encampments
Strategic Direction 2: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Homelessness Services	Access to homelessness services is streamlined	2023	DSSMSSAB	Quality By-Name-List has been developed and DSSMSSAB continues involvement with Built for Zero Canada to ensure ongoing data reliability. Coordinated Access further streamlined with all supportive housing applications being vetted through the Mental Health and Addictions Supportive Housing Committee.
Strategic Direction 2: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Homelessness Services	Coordinate training between agencies to maximize available funds for professional development and ensure greater dissemination of best practices among local service providers	2023	DSSMSSAB, Service Providers	Ongoing training continues between agencies to ensure best practices across agencies. (Hifis, Built for Zero, Org Code, etc)

<p>Strategic Direction 2: Foster the Development of an Integrated System of Homelessness Services</p>	<p>Identify opportunities to build partnerships between "mainstream" and Aboriginal focused agencies to ensure that homelessness service providers and housing service providers are able to offer culturally appropriate supports to Aboriginal people living in the service area who require assistance</p>	<p>2023</p>	<p>DSSMSSAB</p>	<p>DSSMSSAB partnered with the North Shore Tribal Council to offer culturally appropriate supports for individuals at risk of homelessness and for those experiencing homelessness.</p>
<p>Strategic Direction 3: Enhance Housing Support Services for Homeless Individuals and Families</p>	<p>In the long term, evaluate the feasibility of establishing a single-site permanent supportive housing program for very high acuity individuals who need 24-hour support</p>	<p>2023</p>	<p>DSSMSSAB, Service Providers</p>	<p>Expanded supportive housing options by dedicating 10 one bedroom units situated in a building owned by the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation to offer 24/7 supports.</p> <p>New Community Resource Centre includes 22 bridge units offering 24 hour support.</p>



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DSSMSSAB BOARD REPORT

AUTHOR: Louie Bruni

DATE: September 19, 2024

RE: 10 Year Community Housing Homelessness Plan

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve an allocation of \$100,000 to the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the Downtown Ambassador Program (DAP).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2014 Social Services staff worked with a consulting company (Org Code) to develop the 10 year Housing and Homelessness Plan for the Sault Ste. Marie District in accordance with policy guidelines set by the Province of Ontario. The 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan aimed to address affordable housing and homelessness throughout the complete housing continuum, including homelessness prevention, emergency shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing and affordable rental and/or home ownership. As part of the requirements within policy guidelines for the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, a five (5) year update was completed in 2019.

The Housing and Homelessness Plan is due for renewal in 2025 as part of Provincial policy guidelines. To date, we have not been provided with requirements of the plan renewal or timeframe that the plan must cover.

SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

Although Homelessness and Housing is a mandate within the portfolio of the DSSMSSAB, it is at its core a community issue that requires community partnerships and support to address. Given that the issue is broader than just the mandate of the DSSMSSAB, it has been proposed to the City that the Housing and Homelessness Plan become a part of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, which is within the City of Sault Ste. Marie's mandate to complete. If the City agrees to include the Housing and Homelessness Plan into the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, the DSSMSSAB will fund a pro-rated amount of \$100,000 to cover the housing and homelessness portion of the overall plan.

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At present, \$100,000 in the HPP capital investment plan is no longer needed for capital purposes. To reallocate this funding from capital to operating, staff will submit a business case to the Ministry for approval in the coming weeks. The allocation of the \$100,000 to the City of Sault Ste. Marie will be contingent upon the Ministry's approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

This initiative aligns with the Strategic plan on all three pillars: ensuring organizational excellence, high quality person focused services and strengthening partnerships with various community agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the City agrees to develop a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan that includes a Housing and Homelessness Plan, the DSSMSSAB will fund the City an additional \$100,000 for the Downtown Ambassador Program (DAP) to ensure they have the funds to cover a pro-rated portion of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

CONCLUSION

By incorporating the Housing and Homelessness Plan into the broader Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, we can address this as a community issue that requires a community solution. The DSSMSSAB alone cannot resolve the issue of Housing and Homelessness in our community. With funding declining and the issue growing, a greater community response is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Louie Bruni
Chief Operating Officer