



District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board
Conseil d'administration des services sociaux de Sault Ste. Marie
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DSSAB MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 2025
548 Albert St. E., Sault Ste. Marie

Present:

Stephanie Hopkin
Sonny Spina
Lisa Vezeau-Allen
Marchy Bruni
Ron Zagordo (Virtual)

Mike Nadeau
Dave Petersson
Louie Bruni
Kim Mitchell
Katie Kirkham
Catherine Taddo

Joanne Pearson
Pam Patteri
Tanya Ritter
Riley Barsanti
Antonio Borrelli
Crystal Wells

Absent: Angela Caputo
Melanie Mageran

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:37 PM

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 #25-044

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

- 3.1 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for April 17, 2025. 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 #25-045

Moved By: R. Zagordo

Seconded By: S. Spina

CARRIED

5.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the **Minutes** from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board Meeting dated **March 20, 2025** be adopted as recorded”.

PRESENTATIONS

Riley Barsanti- A high-level summary of recent and upcoming communications initiatives, strategies, and outcomes to support organizational goals.

Louie Bruni-Downtown Hub update

6. MANAGER’S REPORTS

PARAMEDIC SERVICES

Resolution #25-046

Moved By: L Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: S. Spina

CARRIED

6.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the Paramedic Services Monthly Offload Delay Report as information.”

Resolution #25-047

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: M. Bruni

CARRIED

6.2 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept the 2024 Response Time Performance Results as information.”

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution #25-048

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

CARRIED

- 6.3 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve up to \$30,000 from the 2024/25 Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) administration funding to the Canadian Mental Health association of Algoma (CMHA) to support a Project Manager to manage and implement the HART Hub plan.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Resolution #25-049

Moved By: L.Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: R. Zagordo

CARRIED

- 6.4 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve the updated Procurement Policy as recommended by the Finance Committee.”

OPERATIONS

Resolution #25-050

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: M. Bruni

CARRIED

- 6.5 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) accept up to \$65,000 from the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation (SSMHC) to bridge staff wages for up two (2) months for the Affordable Homeownership Program (AHOP).”

Resolution #25-051

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: R. Zagordo

CARRIED

- 7.1 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services

Administration Board (DSSAB) now enter a closed session.”

Resolution #25-052

Moved By: L.Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: M. Bruni

CARRIED

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #25-053

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

CARRIED 6:03pm

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