



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, March 20, 2025 at 4:00PM  
548 Albert St. E., Sault Ste. Marie

Present: Angela Caputo (Acting Chair)	Mike Nadeau	Joanne Pearson
Sonny Spina	Dave Petersson	Pam Patteri
Lisa Vezeau-Allen	Louie Bruni	Tanya Ritter
Melanie Mageran (Virtual)	Kim Mitchell	Riley Barsanti
Ron Zagordo (Virtual)	Katie Kirkham	Crystal Wells
Marchy Bruni	Antonio Borrelli	

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER-4:29 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 #25-032**

Moved By: M. Mageran

Seconded By: S. Spina

**CARRIED**

- 3.1 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for March 20, 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 #25-033**

Moved By: M. Bruni

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 **February 20, 2025** be adopted as recorded”.

## **PRESENTATION**

Human Resource Strategy Update-Kim Mitchell Director of Human Resources

## **6. MANAGER’S REPORTS**

### **PARAMEDIC SERVICES**

#### **Resolution #25-034**

Moved By: L Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: M. Mageran

**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 #25-035**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

**CARRIED**

6.2 “**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board (DSSMSSAB) approve the purchase of a Community Paramedic Clinic and Street Outreach Vehicle for a total cost of \$119,235.25, contingent upon final approval from the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC).”

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **Resolution #25-031**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: M. Bruni

**CARRIED BY EVOTE February 27. 2025**

6.3 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board approve the 2024/2025 Encampment Response Initiative, for the period of January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025, as identified below:

1. CMHA in the amount of \$168,000-Expand shelter bed capacity from 22 to 27 (including use of additional security)
2. Pauline's Place in the amount of \$47,535- Expand shelter bed capacity from 30 to 33
3. SOYA in the amount of \$20,000- Conduct outreach and provide services and supplies to people not using shelter
4. SSMHC in the amount of \$11,215- Conduct outreach and provide services and supplies to the homeless population
5. \$10,250 – utilized by management to ensure any dismantled or existing encampment spaces are restored.”

**Resolution #25-036**

Moved By: M. Mageran

Seconded By: M. Bruni

**CARRIED**

6.4 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board accepts this Employment Service Transformation report as information.”

**Resolution #25-037**

Moved By: R. Zagordo

Seconded By: S. Spina

**CARRIED**

6.5 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board enter into a contract with Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council, for a term of up to one year, with an annual amount of \$550,000 for 2025/2026 homeless prevention services.”

**Resolution #25-038**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

**CARRIED**

6.6 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve the reallocation of \$15,714 from the

John Howard Society to Reaching Home Administration for fiscal year 2024-25, as outlined in this report.”

**Resolution #25-039**

Moved By: M. Bruni

Seconded By: S. Spina

**CARRIED**

- 6.7 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) approve the budget outlined in this report for the Homemakers and Nursing Services Program for the period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.”

**Resolution #25-040**

Moved By: M. Mageran

Seconded By: R. Zagordo

**CARRIED**

- 6.8 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board reallocate the remaining 2024/25 Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) operational funding as follows:

1. \$151,465.29 to CMHA for additional expenses within the emergency shelter system.
2. \$44,000 to CMHA for required operational items in the Supportive Housing Units. \$20,000 to The John Howard Society for required operational items in the Supportive Housing Units

**Resolution #25-041**

Moved By: L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded By: M. Bruni

**CARRIED**

- 7.1 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) now enter a closed session.”

**Resolution #25-042**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: L. Vezeau-Allen

**CARRIED**

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

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

2025 NOSDA Membership and Executive

Encampment Response Initiative Letter

DBCM Customer Letter

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #25-043**

Moved By: S. Spina

Seconded By: M. Bruni

**CARRIED**

- 10.1 **“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn.” 6:30 pm