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MINUTES
of the
BOARD MEETING
held in Espanola , ON
October 26, 2000

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 The Chair, Mr. Frank Gillis, called the meeting to order at 10:05

Present: Perry Anglin, Jack Barr, Pat Best, Raymond Chénier, Earle Freeborn, Frank Gillis, Dave Ham, Lucille Joyce, Willy Léveillé, Laurier Low, Claude Mayer, Dale VanEvery, Janet Whissell.

Staff: Gary Champagne, CAO
Paulette Poulin, E.A. (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Les Gamble

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 00-103 Moved by: Laurier Low Seconded by: Dave Ham
That the agenda be approved subject to the following amendments:

- That the Manitoulin Office item be discussed as an in-camera matter.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None declared.

4.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution No. 00-104 Moved by: Claude Mayer Seconded by: Ray Chénier
That the minutes of the September 28, 2000 be approved subject to the understanding that the information provided in item 8.3 re: Apportionment is incorrect.

Carried.

Mr. Earle Freeborn pointed out that the minutes erroneously indicated "...that with each new budget year, the DSSAB's share of its service delivery costs are to be apportioned amongst member municipalities on a Weighted Assessment basis. ..."

What has been confirmed by Ontario Government authorities is that the DSSAB Act:

- provides the DSSAB's Board with the authority to determine that the Act's Weighted Assessment formula is the apportionment formula that applies to cost sharing.
- that if and when the Board chooses to select an Apportionment formula other than Weighted Assessment, this alternate formula can only apply once it has received the double majority support of the DSSAB's constituency, as per the double majority stipulations outlined in the DSSAB Act; and

The Ministry (MCSS) has clarified that:

- i. the DSSAB has legislated authority to elect to adopt the Act's Weighted Assessment cost apportionment formula, at any time it so decides.
- ii. the Board is not required to obtain a double majority support for a decision to proceed with the Act's Weighted Assessment cost apportionment formula.

It has been clarified that the DSSAB can choose to proceed with the Act's Weighted Assessment cost apportionment formula even subsequent to an earlier decision to proceed with an alternate formula that had been secured in accordance to the double majority provisions of the Act.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

None

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Manitoulin Offices

Discussed as in-camera matter.

6.2 Christmas Open House

A committee has been struck and they will be contacted shortly to schedule an Open House Planning meeting.

6.3 Honoraria and Travel Guidelines (Doc.#001026-002)

The Chair advised Board members to review the above-cited document in preparation for its discussion at the next Board meeting.

6.4 Homelessness Guidelines

The CAO cited the MCSS guidelines surrounding Homelessness Initiative Funds. He pointed out that Community consultation meetings with interested stakeholders are being scheduled throughout the DSSAB's catchment area. The intent is to speak to the Homelessness issue across our area and to identify the varied ways and means of properly addressing the problem and how it manifests itself in our varied communities. A first stakeholders meeting re: Homelessness in the La Cloche area (Espanola-North Shore) is scheduled in the DSSAB Boardroom on November 8, 2000 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Board members will be informed of the dates and times of those other meetings scheduled in the other regions of our catchment area. .

6.4 O.W. Discretionary Policies & Procedures

The Board sub-committee struck to address this matter will be holding its first meeting on October 31st. Its recommendations will be brought to the Board.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE (Doc.#001026-003 to 005)

There were no questions re: the distributed correspondence. The Chair noted that Correspondence re: the DSSAB's Manitoulin office location should be discussed in-camera.

8.0 REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

8.1 H.R. Committee

Raymond Chénier, Committee Chair, gave a brief report on the status of the Collective Agreement Negotiations.

Resolution 00-105 Moved by: Ray Chénier Seconded by: Perry Anglin

That the Board approves a maximum of \$30,000 for the CAO to;

- a) obtain the services of a consulting firm to review our financial services
- b) to contract services on a part time basis for a period not exceeding six months to assist with Child Care Management.

Carried

8.2 Social Housing Committee

Willy Léveillé, Committee Chair, gave a brief report on the need to engage the services of a consultant to assist the DSSAB with the many matters to be addressed in the planned assumption of our Social Housing responsibilities effective January 1, 2001. The CAO noted that the MMAH had just given the DSSAB the outline of the Proposal Guidelines that must be completed to receive the 100% funding that the MMAH is making available to assist us with the Transition planning required. It was pointed out that while funding assistance is guaranteed these funds cannot be accessed until after the legislation enabling the government's proposed transition has been passed. It was noted that the planning that this soon-to-be-devolved DSSAB responsibility required immediate attention.

Resolution No. 00-106 Moved by: Willy Léveillé Seconded by: Dave Ham

Resolved that the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board approve that our Administration proceed to engage the services of a Consultant to develop the Board's Social Housing Transition Plan.

Carried

It was pointed out that the costs would be kept within the 100% dollars available from the MMHA.

8.3 Apportionment (Doc.#001026-010)

Earle Freeborn, Committee Chair, spoke to the findings and recommendations emanating from the Committee's October 25, 2000 meeting. The above-referenced document was distributed.

Resolution 00-107 Moved by: Earle Freeborn Seconded by: Janet Whissell
That the Board adopt the Apportionment Committee recommendation that the DSSAB's year 2001 budget costs be apportioned according to the Weighted Assessment provisions set out in the DSSAB Act.

Point of Order – Perry Anglin indicated that the resolution is out of order on the grounds that the Apportionment Committee did not have a quorum.

Noting that the Committee had a quorum, the Chair indicated the resolution was in order.

Resolution 00-108 Moved by: Perry Anglin Seconded by: Dave Ham
That the Chair's ruling be overturned.

Defeated

Point of Order – Perry Anglin indicated that the resolution is out of order since the Board had already adopted a Resolution regarding the apportionment formula and that this new resolution goes against the previous resolution that was adopted by double majority.

Noting that it is clearly the DSSAB Act and its Regulations that are the final authority as to the Board's rights, authority and powers on cost apportionment, the Chair ruled that the Board had the authority to decide on this matter and that the resolution was in order.

Resolution 00-109 Moved by: Perry Anglin Seconded by: Dave Ham

Whereas the Chair has ruled that a motion to establish the apportionment formula for 2001 is allowed be it resolved that the Chair's ruling be overturned on the grounds that Year 2001 Apportionment should be left until there is a Board in place that is responsible in the year 2001.

Recorded Vote

In Favour: Dave Ham, Claude Mayer, Dale Van Every, Pat Best, Perry Anglin,
Laurier Low

Opposed: Ray Chénier, Lucille Joyce, Janet Whissell, Earle Freeborn, Jack Barr,
Willy Léveillé, Frank Gillis

Defeated

Point of Order – Perry Anglin indicated that the resolution is out of order since the Board's Bylaws do not allow the Chair the right to vote.

It was pointed out to Mr. Anglin that the Board's Bylaws allow the Chair the right to vote.

The Recorded Vote on Resolution 00-107 was called.

In Favour: Raymond Chénier, Claude Mayer, Lucille Joyce, Janet Whissell, Earle Freeborn, Jack Barr, Willy Léveillé, Frank Gillis.

Opposed: Dave Ham, Dale Van Every, Pat Best, Perry Anglin, Laurier Low

Carried

8.4 TWOMO Elections

The CAO advised the Board that of the three candidates who submitted their names for election, the one candidate did not meet the established residency requirements. Given that the Act calls for three TWOMO representatives, the other two qualified candidates, Mr. Raymond Chénier and Mr. Dale Van Every were confirmed to be elected by acclamation for the three year term commencing January 1st, 2001.

Noting that the Act is not clear as to the process by which the third vacant position is to be filled, the CAO noted that the question has been put before the Ministry of Community and Social Services for clarification. The CAO reported that it was too early to indicate the actual costs associated with the TWOMO Election process.

8.5 Innovation Fund Proposal Submissions– Round II (Doc.#001026-007)

The CAO mentioned that the province has announced the availability of a third round of funding (Round III). Document # 001026-007 is the draft of the Round II proposal that the DSSAB is contemplating submitting for funding consideration. Like our first round submission, it borrows heavily from submissions forwarded by the Algoma DSSAB. The O.W. Manager, along with staff is working on this and other possible proposal submissions. The CAO advised the Board that their ideas and suggestions would be welcomed. It was pointed out that the three key challenges that the DSSAB faces in its efforts to generate ever higher Community Placement targets are:

- i. the lack of public transportation remains a key issue in our ability to generate Community Placements across such a vast geographic area
- ii. the short term, year by year, one shot funding nature of the Innovations funding and the risk of not having successful initiatives qualify for a second year’s funding in subsequent “Rounds”.
- iii. the ever reducing number of O.W. clients available leads to the ever increasing presence of a higher proportion of “harder to serve” clients whose Community Placement potential is more challenging.

9.0 IN CAMERA ITEMS

Resolution No. 00-110 Moved by: Ray Chénier Seconded by: Dave Ham
That the Board move in-camera.

Carried

Resolution No. 00-111 Moved by: Dave Ham Seconded by: Ray Chénier
That the Board move out of camera and report.

Carried

9.1 Manitoulin Office In-Camera Report (Doc.#001026-011 & 012)

Perry Anglin distributed the MMA's report. The CAO distributed a document herein identified as Doc.#001026-012.

Resolution 00- 112 Moved by: Willy Léveillé Seconded by: Dale Van Every
That the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board approve the Manitoulin DSSAB offices be consolidated and relocated to a yet to be determined handicapped accessible location in the town of Little Current.

Withdrawn

Resolution 00-113 Moved by: Willy Léveillé Seconded by: Laurier Low
That the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB accept the MMA recommendation that the satellite office be located in Manitowaning.

Recorded Vote

In Favour: Ray Chénier, Dave Ham, Claude Mayer, Janet Whissell, Earle Freeborn,
Perry Anglin, Laurier Low, Frank Gillis

Opposed: Jack Barr, Dale Van Every, Pat Best, Willy Léveillé

Carried

10.0 CAO'S REPORT (Doc. #001026-001)

10.1 Monthly Financial Report (Doc.#001026-001A)

Resolutions No. 00-114 Moved by: Ray Chénier Seconded by: Claude Mayer
That the Board approve the Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2000.

Carried

10.0 Monthly OW Stats (Doc.#001026-001B)

10.1 Monthly C.P. Stats (Doc. #001026-001C)

Eric Morphet will be invited to a future Board meeting to speak to the critical role that the Round One Innovations project that he spearheads has played in enabling us to meet and exceed our Community Placements targets. Eric can give the Board a first hand appreciation of the difference these Community Placements have made in the lives of many of the clients we serve and the community contributions that have been realized through the different community projects carried out through his program.

10.2 Land Ambulance Services (aka EMS Services)

The CAO confirmed that the DSSAB has hired Mr. Dan Hammond as its EMS Manager, effective November 13, 2000.

10.3 Child Care Three Year Plan Update

Our Plan, like that of many DSSABs will not be ready for submission to MCSS by its November 1, 2000 deadline. MCSS is aware and accommodating our deadline extension request.

10.4 Satellite Office Closures

At last month's meeting Fern Dominelli spoke of the desire to proceed on a pilot basis with the two day per week closure of satellite offices. As per Board's request to be kept informed, the CAO advised the Board would begin to implement this approach towards

the end of November It is recognized the Chapleau office requires a distinct approach given its co-location arrangement with other services.

11.0 UPCOMING CONFERENCES/EVENTS (Doc.#001026-008)

The Chair advised the Board to review the above-cited document for upcoming conference and events.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 NOSDA Information (Doc.#001026-006)

The Chair addressed his concerns that there is a NOSDA meeting in the Sault with no elected member representation. NOSDA is a primarily political body; meetings without elected officials while important should not be called NOSDA meetings.

13.0 NEXT MEETING - Board members will be informed by e-mail of the next Board meeting date.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 00-115 Moved by: Perry Anglin Seconded by: Dave Ham
That we do now adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

Carried

Frank Gillis, Chair