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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**BOARD MEETING**  
held in the DSSAB's Espanola Office Board Room  
on **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Frank Gillis, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**Present:** Jack Barr                      Pat Best                      Gary Brown  
Raymond Chénier              Ken Ferguson              Earle Freeborn  
Les Gamble                      Frank Gillis                      René Lahaie  
Lucie Lemieux                      Willy Léveillé                      Tim McDonald  
Dale Van Every                      Janet Whissell

**Staff:** Gary Champagne, CAO,  
Karen Gerrard, E.A. (Recording Secretary)  
Dan Hammond              Connie Morphet              Fern Dominelli

**Guests:** Reeve Ray Harding, Township of Nairn & Hyman

**Media :** Rosalind Waples

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 01-182**

**Moved by:** Ken Ferguson                      **Seconded by:** Earle Freeborn

That the agenda be approved subject to the following amendments:

- Move Item 6.1 after 3.0 – allowing Reeve Ray Harding to address the Board prior to adoption of previous minutes
- Add Item 5.3 – Land Ambulance
- Item 10.3 is postponed – Employee Computer Purchase Plan

**Carried**

**3.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None declared.

## 4.0 PRESENTATIONS

### 4.1 Reeve Ray Harding, Reeve, Township of Nairn & Hyman and Chair of the LaCloche Foothills Mayors & Reeves Association

... addressed the Board regarding the Weighted Assessment formula and the CRF issue. He noted that he is of the opinion that the Weighted Assessment formula that the DSSAB adopted is the right formula to follow when the entire DSSAB jurisdiction is taken into account. He noted that the true issue has to do with:

- a) the questionable validity of Ontario's indication that Local Services Restructuring (LSR) would be revenue neutral in its impact on municipalities; and
- b) the appropriateness of the distribution of the CRF dollars available to and required of the District's municipalities to avoid the necessity of excessively high property assessment increases and to ensure the "revenue neutral" impact of LSR.

He noted that the LaCloche Foothills Mayors & Reeves Association along with the MMA and other Mayors and Reeves from throughout the Manitoulin and Sudbury Districts are discussing and hoping to meet with the lead Ontario Ministries to discuss this issue. In the meantime, he is asking the DSSAB, as he has the Sudbury and District Health Unit, to examine their budgets and see where cutbacks can be made.

On another note, Mr. Harding advised the DSSAB that the Espanola General Hospital has, for a second time, applied for and been turned down by the MOHLTC in its application for Nursing Home Beds required of the seniors in the area who seek to continue to call the area home.

## 5.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Resolution No. 01-183

Moved by: Tim McDonald                      Seconded by: Jack Barr

That the minutes of the April 19, 2001 meeting be approved as presented.

**Carried**

## 6.0 IN CAMERA Discussions

### Resolution No. 01-184

Moved by: Ray Chénier                      Seconded by: Willy Léveillé

That the Board move in-camera.

**Carried**

### Resolution No. 01-1 85

Moved by: Lucie Lemieux                      Seconded by: Tim McDonald

That the Board move out of camera and report.

**Carried**

## **Out of Camera Report**

Chair Frank Gillis excused himself from the meeting. Ray Chénier assumed the Chair.

### **6.1 LAND AMBULANCE**

The following Resolution followed an In-Camera discussion.

#### **Resolution No. 01-186**

**Moved By:** Earle Freeborn      **Seconded By:** Willie Léveillé

#### **Re: Gore Bay Ambulance Facility**

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB was designated by the Province as the Designated Delivery Agent for Land Ambulance Services effective January 01, 2001;

AND WHEREAS this designation clearly means that the DSSAB has the responsibility for the delivery of land ambulance services in the Districts of Manitoulin and Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS accomplishing this task from a Gore Bay site requires that an appropriate ambulance facility is available to the DSSAB;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Gore Bay, which has title to the ambulance facility in Gore Bay will not provide the DSSAB with the same land ambulance facility agreement terms that were in place between the Town of Gore Bay and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSSAB make an offer to the Town of Gore Bay to purchase the ambulance facility in question as per either of the options cited in the recommendations of the Land Ambulance Negotiating Committee.

**Carried**

RECORDED VOTE                      YEAS 11      NAYS 2      ABSENT 1

### **6.2 AMBULANCE SERVICE IN MASSEY**

Les Gamble spoke to the matter of a critical staffing concern at the Massey ambulance site. The CAO and EMS Manager are dealing with the matter.

## **4.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.2 Ontario Works Overview & BTP/SDM Update – Fern Dominelli (Doc. # 010524-001B)**

Mr. Dominelli presented a slide overview (Doc. #010524-001B ) on Ontario Works and BTP/SDM developments. The OW caseload downward trend remains while the ODSP climbing trend continues.

Fern and Gary underlined their concerns re: the continuing increase in BTP/SDM related and ongoing operational costs that it is uncertain the Province is prepared to cost share. Fern, Gary and Iain are compiling a list of these items for the Board's perusal.

Fern spoke to the continued understanding that the Board will strike a committee to deal with the ways and means of allocating the anticipated Community Placement bonus funds that the DSSAB has earned.

## **7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

## **8.0 CORRESPONDENCE (Doc.#010524-002 to 007)**

### **8.1 Correspondence re: Apportionment & CRF Concerns**

Correspondence re: these matters was referenced and discussed.

### **8.2 Correspondence re: Chapleau Resource Centre**

The Chair, Vice-Chair and CAO will visit the Chapleau Resource Centre.

### **8.3 Government Correspondence**

The following correspondence items were reviewed and accepted.

8.3.1 Ministry of Health & Long Term Care re: CRF/LA Cost Apportionment

8.3.2 Ministry of Northern Development & Mines re: CRF

8.3.3 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing re: Joint Local Transfer Plan

## **9.0 REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS**

### **9.1 Child Care Committee Update**

Pat Best spoke to the resolutions presented as a result of the Child Care Committee's prior day meeting.

Richard Rivard is on contract and has begun to explore child care possibilities in the Sudbury East area.

The Committee discussed and recommends additions and amendments to the DSSAB's Child Care Policies:

- New – provision regarding Special Needs
- New – provision regarding Foster Care children
- New – provision regarding a freeze on new subsidised child care placements with a licensed operator in those instances when the operator only has a Provisional license from the Ministry.
- Revision – The maximum daily subsidised rates payable will not be stipulated in terms of dollars but instead stipulated to be no more than the maximum rates payable by full fee paying families in the licensed operation in question.

**Resolution No. 01-187      Re: Child Care Policy Changes (Doc #010524-010)**  
**Moved by:** Jack Barr                      **Seconded by:** Tim McDonald

That the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB approve the Child Care Committee's recommended policy revisions and additions to the Child Care Policy Manual.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 01-188      Re: NCB Reinvestment Strategy (Doc #010524-011)**  
**Moved by:** Jack Barr                      **Seconded by:** Willy Léveillé

That the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB accept the Child Care Committee recommendation pertaining to the funding allocation strategy and guidelines that the DSSAB is to utilize in its allocation of the \$135,415 National Child Benefit funds to be expended in the Year 2001.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 01-189      Re: Gogama Outdoor Resource Centre**  
**Moved by:** Jack Barr                      **Seconded by:** Willy Léveillé

That the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB accept the Child Care Committee recommendation pertaining to the allocation of \$8,000 of NCB funding to the Gogama Local Services Board for the implementation of its outdoor resource center.

**Carried**

## **9.2 Housing - Joint Local Transfer Plan**

### **Resolution No. 01-190**

**Moved by:** Earle Freeborn

**Seconded by:** Willy Léveillé

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has reviewed our Joint Local Transfer Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry requires us to incorporate their comments into our final plan;

AND WHEREAS the revised Board approved plan must be submitted to the Minister for approval prior to May 31, 2001;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the following comments from the Ministry and incorporates them into the final document for Ministerial approval:

1. The Phase 2 Transfer Date is revised to February 01, 2002.
2. The workplan is revised to reflect this February 01, 2002 transfer date;
3. The training plan template is revised to reflect the transfer date of February 01, 2002

**Carried**

## **10.0 CAO'S REPORT (Doc.#010524-001A, B & C)**

### **10.1 Financial Report (Doc. #010524-001A)**

Reviewed and accepted.

### **10.2 Business Envelope Report**

#### **10.2.1 Land Ambulance Report (Doc. #010524-001C)**

### **Resolution No. 01-191**

**Moved by:** Earle Freeborn

**Seconded by:** Jack Barr

That the Board accept Administration's recommendation that the ambulance that is being replaced with a new model be kept in service and stationed in Gogama.

**Carried**

#### **10.2.2 OW & Community Placement Reports (Doc. #010524-001B)**

Reviewed and accepted.

#### **10.2.3 Child Care**

No report

#### **10.2.4 Housing**

No report

**11.0 UPCOMING CONFERENCES/EVENTS**

**11.1. OMSSA Conference in London – June 10-12, 2001**

Tim McDonald, Gary Champagne and Fern Dominelli are attending. There is one spot available.

**12.0 NEW BUSINESS**

None

**13.0 NEXT MEETING**

**Resolution No. 01-192**

**Moved by:** Tim McDonald **Seconded by:** Dale Van Every

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2001 at **09:00 a.m.**

**Carried**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 01-193**

**Moved by:** Lucie Lemieux **Seconded by:** Janet Whissell

That we do now adjourn at 12:40 pm.

**Carried**

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Frank Gillis, Chair