

MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION DES SERVICES SOCIAUX DU DISTRICT DE MANITOULIN-SUDBURY

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MINUTES

of the

BOARD MEETING

held at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex October 25th, 2001

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Present: Jack Barr, Pat Best, Gary Brown, Raymond Chénier, Ken Ferguson,

Earle Freeborn, Les Gamble, Frank Gillis, Vincent Lacroix Lucie Lemieux, Willy Léveillée, Tim McDonald, Dale Van Every

Janet Whissell

Staff: Gary Champagne, CAO,

Karen Gerrard, E.A. (Recording Secretary)

Connie Morphet, Finance and Administration Manager Fern Dominelli, Ontario Works Program Manager

Dan Hammond, EMS Program Manager

Karen Dominick-Smyth, Community Services Manager

Robert Sutherland, DHC Housing Manager

Visitor: Gary Michalak for Strategic Partnering Workshop

Media Rep R. Waples

The Chair, Frank Gillis, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Vince Lacroix, new board member, was introduced and welcomed

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 01-241

Moved by: Ken Ferguson Seconded by: Lucie Lemieux

That the agenda be approved subject to the following amendments:

Add 10.1 Gogama EMS Station

• Delete 7.3 Manager's Reports

6.7 to 6.10 moved to 7.1

Next Meeting November 22, 2001

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None declared.

4.0 IN-CAMERA SESSION

Resolution No. 01-242

Moved By: Tim McDonald Seconded By: Gary Brown

That the Board move in-camera to discuss Human Resource matters.

Carried

Resolution No. 01-243

Moved By: Gary Brown Seconded By: Vince Lacroix

That the Board move out of camera and report.

Carried

Resolution No. 01-244

Moved By: Ray Chénier Seconded By: Earle Freeborn

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we ratify the Collective Agreement signed October 12 2001 between CUPE Local 4705 and the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board for the term ending December 31, 2003.

Carried

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution No. 01-245

Moved By: Willy Léveillée Seconded By: Tim McDonald

That the minutes of the September 27, 2001 meeting be approved as amended to state that Janet Whissell is a member of the Budget Committee.

Carried

5.0 STRATEGIC PARTNERING WORKSHOP

Gary Michalak presented his summary report (which is attached). He has already met with some municipal representatives.

Clarification of the mandate as provided by Resolution 01-236 was requested. It was suggested that municipal council representatives be invited to attend the workshop.

Resolution No. 01-246

Moved By: Tim McDonald Seconded By: Vince Lacroix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution 01-236 be amended to include involvement of municipal heads of council, area board representatives or designates, for the Strategic Planning Workshop.

Carried

6.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolution No. 01-247

Moved By: Tim McDonald Seconded By: Pat Best

That the Board accepts the Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2001 as attached.

Carried

6.3 LITTLE CURRENT OFFICE LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution No. 01-248

Moved By: Ray Chénier Seconded By: Janet Whissell

WHEREAS a lease agreement has been entered into with Streetwise Holdings Inc for the location of a satellite office at the Island Business Centre in Little Current:

AND WHEREAS Resolution 01-201 has authorized leasehold improvements up to \$30,000 from reserve funding:

AND WHEREAS the quotations for the required leasehold improvements exceeded the approved amount and hence a survey of Board Members obtained consent to approve an additional expenditure of \$5,000 for leasehold improvements;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Board enter into an agreement with Streetwise Holdings Inc to be the general contractor for the leasehold improvements required for Unit 'D' of the Island Business Centre;

AND THAT Resolution 01-201 be amended such that the DSSAB's cost for the leasehold improvements will be limited to a maximum of \$35,000 plus GST.

6.4 TRANSFER OF HOUSING EMPLOYEES TO DSSAB

Resolution No. 01-249

Moved By: Earle Freeborn Seconded By: Janet Whissell

WHEREAS the funding responsibility for public housing and provincial non-profit housing was transferred to the municipal level under the Social Housing Transfer Act effective January 1, 1998;

AND WHEREAS the Social Housing Reform Act (SHRA) was proclaimed on December 14th, 2000:

AND WHEREAS the Local Housing Corporation (Manitoulin Sudbury District Housing Corporation) incorporated under section 23 (1) of the Social Housing Reform Act, S.O. 2000, c. 27, has authorized the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board (Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB) to take those steps necessary to see the DSSAB's Board members replace the original directors of the Local Housing Corporation appointed by the Minister in the Articles of Incorporation as early as possible in January, 2002;

AND WHEREAS the Local Housing Corporation has authorized the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB to establish and implement those interim measures required to see the DHC personnel become directly accountable to the DSSAB's Chief Administrative Officer in accordance with the staffing procedures governing the accountability of the Local Housing Corporation under section 32 (1) of the Act;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSSAB be authorized to take those measures required to see the DHC's personnel become employees of the DSSAB in keeping with the terms of the Joint Local Transition Plan (JLTP) approved by the DHC, the DSSAB and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSSAB proceed to enter into discussions with Canadian Union of Public Employees regarding the integration of the DHC's non-management personnel and that the DHC's present Chair and present Housing Manager be part of the DSSAB/DHC Employer Committee mandated to negotiate these matters with CUPE.

Carried

Resolution No. 01-251

Moved By: Ken Ferguson Seconded By: Willy Leveillee

Whereas the Social Housing Reform Act proclaimed on December 14th, 2000 has designated the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB as Service Manager for the Public Housing program:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB accepts and adopts the purchasing policies and procedures of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Housing Corporation, as amended from time to time, for the purpose of purchasing and tendering for the Public Housing portfolio.

6.5 DISTRICT HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Resolution No. 01-251

Moved By: Ray Chénier Seconded By: Janet Whissell

THAT current LHC Board Members be recognized for past involvement on the LHC Board of Directors in a manner to be determined by the DSSAB H.R. Committee and brought back to the next DSSAB Board Meeting.

Carried

6.6 CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES FOR FIRST NATIONS RESIDENTS

Resolution 01-252

Moved By: Pat Best Seconded By: Jack Barr

WHEREAS the Province designated the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB as the Service Delivery Agent for Child Care effective January 1, 2000;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB is free from obligation or mandate to service residents of First Nations:

AND WHEREAS First Nations are in the process of developing a capacity to provide their own child care services,

AND WHEREAS child care support services for the children of First Nations residents provided directly through the First Nations are in some areas unavailable and the DSSAB has been receiving requests from First Nations for this service;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services is requesting the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB to help their First Nations neighbours on an interim basis through the continuation of funding subsidized child care services under the understanding the DSSAB will be reimbursed for all associated costs;

THEN, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves that the DSSAB provide subsidized child care to residents of First Nations where the First Nations Bands and Council approves such support.

6.7 OUR KIDS COUNT

Resolution 01-253

Moved By: Tim McDonald Seconded By: Vince Lacroix

WHEREAS the National Child Benefit (NCB) is a federal benefit for low-income families that aims to prevent and reduce child poverty and promote attachment to the workforce;

AND WHEREAS the province is treating the NCB Supplement as income and is reducing all social assistance benefits by the amount of the new supplement;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB is required to reinvest these resulting "savings" back into the community to provide additional resources and services to meet NCB objectives;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the naming of the DSSAB's National Child Benefit reinvestment program to "Our Kids Count".

Carried

6.8 PROJECTS IN DISTRESS

Resolution 01-254

Moved By: Willy Léveillée Seconded By: Lucie Lemieux

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB has been designated the Service Manager for Child Care by the Ministry of Community and Social Services;

AND WHEREAS the financial viability of certain child care operators is of concern and particular in part as a result of changes to the Fee Subsidy business practice expectations;

AND WHEREAS these centres will benefit from outside third party assistance in developing a financial viability business plan;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB authorizes its administration to tender the request to formulate a business plan for the Massey and Chapleau locations.

6.9 CHILD CARE RESOURCES

Resolution 01-255

Moved By: Pat Best Seconded By: Tim McDonald

WHEREAS Child Care Resources has presented a proposal to the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB requesting an increase of \$24,000 for a total budget of \$111,347.00 for Special Needs Resourcing

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Child Care committee will recommend to the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB board that we contract the services of Child Care Resources for the year 2002 to continue to provide these services at the increased budget.

Carried

7.0 CAO REPORT

7.1 SDMT Connectivity Concerns - The CAO and Fern Dominelli spoke to Administration's "Go Live Date" Remote Access Site connectivity concerns and the proposed solutions being offered to BTP and MCSS.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 01-256

Moved By: Ray Chénier Seconded By: Lucie Lemieux

That we do now adjourn at 12:30 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday November 22nd, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

| Chair | Chief Administrative Officer |
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(Secretary Treasurer of the Corporation)