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MINUTES
of the
DSSAB BOARD MEETING
held in its Espanola Office Boardroom
June 27, 2002

Present: Jack Barr, Pat Best, Gary Brown, Raymond Chénier, Ken Ferguson, Earle Freeborn, Les Gamble, Frank Gillis, Vincent Lacroix, Lucie Lemieux, Willy Léveillé, Marcel Rancourt, 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
Peter Bradley, Housing Services Manager
Dan Hammond, EMS Manager
Karen Dominick, Community Services Manager

Media: Cheryl Waugh, Manitoulin Expositor

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Ray Chénier, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 02-102 Moved by: Vince Lacroix **Seconded by:** Janet Whissell
THAT the Board convene a closed meeting to discuss Property and Human Resource matters.

Carried

Resolution No. 02-103 Moved by: Ken Ferguson **Seconded by:** Janet Whissell
THAT the Board adjourn this closed meeting.

Carried

Resolution No. 02-104 Moved by: Dale Van Every **Seconded by:** Frank Gillis
THAT this regular meeting be open for business.

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 02-105 Moved by: Earle Freeborn **Seconded by:** Lucie Lemieux
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Raymond Chénier disclosed that he has an indirect involvement with the Gogama Fire Department whose request will be considered under the EMS report.

5.0 DELEGATIONS**5.1 Child Care Resources Presentation****6.0 MINUTES****6.1 Approval of Minutes**

Resolution No. 02-106 Moved by: Ken Ferguson **Seconded by:** Vince Lacroix
 THAT the minutes of the May 23, 2002 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

The CAO gave an update on Northern CAO/Commissioners Group discussions of concerns re: reduction and redirection of \$15 Million of Northern Ontario's Public Housing Capital Funding to Southern Ontario in light of MAH Minister's poor and insufficient response to letters forwarded by Northern DSSABs. The matter is not dead and will be tabled with the Social Housing Services Corporation (SCHC) via the North's one SCHC Board member, Ed Metzler

7.0 REPORTS**7.1 Board Committee Reports****7.1.1 Budget Committee**

Resolution No. 02-107 Moved by: Frank Gillis **Seconded by:** Pat Best
 THAT the Board accepts the minutes of the Budget Committee held May 23, 2002 as circulated.

Carried

7.1.2 Property Committee

Resolution No. 02-108 Moved by: Jack Barr **Seconded by:** Earle Freeborn
 THAT the Board accepts the minutes of the Property Committee held June 07, 2002 as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No. 02-109 Moved by: Jack Barr **Seconded by:** Dale Van Every
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSSAB endorses the Property Committee recommendation that the DSSAB's Administration be directed to:

- proceed with the preparation of a Mead Street Office Work Site Analysis Report
- and proceed where appropriate, with the preparation of the associated preliminary architectural sketches.

Carried

7.1.3 EMS Study Group

Resolution No. 02-110 Moved by: Jack Barr **Seconded by:** Ken Ferguson

THAT the Board accepts the minutes of the meeting of May 25, 2002 EMS Study Group.

Carried

7.2 CAO Report

7.2.1 Program Portfolio Reports

7.2.1.1 EMS

Discussion of Gogama Fire Department correspondence led to Board consensus that the Vehicle Disposal Policy be expanded to include a step that would also see non-profit groups and/or TWOMO Boards availed the opportunity to either purchase or be given preferential terms in the acquisition of surplus vehicles before they are either made available to the public at large by way of tender or sold at the guaranteed price.

7.2.1.2 OW – No questions pertaining to the circulated Report.

7.2.1.3 Child Care - No questions pertaining to the circulated Report.

7.2.1.4 Housing - There were no questions pertaining to the circulated Report. Peter Bradley walked members through each of the attached circulated Housing Statistical Reports.

7.2.2 Financial Statement

Resolution No. 02- 111

Moved by: Willy Léveillé

Seconded by: Earle Freeborn

THAT the Board accepts the Financial Report for the period ended May 31, 2002.

Carried

7.2.2 Cost of Administration Report – Building on his circulated June CAO Report on the matter, the CAO indicated that the new MCFCS Minister's reply:

i. - to our DSSAB's expressed concerns on OW Cost of Administration were a step in the right direction

ii – did not shut the door on our DSSAB's proposal that there be a Northern inter-Ministerial table established to examine the Central Cost of Administration concerns particular to the 10 of Ontario's 47 CMSMs that are DSSABs funded under the DSSAB Act.

The CAO noted that the Northern CMSM/DSSAB CAO-Commissioners table asked to see this matter expanded upon in a separate document to be discussed at the fall NOSDA meeting where Northern CMSM/DSSAB politicians will be in attendance.

Thanking the CAO for his Report, the Chair stated that the DSSAB appreciated the work the CAO was doing to advance this DSSAB's resolve to see the North's municipalities and DSSABs work together on a number of fronts and joint initiatives to give the North a stronger voice in seeking to see the province listen to and address Northern Ontario specific issues. He specifically cited:

o the DSSAB's efforts to work with and where possible via Northern political associations such as FONOM thereby adding to the value and recognition of such Northern political

associations

- o the DSSAB's decision to advocate that DSSABs become associate members of FONOM and work with FONOM where possible;
- o the DSSAB's efforts to see its member municipalities and other DSSABs collectively argue the Province's ill founded decision to see \$!5 million removed from Northern Ontario's federal Public Housing Capital funding allocation and redirected to Southern Ontario;
- o the DSSAB's efforts to see a Northern Ontario specific inter-Ministerial table established to address the Central Administration infrastructure funding concerns unique to CMSMs that exist by virtue of the DSSAB Act.

9 CORRESPONDENCE – received

10 UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

10.1 ONPHA Conference – November 15-17/02 Board Members are to contact the Executive Assistant for conference information.

10.2 NOSDA Conference The Chair, Vice Chair and CAO will be attending the Sault Ste. Marie meeting tentatively scheduled for September 11-12, 2002.

10.3 CRF Meeting – There are indications that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is spearheading the holding of a Northern Ontario information session for municipalities and DSSABs on the CRF sometime in the fall.

10.4 NEW BUSINESS

12.0 Next Meeting & Adjournment

Resolution No. 02-112 Moved by: Dale Van Every **Seconded by:** Vince Lacroix

THAT we do now adjourn at 11:35 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held on August 29, 2002, commencing at 10:00 am in Chapleau

Carried

Chair

Chief Administrative Officer
(Secretary Treasurer of the Corporation)