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MINUTES
of the October 26, 2006
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSSAB BOARD MEETING
held at Espanola's DSSAB Mead Street Board Room

Present: Pat Best, Fern Bidal, Ray Chénier, Earle Freeborn, Leslie Gamble, Frank Gillis, Mike Lehoux, Bud Rohn, Richard Stephens

Staff: Gary R. Champagne, CAO; Suzanne Bouchard, E.A. (Recording Secretary); Connie Morphet, Director of Finance; Fern Dominelli, Director of Social Services; Peter Bradley, Manager, Housing Services; Jeff Horseman, Director of EMS; Karen Dominick, Community Programs Supervisor; Aurel Malo, HR Services; Iain Stephen, Information Systems Coordinator

Regrets: Bruce Killah, Laurier Low, Maureen Van Alstine, Dale Van Every, Dean Wenborn

Media: Michael Erskine, Manitoulin Expositor

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item 7.3 was renumbered 8.2 and item 7.4 was renumbered 8.3. Item 8.4 Northern Cancer Research Foundation was added to the agenda.

Resolution No. 06-70 Moved by: Earle Freeborn **Seconded by:** Les Gamble
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 06-71

Moved by: Earle Freeborn **Seconded by:** Richard Stephens
THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss Human Resources and Property matters. **Carried**

Resolution No. 06-72

Moved by: Mike Lehoux **Seconded by:** Pat Best
THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:50 a.m. **Carried**

4.1 CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Chair reported that In Camera discussions involved:

- MOHLTC's new First Nations EMS Funding Formula and resulting 40% reduction to our DSSAB's 2007 FN allocation (x-ref item 6.2.1)
- DSSAB Banking Services
- Contract negotiations and Bargaining Committee mandate

5.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. Finance Committee

Chair, Fern Bidal, reported that the Committee had met the previous afternoon to continue its work on the DSSAB's 2007 Budget. It is proceeding as per its schedule and should have a recommended 2007 budget available for the Board at its November meeting.

6.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1. Adoption of Minutes of September 28, 2006

Resolution No. 06-73 Moved by: Fern Bidal **Seconded by:** Bud Rohn

That the September 28, 2006 Board meeting minutes be approved. **Carried**

6.2. Business Arising from Minutes

6.2.1 First Nations EMS Per Capita Grant Funding Formula

Following up on its In Camera discussions of the Internal Report requested of the CAO as a follow up to Minister Smitherman's September 22nd letter informing the DSSAB of a 40% reduction to the First Nations Grant allocation that it receives to provide land ambulance services to First Nations communities, the Board sought to have these minutes reflect:

- That it directed the CAO to forward a copy of both the Minister's letter and the CAO's edited "[October 20th Notes](#)" Report to Board members directly to the DSSAB's 19 member municipalities and affected First Nations communities'
- That notwithstanding the concerns it has re: the new First Nations funding formula itself, it believes our DSSAB has a strong and valid case to make re: the corrections needed to reflect the correct "reduction" per the province's new funding formula;
- That it intends to bring same to the attention of the province on both the political and bureaucratic fronts;
- That it intends to keep its member municipalities and affected First Nations communities alike informed of its progress on this front; and
- That it asks its member municipalities and First Nations communities alike to give the DSSAB and the provincial government the opportunity to resolve the matter before proceeding to other steps or actions on this dossier.

7.0. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Invoice from AMO re OMERS Act

The Chair outlined a request from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for a contribution towards the OMERS Support Fund for the DSSAB employees.

Resolution No. 06-74 Moved by: Frank Gillis **Seconded by:** Fern Bidal

THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB support the AMO OMERS Support Fund and contribute \$848.75 towards the Fund, as requested. **Carried**

7.2. National Child Day

Karen Dominick indicated that it was in 1954 that the U.N.'s General Assembly recommended the establishment of a worldwide recognised annual National Children's Day. She pointed out that it was in 1993 that the Parliament of Canada recognised November 20th as National Child Day. She spoke to our DSSAB Administration's request that DSSAB also recognize that day on an annual basis.

Resolution No. 06-75 Moved by: Earle Freeborn **Seconded by:** Les Gamble
WHEREAS the U.N. General Assembly recommended in 1954 that all countries institute a Universal Children's Day to be observed as a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children and of activity promoting the welfare of the world's children; and
WHEREAS the date of November 20th marks the day in which the U.N. General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child (1959) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989); and
WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada in 1993 declared November 20th each year as National Child Day as enacted in Bill C-371, otherwise know as the Child Day Act;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB recognizes November 20, 2006 as National Child Day; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the DSSAB forward a copy of this resolution to all member municipalities and ask that they in turn recognize November 20th as National Child Day; and
THAT the DSSAB also forward a copy of this resolution to children's services providers in its jurisdiction as well as to MCYS, OMSSA, AMO and NOSDA.

Carried

7.3. Report on C.A. MacMillan Place

Appreciating that the DSSAB's Board also became the corporate entity responsible for the governance of C.A. MacMillan Place effective January 1st, 2006 and recognising that such carried certain corporate and fiduciary responsibilities, Board members were provided the above referenced CAO's report on the status of the C.A. MacMillan Place operations and a statement of Income and Expenses re: this social housing complex.

Resolution No. 06-76 Moved by: Fern Bidal **Seconded by:** Les Gamble
THAT the CAO's report respecting the C.A. MacMillan Place be received and that the circulated Income and Expense Statement for the period January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried

7.4. Northern Cancer Research Foundation

Gary informed the Board that four of its employees had donated of their time to participate in a Sudbury-based radio station "Radiothon" taking telephone pledges for donations to the Northern Cancer Research Foundation. The employees are extending a challenge to neighbouring DSSABs to also donate to the Northern Cancer Research Foundation.

Resolution No. 06-77 Moved by: Earle Freeborn **Seconded by:** Fern Bidal
THAT the Board recognize employees Sandra Armstrong, Judy Blanchard, Gilles Plouffe and Fern Dominelli for their generous volunteering of time in the Northern Cancer Research Foundation EZ Rock Radiothon.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

8.1. CAO REPORT

8.1.1. Operational Management Reports

The following Departmental Reports were circulated:

- [Children's Services Report](#)
- [Ontario Works Report](#)
- [Social Housing Report](#)
- [Emergency Medical Services Report](#)

Children's Services Report

Best Start Update – Pat Best asked when the Board would be able to find out whether newly created centre based spaces were being utilized. Karen Dominick indicated she would provide regular updated reports re: same at future Board meetings. Fern Bidal spoke of the slow public take up of available licensed child care services available in his municipality; Karen indicated that the DSSAB was renewing its efforts to again locally advertise the availability of these licensed child care services to residents of St. Charles.

EMS Report

Paramedic Meal Breaks – Referring to both recently circulated emails from his office and AMO, the CAO noted that the resolutions from our DSSAB, NOSDA, AMO and others was enjoying s certain success. He noted that the province was in the process of making some of the requested changes that would lead to seeing paramedics identified as an “exempt” group for purposes of the meal break provisions of the ESA.

Chapleau EMS Station – Now that the work on the new Chapleau EMS Station is complete, the delayed Official Opening will be planned for the near future.

Ontario Works Report

Spouses and Dependents of ODSP Clients – Fern Dominelli reported that the first public information session on the new legislative changes pertinent to the spouses and dependents of ODSP clients was recently held in Espanola. Fern indicated that there was a good turnout and that, overall, the information was positively received. He noted that similar sessions are planned for the Manitoulin, Sudbury East and Sudbury North regions.

Finance & Administration

Gary indicated that the Third Quarter Report would be presented at the November meeting.

The “EMS TWOMO funding” issue, despite the MOHLTC’s recent changes and correspondence re: same remains an issue.

8.1.2. Strategic Issues Report

New Board Strategic Planning Session – Referencing to the previously discussed Strategic planning session that the DSSAB’s Administration will be holding with the new Board early on in the first year of their mandate, Gary asked outgoing Board members who may not be on the new Board to consider the merit of also attending this first ever Board strategic planning session to give incoming new members the benefit of their thoughts on the future directions that

the DSSAB should set for itself over the course of the coming four-year term.

Resolution No. 06-78 Moved by: Les Gamble **Seconded by:** Pat Best
That the CAO's Operational and Strategic Management Reports be accepted.

Carried

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Staff Christmas Party Resolution No. 06-79

Moved by: Earle Freeborn **Seconded by:** Les Gamble

THAT the Board contribute \$1000 towards the 2007 staff Christmas Party.

Carried

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

10.1. Board Computers

Iain Stephen joined the meeting and fielded questions from Board members who are experiencing problems accessing data from their computers. Iain offered to remain behind after the meeting to discuss individual Board member difficulties.

11.0 UPCOMING CONFERENCE AND EVENTS

11.1 ONPHA Fall Conference, Toronto, November 19-21, 2006

Frank Gillis will be attending the 2006 ONPHA Fall Conference in Toronto from November 19 – 21, 2006. The Chair asked that any other Board member wishing to attend let Gary know as soon as possible.

Municipal Elections 2006 – On behalf of the Board, the Chair wished good luck to all of those Board members who were running in the upcoming municipal election.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 06-80 Moved by: Frank Gillis **Seconded by:** Mike Lehoux
THAT we do now adjourn at 11:35 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 23, 2006 in the DSSAB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room.

Carried

Chair

Chief Administrative Officer
(Secretary Treasurer of the Corporation)