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**MINUTES**  
**of the June 27, 2007**  
**MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSSAB BOARD MEETING**  
held at Killarney Mountain Lodge

- Present: Gary Brown, Jean-Marc Chayer, Ray Chénier, Earle Freeborn, Dennis Golden, Bruce Killah, Mike Lehoux, David Leonard, Al MacNevin, Jack McMillan, Morgan Pitfield, Dean Wenborne
- Staff: Gary R. Champagne, CAO; Suzanne Bouchard, E.A. (Recording Secretary)
- Regrets: Lou Addison, Les Gamble
- Guests: David Court, CAO Algoma DSAB;  
Michel Rodrigue, Strategic Planning Facilitator
- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER**  
Chair, Ray Chénier, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
**Resolution No. 07-59**  
**Moved by:** Earle Freeborn **Seconded by:** Al MacNevin  
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried**
- 3.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**  
There were no declarations of conflict of interest.
- 4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES**  
**Adoption of Minutes of May 24, 2007**  
**Resolution No. 07-60**  
**Moved by:** Dennis Golden **Seconded by:** Bruce Killah  
THAT the minutes of the May 24, 2007 Board meeting be approved. **Carried**
- 5.0 NEW BUSINESS**  
**5.1. Manitoulin-Sudbury Best Start Community Plan**  
Board members were referred to both the latest revision of the Manitoulin-Sudbury Best Start Plan provided to them for review as well as to the Chair's June 20<sup>th</sup> letter to the Hon. Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) re: the DSSAB's issues with the local Best Start community planning process.

The DSSAB's concerns are rooted in the vague and inconsistent answers that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services is providing to the DSSAB regarding a number of community planning assumptions and principles that the DSSAB sees as fundamental to the development of a truly **comprehensive, inclusive and sustainable** early learning and child care plan for the Manitoulin-Sudbury District that is **responsive** to the needs of the children and families of the communities served and represented by the DSSAB's municipally elected officials.

The Ministry remains vague and inconsistent as to the role which MCYS expects the DSSAB to play as the province's designated child care service system manager for the Manitoulin-Sudbury jurisdiction.

The Ministry remains vague as to the expectation that service providers that indicate the availability of their services in French be expected to be designated under the FLS Act which specifies what their obligations and commitments are.

The DSSAB is concerned as to the lack of "community" in the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Best Start Plan prepared by the assembled service providers group.

The DSSAB is concerned re; the lack of synchronicity, dialogue and openness between and amongst the funding partners accountable to the taxpayers for the early learning and child care services being implemented and available to our communities under the Best Start banner.

After discussion, it was decided that the Board could not approve the proposed Best Start Plan at this time.

#### **Resolution No. 07-61**

**Moved by:** Earle Freeborn **Seconded by:** Jean-Marc Chayer

THAT the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and to the service providers represented at the Manitoulin-Sudbury Best Start Table informing them that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB Board does not support the revised Best Start Plan submitted to the Province for its Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB service jurisdiction, and that said letter include the key concerns that have led the DSSAB to this conclusion.

**Carried**

## **6.0 REPORTS**

### **6.1 CAO REPORT**

#### **6.1.1 Operational Management Reports**

The following Departmental Reports were circulated:

- **Children's Services Report**
- **Ontario Works Report**
- **Social Housing Report**
- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report**

#### **EMS**

Board members welcomed news of the Ontario Heart & Stroke Foundation's announcement that the DSSAB was amongst the first six UTMs/DSSABs to receive some of the 1000 Public Access Defibrillators to be placed in select

public municipal buildings across Ontario.

Thirty (30) of the first hundred and fifty-one (151) announced are coming to Manitoulin-Sudbury which was second to only the City of Toronto in the number of defibrillators awarded to a given municipal service manager.

The details as to the specific locations of the 30 PADs awarded to us are being worked out as are the logistics of the training that the DSSAB will be providing re: the use and maintenance of the PADs.

Speaking on behalf of all Board members, Chair Ray Chénier congratulated the DSSAB's Administration on its decision to pursue this initiative and asked the CAO to pass on the Board's thanks to EMS Director Jeff Horseman and his management team for putting together what proved to be a very well prepared and well accepted submission.

### **Finance & Administration**

- (i) **EMS Cross-Border Agreement Updates** - The agreement reached with the District of Algoma DSAB has been signed off by both parties with the dollars receivable to be flowed to us once Algoma's solicitors have confirmed that our lawsuit re: this matter has been withdrawn. Negotiations with both the City of Greater Sudbury and the Nipissing DSAB are well underway.
- (ii) **First Nations Funding Allocation Adjustment** - The CAO indicated that he had again recently corrected some of the MOHLTC provided data on file re: the First Nations that our DSSAB is to be funded for per the terms of January 31<sup>st</sup> agreement reached between the MOHLTC and affected UTMs/DSSABs for the ambulance services they provide to First Nations communities and that our expected funding should, hopefully be received before long. Mayor Golden indicated that this was contrary to the information he had recently received at a meeting with the Algoma-Manitoulin MPP's office at which he was informed that the DSSAB had received the outstanding First Nations EMS funding adjustment. When Finance Committee Chair Gary Brown indicated that the receipt of these dollars was a significant concern to all member municipalities and others began to ask if it was not time to rekindle the "political" and "media" attention given to this dossier, Chair Chénier asked members to allow the DSSAB's Administration to first look into matters further with their MOHLTC Emergency Health Services' Branch contacts. He suggested that the Board's next moves could be predicated on the results of the Administration's findings.

### **Resolution #07-0762**

**Moved by:** Jack McMillan **Seconded by:** Al MacNevin

That the CAO's report be accepted.

**Carried**

### **7.0. PROVINCIAL-MUNICIPAL FISCAL & SERVICE DELIVERY REVIEW UPDATE AND DISCUSSION – David Court, CAO, Algoma DSAB**

Glad to accept the Chair's request to introduce the meeting's keynote speaker, Gary Champagne indicated that David Court is the soon to be retired CAO of the Algoma DSAB. Noting that when he first began as a District Services Board CAO, Gary indicated that he received the advice of many, that one of the first people he had to meet with was his Algoma counterpart, David Court. Gary indicated that it

was perhaps the best advice he could have received as David has proved to be a wise counsel and trusted colleague who has both the energy of the new kid on the block and the experience, the knowledge and the proven track record of the often decorated veteran who is respected by all.

He noted that one of the traits he valued most in David was his ability to comfortably walk Bay Street without losing sight of the fact he was there to ensure the interests of the hard working men and women who walked the Main Streets of Northern Ontario's many smaller, rural and remote towns and villages. He kept Northern Ontario's little guys on the map at many a government table and valiantly worked at ensuring they received their equitable share of the public funding and services they contributed to in an effort to ensure a better life for their children and the Northern Ontario communities they so proudly called home.

David is here to speak to us in his capacity as the one DSSAB representative sitting as a member of the Coordinating Committee of the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Services Delivery Review looking into the provincial-municipal cost sharing arrangement that exists between Ontario and its municipalities when it comes to the community health and social services such as those which are in Northern Ontario managed by DSSABs.

The slides that David spoke to in his presentation can be viewed by clicking on the above.

At the end of the discussions re: David's presentation, the Chair indicated that the topic was indeed a most appropriate topic to begin our Strategic Planning session with. Presenting David with a gift on behalf of the DSSAB, Chair Chénier indicated that he was more than certain that Northern Ontario had a strong advocate in David Court and that he was more than certain that the final chapter on his contributions to Northern Ontario's well being and ongoing development had yet to be written.

David's presentation and commentary ended with the applause of all gathered.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 07-63**

**Moved by:** Morgan Pitfield **Seconded by:** Bruce Killah

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:45 p.m. until the next regular meeting to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> with the possibility of meetings between now and then being convened at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Chief Administrative Officer  
(Secretary Treasurer of the Corporation)