



MINUTES
of the January 22, 2009
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSSAB BOARD MEETING
held in Espanola's 210 Mead Street DSSAB Boardroom

- Present:** Lou Addison, Jean-Marc Chayer, Ray Chénier, Earle Freeborn,
Mike Lehoux, David Leonard, Al MacNevin, Jack McMillan,
Shelley Quibell, Dean Wenborne
- Regrets:** Gary Brown, Dennis Golden, Les Gamble, Bruce Killah
- Staff:** Gary Champagne, Suzanne Bouchard, Peter Bradley, Fern Dominelli,
Connie Morphet, Jeff Horseman
- H.R. Consultant:** Aurel Malo
- Media :** Camilla Kirkpatrick, Mid-North Monitor

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ray Chénier called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 09-01

Moved by: D. Leonard **Seconded by:** Al MacNevin

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

- 2.1 Change in Area 3 DSSAB Board Table Membership -** Outgoing Chair Ray Chénier, welcomed Dean Wenborne back to the DSSAB Board table. Dean is replacing Morgan Pitfield as one of three members appointed to the DSSAB Board table by the four municipalities that make up that geography that the DSSAB Act identifies as Area 3. Dean's tenure on the Board as determined by Area 3 member municipalities is for the one year term ending December 31st, 2009.

3.0 YEAR 2009 BOARD ELECTIONS

In standing with the DSSAB Act's annual election requirements, Mr. Chénier vacated the Chair and called upon Gary Champagne, CAO, to preside over the elections.

3.1 Chair Nominations & Election

Gary called for nominations to the Chair.

Moved by: J. McMillan **Seconded by:** Lou Addison

THAT Ray Chénier be nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Ray Chénier indicated that he was prepared to accept the nomination.

Resolution No. 09-02

Moved by: J. MacMillan **Seconded by:** L. Addison

WHEREAS Regulation 278/98 of the District Social Services Administration Boards Act requires that, at its first meeting after January 1 of each year, a Board shall appoint one of its members as Chair of the Board;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ray Chénier is hereby appointed as Chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB for the year 2009. **Carried**

Ray Chénier resumed his position as Chair and presided over those other elections.

3.2 Vice-Chair Nominations & Election

Moved by: E. Freeborn **Seconded by:** S. Quibell

THAT Gary Brown be nominated. There were no other nominations.

Resolution No. 09-03

Moved by: E. Freeborn **Seconded by:** S. Quibell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gary Brown is hereby appointed as Vice-Chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB for the year 2009. **Carried**

(The CAO was to verify if G. Brown could be nominated in absentia and confirm whether or not Mr. Brown accepted the position. This was done and Mr. Brown has accepted.)

3.3 DSSAB Committees & Membership

Before proceeding to the identify the membership of the Committees carried over to 2009, the Chair sought and received the Board's consensus that a new Strategic Planning Committee be struck to recommend to the Board how it should proceed in its address of the recommendations identified in the Strategic Plan prepared by David Court Consultants and proceeded to confirm with Board members the make-up of each Committee. The Chair of each Committee is to be elected at the Committee's first meeting.

3.3.1 Human Resources & Policy Committee

Resolution No. 09-04

Moved by: E. Freeborn **Seconded by:** J.-M. Chayer

THAT the members of the Human Resources Committee be: Earle Freeborn, Bruce Killah, David Leonard, Jack McMillan, Shelley Quibell, Dean Wenborne and Ray Chénier (ex-officio). **Carried**

3.3.2 EMS Planning Committee

Moved by: D. Wenborne **Seconded by:** D. Leonard

THAT the members of the EMS Planning Committee be: Les Gamble, Lou Addison, Dennis Golden, David Leonard, Jean-Marc Chayer and Ray Chénier (ex-officio). **Carried**

3.3.3 Finance Committee

Moved by: J. McMillan **Seconded by:** Lou Addison

THAT the members of the Finance Committee be: Gary Brown, Les Gamble, Dennis Golden, Bruce Killah, Mike Lehoux, Al MacNevin and Ray Chénier (ex-officio). **Carried**

3.3.4 Property Committee

Moved by: E. Freeborn **Seconded by:** D. Wenborne

THAT the members of the Property Committee be: Mike Lehoux, Gary Brown, Earle Freeborn, Jack McMillan, Shelley Quibell and Ray Chénier (ex-officio). **Carried**

3.3.5 Strategic Planning Committee

Moved by: J.-M. Chayer **Seconded by:** D. Leonard

THAT the members of the Strategic Planning Committee be: Al MacNevin, Dean Wenborne, Jack McMillan, Shelley Quibell and Ray Chénier (ex-officio). **Carried**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5.0 CLOSED SESSION**Resolution No. 09-05**

Moved by: Al MacNevin **Seconded by:** E. Freeborn

THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:18 a.m. to discuss Property and Human Resources matters. **Carried**

Resolution No. 09-06

Moved by: D. Leonard **Seconded by:** L. Addison

THAT the closed session be adjourned at 10:35 a.m. **Carried**

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

During its Closed Session, the Board discussed:

- Correspondence re Chapleau Property
- Emergency First Response Team concerns
- Board Member Computer concerns

6.0 MINUTES**6.1 Adoption of Previous Board Minutes****Resolution No. 09-07**

Moved by: M. Lehoux **Seconded by:** J. McMillan

THAT the Minutes of the November 27, 2008 Board meeting be approved. **Carried**

6.2. Business Arising from Minutes**Letter to and Reply from MCYS Minister Deb Matthews**

Board members spoke to their concerns re: the Minister of Children & Youth Services Deb Matthews' reply to our Chair that she was not available to meet with the DSSAB at this time re: the concerns cited in its letter to her. The Chair indicated that the concerns of our DSSAB have festered long enough and need to be addressed by the Minister. He asked Board members if they would agree to having our Administration seek the assistance of our MPPs and in the first instance MPP Mike Brown, to help our Board secure a date for the desired meeting with Minister Matthews.

It being the Board's consensus that this course of action be pursued, the Chair instructed the CAO to proceed accordingly.

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 CAO Report

7.1.1 Operational Management Reports

The following Departmental Reports were circulated:

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

7.1.1.1 Children's Services Report

Mr. Chénier deemed it important to note that the French language Child Care program running out of Chapleau's French language Catholic elementary school has blossomed over the last few months and now has 16 children enrolled. He asked that all concerned be thanked for getting the French language program back on the tracks in Chapleau and also noted that such was accomplished without any negative impacts on Chapleau's English language child care program which is itself running at full enrolment capacity.

7.1.1.2 EMS Report

Noting that while health reasons had made it impossible for him to attend the Board's November meeting, Markstay-Warren Mayor Jean-Marc Chayer expressed his appreciation to his fellow Board members for that day adopting those resolutions necessary to see the institution of 24/7 EMS coverage out of the DSSAB's Hagar Ambulance Station.

7.1.1.3 Social Housing Report -

Resolution Requesting that Province Extend the Life of Its Affordable Housing Program - Resolution No. 09-08

Moved by: E. Freeborn **Seconded by:** S. Quibell

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB has received a funding allocation under the Canada Ontario Affordable Housing Program;

AND WHEREAS the DSSAB has successfully met the Program targets;

AND WHEREAS more than 60 families throughout the four regions within the DSSAB's geographic service jurisdiction have benefited by way of the Affordable Housing Program;

AND WHEREAS the Affordable Housing Program has been a benefit to both applicants and communities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB wishes to convey to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing its strong desire to see the Federal and Provincial Governments continue this Program past March 2009;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT it is the desire of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB that funding levels under the AHP be increased. **Carried**

Dean Wenborne expressed congratulations to the Housing Department for the low rental arrears.

Al MacNevin wished to let the Board know that he and his municipality thanked the DSSAB's Administration and in particular Peter Bradley for making himself available to his municipality to explain the different Housing programs available through the DSSAB as well as through other Federal and provincial government Ministries and bodies, e.g. CMHC.

7.1.2 Strategic Issues Report

The Chair reminded members that a new Strategic Planning Committee had been struck earlier in the meeting and that strategic issues will be dealt with through this Committee.

Resolution No. 09-09

Moved by: J.M. Chayer **Seconded by:** D. Leonard

THAT the CAO Report be accepted.

Carried

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Municipality of Killarney

re Emergency First Response Teams (EFRT)

Resolution No. 09-10

Moved by: A. MacNevin **Seconded by:** L. Addison

THAT the EFRT remuneration matter raised by the Municipality of Killarney be referred to the EMS Planning Committee.

Carried

8.2 Township of Chapleau Correspondence re 2010 Budget Preparation

Earle Freeborn asked to speak to the matter of his Township's letter requesting that the DSSAB's Administration's do all it can to ensure that the anticipated 10% reduction in municipal contributions that the DSSAB will require in 2010 as a result of the province's upload of the 20% of the cost of ODSP allowances now paid by its member municipalities in fact results in a 10% savings levied to municipalities in 2010 given that the savings are in reality wiped out by the province when it also claws back the actual DSSAB municipal member savings via the reduced OMPF it subsequently provides to municipalities as a result of these uploaded costs.

Al MacNevin indicated that Mr. Freeborn's point was the very point that his municipality was concerned about when it came to the DSSAB's 2009 budget and subsequently wrote to the DSSAB CAO about after being told by MMAH officials that the DSSAB savings should be passed on to municipalities.

Al indicated that while his municipality did not necessarily hear what it hoped to from Mr. Champagne, the CAO's reply went a long way to helping his municipality better understand the "flow of the dollars" and the minimal role, if any, that the DSSAB had in determining the OMPF allocations that the provincial ministries of Finance and Municipal Affairs in fact determined.

He asked the DSSAB's Administration to provide all member municipalities with a copy of its correspondence with NEMI re: the matters Mr. Freeborn was raising.

The Chair noted the Board's consensus that such be done and also noted the Board consensus that the Township of Chapleau's letter be directed to the Board's Finance Committee for its consideration in the preparation of the DSSAB's 2010 budget.

**8.3 Municipality of Killarney re Board Computer
Resolution No. 09-10**

Moved by: E. Freeborn **Seconded by:** J.-M. Chayer

THAT the request from the Municipality of Killarney to retain the Board computer for the year 2009 be referred to the Strategic Planning Committee. **Carried**

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 New North-East Base Hospital Representation Update

The Chair alerted the Board to the fact that the Minister of Health has not yet responded to the DSSAB's concern that the new North-East Base Hospital is contemplating only providing four of the eight member Land Ambulance Designated Delivery Agents that are to be part of its new Base Hospital's Advisory Committee with a vote at said Base Hospital Advisory Committee table, thereby relegating certain members to second class status at that table. He indicated that all eight of the DDAs in question have thus far indicated that they do not agree to such a two class membership structure in the North-East when everywhere else in Ontario, including in the North-West, all DDAs have an equal voice and an equal vote at the Advisory Committee table of the Base Hospital they are provincially designated to belong to.

The CAO indicated that the matter is one that will be on the agenda of the Base Hospital Advisory Committee's first meeting which is scheduled to be held on February 13th.

The Chair asked the CAO to keep the Board apprised of developments on this front.

9.2 Handi-Transit Inquiry

Dean Wenborne asked whether there was anything that the DSSAB could do to assist handicapped people in Sudbury-East with their transport to and from hospitals.

This matter was referred to the EMS Planning Committee for further study and comment. Dean Wenborne was asked to provide the DSSAB's Administration with any and all information he might have re: the extent of the need in Sudbury-East as well as any possible solutions that might have been already considered or explored.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT Resolution No. 09-11

Moved by: J.-M. Chayer **Seconded by:** Lou Addison

THAT we do now adjourn at 11:20 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held in the DSSAB's Espanola Mead Blvd. Boardroom on February 26, 2009.

Carried

Chair

CAO (Secretary-Treasurer of
the Corporation)