



MINUTES
of the November 26, 2009
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSSAB BOARD MEETING
held in Espanola's 210 Mead Blvd. DSSAB Boardroom

- Present:** Gary Brown, Jean-Marc Chayer, Ray Chénier, Earle Freeborn, Les Gamble, Dennis Golden, Bruce Killah, Mike Lehoux, David Leonard, Al MacNevin, Jack McMillan, Shelley Quibell, Margaret Tuomi, Dean Wenborne
- Staff:** Fern Dominelli, Suzanne Bouchard, Connie Morphet, Michael Maclsaac, Peter Bradley, Donna Moroso
- Consultant:** David Court
- Guests:** Frank Malvaso, Regional Program Manager, Municipal and First Nations Services
Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) and Ministry of Children's & Youth Services (MCYS)
Laura Pitura, Program Supervisor, MCSS & MCYS
- Media:** Michael Erskine, Manitoulin Expositor
Craig Gilbert, Mid-North Monitor

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Ray Chénier called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introduced Fern Dominelli as the new Acting CAO.
- 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
The Chair added item #9.1, TWOMO Representation.
- Resolution No. 09-102**
Moved by: E. Freeborn **Seconded by:** G. Brown
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**
- 3.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
David Leonard declared a conflict of interest pertaining to item #8.2, Foleyet - Request for Donation.
- 4.0 DELEGATION - Frank Malvaso**
Fern Dominelli introduced Frank Malvaso, Regional Program Manager, Municipal and First Nations Services for the Northern Regional Office and Laura Pitura, Program Supervisor. Mr. Malvaso explained that he is meeting with all of the DSSABs to share information and concerns with the hope that all stake holders will work together to minimize or prevent any possible negative repercussions

from the current social and financial situation in the province. He referred to the proposed [Growth Plan for Northern Ontario](#), and the issues and recommendations contained in the Plan.

Board members expressed concern and frustration at the lack of planned definitive action resulting from the Plan. Mr. Malvaso agreed and added that there was no better time for the Ministries and the DSSABs to work together to come up with a strategy.

5.0 CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 09-103

Moved by: J.-M. Chayer **Seconded by:** B. Killah

THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss Property matters.

Carried

Resolution No. 09-104

Moved by: M. Tuomi **Seconded by:** S. Quibell

THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:10 a.m.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

During its Closed Session, the Board discussed:

- Foleyet EMS Base
- Little Current EMS Base

6.0 MINUTES

6.1 Adoption of Previous Board Minutes

Resolution No. 09-105

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

THAT the Minutes of the October 22, 2009 Board meeting be approved.

Carried

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes

6.2.1 [Annual Meeting](#)

It was tentatively decided to hold the DSSAB Annual Meeting on the fourth Thursday of April each year at 6:30 p.m. In 2010, the meeting is scheduled for April 22nd in Espanola.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 [Full Day Learning Announcement](#)

Fern outlined the Ministry of Education's plan to phase in full day early learning for 4 and 5-year-olds, starting in September 2010, and the possibility for parents to enrol in fee-based extended programs beyond regular school hours. The DSSAB has been given the names of two schools to be considered for this new program. The process has started and School Boards are making an effort to consult with the DSSAB.

7.2 [Foleyet - Request for Donation](#)

David Leonard left the room. Foleyet is requesting a financial donation and participation of the EMS Ambulance for their annual Christmas Parade. The Board felt that it was not their mandate to make financial donations, but agreed that the Ambulance could participate in the parade.

8.0 QUARTERLY REPORTS**8.1 Activity Report**

The Chair reminded Board members that the management reporting process had been changed to a quarterly format, rather than monthly program reports. If there are issues that come up outside of the quarterly reporting period, Board members will receive individual issue reports as required. Jack McMillan expressed his appreciation for the report and added that it was an excellent reminder and summary of activities.

8.2 Financial Report

The Third Quarter Finance Report was circulated and there were no questions.

8.3 Children's Services Policy Manual Revision**Resolution No. 09-106**

Moved by: D. Wenborne **Seconded by:** B. Killah

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board gives a third and final reading to the proposed changes to the Children's Services Policy Manual; and THAT the Board acknowledges its awareness of the changes being made to the (Administrative) Procedures of those Children's Services Policies identified in the document mentioned above. **Carried**

Resolution No. 09-107

Moved by: M. Lehoux **Seconded by:** M. Tuomi

THAT the Management Reports be accepted. **Carried**

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS**9.1 Response to Housing Needs Study**

Referring to the circulated Response to the Housing Needs Study, David Court reported that he had pinpointed three of the recommendations that the DSSAB is proposing to act upon: refer to recommendations #2, #7 and #11 in the report.

9.2 Territories Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO) Representation

A draft letter from the NOSDA Chair to the Minister of Community and Social Services regarding recommended changes to the election guidelines for election of representatives of Territories Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO) for positions on District Social Services Administration Boards. Board members were generally in favour of the proposed letter, but were totally against the recommendation that would require a person to be a permanent resident in a Territory Without Municipal Organization in order to be a TWOMO representative on the DSSAB Board. It was agreed that Fern would communicate this to NOSDA.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT**Resolution No. 09-108**

Moved by: J. McMillan **Seconded by:** D. Leonard

THAT we do now adjourn at 11:30 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held in the DSSAB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on January 28, 2010.

Carried

Chair

CAO (Secretary-Treasurer
of the Corporation)