



MINUTES
of the February 24, 2011
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING
held in Espanola's 210 Mead Blvd. DSB Boardroom

Present: Lou Addison, André Byham, Sonja Flynn, Les Gamble, Dennis Golden, Mike Lehoux, David Leonard, Shawnda Martin-Cross, Jack McMillan, Morgan Pitfield, Bud Rohn, Louise Ross, Derek Stephens

Regrets: Bruce Killah

Staff: Fern Dominelli, Suzanne Bouchard, Connie Morphet, Michael MacIsaac, Steve Broadhurst, Donna Moroso

Media: Craig Gilbert, Mid-North Monitor

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Les Gamble, called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m. and welcomed Sonja Flynn and Mike Lehoux to their first meeting.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item # 6.2.1. was added: Committee Make-Up

Resolution No. 11-13

Moved by: A. Byham Seconded by: L. Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

André Byham declared a conflict of interest regarding the purchase of the Chapleau Innovations Centre property.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-14

Moved by: D. Stephens Seconded by: M. Pitfield

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:05 a.m. **Carried**

Resolution No. 11-15

Moved by: D. Stephens Seconded by: L. Addison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:30 a.m. **Carried**

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

During its Closed Session, the Board discussed Property and Human Resources Issues.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Property Committee Report

Newly elected Property Committee Chair, Mike Lehoux reported on the Committee meeting held on February 23, 2011 which discussed:

- Review of the Committee Terms of Reference
- Foleyet EMS Station
- DSB bid to purchase Innovations Centre in Chapleau
- Massey EMS Station

5.1.1 Foleyet EMS Station

Resolution No. 11-16

Moved by: M. Lehoux **Seconded by:** D. Leonard

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB through J.L. Richards & Associates Limited had issued a tender for the construction of a Land Ambulance station in Foleyet; and

WHEREAS by Board Resolution 10-81 approved June 24, 2010, the Board closed the tenders for the construction of the Land Ambulance Station in Foleyet and that **no bidder** was awarded the contract; and

WHEREAS by Board Resolution 10-82 approved June 24, 2010, the Board directed staff to develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the construction of appropriate accommodations for the Land Ambulance Station in Foleyet; and

WHEREAS Smart Structures Corporation was the lowest bidder and is an established contractor and has the experience to complete the project;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board award the Request for Proposals for the construction of the Land Ambulance station in Foleyet to Smart Structures Corporation in the amount of \$375,527 plus applicable taxes; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board further approves an additional allocation of 10% (\$37,552) to staff as a contingency fund to be used for relocation costs and other unforeseen costs that may arise during construction; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the funds required to complete these transactions will be withdrawn from the DSB General Working Funds Reserve which is to be repaid over a 20-year period plus applicable interest. Carried

5.1.2 Chapleau Innovations Centre

Resolution No. 11-17

Moved by: M. Lehoux **Seconded by:** D. Golden

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has authorized its CAO to bid on the purchase of the Chapleau Innovations Centre that was put up for public sale by the Township of Chapleau; and

WHEREAS the DSB submitted a bid of \$65,500 for the purchase of the Chapleau Innovations Centre located at 12 Birch Street East in Chapleau and;

WHEREAS the Township of Chapleau has confirmed that the DSB was the successful bidder;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board authorize the purchase of the Innovations Centre located in Chapleau for \$65,500 plus the cost of the appraisal, applicable legal and other fees as required to complete the purchase; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the funds required to complete these transactions will be withdrawn from the DSB General Working Funds Reserve which are to be repaid over a 10-year period plus applicable interest. Carried

5.1.3 Massey EMS Station

It was decided to proceed with the purchase of the Massey EMS Station and to include the cost of the survey. The existing Resolution No. 11-07 approved on January 27, 2011 does allow for the inclusion of this cost.

Resolution No. 11-18

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Property Committee Report be accepted. Carried

6.0 MINUTES

6.1 [Adoption of Previous Board Minutes](#)

Resolution No. 11-19

Moved by: M. Pitfield Seconded by: A. Byham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the January 27, 2011 Board meeting be approved.

Carried

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes

Having noted that the number of members on certain Committees exceeded terms of references, changes were made to the list provided in the January Minutes. The new redistribution is as follows, with the DSB Chair sitting as ex officio member on each:

Program Planning Committee: Lou Addison, Bruce Killah, David Leonard, Derek Stephens

Human Resources Committee: Dennis Golden, Bruce Killah, Mike Lehoux, David Leonard, Jack McMillan, Morgan Pitfield, Bud Rohn

Emergency Planning Committee: Lou Addison, André Byham, Shawnda Martin-Cross, Louise Ross, Derek Stephens

Strategic Planning Committee: Jack McMillan, André Byham, Louise Ross

Property Committee: André Byham, Dennis Golden, Mike Lehoux, David Leonard, Shawnda Martin-Cross, Derek Stephens

Finance Committee: André Byham, Dennis Golden, Shawnda Martin-Cross, Jack McMillan, Morgan Pitfield, Bud Rohn, Derek Stephens

French Language Services Committee: André Byham, Dennis Golden, Louise Ross

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 [CAO 4TH Quarter 2010 Activity Report](#)

Fern highlighted some points from his Activity Report:

- The 4th Quarter Financial Report indicates a projected year-end surplus of \$409,033.
- This surplus includes a Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB) rebate of \$141,000

- An increase in MOHLTC Funding for EMS of \$82,950, neither of which were known during the 2010 budget process.
- In addition the ODSP program which is administered by the Province came in with a surplus of \$73,619 which was unexpected. In 2011 municipalities will no longer be required to share in the cost of ODSP.
- The DSB surplus for 2010 would have been \$111,464 or 1.2% on \$9,046,622 municipal share without the above mentioned unpredictable surpluses.
- In November 2010, the government announced a Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario which will occur over the next 18 months.
- The Province has announced Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy with a vision of improving access to adequate, suitable and affordable housing and providing a solid foundation on which to secure employment, raise families and build strong communities.
- The Minister of Education announced a proposed new direction for Boards with respect to the role of third parties in operating before-and/or after-school programs for junior kindergarten and kindergarten pupils on school sites.
- The building of the new EMS Station in Little Current neared completion in December 2010. (As of Thursday, February 17, 2011 the DSB is now operating its land ambulance service from the new location in Little Current.)

7.2 [2010 4th Quarter Financial Report](#)

As mentioned above, the 4th Quarter Financial Report is showing a projected year-end surplus of \$409,033. Fern explained the reasons for this surplus as noted in the circulated Financial Report. The report will not be finalized until the audit is completed.

Resolution No. 11-20

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 4th Quarter Activity and Financial Reports be accepted.

Carried

7.3 Little Current EMS Station

Further to Resolution No. 10-83, today's Resolution asks that the funds required to complete the transaction will be drawn from the DSB General Working Funds Reserve.

Resolution No. 11-21

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

WHEREAS by Resolution 10-83 passed June 24, 2010, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board awarded the tender for the construction of the Land Ambulance station in Little Current to Prosperi Co. Ltd in the amount of \$687,450 plus applicable taxes; and

WHEREAS by Resolution 10-83 passed June 24, 2010, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board approved an additional allocation of 10% (\$68,745) to staff as a contingency fund to be used for environmental, blasting, relocation costs and other unforeseen costs that may arise during construction;

BE IT RESOLVED the funds required to complete these transactions will be withdrawn from the DSB General Working Funds Reserve which are to be repaid over a 20-year period plus applicable interest. Carried

7.4 [Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB OW Funding - Issue Report](#)

Fern outlined some of the concerns that the DSB has with the revised Ontario Works funding approach being proposed by the Province of Ontario. This new funding approach is caseload driven, contrary to objections put forward by NOSDA and other rural delivery agents who have stated that a cost-per-case based formula does not take into account the pressures of delivering services in remote areas, nor does it take into account the fact that economies of scale cannot always be achieved in the delivery of services.

7.5 NOSDA Annual General Meeting Resolutions

7.5.1 DSB Ontario Works Funding Resolution

Resolution No. 11-22

Moved by: L. Ross Seconded by: S. Martin-Cross

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced a revised Ontario Works funding approach; and

WHEREAS that funding approach is largely based on a cost-per-case formula which does not adequately take into account the cost and requirement to deliver services in remote or rural areas; and

WHEREAS the revised Ontario Works funding approach will see an erosion of the upload commitments to Northern Municipalities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board calls upon the Ministry of Community and Social Services to continue to work with AMO to refine the announced Ontario Works funding approach; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board calls upon the Province of Ontario to commit to the uploads promised to Northern municipalities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to AMO, FONOM, NOMA, NOSDA, OMSSA and all northern MPPs. Carried

7.5.2 [NOSDA EMS Position Paper](#)

This Report outlines issues identified with the requirement for Non-Emergent Patient Transfers, and Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) Funding Anomalies and Inequities.

Resolution No. 11-23

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

WHEREAS in August of 2010 the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers' Association drafted a position paper entitled, "Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Concerns in Northern Ontario"; and

WHEREAS the Position Paper identifies two key, problematic issues affecting Northern Ontario Municipal Service Managers including Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB: Non-Emergent Patient Transfers as well as formulaic and operational (payment timing) anomalies that result in inequities in the Provincial Government share of First Nations and Territories Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO) funding of Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and

WHEREAS non-emergent patient transfers do negatively impact on emergency services in the Manitoulin-Sudbury region by increasing the amount of time it could take an ambulance to respond to an emergency call; and

WHEREAS funding anomalies and inequities do affect the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB in regards to the timeliness of the funding announcements and the Provincial Government's share of First Nations and TWOMO;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board receives the NOSDA position paper and agrees that a working group needs to be created to address the serious issue of Non-Emergent patient transfers; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSB approves the recommendations as stated in the NOSDA position paper regarding funding anomalies and inequities in the MOHLTC funding of Land Ambulance; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all members of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) and northern MPPs. Carried

7.5.3 Affordable Housing Program

This Resolution addresses the plan to bring to an end the Affordable Housing Program and the Social Housing Renovation & Retrofit Program.

Resolution No. 11-24

Moved by: D. Stephens Seconded by: L. Ross

WHEREAS the Social Housing Renovation & Retrofit Program (SHRRP) has improved the Public Housing and Non-Profit Housing portfolios and the funding was used for essential repairs and renovations that improved the health and safety of residents living in social housing; and

WHEREAS the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) provides low and moderate income individuals and families with an opportunity to repair their homes, bring them up to health and safety standards and improve accessibility for persons with disabilities; the AHP Program allows families to stay in their own homes as opposed to relying on public housing; and

WHEREAS the AHP and the SHRRP programs have been a welcome improvement to the local economy as funds are spent on local trades, suppliers and retailers which is a direct net benefit to our northern communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSB recognizes the efforts of both the Federal and Provincial governments for working in partnership to fund the AHP and SHRRP programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSB call on both the Federal and Provincial governments to continue their partnership and extend the funding for both the AHP and SHRRP programs beyond March 31, 2011; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all members of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA).

Carried

7.5.4 Funding for Child Care Centres and Best Start Child & Family Centres in Schools

This Resolution requests that the Minister of Education review its capital funding policy regarding construction of new schools to ensure that it is consistent with the province's vision that Child Care Centres and Best Start Child & Family Centres should be located in the province's publicly funded schools.

Resolution No. 11-25

Moved by: D. Golden **Seconded by:** M. Lehoux

WHEREAS since the onset of the Best Start initiative in 2004 it has been the Ontario Government's expectation that all new child care spaces created in the province will be opened in Ontario's publicly funded schools; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has strongly supported child care centres located in schools. It has been proven that Child Care Centres in Schools act as a feeder to the schools and assist children with their transition to education in a familiar setting. We have also heard that when parents register their child in a school, their main concern is that the school has a Child Care Centre for their younger siblings; and

WHEREAS as the Ministry of Children & Youth Services (MCYS) has transferred the Child Care portfolio to the Ministry of Education and this transfer of all child care responsibility to Education also adheres to a vision of ensuring that children receive the best opportunities for learning, as well as care throughout their early years; and

WHEREAS the Special Advisor on Early Learning, Dr. Charles Pascal was asked to make recommendations on "how to build on the success of Ontario's Best Start strategy for a comprehensive, continuous, and integrated system for children from birth to age 12 and their families". His number one recommendation was 'The Province should create a continuum of early learning, child care and family supports for children from the prenatal period through to adolescence, under the leadership of the Minister of Education'. This recommendation certainly supports that it is in the best interest of the child for Child Care Centres and Best Start Child & Family Centres to be located in schools; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has failed to provide capital dollars for alterations and renovations to existing schools and in the construction of new schools for the inclusion of Child Care Centres and Best Start Child & Family Centres within the new schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB requests that the Minister of Education review its capital funding policy regarding alterations and renovations of existing schools and construction of new schools to ensure that it is consistent with the province's vision that Child Care Centres and Best Start Child & Family Centres should be located in the province's publicly funded schools; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all members of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA). Carried

8.0 UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- 8.1 [The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association \(NOSDA\) Annual General Meeting, Sudbury, April 4, 5, 6, 2011-01-27](#)
Les Gamble, Louise Ross and Shawnda Martin-Cross will be attending the NOSDA Annual General Meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 11-26

Moved by: D. Stephens Seconded by: D. Golden
THAT we do now adjourn at 11:35 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on March 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Carried

Chair

CAO (Secretary-Treasurer
of the Corporation)