



**MINUTES**  
**of the November 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, Bruce Killah, David Leonard, Shawnda Martin-Cross, Morgan Pitfield, Bud Rohn, Derek Stephens

**Regrets :** Mike Lehoux, Jack McMillan, Louise Ross

**Staff:** Fern Dominelli, Suzanne Bouchard, Michael MacIsaac, Donna Moroso, Connie Morphet, Melody Ouellette

**Consultant:** Aurel Malo

**Media:** Alicia McCutcheon, Manitoulin Expositor  
Dawn Lalonde, Mid-North Monitor

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Les Gamble, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 11-90**

**Moved by:** B. Killah **Seconded by:** A. Byham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

**3.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution No. 11-91**

**Moved by:** S. Martin-Cross **Seconded by:** D. Leonard

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

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 11-92**

Moved by: M. Pitfield    Seconded by: S. Martin-Cross

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

Carried

**4.1 Closed Session Report**

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

**5.0 MINUTES**

**5.1 [Adoption of Previous Board Minutes](#)**

**Resolution No. 11-93**

Moved by: D. Golden    Seconded by: A. Byham

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

Carried

**6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1 Program Planning Committee**

Chair, Lou Addison reported that the Committee met on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 and discussed:

- Child Care Sudbury East - Noëlville - [Issue Report](#)
- IAH Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan - [Issue Report](#)
- EMS Non-Urgent Patient Transfers: On October 14, 2011 the Manitoulin Health Centre sent a letter to the DSB regarding the Non-Urgent Patient transfers and changes to the EMS deployment plan. In their letter the Manitoulin Health Centre raised 5 specific issues. Staff are currently in the process of revising the policy which deals with this issue.

### 6.1.1 Child Care Centre Sudbury East - Noëlville

#### Resolution No. 11-94

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

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the [Child Care Centre - École St-Antoine Noëlville - Issue Report](#) and has recommended that the Board approve this report; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury East region only has one licensed Child Care Centre located in Markstay and a recent survey completed in the Sudbury East region clearly demonstrate a need for Child Care in Noëlville; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has approved the selection of École St-Antoine in Noëlville for 2012-2013 to implement the Extended Day Early Learning Program in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Sudbury East region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board approves the [Child Care Centre - École St-Antoine Noëlville - Issue Report](#) and that it directs staff to implement the recommendations within the report.

Carried

### 6.1.2 Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH)

#### Resolution No. 11-95

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

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has developed the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) program, a joint initiative between Ontario and the federal government for the creation and repair of affordable housing over four years; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has provided the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB with a [notional allocation](#) of \$1,015,176 over a four year period ending March 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS to date the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has received funding requests under the IAH program for the construction of new Affordable Housing in the Manitoulin-Sudbury jurisdiction totaling \$6,960,000 and the IAH allocation of \$1,015,176 falls drastically below the requirements in our communities; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is also aware that there are several other communities working on plans for the construction of Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS the current IAH allocation will not even cover the continuation of the existing Northern Repair and Ontario Renovates Program over the next 4 years; and

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Investment in Affordable Housing Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan and has recommended that the Board approve this plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Investment in Affordable Housing Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan](#).

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB request a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss the additional funding required to meet the needs of the residents we serve; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB forward this resolution to its member municipalities requesting their support for a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, The Federal Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage, AMO, OMSSA and NOSDA.

Carried

### 6.1.3 Program Planning Committee Reports

Resolution No. 11-96

Moved by: L. Addison Seconded by: B. Killah

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Program Planning Committee Report be accepted.

Carried

## 7.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 CAO 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2011 Activity Report

Fern gave an overview of his [2011 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Activity Report](#)

- Although not part of the third quarter, the [2012 Budget](#) was approved at the October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board meeting.

- OMSSA assembled a task force on child care issues in rural, northern and remote Ontario. In September 2011 the [Challenges and Opportunities for Licensed Child Care in Rural, Northern, and Remote Ontario](#) position paper was released and is available on the DSB website
- The [Non-Urgent Patient Transfer Business Case](#) was submitted to the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care and the issue is being monitored.
- Substantial completion of the Foleyet Ambulance Station is targeted for the end of December.
- The DSB was able to place 57 youths on Manitoulin Island through the Summer Jobs for Youth Program; through the same program, the Sudbury YMCA was able to place 28 youths in the LaCloche, Sudbury East and Sudbury North regions.
- The Geo Thermal Make Up Air project in Mindemoya has been commissioned and is fully operational. This project was funded through the provinces [Renewable Energy Initiative](#) and was 100% funded by the province. Data collection and adjustments to the system to optimize performance are ongoing.

## 7.2 2011 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Fern reported that the [2011 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter unaudited Financial Report](#) projects a 2011 year end surplus of \$135,139.

- Municipal share of the OW allowance is forecasted to be under budget by \$87,711;
- Municipal share of the Children's Services program is forecasted to be on Budget
- Municipal share of the Social Housing are program is forecasted to over budget by \$2,494
- Municipal share of the Emergency Medical Services is forecasted to be under budget by \$50,990

### Resolution No. 11-97

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Activity and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Finance Reports be accepted. **Carried**

### 7.3 French River Health & Housing Co-operative

Fern reminded Board members that, at the October Board meeting, the French River Health & Housing Co-operative presented its business case to the DSB Board. The proposal has been revised since it was presented to the Board to ensure it complies with IAH capital funding guidelines.

#### **Resolution No. 11-98**

**Moved by:** S. Martin-Cross **Seconded by:** S. Flynn

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has developed the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) program, a joint initiative between Ontario and the federal government for the creation and repair of affordable housing over four years; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has provided the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB with a [notional allocation](#) of \$1,015,176 over a four year period ending March 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Investment in Affordable Housing program does include a capital component for the construction of new Affordable Rental Housing which will fund 75% of the total capital costs per unit to a maximum of \$150,000 per unit; and

WHEREAS the French River Health & Housing Co-operative has approved and presented its [Revised Business Plan](#) for the construction of 34 Affordable Senior/Supportive Housing units in the Town of Noëlville to the DSB Board; and

WHEREAS based on the business plan submitted by the French River Health & Housing Co-operative they are asking the DSB for \$3,960,000 or \$116,625 per unit and based on the new IAH guidelines they may qualify for this funding; and

WHEREAS the current IAH allocation will not even cover the continuation of the existing Northern Repair and Ontario Renovates Program over the next 4 years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB petition the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for an additional allocation of \$3,960,000 in order to meet the needs of the residents of French River; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, The Federal Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and French River Health & Housing Co-operative.

**Carried**

### 7.3 Ontario Trillium Benefit

The [Ontario Trillium Benefit Issue Report](#) was reviewed.

In 2010, The Ontario Sales Tax Credit (OSTC), the Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit (OEPTC) and The Northern Ontario Energy Credit (NOEC) were paid out in one lump sum based on information provided to Revenue Canada at income tax time

In 2011, all three of these tax credits are paid on a quarterly basis to eligible recipients.

The Province proposes to take the next step in transforming refundable tax credits by introducing the Ontario Trillium Benefit (OTB) in July 2012.

To better align the timing of the assistance with the expenses that people face, the payments of these three credits would be combined and delivered on a monthly basis.

It is thought that more frequent and predictable benefit payments would help low-to-moderate-income families and single people better manage their household budgets.

#### Resolution No. 11-99

Moved by: D. Stephens    Seconded by: D. Leonard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board accepts and approves the Ontario Trillium Benefit - Issue Report.

Carried

### 7.4 Annual General Meeting

The DSB held its last Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2010 in Espanola. There were a total of 28 people in attendance representing 12 of the DSB's 18 municipal partners. Staff reviewed the 16 evaluations submitted and everyone was satisfied with the AGM. The only suggestions were from 4 who indicated the location of the AGM should be rotated across the DSB catchment area

At the April 2011 Board meeting it was decided to hold the next Annual General Meeting in the spring of 2012. Staff recommended that the AGM be held on the same day as the Board meeting in April which will be Thursday April 26, 2012. Morgan Pitfield offered to have the meeting held at the new Community Centre in Killarney and will look into availability of accommodations.

**8.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 Executive Assistant Retirement**

Les thanked Suzanne Bouchard for her dedicated years of service as the Executive Assistant of the DSB and wished her well in her retirement.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 11-100**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:10 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on January 26, 2012.

**Carried**

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Chair

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CAO (Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Corporation)