

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

5.1 2011 Salaries Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel Resolution No. 11-30

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accept the Human Resources Committee recommendation that salary scales of the Board's non-bargaining unit personnel be increased by 2% effective as of January 1, 2011. Carried

6.0 MINUTES

6.1 [Adoption of Previous Board Minutes](#)

Resolution No. 11-31

Moved by: D. Golden Seconded by: S. Martin-Cross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the February 24, 2011 Board meeting be approved. Carried

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 [Capital Funding for Social Housing Projects](#)

Fern explained that, when Social Housing was devolved to the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) had allocated an annual \$800 per unit to this DSB for capital repairs, when other Service Managers in immediate proximity were allocated over \$1,200 per unit. A Building Condition Assessment done on DSB properties in 2010 indicates a \$1,536 per unit requirement in capital repairs. The previous DSB Board wrote a letter to MMAH Minister Rick Bartolucci, asking for a meeting to discuss this shortcoming. The CAO and the Chair will be meeting with Mr. Bartolucci on April 8, 2011. A report on this meeting will be made at the April Board meeting.

7.2 [Ministry of Education - Full-Day Kindergarten](#)

Fern informed Board members that seven schools in the DSB's jurisdiction had been selected for Full-Day Kindergarten for the 2012/13 school year. They are:

Conseil scolaire du district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario
St Antoine in Noëlville
Saint Charles-Borromée in Saint Charles

École Saint-Thomas in Warren

Rainbow District School Board

Charles C McLean Public School in Gore Bay
Little Current Public School in Little Current
Monetville Public School in Monetville

Huron Superior Catholic District School Board

Sacred Heart in Espanola

The Ministry of Education will cover the cost of this full-day kindergarten, but the school boards themselves are responsible for the before- and after-school program through the fees charged to parents.

7.3 [Growth Plan for Northern Ontario 2011](#)

The province has released the Northern Growth Plan. A copy of the Plan is posted on the DSB website under the Correspondence section. If anyone has any comments or would like to discuss this Plan further, it can be added to the April agenda.

7.4 TWOMO Election Costs

Fern explained that the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) allocates \$20,000 to DSSABs for TWOMO elections. This DSB held its first TWOMO vote-by-mail election this year at a cost \$29,457.00. Upon making a request to MCSS for additional funding, the DSB has received an additional \$9,000 for this process. For future elections, the possibility of a phone-in vote will be considered.

7.5 EMS Portable Radios

Mike Maclsaac explained that communications and dispatching of ambulances in the province of Ontario has remained under the direct control of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), even though operation of an ambulance service was downloaded to municipalities in 2000.

An issue was heard before the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB) in 2010 over a Health & Safety (H&S) issue raised in Essex County (Windsor area). In short the issue revolved around whether the MOHLTC was responsible for H&S issues due to their communication responsibilities. Three problems were noted:

- The lack of a second portable radio as a means for notifying the Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) of safety emergencies.

- The lack of a standardized practice for the testing of the emergency button on the portable radio.
- The unwillingness of the MOHLTC to “flag” hazardous addresses.

It is interesting to note that the OLRB ruled that the MOHLTC has some of the obligations of an employer to the paramedics if and to the extent that it exercises control over the paramedics or is engaged in contiguous sphere of operations with Essex such that its activities pose a risk of harm, including latent harm, to the paramedics in relation to that obligation. As a result of this ruling, the MOHLTC has issued a letter to all land ambulance providers indicating the next steps in this process.

- Second portables will be issued immediately.
- The MOHLTC will be issuing province-wide protocols for emergency button testing and hazardous address flagging this summer.

The DSB should be receiving the second portables by the end of March.

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Annual General Meeting

Board members were asked to consider the necessity of holding an Annual General Meeting every year and bring back their comments to the April Board meeting.

8.2 Areas of Concern

Les asked that Board members indicate the concerns that their municipalities are facing.

Sables-Spanish Rivers - Health of citizens

French River - Building a new seniors complex

Central Manitoulin - Roads and bridges

Chapleau - Transitional living (between being totally dependent to totally independent)

Markstay-Warren - Infrastructure

Gore Bay - Transitional living; access to CCAC; language to protect volunteers (Friends of the Arena); emergency housing for the homeless

Espanola - Housing for Seniors; high taxes; desperate need for doctors; Infrastructure; water line replacement.

Killarney - Housing for Seniors

Mike Lehoux announced to the Board that Espanola High School had won a National competition by raising \$13,000 for mosquito nets for Africa.

Rick Mercer was at the School this week and the show will be aired on Tuesday, March 29th.

9.0 UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- 9.1 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)**
2011 FONOM Conference, May 11 - 13, 2011 - Timmins, Ontario.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 11-32

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

THAT we do now adjourn at 11:55 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on April 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Carried

Chair

CAO (Secretary-Treasurer
of the Corporation)