



**MINUTES**  
**of the November 22, 2012**  
**MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING**  
held at Mead Blvd Espanola ON

- Present:** Lou Addison, Sonja Flynn, Les Gamble, Dennis Golden, David Leonard, Derek Stephens, Mike Lehoux, Denis Turcot, Paul Moffatt, Jack McMillan
- Regrets:** André Byham, Bruce Killah, Morgan Pitfield
- Staff:** Fern Dominelli, Donna Moroso, Melody Ouellette, Connie Morphet, Steve Broadhurst and Aurel Malo, Human Resources Consultant
- Media:** Alicia McCutcheon, Manitoulin Expositor

**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. 12-98**

MOVED BY: David Leonard

SECONDED BY: Dennis Golden

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

**3.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None Declared

**4.0 Replacement of DSB Board Member**

**Resolution 12-99**

MOVED BY: Derek Stephens

SECONDED BY: Sonja Flynn

WHEREAS the Board accepted Louise Ross's resignation from the DSB Board by [Resolution # 12-87](#) approved at the October 2012 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS the Board directed the CAO to take the appropriate steps to fill the position; and

WHEREAS the CAO has contacted Edgar Lovelace who ran for election in the TWOMO area in 2010 and he has confirmed that he is interested in representing TWOMO on the DSB Board; and

WHEREAS Edgar Lovelace has confirmed that he resides in Dawson Township on Manitoulin Island which is an unorganized township and therefore he qualifies to serve as a TWOMO representative on the DSB Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board appoints Edgar Lovelace as DSB Board member representing TWOMO Area 7 within the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB.

**Carried**

## **5.0 CLOSED SESSION**

### **Resolution No. 12-100**

MOVED BY: Lou Addison

SECONDED BY: Jack McMillan

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

**Carried**

### **Resolution No. 12-101**

MOVED BY: Mike Lehoux

SECONDED BY: Jack McMillan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:45 a.m.

**Carried**

## **6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

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

## **7.0 MINUTES**

### **7.1 Adoption of Minutes – October 25, 2012**

#### **Resolution No. 12-102**

MOVED BY: Dennis Golden

SECONDED BY: Paul Moffatt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [Minutes of the October 25, 2012](#) Board meeting be approved.

**Carried**

### **7.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

## 8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 8.1 Ad-Hoc Committee Board Representation

The Chair of the Ad-hoc Committee, Morgan Pitfield, was unable to attend today's Board meeting so he asked that Les Gamble provide an update to the Board. Les explained that the Ad-Hoc Committee met on October 24, to review the representation model. The Ad-Hoc Committee has met 4 times and reviewed 13 different representation models. The Ad-Hoc committee has now concluded its review of the DSB representation model and is not recommending any changes to the current model at this time. The Ad-Hoc Committee provided the following resolution for the Board's consideration.

#### **Resolution No. 12-103**

MOVED BY: David Leonard

SECONDED BY: Jack McMillan

WHEREAS the Board approved [Resolution # 12-93](#) at the October 25, 2012 Board meeting which established an ad hoc committee comprised of a member from each of the seven (7) jurisdictions that are represented in our catchment area to study the DSB Board representation effective June 18, 2012 ; and

WHEREAS the committee members were instructed that they shall obtain input from any and all municipalities who do not have a representative sitting on the committee; and

WHEREAS the Ad-Hoc committee has now concluded its review of the DSB representation model and is not recommending any changes to the current model at this time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board accepts the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation and agrees that no changes to the DSB representation model will be made at this time.

**Carried**

## 9.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 9.1 [2012 CAO Third Quarter Activity Report](#)

2012 CAO Third Quarter Activity and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report will be sent out to all member municipalities and posted on our website.

Fern Dominelli, CAO, gave a brief summary of the report. Discussed but not included in the CAO Report was the issue of smoke detectors being disconnected in Social Housing units. We will be instructing all custodians to check the smoke detectors whenever they enter a unit. If it is discovered that a tenant has disconnected the smoke detector and it is not a first time occurrence, the tenant will be reported to the Fire Marshall or Fire Prevention Officer as this puts all tenants at risk.

**Resolution 12-104**

MOVED BY: Derek Stephens

SECONDED BY: Denis Turcot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [2012 CAO 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Activity Report](#) be approved.

**Carried**

**9.2 [2012 Third Quarter Financial Report](#)**

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance & Administration, gave a brief summary of the report. The unaudited third quarter financial report is projecting a year end surplus of \$128,757.

**Resolution 12-105**

MOVED BY: Mike Lehoux

SECONDED BY: Jack McMillan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [2012 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report](#) be approved.

**Carried**

**9.3 [North East LHIN – Expression of Interest](#)**

Non-urgent patient transportation has been an issue for Northern Ontario for some time now. Our DSB has been very proactive on this front by collaborating with local stakeholders and producing a business case which was reviewed by the Minister of Health. We have come to the point where the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, through the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) has taken the initiative to formally review the problem. On this matter the NE LHIN is looking at a two pronged approach; a project steering committee and a time limited, one time pilot project funding.

On October 16, 2012, the North East LHIN issued a Request for Expressions of Interest in relation to Non-Urgent Inter-Facility Patient Transportation. The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB quickly met with all three hospitals in our jurisdiction and submitted two joint proposals for consideration by the North East LHIN.

This is a limited time, 100% North East LHIN funded endeavour. We have been at the forefront of this issue for over a year now and we would welcome the opportunity to participate in trying to provide a viable solution to the problem. If we are approved to move forward we will truly see if our business plan provides for a sustainable alternative to the current inadequate system.

9.3.1 [LaCloche-Manitoulin Proposal to North East LHIN](#)

[LaCloche-Manitoulin Non-Urgent Issue Report](#)

**Resolution 12-106**

MOVED BY: Derek Stephens

SECONDED BY: Dennis Golden

WHEREAS the North East Local Integrated Health Network (NE LHIN) issued a request for an [Expression of Interest](#) in relation Non-Urgent Inter-Facility Patient Transportation systems; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has worked collaboratively with the Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre and the Manitoulin Health Centre to develop a proposal; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the LaCloche-Manitoulin Non-Urgent Inter-Facility Patient Transportation proposal to the NE LHIN and the LaCloche-Manitoulin Non-Urgent Issue Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board endorses and approves [LaCloche-Manitoulin Non-Urgent Inter-Facility Patient Transportation Proposal](#) submitted to the NE LHIN and the [LaCloche-Manitoulin Non-Urgent Issue Report](#) as presented; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Louise Paquette, CEO for the NE LHIN, Ray Hunt, CEO for Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre and Derek Graham, CEO for Manitoulin Health Centre .

**Carried**

9.3.2 [Chapleau Proposal to North East LHIN](#)

[Chapleau Non-Urgent Issue Report](#)

**Resolution 12-107**

MOVED BY: David Leonard

SECONDED BY: Lou Addison

WHEREAS the North East Local Integrated Health Network (NE LHIN) issued a request for an [Expression of Interest](#) in relation Non-Urgent Inter-Facility Patient Transportation systems; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has worked collaboratively with Chapleau Health Services to develop a proposal; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the Chapleau Non-Urgent Inter-Facility Patient Transportation proposal to the NE LHIN and the Chapleau Non-Urgent Issue Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board endorses and approves [Chapleau Non-Urgent Inter-Facility Patient Transportation Proposal](#) submitted to the NE LHIN and the [Chapleau Non-Urgent Issue Report](#) as presented; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Louise Paquette, CEO for NE LHIN and Gail Bignucolo, CEO for Chapleau Health Services.

**Carried**

#### **9.4 Social Services Solutions Modernization Project**

##### [Site Readiness – Issue Report](#)

The implementation of the new technology known as the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) means that there will be some significant changes to the way business is done. For our site to be operationally ready for the new technology in the fall of 2013, staff will need to address the impacts of our local business processes, roles, and any peripheral systems currently in use. The SSSM Project will require staff to complete specific activities related to the areas of interest.

The [Revised Ontario Works Funding Approach](#) will take effect on April 1, 2013 which means the DSB is losing \$154,651 in provincial funding under the Ontario Works program. This loss of funding coupled with the training and staffing requirements of the new Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) will definitely be a challenge. Staff are working with NOSDA and the Province to look at possible solutions.

#### **Resolution 12-108**

MOVED BY: David Leonard

SECONDED BY: Denis Turcot

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the Social Services Solutions Modernization Project – Site Readiness Issue Report and agrees with the recommendations contained within the report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Social Services Solutions Modernization Project – Site Readiness Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

**Carried**

## 9.5 Annualized Provincial Funding

### [Net Reduction in Annualized Funding – Issue Report](#)

This report summarizes the net loss in annualized funding for various programs the DSB delivers for the Ministry of Community Social Services and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The Provincial upload of Social Assistance costs while required and supported by municipalities is recognized but there was no net benefit to Northern municipalities who were in receipt of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) as any savings resulting from the provincial upload of social assistance were deducted dollar for dollar from the OMPF grants.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has seen a net annualized funding reduction by the Province of Ontario in excess of 1 million dollars over the past several years. This was funding that went directly to families and children in order to prevent homelessness, assist victims of family violence, make necessary repairs to homes and to assist with rent, hydro and heat arrears. This loss of funding means that the 1 million dollar reduction has been taken right out of our local economy. These are dollars that went to our local business, non-profits organizations, contractors, suppliers and merchants.

As stated at the last board meeting and in a previous issue report, it remains unclear as to how we will be able to fill the gaps created by the discontinuation of these programs. There are serious implications to these decisions that will further expose our residents to the risk of being homeless or to hardship due to these significant funding cuts. We are already struggling with reduced budgets and are concerned with the ability to meet local needs.

The Board asked if Social Assistance recipients are aware of what is going on. It was explained that their Case Managers are passing on the information and clients have received information about the loss of funding/programs through cheque inserts.

Before the Province announced these changes, they did not seek any input from CMSM's/DSSAB's and we are asking that the Province to reconsider these decisions. Locally we have met with community agencies to discuss the cuts and try to come up with ways to stretch the funds available. This is going to be a challenge to try to meet the needs of our communities as this not only affects Social Assistance recipients but low-income individuals and families as well.

**Resolution 12-109**

MOVED BY: Derek Stephens

SECONDED BY: Paul Moffatt

WHEREAS the Provincial upload of Social Assistance costs while required and supported by municipalities is recognized, there was no net benefit to Northern municipalities who were in receipt of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) as any savings resulting from the provincial upload of social assistance were deducted dollar for dollar from the OMPF grants; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the Net Reduction in Annualized Provincial Funding Issue Report; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has seen a net annualized funding reduction by the Province of Ontario in excess of 1 million dollars over the past several years; and

WHEREAS this million dollar annualized funding reduction was, for the most part, funding that went directly to families and children in order to prevent homelessness, assist victims of family violence, make necessary repairs to homes and assist with rent, hydro and heat arrears.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board approve the [Net Reduction in Annualized Provincial Funding Issue Report](#); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB calls upon the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and the Minister of Community and Social Services to continue to work with the Association of Municipalities (AMO) to re-evaluate the various funding allocations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution and Issue Report be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Community and Social Services, AMO, OMSSA and NOSDA.

**Carried**

**9.6 Social Assistance Review Commission (SARC)**

[Brighter Prospects – Transforming Social Assistance in Ontario](#)

[Issue Report](#)

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, gave a brief summary of the 108 recommendations being made in the final report [“Brighter Prospects: Transforming Social Assistance in Ontario.”](#)



Many of the recommendations contained within the Commission's report reflected responses provided by the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and the Northern Ontario Service Delivery Association (NOSDA) to the Commission.

It must be noted that these are only recommendations to the province and it will be up to the provincial government to decide which, if any, recommendations are acted upon.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB will be working with the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), the Northern Ontario Service Delivery Agents (NOSDA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to analyze the implications of the report's recommendations to ensure the best interest of those in receipt of social assistance are best served in the new system as well as any cost implications for CMSM's/DSSAB's.

**Resolution 12-110**

MOVED BY: Derek Stephens

SECONDED BY: David Leonard

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has received the [Commission for the Review of Social Assistance Review in Ontario – Final Report](#); and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance Review in Ontario – Issue Report; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB recognizes that the report calls for major changes in the way Social Assistance is delivered in Ontario which will impact families and children within the Manitoulin-Sudbury area; and

WHEREAS several of the recommendation if implemented will affect the municipal delivery and funding of Social Assistance System.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board approve the [Commission for the Review of Social Assistance Review in Ontario – Issue Report](#); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB calls on the Province of Ontario to work with AMO, OMSSA and NOSDA to determine the impacts of this report and seek their advice and guidance in moving forward with implementation of the report's recommendations.

**Carried**

**10.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

Lou Addison, DSB Board member, Fern Dominelli, CAO and Connie Morphet, Director of Finance & Administration attended the Township of Billings Council meeting. Staff provided the Township of Billings Council with information and clarification regarding many of the DSB programs. The questions and responses from the meeting were shared with the DSB Board Members for their review.

**11.0 Upcoming Conferences and Events**

**12.0 Next Meeting – January 24, 2013**

**13.0 Adjournment**

**Resolution 12-111**

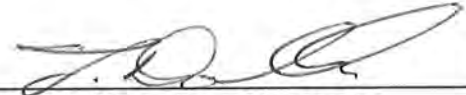
MOVED BY: Sonja Flynn

SECONDED BY: Lou Addison

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:50 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held, in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Carried**

  
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Chair

  
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CAO (Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Corporation)