

MINUTES of the February 23, 2012 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, Morgan Pitfield, Derek Stephens, Mike

Lehoux, Denis Turcot, Jack McMillan, Louise Ross

Regrets: Bud Rohn

Staff: Fern Dominelli, Michael MacIsaac, Donna Moroso, Connie Morphet,

Melody Ouellette, Ray Hannah

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. 12-13

Moved by: André Byham Seconded by: Dennis Golden

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. 12-14

Moved by: Morgan Pitfield Seconded by: David Leonard

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

Carried

Resolution No. 12-15

Moved by: Derek Stephens Seconded by: Mike Lehoux

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:07 a.m.

Carried

5.0 Business Arising from Closed Session

During its closed session, the Board discussed Property and Human Resources Issues. There was no business arising coming out of closed session.

6.0 Minutes

6.1 Adoption of Minutes - January 26, 2012

Resolution No. 12-16

Moved by: David Leonard Seconded by: Bruce Killah

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Board meeting be approved.

Carried

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

7.0 New Business

7.1 2011 CAO Fourth Quarter Activity Report

On October 16, 2011 the Mindemoya EMS base started providing 24 hour 7 days a week staffing. While it is still too early to effectively analyze data on the effectiveness of the change, we do have preliminary statistics that suggest Mindemoya is being utilized on a greater level than in the past.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board recently hired a new Children's Program Supervisor. Ray Hannah was the successful candidate appointed to this position effective December 26, 2012. Ray has been employed with the DSB for over 9 years and brings with him a vast knowledge of the programs offered within the DSB.

After several years of conducting reviews under the Consolidated Verification Process (CVP), the ministry determined that the CVP's effectiveness and the accuracy of its risk identification model, along with other issues (e.g. increased caseload), demanded that the process be revisited, modernized and improved.

The Ministry is developing the Integrated Social Assistance Monitoring Framework (ISAMF), a risk-based redesign of the Social Assistance oversight framework. As part of the ISAMF, the Eligibility Verification Process (EVP) is the Ministry's key tool for overseeing the risks inherent in ongoing client financial eligibility. The Eligibility Verification Process (EVP) will be introduced in January 2012, with the expectation that reviews under EVP begin in February.

In early October in conjunction with the Sudbury & District Health Unit, local residents of our buildings were invited to participate in a cooking workshop with Local Community Food Advisors. This workshop focused on cooking for one or two and was completely "hands on". Residents worked with the Community Food Advisors to prepare some quick and easy healthy recipes. Participants sampled their creations which included three easy meal ideas and one dessert. All recipes were budget conscious, ringing in at about \$1.50 - \$2.00/person.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB was allocated \$1,015,176 for a four year period from August 2011 to March 2015. The DSB currently requires an additional \$6.9 million allocation to meet the needs of the 2 Capital projects that the Board has approved and the DSB is aware that there are other projects in the works.

7.2 2011 Fourth Quarter Financial Report

The <u>2012 Apportionment</u> was handed out to all board members.

The DSB 2011 Fourth Quarter (Unaudited) Financial Report projects a year-end surplus of **\$245,080**.

The municipal share of OW allowance is forecasted to be under budget by \$100,238.

The municipal share of Employment and Administrative costs are forecasted to be on budget.

The municipal share of the Child Care program is \$87,538 under budget due to administration expenses reallocated to Best Start.

The municipal share of Social Housing program is \$7,071 under budget.

The municipal share of Emergency Medical Services is \$59,007 under budget due to MOHLTC additional funding of \$136,674 being reduced to \$50,990 per Board Resolution # 11-57 approved on June 23, 2011.

The municipal share of interest revenue on Non-Reserve accounts is \$8,774 under budget.

Resolution 12-17

Moved: Derek Stephens Seconded: Morgan Pitfield

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2011 CAO Fourth Quarter Activity and Finance

Reports be accepted.

Carried

7.3 NOSDA AGM Resolutions

7.3.1 Non Urgent Patient Transfers

Resolution 12 - 18

MOVED BY: André Byham SECONDED BY: Sonja Flynn

WHEREAS non-urgent patient transportation for many rural Northern Ontario centres has become the exclusive responsibility of the local Emergency Medical Services providers; and

WHEREAS Emergency Medical Service providers are finding it harder to service the emergency medical needs of the citizens within their communities due to aging-in-place population and increased demands for service; and

WHEREAS Emergency Medical Services are providing non-urgent transportation which is a service not specifically within their legislated mandate; and

WHEREAS in many rural Northern Ontario communities there is only one ambulance available, if any, at any given time, and when that ambulance leaves its community to perform a non-urgent patient transfer, it is gone for hours at a time leaving the community with no direct coverage; and

WHEREAS the provision for non-urgent patient transportation by EMS providers is both inefficient and uneconomical. EMS cannot guarantee that they will arrive on time to pick up the patient for a scheduled appointment, nor can they guarantee that they can bring the patient or nurse escorts back to the home facility. In addition municipalities are paying highly trained well paid professionals to perform a service that does not require their level of skill; and

WHEREAS larger hospitals in many areas of the province are paying out of their more 'global' budgets for private Medical Transportation Services to supply this service, but smaller hospitals do not have this luxury.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NOSDA requests that the government of Ontario, and more specifically the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care, work with NOSDA to place a level of importance on this topic with the aim of providing a made in the North solution; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health & Long Term Care, North East LHIN, AMO, NOMA, FONOM, AMEMSO and EMS providers.

Carried

7.3.2 Investment in Affordable Housing

Resolution 12-19

MOVED BY: Denis Turcot SECONDED BY: Louise Ross

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's vision for affordable housing is to improve access to adequate, suitable and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has developed the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy to support that vision by focusing on transforming the way housing and homelessness services are delivered; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted the Housing Services Act which states the provincial interests in a system of housing and homelessness including: allowing for a range of housing options to meet a broad range of needs; and

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

WHEREAS the Investment in Affordable Housing now incorporates the former Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program which as a result, based on the past 3 fiscal years of allocations leaves a funding shortfall to the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) and their respective organizations; and

WHEREAS the Investment in Affordable Housing program does include a capital component for the construction of new Affordable Rental Housing; and

WHEREAS the DSSAB/CMSM's that are members of NOSDA have received funding requests under the IAH capital program component for the construction of new Affordable Housing in excess of \$95 million to date; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has only allocated \$23.8 million to the members of NOSDA which falls drastically below the required \$95 million in their communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOSDA request a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss the loss of RRAP funding and the additional funding required to meet the needs of the residents we serve; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NOSDA 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 Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federal Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing, AMO, OMSSA and member municipalities.

Carried

7.4 Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH)

At the November 24, 2011 the DSB passed Resolution 11-95 requesting a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to discuss the IAH allocations. In a letter dated December 1, 2011, the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB requested a meeting with Minister Kathleen Wynne to discuss the IAH allocations. Minister Wynne replied in a letter dated January 31, 2012, indicating that due to a heavy schedule of commitments she is unable to meet with us. The Minister suggested the DSB speak to the Municipal Services Office Team Lead, Ms. Cindy Couillard. The DSB will continue to try to secure a meeting to discuss this matter.

7.5 Non-Urgent Patient Transfer Business Case

At the September 22, 2011 DSB Board meeting Resolution 11-68 was passed approving the Non-Urgent Patient Transfer Business Case to the Minister of Health & Long Term Care.

On October 25, 2011 the DSB wrote to the Minister Deb Matthews (MOHLTC) requesting that the DSB's Non-Urgent Patient Transfer Business Case be reviewed. Included in the package were letters of support from Manitoulin Health Centre, Espanola General Hospital, Chapleau General Hospital, Sudbury Regional Hospital, and the North East Local Health Integration Network.

On <u>January 23, 2012</u> Minister Matthews replied indicating that the report was shared with the appropriate Ministry staff that will review and consider the Board's perspective. The Minister also indicated that the MOHLTC & MTO are examining the regulation of non-ambulance medical transportation and that we would be consulted by the division responsible for carrying out this review.

Staff have been contacted to discuss the issue of regulating non-ambulance medical transportation but this review is in the very preliminary stages.

The Minister also encouraged us to share our business case with the North East LHIN. The Business case was shared with the North East LHIN and they did provide the DSB with a <u>letter of support dated August 31, 2011</u> which was also attached to the business case sent to the Minister.

The DSB will send a letter to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care clarifying that the North East LHIN did have a copy of our business case and that the LHIN supported our recommendation to establish a separate level of non-urgent transportation within the current EMS structure.

The DSB will also request a meeting with the North East LHIN to discuss a proposal.

7.6 Emergency Medical Services Delivery in Ontario Municipalities – OPSEU – Issue Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a historical perspective on the emerging issue of fire medical response as detailed in a <u>letter from OPSEU</u> to municipal leaders.

While this issue is a large one for urban centres with full-time fire fighters, it has little relevance here within the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB area. Every fire model within the DSB area is staffed on a volunteer basis, so an increase in call outs for the fire departments does have additional costs associated with it whereas in urban centres full-time fire fighters are paid on site and available to respond as required.

The current tiered response arrangements within our area vary greatly depending on the needs and will of the local community fire departments. These agreements are in place for the betterment of the citizens within the communities.

This issue appears to be gaining steam within the EMS Unions, who are taking the stance that increasing Tiered Fire Response for all medical calls as suggested by the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association (OPFFA) would be unnecessary and costly to municipalities. The bargaining agent for the Paramedics within Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) is suggesting that they would like to "ensure that there is an efficient and cost-effective high quality tiered emergency response agreement that meet the specific needs of your community".

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has entered into 14 different Tiered Response agreements with multiple municipalities through their Fire Departments. In fact, agreements are in place with the OPP and Tribal Police on Manitoulin Island as well. These agreements always attempt to align with the specific needs of the individual municipalities.

Continued advancement and assessment on this front is required to achieve a level of success in attempting to assist on the calls where a fire response can make a difference. As we are not an urban EMS system and the distances travelled are great, to have the assistance of the local fire departments is much appreciated both by the DSB and the citizens within the communities who receive care in the quickest possible manner.

We will continue to monitor this issue with the aim of providing the most pertinent and effective patient care to the citizens of the communities within Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB jurisdiction.

7.7 Commission for Review of Social Assistance in Ontario Issue Report

The Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario released its second discussion paper on February 3, 2012.

The paper, entitled <u>Discussion Paper 2: Approaches for Reform</u>, is accompanied by <u>What We Heard: A Summary of Discussion on Social Assistance</u>, a document summarizing the input they received in response to their first "Issues and Ideas" document that was released in June 2011.

Key Features

The paper identifies four key features of effective services and supports for people receiving social assistance.

- Consistent assessment and case management;
- integrated pre- and post-employment services and supports;
- access to the same level of services for people with disabilities; and
- strong connections with employers.

Potential Approaches

Underpinning these features is the need to be able to effectively access these employment services and supports, with an emphasis on increasing coordination or integration in order to be more effective. The paper identifies three potential approaches:

- Improved provincial-municipal/First Nations collaboration;
- municipalities/First Nations deliver all employment services; or
- Employment Ontario delivers all employment services.

<u>Appropriate Benefit Structure</u>

Under the discussion of an appropriate benefit structure for social assistance, the paper notes that many trade-offs must be considered. Several approaches are highlighted to possibly address trade-offs including:

- extended health benefits for all low-income Ontarians
 - o varying the rate structure over time
- universal income-tested benefits such as:
 - o an earned income supplement
 - o a housing benefit

Current Benefit Structure and Method of Calculating Benefits

The Commission suggests that benefit calculation should reflect actual costs and that complexity might be reduced through one or more of the following elements:

- combining basic needs and shelter (or board and lodging) into one standard rate for adults reflecting regional variation;
- eliminating the category of "dependent adult" with adults applying separately for benefits; and/or
- some special benefits could be merged into the standard rate.

The report speaks to tensions between the desire to ensure "compliance" and the time consuming nature of the verification process. It mentions an audit based process of verification as a possible approach that would be less time-consuming for staff and invasive for clients.

Long-Term Viability of the System

The paper lays out three possible approaches to improving integration and service delivery to ensure long-term viability.

- Continue current model of separate delivery of OW and ODSP, but integrate employment services and supports for everyone receiving social assistance.
- Provide employment services and income support through a one-stop delivery model that would integrate OW and ODSP at the local level.
- For municipalities to deliver human services components of social assistance including case management and employment services while the Province delivers administrative services such as issuing cheques.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, along with the other 47 CMSM/DSSAB's, will continue to participate in this review through its representation on the OMSSA and their partnership with AMO.

The NOSDA OW Managers group is also reviewing this paper in order to provide a response to this report from a Northern NOSDA perspective.

Staff will continue to provide the Board with regular updates as they are available.

7.8 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Resolution 12-20

MOVED BY: André Byham SECONDED BY: Denis Turcot

WHEREAS the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) updated its discussion paper "A Voice for Rural and Northern Ontario" to serve as a reference point for future provincial policy development and implementation. The paper reflects the interests of rural and northern municipal governments in an effort to call attention to their communities' needs and requirements so they can thrive and succeed; and

WHEREAS the discussion paper lays out key considerations for provincial elected officials and public servants when new or revised policy and programs that may affect rural and northern communities are in the conceptual or design phase; and

WHEREAS the Northern and Rural Lens was created in 2006 by the AMO Northern and Rural Working Group, after noting that many of the challenges facing rural and northern communities had one commonality: a lack of forethought about the consequences of applying a one-size-fits-all approach to a specific policy area. The Lens is meant to be employed by provincial ministries to assess the impacts of new policy initiatives or changes in existing programs before they are implemented. It is meant to function as a flexible tool that all ministries can use to ensure their policies are road-tested before implementing; and

WHEREAS the Lens was developed in 2006 to raise awareness of rural and northern issues across provincial government organizations, by asking ministries to assess the effect of new policies, programs and services on Ontarians living in rural and northern areas; and

WHEREAS today's economic and demographic climate, the need for comprehensive awareness of rural and northern issues across provincial government is even greater. Ontario needs rural and northern Ontario to remain a vibrant part of the Province and the country; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB wants to ensure that new provincial initiatives support the social and economic well-being of rural and northern communities and strengthen the capacity of communities to meet local challenges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB requests that the Premier of Ontario to direct all Provincial Ministries to use the Northern and Rural Lens in order to assess the impacts of new policy initiatives or changes in existing programs before they are implemented; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forward to the Minister of Community & Social Services (MCSS), Minister of Children & Youth Services (MCYS), Minister of Education (MEDU), Minister of Health & Long Term Care (MOHLTC), Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH), AMO, ROMA, NOMA, FONOM, OMSSA, NOSDA and member municipalities.

Carried

7.9 <u>Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services – (Full Report)</u> <u>Drummond Report – (Executive Summary)</u>

CAO Fern Dominelli gave a summary of the proposed changes that would directly affect the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB.

Children's Services

Recommendation 6-11: "Given the difficulties with such an approach, and the prohibitive cost of the program overall at this time, the Commission recommends cancellation of the full-day kindergarten (FDK) program ."

Several CMSM/DSSAB's have received an email confirming that Jim Grieve, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Early Learning Division for the Ministry of Education has advised that the government will be moving ahead with the full implementation of full-day kindergarten. The same message has been shared with parents, school administrators and partners.

Social Housing

Recommendation 19-14: "Ontario should negotiate with the federal government to commit to a housing framework for Canada that includes adequate, stable, long-term federal funding and encourages its housing partners and stakeholders, including municipal governments, to work with the federal government to secure this commitment."

There is very little in the report dealing specifically with Social Housing. There are clear indications that service delivery integration including Social Housing and Homelessness programs are required. Also a mention of Income Testing, in that the province has several income tested programs but they all have their own very specific rules and that needs to be reviewed and consolidated where it makes sense.

Emergency Medical Services

There are no direct recommendations relating to the Emergency Medical Services in the Drummond report. There is also no clarity as to whether the 2.5% increase in spending per year will apply to the EMS sector or if it may be subject to the -2.4% constraint.

The DSB has not received its funding allocations from MOHLTC for the 2012 calendar year. Any changes in funding will require the Board to re-visit its 5 year EMS staffing plan and the 2012 planned expansion of the Massey base to 24/7 coverage in July.

Social Programs

Recommendation 8-2: "Move aggressively towards a fully integrated benefits system that simplifies client access, improves client outcomes and improves fiscal sustainability through greater program effectiveness and reduced administrative costs."

Recommendation 8-3: "A fully integrated benefits system should seek efficiencies by, at a minimum, centralizing income testing and payment delivery; automating the processing of applications, eligibility and payments; automating income verification; consolidating program delivery; and standardizing eligibility criteria."

Recommendation 8-5: "The Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario should examine design options that deliver a more efficient and higher-quality service to social assistance recipients. This examination should consider combining Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program, and having the combined program delivered at the local level. It should also address the further integration of employment services through Employment Ontario."

Recommendation 8-10: "If growth in expenditures for social programs is contained below the 0.5 per cent annual growth rate, reinvest savings into social assistance, with priority given to: increasing asset limits for social assistance qualification; tying specific benefits (beginning with the Ontario Drug Benefit program) to income levels rather than to social assistance status to help tear down the "welfare wall"; and if funds remain, raising basic needs and shelter amounts."

A single streamlined benefit program where Ontario Works and ODSP are delivered through a single entry has merits; however any costs associated with downloading of ODSP to the local level need to be revenue neutral to the municipal property tax base.

Municipalities already have community infrastructure to deliver these programs and in many situations already have relationships with many of the ODSP clients whether it be through delivery of Housing Services, Children's Services, Income Support or Employment Services.

Having one system promotes a more streamlined and simplified system for all individuals.

Centralizing income testing and payment delivery does have merit but CMSM/DSSAB's need to be involved in the planning and implementation in order to ensure they make sense from a municipal perspective.

While identifying a 0.5% annual growth rate on paper may appease those who do not have a full understanding of the complexities involved in delivering social assistance, it does not recognize that the growth of social assistance caseloads are sometimes unpredictable and dependent upon variables by which social assistance delivery agents have no control over such as recessions and loss of industry. In social services, cost savings are important but should not be the only driver in decision making.

The report further suggests that the systems current rates and benefits structure only be looked at after the 0.5% annual growth rate is achieved. Containing growth to 0.5% annually would mean reducing total social assistance spending by over \$2 billion per year by 2017–18 which may be unachievable given the current economic climate.

Employment & Training Services

Recommendation 9-2: "Streamline and integrate other employment and training services with Employment Ontario, including the bulk of the employment and training service component of social assistance and integration and settlement services for newcomers, in a carefully sequenced manner."

There is an inconsistency between Chapter 8 that focuses on social programs and Chapter 9 that focuses on Employment and Training Services in the area of who should be servicing citizens in receipt of social assistance with complex barriers to employment.

In Chapter 8, it stresses the importance of "triaging" the employment needs of citizens in receipt of social assistance. It indicates that citizens requiring a high degree of intervention would remain with the social assistance case worker due to the intensity of the supports required.

However, in Chapter 9, one of the recommendations is for Employment Ontario to focus their efforts on citizens who require complex interventions. It is unclear if Employment Ontario is equipped to manage these types of referrals effectively.

To date, referrals to Employment Ontario are only for job ready participants with few, to no barriers to employment. Participants facing significant barriers require a more multi-faceted approach.

It is also unclear if it is effective to separate financial assistance from employment assistance due to both areas being inextricably linked.

Municipal employment services have transitioned their focus to a client centered approach as opposed to a program centric approach. We surround the client and adapt the programs to fit the client, as opposed to making the client fit the program. There is a fear that moving employment services solely to Employment Ontario would move our clients again to the bottom rung where the cream of the crop is easiest to serve. This would result in clients staying attached to social assistance programs longer.

One suggestion from the Commission to Review Social Assistance is to provide municipal employment services the full suite Employment Ontario programs and services. This would certainly increase opportunities for clients.

Other Recommendations that affect Municipalities

Recommendation 20-7: "Extend the period of the final \$500 million of upload by another two years, so it is not complete until 2020. For illustration, if we reach 2015's \$232 million by 2017 that would save \$165 million (\$397 million minus \$232 million)."

Recommendation 20-8: "Ensure that, beginning in 2013, the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) declines to the planned \$500 million by 2016. A reasonable assumption would be a \$25 million decrease in each of the next four years beginning in 2013, resulting in a \$500 million OMPF envelope in 2016."

While the delay in the upload of Social Services from 2018 to 2020 may not negatively affect Northern Municipalities who's OMPF amount is reduced by any Social Assistance cost savings, the reduction of 25 million per year over the next 4 years will undoubtedly affect many if not all municipalities receiving OMPF.

7.10 Town of Espanola Non-Profit Housing Corporation

Resolution 12-21

MOVED BY: Mike Lehoux SECONDED BY: Jack McMillan

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approved Board Resolution 11-85 at the October 27, 2011 Board meeting dealing with the Town of Espanola Non-Profit Housing Corporation's Business Plan for the construction of 25 Affordable Senior/Supportive Housing units in the Town of Espanola.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board approves the Town of Espanola Non-Profit Housing Corporation's application for funding to develop 25 affordable seniors' housing units, as presented in their business plan, subject to receiving an additional allocation of \$3,000,000 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing under the Investment in Affordable Housing Program; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federal Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Town of Espanola Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

Carried

7.11 French River Health & Housing Co-operative

Resolution 12-22

MOVED BY: Sonja Flynn SECONDED BY: Morgan Pitfield

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approved Board Resolution 11-98 at the November 24, 2011 Board meeting dealing with the French River Health & Housing Co-operative's Business Plan for the construction of 34 affordable Senior/Supportive in the Municipality of French River.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board approves the French River Health & Housing Co-operative's application for funding to develop 34 affordable Senior/Supportive housing units, as presented in their business plan, subject to receiving an additional allocation of \$3,960,000 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing under the Investment in Affordable Housing Program; and

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

Carried

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

9.0 Upcoming Conferences and Events

NOSDA Annual General Meeting April 2, 3, 4 2012 Days Inn Timmins

10.0 Next Meeting - March 22, 2012

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 12-23

Moved by: David Leonard

Seconded by: Derek Stephens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:30 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on March 22, 2012.

Carried

CAO (Secretary-Treasurer

of the Corporation)