



**MINUTES**  
**of the March 27, 2014**  
**MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING**  
held in Espanola's 210 Mead Blvd. DSB Boardroom

**Present:** Lou Addison, Les Gamble, Bruce Killah, David Leonard, Jack McMillan, Derek Stephens, Denis Turcot, Dennis Golden, Paul Moffatt, Mike Lehoux, André Byham, Edgar Lovelace, Shawnda Martin-Cross

**Regrets :** Morgan Pitfield

**Staff:** Fern Dominelli, Donna Moroso, Connie Morphet, Mike MacIsaac, Melody Ouellette, Ehren Baldauf

**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. 14-26**

**Moved by:** André Byham

**Seconded by:** Shawnda Martin-Cross

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 14-27**

**Moved by:** Bruce Killah

**Seconded by:** Paul Moffatt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:00 a.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution 14-28**

**Moved by:** André Byham

**Seconded by:** David Leonard

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

**Carried**

**5.0 Business Arising from Closed Session**

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

**6.0 Minutes**

**6.1 Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution No. 14-29**

**Moved by:** Mike Lehoux

**Seconded by:** Ted Lovelace

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [Minutes of the February 27, 2014](#) Board meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**7.0 Committee Reports**

**7.1 Community Paramedicine**

Community Paramedicine is a relatively new concept gaining in popularity and becoming important in terms of the greater healthcare model within Ontario.

Lou Addison, Chair of the Program Planning Committee, asked Mike MacIsaac, Chief of EMS, to walk the Board through the [Community Paramedicine Issue Report](#).

Community Paramedicine encompasses many different programs developed through partnerships with other health agencies.

While we have been participating in a provincial EMS Community Paramedicine Working Group for over a year now, this issue has risen to the forefront with the recent announcement by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care of \$6 million in one-time funding to go towards new and existing programs within the province.

The DSB staff will prepare a submission in partnership with the Algoma DSAB and the Cochrane DSSAB in an effort to avoid duplication of workload and

demonstrate collaboration in the development of a Community Paramedicine program within the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB jurisdiction. The proposal will include a funding request for establishing all necessary policies, procedures, and framework in order to establish a Community Paramedicine program that would utilize on duty Paramedics participating during periods of inactivity. This will work well in our rural communities where call volumes are low and the medics experience down time. Unfortunately, we will not be able to establish the programs in our high call volume areas.

**Resolution No. 14-30****Moved by:** Lou Addison**Seconded by:** Jack McMillan

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care announced a \$6 million investment to support the expansion and development of Community Paramedicine initiatives across the province to help older adults and other patients receive the care they need in their homes, while reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and hospital admissions; and

WHEREAS the DSB Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Community Paramedicine - Issue Report and is recommending approval of this report to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board approves the [Community Paramedicine - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

**Carried****7.2 Social Housing Policy**

From time to time the DSB may be asked to assist with service partners when a resident is returning home from a stay in the hospital. To ensure the best tenant services, the DSB will commit to a collaborative approach with service agencies within our housing properties.

Lou Addison, Chair of the Program Planning Committee, asked Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, to walk the Board through the new policy [5.5 Tenants Exiting Hospital](#).

Where the DSB is contacted by a service agency that is working with the housing resident for their transition from hospital to home, the DSB will work with such agencies to assist the agency in preparation for the tenant's safe return home.

Where such an agency contacts the DSB in advance of a tenant's return home from hospital requesting access to the building and/or apartment of the resident, the DSB will assist wherever possible to allow access with the verbal consent of the resident.

The DSB wants to ensure the health and safety of all of our tenants within our

ability. This policy will allow DSB staff to ensure the residents unit is ready for them once released from the hospital.

**Resolution No. 14-31**

**Moved by:** Lou Addison

**Seconded by:** Dennis Golden

WHEREAS the DSB Program Planning Committee has reviewed the new Social Housing Policy for Tenants Exiting Hospitals and is recommending approval of this policy to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board approves the new Social Housing Policy [5.5 Tenants Exiting Hospital](#).

**Carried**

**7.3 Ontario Early Years Centre**

In the Early Years Policy Framework, the Ministry of Education (MEDU) states that one of the key areas for action is to create an effective approach to implementing Best Start Child and Family Centres by September 2014.

The end result of this vision shall see an integration of various family support programs which include Ontario Early Years Centres (OEYC), Family Literacy Centres, Family Resource Centres, and Better Beginnings Better Futures.

Lou Addison, Chair of the Program Planning Committee, asked Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, to walk the Board through the [Ontario Early Years Centres Issue Report](#).

While the DSB acknowledges the January 1, 2014 transfer of the family support programs from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) to the Ministry of Education (MEDU) was a positive first step, consultations with the Ministry are encouraged, and anticipated, in order to effectively move ahead with the creation of Best Start Child and Family Centres.

In the DSB jurisdiction, Best Start Hubs operate using funding from two envelopes, Family Resource Program (FRP) funding, which has been transferred to MEDU on January 1, 2014, and OEYC funding, which remains with MCYS until April 1, 2014.

To date, the OEYC program has been funded by MCYS to agencies outside of our catchment with the intent that some of these funds would service our district. As a result, the administration and funding of these programs has been fragmented and therefore incongruent with the recognition of CSM's and DSSAB's as municipal partners and service system managers. The result of this framework is that the Best Start Hub provision agencies currently report

financially and statistically to the DSB, and to the out of district Transfer Payment Agencies (TPA). Although it is not clear how the OEYC funding level was originally determined, it is clear that the Best Start Hubs require both the FRP funding received from the DSB, and the OEYC funding to operate viably.

While community planning through the Best Start Network has long been established to clearly recognize CMSM/DSSAB's as service system managers, the current framework has left the management of OEYC funding and data analysis coordination funding to be administered by out of district Transfer Payment Agencies.

Since MEDU has declared that 2014 is a transition year, in which funding and programming will remain status quo, this is an important time to acknowledge the current framework's incongruences. The realignment of OEYC funding and the municipal service system management role, has long been an issue for this DSB and the Northern Ontario Service Delivery Association (NOSDA).

Therefore, with the recent transfer to MEDU, and their recognition that improved system integration will depend on municipalities as the leads, the timing is now to address the request that CMSM/DSSAB's be recognized and funded as the service system managers.

There are also cost-sharing inconsistencies as the Province and CMSM/DSSAB's fund Family Resource Centres at an 80/20 cost share while the province directly funds Transfer Payment Agencies at 100% to operate Ontario Early Years Centres. If the OEYC's and FRP's are going to be transformed into Best Start Child and Family Centres, these funding inconsistencies need to be dealt with.

The DSB staff are recommending that the Ministry of Education recognize CMSM/DSSAB's as the lead municipal partners for the service system management of OEYC's and Best Start Child and Family Centres. OEYC's should be realigned according to CMSM/DSSAB jurisdictions and the contract management for OEYC's should be transferred to CMSM/DSSAB's, including Data Analysis Coordinators (DAC's) and Early Literacy Programs.

The province needs to address the funding inconsistencies between Family Resource Programs and Ontario Early Years Centres once they are transformed into Best Start Child and Family Centres.

**Resolution No. 14-32****Moved by:** Lou Addison**Seconded by:** André Byham

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education continues to build on the [Ontario Early Years Policy Framework](#) with the intent to fulfill the vision for the integration of family support programs into Best Start Child and Family Centres; and

WHEREAS the current administration and funding allocation for Ontario Early Years Centres was established based on provincial ridings rather than CMSM/DSSAB's jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS cost-sharing inconsistencies exist because the Province and CMSM/DSSAB's fund Family Resource Centres at an 80/20 cost share while the province directly funds Transfer Payment Agencies at 100% to operate Ontario Early Years Centres; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education needs to recognize DSSAB's as the lead municipal partners for the service system management of OEYC's and Best Start Child and Family Centres; and

WHEREAS the DSB Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Ontario Early Years Centre - Issue Report and is recommending approval of this report to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ontario Early Years Centres should be realigned according to CMSM/DSSAB jurisdictions and the contract management for OEYC's should be transferred to CMSM/DSSAB's, including Data Analysis Coordinators and Early Literacy Programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the province needs to address the funding inconsistencies between Family Resource Programs and Ontario Early Years Centres once they are transformed into Best Start Child and Family Centres; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board approves the [Ontario Early Years Centre - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

**Carried****7.4 Jobs for Youth**

Deferred in order to obtain clarification from the Ministry and the issue report will be updated with the statistics requested by the Board.

## 8.0 New Business

### 8.1 Non-Urgent Patient Transfer Service

On March 18, 2014, we received information from Kenora DSB regarding the North West state of non-urgent patient transfers. In October 2013, the Kenora DSB received the [Non-Emergent Patient Transportation in Kenora & Rainy River Districts: An Evidence Based 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Review](#) as per a consultant's report released in late September of 2013. On March 6, 2014, Kenora DSB sent a [letter to Premier Wynne](#) on this matter. Within this letter, they reiterate inconsistencies applied to EMS by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in regards to policy, regulatory matters and funding. The letter indicates that NOMA, NOSDA and FONOM have all adopted resolutions on this matter asking the Province to take action. The Kenora and Rainy River districts are requesting \$1 million in funding and are asking the MOHLTC to work together with their consortium and the NELHIN to find a solution for all Northern Ontario.

### 8.2 Wikwemikong First Nation Ambulance Service

[The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care](#) have responded to the DSB request for additional one time funding required to support the operating cost increases for the Wikwemikong EMS base.

The increased expenses is due to WSIB modified work during 2013 and 2014. The funding request and approval is \$152,446.

### 8.3 Healthy Community Funds

The Board was advised of a change in procedure under the Healthy Community Fund, which clearly defines the use of these funds for emergency home repairs. The changes to the procedure are contained within the [Healthy Community Funds Policy](#).

### 8.4 Child Care Expansion – Little Current Public School

On March 14, 2014 the DSB received a [letter from the Rainbow District School Board](#) (RDSB) indicating that the RDSB trustees approved the addition of a modular unit at Little Current Public School located at 18 Draper Street. This will enable the DSB to expand childcare spaces to accommodate more toddler care.

The DSB and the RDSB are sharing the cost of this expansion. The total cost is \$250,000. The DSB's share of \$125,000 will be paid through the Child Care Capital Funding allocation, which is funded by the Ministry of Education at 100% and is in accordance with DSB Policy 10.2 Capacity Building Funding.

The [DSB responded](#) to the RDSB letter thanking them for seeing the value in supporting our children in a quality environment that facilitates a seamless transition from child care to school.

**9.0 Other Business**

**Food bank funding** – may have some funding available but not enough to cover all areas. Board members were reminded to tell their local food banks to contact the DSB for possible funding.

**10.0 Next Meeting – April 24, 2014**

**11.0 Adjournment**

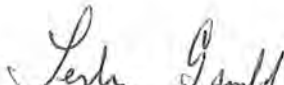
**Resolution 14-33**

**Moved by:** Bruce Killah

**Seconded by:** André Byham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:45 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held, in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on April 24, 2014.

**Carried**

  
Chair

  
CAO (Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Corporation)