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Minutes
of the October 22, 2015
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING
held in Espanola's 210 Mead Blvd. DSB Boardroom

Present: Bill Baker, Les Gamble, David Leonard, Al MacNevin, Jim Rook, Eric Russell, Ned Whynott, Ted Lovelace, Ron Piche, Bruce Killah, Laurier Falldien

Regrets : Michael Levesque, Stewart Meikleham, Dean Wenborne

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

Media:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 15-75

Moved by: Al MacNevin

Seconded by: David Leonard

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 15-76

Moved by: Ron Piche

Seconded by: Ned Whynott

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

Carried

Resolution 15-77

Moved by: Bruce Killah

Seconded by: Bill Baker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:17 a.m.

Carried

4.0 Business Arising from Closed Session:

In accordance with Policy B.3.06 Tendering Audit Financial and Insurance, a request for proposals (RFP) was sent in early July 2015 to all financial institutions that met the criteria for inclusion for consideration.

Resolution 15-78

Moved by: David Leonard

Seconded by: Ron Piche

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has requested proposal for the DSB Banking Services in accordance with DSB [Policy B.3.06 Tendering Audit Financial and Insurance](#); and

WHEREAS the CAO and Director of Finance & Administration have reviewed the proposals submitted and are recommending the Royal Bank of Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board approves the appointment of Royal Bank of Canada as the DSB bank based on the proposal submitted.

Carried

6.0 Minutes

6.1 Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 15-79

Moved by: Jim Rook

Seconded by: Bill Baker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the [September 24, 2015](#) Board meeting be approved.

Carried

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Finance Committee

Jim Rook, Committee Chair, walked the Board through the Finance Committee Budget deliberations that took place on October 7, 2015.

As part of the budget review the committee reviewed the [Terms of Reference](#), the [2015 Annual Report on Reserves](#), the [Social Housing End of Operating Agreements](#), the [EMS 5 Year Staffing Plan](#), the [Annual Budget Guidelines Policy](#), the [2016 Allocation of Program Support](#) and the [EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Issue Report](#).

The committee reviewed changes to the Annual Budget Guidelines Policy that reflect a different way of forecasting hydro expenses in order to ensure accuracy for budget projections.

The EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve-Issue Report recommended a change from diesel to gas powered ambulances and the introduction of a power load stretcher system. Both of these items will be implemented over a 7-year period.

The Finance Committee is recommending approval of the [2016 Operating Budget](#) which results in a 1.47% increase to the municipal share.

Resolution No. 15-80

Moved by: Jim Rook

Seconded by: Al MacNevin

WHEREAS the Finance Committee met on October 7, 2015 to review the [Finance Committee Terms of Reference](#), [Annual Budget Guidelines](#), [2016 Allocation of Program Support](#), [2015 Annual Reserves Report](#), and 2016 budget estimates; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee reviewed the [EMS 5 Year Staffing Plan](#) and the [Social Housing End of Operating - Issue Report](#) and is recommending the Board implement the recommendations contained within these reports as part of the 2016 Budget. These recommendations will increase the annual contribution to the Social Housing Capital Reserve and EMS staffing enhancement by adding a half time Primary Response Unit (PRU) in Espanola as recommended by the Program Planning Committee in May 2015; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has reviewed the Revised Annual Budget Guidelines and the EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve - Issue Report and is recommending approval of same to the Board and;

WHEREAS the 2016 Budget **without** any EMS **enhancements** would have resulted in an increase of **\$2,027 or 0.02%**; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee is recommending to the Board that it adopt the 2016 Operating Budget with the enhancements to EMS which results in a Municipal Share increase of **\$150,497 or 1.47%**.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation and approves the [2016 Allocation of Program Support](#); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendations and approves the revised [Annual Budget Guidelines](#) effective October 1, 2015 and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendations and approves [EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendations and approves the [2016 Operating Budget](#) in the amount of **\$31,874,087** gross and municipal share in the amount of **\$10,380,138** which represents an increase of **\$150,497** or **1.47%** in the municipal share.

Carried

8.0 New Business

8.1 Ministry of Energy

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the board through the new [Ontario Electricity Support Program \(OESP\)](#).

On March 26, 2015, the Ministry of Energy announced a program to help low-income electricity consumers. The new OESP will start in 2016 and will help low-income consumers pay electricity bills. The program provides monthly assistance directly on electricity bills. The amount received per month will be based on income and household size. This will be funded by all rate payers through a per kilowatt-hour charge on electric bills.

Consumers can apply for the program beginning October 26, 2015. Consumers can apply online, those consumers unable to apply online can contact a local social service agency to help them with the application.

In November, the DSB staff will be doing a variety of information sessions out in the district to try to reach as many low-income families as possible and to help them complete the application. These sessions will be advertised in local papers as well as sent to member municipalities for distribution in their communities.

The sessions run from 10 am – 2 pm as follows:

November 19 – Gore Bay Library
November 20 – Cambrian College in Little Current
November 23 & 24 – Cambrian College in Espanola
November 24 & 25 – DSB office in Chapleau
November 25 & 26 – Alpha-En-Partage in St. Charles

8.2 Ministry of Education

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, related the news regarding [Ontario Building New Licensed Child Care Spaces in Schools](#).

Earlier this year the Ontario Government announced that they would be investing \$120 million over the next three years to create approximately 4,000 new licensed child care spaces across the province.

School boards are required to submit a request for the inclusion of new child care construction as part of their Capital Priorities or School Consolidation Capital business case. School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs are expected to work together to identify the need for dedicated child care space.

The DSB staff will be working with local school boards and the Ministry of Education to identify projects in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB jurisdiction that would qualify for this investment.

8.3 EMS Response Time Standards

Mike MacIsaac, Chief of EMS, walked the board through the [EMS Response Time Standards – Issue Report](#).

During the month of October every year ambulance services are to develop their response time performance plans for the following year. These plans are due to the Director of Emergency Health Services Branch by October 31.

This year has seen a drastic improvement in response times when considering Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and CTAS1 (patients need to be seen by a physician immediately). Our target was to have a defibrillator on the patient within 6 minutes 20% of the time. We currently have a 50% success rate on our SCA targets. Our target for CTAS1 calls was to have a paramedic to the patient within 8 minutes 25% of the time. We currently have a 52.3% success rate on our CTAS1. In accordance with these improvements the DSB is recommending altering our target for SCA to 25% and our CTAS to 30% for 2016.

Additionally, after 2 years of published performance we can begin to see a general plateau in the CTAS 2-5 performance. Understanding that there is a difference between the CTAS 2 patient and CTAS 5 patient, we have decided to alter the timeframes and percentage goals on a sliding scale to account for the importance of the difference.

Resolution No. 15-81**Moved by:** Jim Rook**Seconded by:** Ned Whynott

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the 2016 EMS Response Time Standard - Issue Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the [2016 EMS Response Time Standard - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

Carried

8.4 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance & Administration, walked the board through the correspondence received from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in regards to [TWOMO Funding](#), [Ebola Preparedness Funding](#) and [Wikwemikong Base and One Time Funding](#).

The MOHLTC has calculated the TWOMO funding using the base 2015 DSB Budget less First Nation funding resulting in 19.9% as TWOMO funding. The resulting TWOMO calculation for 2015 has increased the TWOMO funding by \$186,160. The 50/50 funding is reduced by \$93,080 (50% of TWOMO).

A standard Ebola preparedness was set by the MOHLTC and this was supported by 100% provincial funding in the amount of \$21,914.

The Wikwemikong 2015/16 budget includes one-time funding in the amount of \$204,621 for two vehicles, one ambulance and one Paramedic Response Unit (PRU). It also includes an increase of \$342,435 to the budget which includes ongoing regular increases as well as budget for salaries, benefits and all associated ongoing costs applicable to a 12 hour, 7 day per week PRU. The Wikwemikong EMS service is 100% provincially funded.

8.5 Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) – Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) Business Recovery Work Group Report

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the board through the [OMSSA - SAMS Ontario Works Business Recovery Work Group Report](#) recommendations.

Over the past several months, OMSSA, along with 11 member CMSM/DSSABs as well as officials from the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) have reviewed and analyzed impacts of the implementation of SAMS.

The main focus of this work has been to understand how the implementation of SAMS has impacted the business processes and obligations of CMSM/DSSABs in the planning, funding and delivery of Ontario Works. Understanding this information will aid in the creation of a remediation plan to alleviate capacity constraints, reduce impacts on service delivery and clients and to attempt a return to “business as usual”.

CMSM/DSSABs have worked extensively with our colleagues at OMSSA, AMO and MCSS to come up with a series of recommendations for them to consider as outlined in the OMSSA report.

Resolution No. 15-82

Moved by: Eric Russell

Seconded by: Bill Baker

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has reviewed the OMSSA report on the [Social Assistance Management System \(SAMS\) Implementation and Ontario Works Business Recovery](#); and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB agrees with the recommendation contained within the report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB endorses the OMSSA report and encourages the Ministry of Community & Social Services to implement the recommendations contained within the report.

Carried

8.6 Jobs for Youth Program

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, updated the board regarding the letter mailed to the Premier on [September 24, 2015](#) that outlined the DSB’s concern of the negative impact the new Youth Job Connection program will have on at risk youth in our communities and requested a meeting with the Premier to discuss our concerns.

On [October 2, 2015](#), the DSB received a response from the Premier thanking us for our letter and assuring us that the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities would take our views into consideration. The letter did not address our request for a meeting.

The DSB will send a follow-up letter to the Premier and will once again request a meeting to address the drastic reduction in services for our area. The member municipalities are encouraged to pass their own resolutions to voice their concern of the negative impact the new program will have on the youth of our district and forward to the Premier.

9.0 Other Business

10.0 Next Meeting – November 26, 2015

11.0 Adjournment

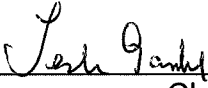
Resolution 15-

Moved by: Al MacNevin


Seconded by: Ted Lovelace

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:25 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held, in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on November 26, 2015.

Carried



Chair



CAO (Secretary-Treasurer
of the Corporation)