



Minutes
of the September 24, 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, Dean Wenborne, Ned Whynot, Ted Lovelace, Ron Piche, Bruce Killah

Regrets : Stewart Meikleham, Michael Levesque, Laurier Falldien

Staff : Fern Dominelli, Donna Moroso, Connie Morphet, Melody Ouellette, Ehren Baldauf, Glen Clifford, Patrick Wittmann

Delegations: Ray Hunt

Media: Alicia McCutcheon

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Les Gamble, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Les Gamble asked Glen Clifford, EMS Field Superintendent, to relate the details regarding a medical emergency that took place at the baseball field in Wikwemikong.

During the baseball game a participant went into sudden cardiac arrest. Theresa Peltier, an off duty paramedic with the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB immediately responded to the emergency and began performing CPR while 4 Wikwemikong Police Officers secured the scene and retrieved the Automated External Defibrillator from Wikwemikong Police station. The officers along with Ms. Peltier transported the patient in a police cruiser to meet the ambulance that was on route from Little Current.

Commendations will be given to paramedic Theresa Peltier with the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, and four Wikwemikong Police Services Officers, Constable Jewel Peltier, Constable Carrie Spry, Detective Sergeant Darryl Mandamin and Detective Sergeant Dianne Trudeau for their quick action and team work.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 15-61

Moved by: Al MacNevin

Seconded by: Dean Wenborne

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 Presentation by Ray Hunt on behalf of the Town of Espanola Non-Profit Housing Corporation and the Gore Bay Non-Profit Housing Corporation

Mr. Hunt presented a [report](#) on behalf of the Town of Espanola Non-Profit and the Gore Bay Non-Profit Housing Corporations in regards to the proposed increase to the Market Rent rates.

The non-profit groups conducted research in their areas to determine an average market rent. The Non Profit Providers recognized that the Market Rents are low and do require adjustment. Based on their research the Non Profit Providers are recommending a Market Rent of \$650 for one bedroom units for all new tenants and a gradual 3% annual increase for existing tenants until the \$650 is reached and/or a formal market rent analysis is conducted to determine an average market rent in each community.

5.0 Closed Session

Resolution 15-62

Moved by: David Leonard

Seconded by: Ron Piche

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:27 a.m.

Carried

Resolution 15-63

Moved by: Ted Lovelace

Seconded by: Ron Piche

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:50 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

Resolution No. 15-64

Moved by: Dean Wenborne

Seconded by: Bruce Killah

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the [June 25, 2015](#) Board meeting be approved.

Carried

7.2 Business Arising from Minutes

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Program Planning

8.1.1 Social Housing Market Rents

David Leonard, Chair of the Program Planning Committee, asked Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services to walk the board through the [Revised Social Housing Market Rents – Issue Report](#).

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB's goal with Market Rents is to realign the Market Rent rates in Social Housing properties to amounts that are more in line with the Household Income Limits (HILs) as set by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

The CMHC sets the HILs for persons applying for Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) subsidy. The income limits are defined based on the size of unit the household occupies and the area where the unit is located.

By increasing the market rents to a level that is more in line with the HILs, it would increase our ability to provide RGI subsidy where appropriate, while ensuring that the rents for those who do not require subsidized rents are more in line with the HILs. This would encourage those who do not require assistance to seek out available units in the community.

The CMHC has not provided average market rents for our area because they indicated our locals are too small and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH) has indicated that we can establish our own market rents in the absence of an average market rent set by CMHC.

Even though there is no legislative framework that allows or prevents the DSB from setting market rents for non-profit providers, the subsidy provided to the non-profits is based on a calculation that does include market rents.

Resolution No. 15-65**Moved by:** David Leonard**Seconded by:** Jim Rook

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Revised Social Housing Market Rents-Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Revised Social Housing Market Rents - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to implement option # 3, with a 2 year phase in period instead of a 3 year phase in period as contained within the report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT new market rent tenants be charged the New Market Rent rate effective October 1, 2015 for all DSB owned properties and on January 1, 2016 for all new market rent tenants in Non-Profit Providers owned properties; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT existing tenants in DSB owned properties and existing tenants in Non-Profit Providers owned properties be provided a minimum of 6 months' notice prior to any rent increases taking effect due to the new Market Rent Rates.

Carried**8.1.2 Canadian Housing Bank Feasibility Study**

David Leonard, Chair of the Program Planning Committee, asked Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, to walk the board through the [Canadian Housing Bank Feasibility Study – Issue Report](#).

Housing Partnership Canada (HPC) wishes to partner with key organizations within the Canadian housing sector, including the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) and the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB to explore the feasibility of creating a dedicated lending institution for affordable housing providers across Canada to finance the regeneration and development of their assets.

This entity would focus on pooling capital requirements of a diverse group of borrowers and giving them access to capital lending markets efficiently and cost-effectively. Such a dedicated lending institution will also offer prospective investors an investment opportunity with direct ties to a social return.

HPC wishes to enter into a funding agreement with the NOSDA, and other funders, to undertake a Feasibility Study to analyze and assess the need, shape and scope of a Canadian Housing Bank.

The Phase 1 Feasibility Study is estimated to cost \$250,500 and take 21 weeks for completion.

The Social Housing operating agreements have already started to expire and the subsequent funding reductions require Service Managers to be proactive in their approach to future funding investment opportunities that will mean future funding options.

Resolution No. 15-66

Moved by: David Leonard

Seconded by: Al MacNevin

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Canadian Housing Bank Feasibility Study-Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Canadian Housing Bank Feasibility Study - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB commit \$2,500 to participate in the Phase 1 of the Canadian Housing Bank Feasibility Study.

Carried

8.1.3 Social Housing Pet Policy

David Leonard, Chair of the Program Planning Committee, asked Patrick Wittmann, Supervisor of Infrastructure and Asset Management to walk the board through the [Social Housing Pet Policy](#) Revision.

Recent events have precipitated the review of the Social Housing Pet Policy. The pet policies from DSB member municipalities were reviewed along with 8 other larger centers in Ontario.

The primary changes aim to standardize the pet limit to one pet and/or one caged pet, pet waste management, caged pet requirements and the disqualification of numerous “exotic pets”. These changes will benefit all tenants.

Resolution No. 15-67

Moved by: David Leonard

Seconded by: Bill Baker

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the revised Social Housing Pet Policy and is recommending approval to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the revised [Social Housing Pet Policy](#) contained within the Social Housing Policy Manual effective October 1, 2015.

Carried

8.1.4 Jobs for Youth

David Leonard, Chair of the Program Planning Committee, asked Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, to walk the board through the [Jobs for Youth – Issue Report](#).

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services advised the DSB that the Jobs for Youth Program would end after the summer of 2015 and would be replaced by the Youth Job Connection Program funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities. The Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities advised the DSB of the funding allocation and site targets for the Sudbury North Region for the new Youth Job Connection (YJC) Program. The Youth Job Connection program will be delivered by Cambrian College in the LaCloche/Manitoulin area and by Collège Boréal in Sudbury East.

The new program will reduce the total number of at-risk youth job placements from 111 in 2015 to 19. This represents an 83% reduction in the number of at-risk youth obtaining summer jobs in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB jurisdiction. This means there will be 92 at-risk youth who will not get an opportunity for a summer job in 2016.

Resolution No. 15-68

Moved by: David Leonard

Seconded by: Ron Piche

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Jobs for Youth-Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board.

WHEREAS the province has reduced the number of at-risk youth job placements from 111 in 2015 to 19 summer placements under the new Youth Job Connection. This represents an 83% reduction in the number of at-risk youth obtaining summer jobs in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS this means there will be 92 at-risk youth who will not get an opportunity for a summer job in 2016 because of the change in programming.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Jobs for Youth - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB send letters to all employers who took part in the program advising them of the change and asking employers to advocate for funding to remain the same for the DSB jurisdiction; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DSB will [write to the Premier](#) directly asking her to intervene and ensure that at-risk youth in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB jurisdiction are not adversely affected by the introduction of the new Youth Job Connection Program; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the copy of this resolution asking for support be shared with AMO, NOSDA, FONOM, OMSSA and member municipalities.

Carried

8.2 Property Committee

8.2.1 Mindemoya EMS Base

Al MacNevin, Chair of the Property Committee, asked Patrick Wittmann, Supervisor of Infrastructure and Asset Management, to walk the board through the [Mindemoya EMS Base – Issue Report](#).

The owner of the Mindemoya EMS property opened a line of communication with the DSB this year and offered the property for sale. At the June 25, 2015 Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board meeting, the Board provided the CAO with authority to make an offer to purchase the property and buy out the existing lease. The sale was completed on July 15, 2015.

Resolution No. 15-69

Moved by: Al MacNevin

Seconded by: Eric Russell

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Property Committee has reviewed the Mindemoya EMS Property Purchase - Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board authorized its CAO to negotiate the purchase of the Mindemoya EMS base; and

WHEREAS the CAO negotiated the sale of property for \$210,000 and the buyout of the remaining 24-month lease at \$76,104 for a total of \$286,104 plus legal fees of \$5,109.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Mindemoya EMS Property Purchase- Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB authorize the \$210,000 purchase price plus the \$5,109 closing costs be funded by the Working Funds Reserve which will be repaid annually over 10-year term at an interest rate of 3%.

Carried

9.0 New Business

9.1 CAO Quarterly Activity Report

Fern Dominelli, CAO, walked the board through the CAO Quarterly Activity Report. This report will be shared with member municipalities who are encouraged to add it to Council agenda packages.

Resolution No. 15-70

Moved by: Ron Piche

Seconded by: David Leonard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [2015 CAO Second Quarter Activity Report](#) be approved as presented.

Carried

9.2 Second Quarter Financial Report

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance and Administration, walked the board through the Second Quarter Financial Report.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is currently projecting a year-end surplus of \$489,822.

Resolution No. 15-71

Moved by: Bruce Killah

Seconded by: Bill Baker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [2015 Second Quarter Unaudited Financial Report](#) be approved as presented.

Carried

9.3 Wikwemikong EMS

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance and Administration, walked the board through the Wikwemikong Ambulance Service March 31, 2015 Financial Statements prepared by Freelandt Caldwell Reilly LLP.

The financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2015 for Wikwemikong Ambulance Service were audited during the summer months and reported to the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care (MOHLTC).

The total expenses of \$1,658,028 were within budget and are 100% funded by the MOHLTC. There were no material issues raised through the audit.

Resolution No. 15-72

Moved by: David Leonard

Seconded by: Dean Wenborne

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accept receipt of the Audited Financial Statement for the [Wikwemikong Ambulance Service](#) for the year ended March 31, 2015, as prepared by the Freelandt, Caldwell, and Reilly Accountants.

Carried

9.4 Ontario Works Service Plan

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the board through the [Ontario Works Service Plan](#).

The Ontario Works Two-Year Service Plan is a required document by all CMSM/DSB's every 2 years and it is submitted to the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

In this plan, we give an overview of our oversight strategy regarding financial, staffing and community involvement as well as an overview of the Integrated Social Assistance Monitoring Framework.

Resolution No. 15-73

Moved by: Ned Whynott

Seconded by: Eric Russell

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the Ontario Works Service Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Ontario Works Service Plan](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

Carried

9.5 2015 Jobs for Youth Update

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, gave the board an update on the 2015 Jobs for Youth Program.

The program received 172 employer applications and 164 student applications. We placed 116 students with 104 employers. A total of 111 students completed the program successfully. This is 8% higher than last year.

9.6 College of Early Childhood Educators

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, gave the board verbal update on the Leadership Pilot Two.

The College of Early Childhood Educators (ECE's) invited CMSM's and DSSABs from across the province to participate in this years' leadership pilot project. This years' pilot will focus on supervisors in licenced child care and extending learning communities with support from CMSM's and DSB's from across the province.

In the spring Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB partnered with the City of Sudbury (CGS) to submit a joint expression of interest to participate in this project and have been selected to participate in the leadership pilot along with 26 other CMSM's and DSB's. Three supervisors, one from the district and two from the city, have been selected by the College of ECE's to take part in the pilot.

9.7 Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program

Fern Dominelli, CAO, reviewed the [Press Release](#) in regards to the use of an Automated External Defibrillator in Wikwemikong that resulted in a saved life. With the financial support and guidance of the Heart & Stroke Foundation, the DSB has placed over 140 AED's in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB jurisdiction.

10.0 Other Business

There were 7 NOSDA delegations during the AMO Conference. A variety of issues were put forth by NOSDA. The [NOSDA Issues Book](#) which outlines the topics covered was shared with the board.

11.0 Next Meeting – October 22, 2015

12.0 Adjournment

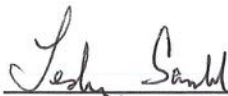
Resolution 15-74

Moved by: Ned Whynott

Seconded by: Jim Rook

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 12:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting to be held, in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on October 22, 2015.

Carried



Chair



CAO (Secretary-Treasurer
of the Corporation)