



Minutes
of the January 28, 2016
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING
held in Espanola's 210 Mead Blvd. DSB Boardroom

Present: Bill Baker, Laurier Falldien, Les Gamble, Bruce Killah, David Leonard, Al MacNevin, Stewart Meikleham, Ron Piche, Eric Russell, Paul Schoppmann, Ned Whynott

Regrets : Michael Levesque, Ted Lovelace, Jim Rook

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

Media: Alicia McCutcheon

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair, Les Gamble, thanked Mayor Laurier Falldien, for his involvement with the LaCloche Foothills Municipal Association and local Ministry of Transportation partnership in getting Highway 17 reclassified from a Class 2 to a Class 1. A Class 2 road saw bare pavement within 16 hours of a storm ending. With the reclassification that time has shortened to 8 hours.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 16-01

Moved by: Bill Baker

Seconded by: Ron Piche

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 Board Member Introductions

New board member Mayor of St. Charles, Paul Schoppmann, was introduced to the board.

5.0 2016 Board Elections

5.1 Chair Nominations & Election

In standing with the DSSAB's Act's annual election requirements, Fern Dominelli, (CAO) presided over the election.

Moved by: Bruce Killah

Seconded by: Stewart Meikleham

THAT Les Gamble be nominated.

There were no other nominations.

RESOLUTION 16-02

Moved by: Bruce Killah

Seconded by: Stewart Meikleham

WHEREAS Regulation 278/98 of the District Social Services Administration Boards Act requires that at its first meeting after January 1 in each year, a Board shall appoint one of its members as Chair of the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Les Gamble is hereby proclaimed as Chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board for the year 2016.

Carried

Les Gamble assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5.2 Vice-Chair Nominations & Election

Fern Dominelli, CAO, called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Moved by: Bruce Killah

Seconded by: Bill Baker

THAT David Leonard be nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Resolution 16-03

Moved by: Bruce Killah

Seconded by: Bill Baker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT David Leonard is hereby proclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board for the year 2016.

Carried

6.0 DSB Committees & Membership

Fern Dominelli (CAO) proceeded to go through the list of Committees asking for volunteers to serve on each. Members for the 4 most active committees were selected; the remaining committees will be set up as needed. The results are:

6.1 Program Planning Committee (max 5): David Leonard, Stewart Meikleham, Al MacNevin, Jim Rook, Eric Russell, Les Gamble (ex officio)

6.2 Human Resources Committee (max. 5): Bruce Killah, Paul Schoppmann, Ron Piche, David Leonard, Mike Levesque, Les Gamble (ex officio)

6.3 Property Committee (max. 5): Bruce Killah, Ned Whynott, Laurier Falldien, Bill Baker, Al MacNevin, Les Gamble (ex officio)

6.4 Finance Committee (max. 6): David Leonard, Stewart Meikleham, Ned Whynott, Ron Piche, Edgar Lovelace, Bill Baker, Les Gamble (ex officio)

6.5 Strategic Planning Committee (max. 4): Membership to be established when required

6.6 Emergency Planning Committee (max. 5): Membership to be established when required

6.7 French Language Services Committee (max. 3): Membership to be established when required

7.0 Closed Session

Resolution 16-04

Moved by: Laurier Falldien

Seconded by: Stewart Meikleham

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

Carried

Resolution 16-05

Moved by: David Leonard

Seconded by: Ron Piche

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:25 a.m.

Carried

8.0 Business Arising from Closed Session

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

9.0 Minutes

9.1 Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 16-06

Moved by: Al MacNevin

Seconded by: Stewart Meikleham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the [November 26, 2015](#) and [December 10, 2015](#) Board meetings be approved.

Carried

9.2 Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

10.0 New Business

10.1 DSB Signing Authority

Resolution 16-07

Moved by: Paul Schoppmann

Seconded by: Bill Baker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following persons shall have signing authority for the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, effective as of this date:

Board Member Les Gamble

Board Member Ron Piche

Board Member Stewart Meikleham

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Finance & Administration
Director of Integrated Social Services
Chief of Emergency Medical Services
Information Systems Manager

Fern Dominelli
Connie Morphet
Donna Moroso
Mike Maclsaac
Iain Stephen

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT each cheque be signed by two of the above-named persons, and as per the dictates of existing Board [3.03 Financial Approval Policy](#).

Carried

10.2 DSB Apportionment 2016

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance and Administration, walked the board through the [2016 Apportionment](#).

The DSB used a modified default formula as apportionment is distributed to the municipalities based on confirmed weighted assessment from each municipality and includes payments in lieu and power dam assessments.

The 2016 Apportionment invoices will be issued to municipalities shortly.

10.3 Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities – Jobs for Youth

Fern Dominelli, CAO, and Les Gamble, Board Chair met with Hon. Reza Moridi to [discuss the new Youth Job Connection](#) program that will be replacing the Jobs for Youth program.

In 2015 the DSB placed 111 at risk youth in summer jobs that lasted 8 weeks at minimum wage. The Jobs for Youth program allowed up to \$3,150 in direct wages plus provided for mandatory employer benefits.

The new Youth Job Connection program's summer component allows for 19 youth to be placed for 8 weeks with a maximum of \$2,500 per participant to cover Placement Initiative, Employment & Training Supports and Job Placement Supports.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and its 18 member municipalities need to understand how the Ministry can reduce the number of at risk youth placements from 111 in the summer placement component to 19. This represents an 81% reduction in the number of high risk youth obtaining summer jobs.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is currently in the process of contacting all 474 youth that have participated in the Jobs for Youth Program in order to determine the success of the program. It is our belief that providing a first time summer job to 100 at risk youth each year will have a dramatic effect on their future prospects. Many of these youth would never have been hired on their own. The personal experiences of those that participated will be shared with Minister Moridi in the hopes that the number of youth placements for the summer component will be revisited.

10.4 Child Care – Early Developmental Instrument (EDI)

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the board through the issues with the EDI.

On [October 21, 2015](#), the Best Start Network (BSN) sent a letter to Deputy Minister George Zegarac, in regards to the EDI results. It was noted that the results will not contain the 6-digit postal code field historically used by the BSN to aggregate the data into their traditionally defined EDI neighbourhoods.

The BSN relies on neighbourhood level EDI data to confirm challenges or issues in the child population in certain area; change how we deliver programs, allocate

resources, and decide what programs to offer; validate what is already known; encourage inquiry and further explore issues; question what is assumed is working or not working; provide reliable information for accountability issues; and guide continuous improvement. The Data Analysis Coordinators for the BSN take extra care to suppress information from any neighbourhood with less than 10 valid records, thus maintaining the confidentiality of the data. Data suppression may result in little to no new EDI data in rural communities, compromising planning.

On [December 1, 2015](#), the BSN received a response from Ministry of Education that acknowledged the BSN's concern and the importance of providing useful EDI data while protecting the children's personally identifying information as legislated by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. To this end, the Early Years Division has been exploring various options for reaching a balance between privacy protection and giving communities access to useful EDI results.

The Early Years Division will be working with our Consolidated Municipal Service Managers, District Social Services Administration Boards, Data Analysis Coordinator host agencies, school boards, school authorities, and First Nation partners to ensure that communities have the information they require to plan for children and families.

The EDI data will remain a standing item on the BSN agenda until the data is released.

10.5 Community Paramedicine

Mike MacIsaac, Chief of EMS, gave the board an update on Community Paramedicine.

The DSB staff, together with the researchers from the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research Institute of Laurentian University, were able to visit all pilot locations in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and Cochrane DSSAB areas to conduct paramedic interviews and review the program. The feedback received assisted in making improvements to the program.

It was discovered that more Community Paramedicine was occurring than we were aware of. Paramedics in the smaller communities are having regular interactions with community members where former patients discuss outcomes to previous 911 calls and ask for advice. This was really exciting for the researchers and will become a large part of their report to the Ministry and their submissions to research publications.

DSB staff attended the semi-annual Community Paramedicine conference with our program partner Cochrane DSSAB. The conference gave the opportunity to hear updates on Community Paramedicine in the province as well as the status

of other Community Paramedicine programs, networking opportunities and exchanging lessons learned.

The DSB has begun working in collaboration with [Community Care Access Centre \(CCAC\)](#) and the [Telehomecare](#) program. Thus far we have installed two remote monitoring systems in Espanola and are working on a memorandum of understanding with CCAC to better define the roles of both organizations in the partnership.

We are also in discussions with Mattagami First Nation to expand the Gogama pilot project and Telehomecare to their community. We hope to be operational there within the next couple of months.

Our medics are all currently referring patients to care where they feel it is required. The aim of the referrals is to help keep patients out of hospital. To date we have done over 2,000 assessments with over 300 referrals.

10.6 Ministry of Education (MEDU) – 2016 Child Care Allocations

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the board through the 2016 Child Care Allocations.

On December 8, 2015, the DSB [received a memorandum](#) from the MEDU detailing the 2016 Child Care allocations. In 2016, the province is allocating an additional \$16.3 million in support to the child care sector, this brings the total funding for 2016 to \$1 billion.

This means an overall increase in funding for the DSB of \$149,188, which is 100% provincial funding.

The guidelines confirm that the wage enhancement funding will continue at \$2.00 per hour for qualified staff.

10.7 Paramedic Response Units

Mike Maclsaac, Chief of EMS, updated the board on the Paramedic Response Units (PRU).

The PRU 2016 enhancement was approved by the board as part of the 2016 budget. The PRU will allow for a paramedic to take a call while the current crew and ambulance are out on a call. The PRU will not be able to transport the patient but will be able to attend until another ambulance can be dispatched.

The DSB has purchased 2 vehicles for the PRU. Ford Explorers with police package were purchased with an anticipated deliver March 2016. Rowland Emergency Vehicles will complete the up-fitting of the vehicles and that comes with a 5-year warranty.

Staff preparation is under way with an expected March 27, 2016 deployment. Rotation schedules are built and staff have been engaged in the process. A training component is under development for all staff to take to ensure that they know the different intricacies of the PRU up front.

An alternative deployment model is being evaluated to address potential delays in the delivery of the purchased vehicles. Included in the alternate model is the use of Field Superintendent Emergency Response Vehicles. Once concrete timelines on the delivery of the vehicles is obtained the best approach to implementation will be determined.

10.8 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care – Ontario Investing in 1,000 Supportive Housing Units

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the board through the MOHLTC announcement of [1,000 supportive housing units](#).

The province is investing \$16.2 million in 1,000 supportive housing units, with \$4 million in funding beginning in 2016-2017 for 248 units. Sudbury and the Northeast will see 40 supportive housing units with an additional 16 units funded for 2016-2017. Thunder Bay will see 8 new supportive housing units and an additional 31 units in 2016-2017. These units will house persons with mental health and addictions issues and are critical for reducing homelessness for this vulnerable population.

The DSB is trying to establish where this is going and what our role will be. This will be discussed at the Espanola Providers Meeting and the Sudbury East Providers Meeting.

10.9 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care – Patients First, A Proposal to Strengthen Patient-Centered Health Care in Ontario

Mike MacIsaac, Chief of EMS, walked the board through the MOHLTC's [proposal to strengthen patient-centred health care in Ontario](#). As with any discussion paper, upon affirming the proposed actions/plans, the focus would need to shift to a review of applicable legislation and any potential required changes.

This proposal looks at:

1. more effective integration of services and greater equity,
2. timely access to primary care and seamless links between primary care and other services,
3. more consistent and accessible home and community care, and
4. stronger links between population, public health and other health services.

In response to the MOHLTC's discussion paper and request for feedback, the North East LHIN is encouraging everyone to read the paper and offer their thoughts. The public can send their thoughts to engagingwithyou@lhin.on.ca , take an [online survey](#) or attend an [engagement session](#).

10.10 NOSDA Meeting with Minister Gravelle

On December 29, 2015, NOSDA sent a [letter](#) to Minister Gravelle thanking him for the meeting on December 15, 2015 and to follow up on the discussions. Iain Angus, Chair of NOSDA met with Minister Gravelle regarding DSSAB's capacity to do community planning when DSSAB's do not have the resources or staff to do this planning. NOSDA requested that DSSAB's be provincially funded to build local planning capacity to deal with the provincial government reporting requirements.

In addition, NOSDA has matured as an organization and has become the primary advocate for social services in Northern Ontario. Much in the same way that the NOMA and FONOM represent the interests of the municipal sector, NOSDA represents the interests of Social Housing, Ontario Works, Children's Services and Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Angus asked that the same consideration currently received by NOMA and FONOM be granted to NOSDA with some level of annual grant to ensure full participation in the decisions affecting our operations and the services provided.

Mr. Angus also discussed the several key reasons why the [Multi-Modal Transportation](#) study is of importance to NOSDA and its member organizations. Non Emergent Patient Transfers, Delivery of Social Services in Northern Ontario and Community Stability are all of concern to NOSDA. Since the meeting with Minister Gravelle, NOSDA has met with MTO staff and the Assistant Deputy Minister for the MNDM who have agreed to accept 2 NOSDA members on the Technical Advisory Committee.

10.11 NOSDA Meeting with Marc Serre MP

On January 14, 2016, Iain Angus Chair of NOSDA, met with Marc Serre, Federal Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt.

Mr. Angus asked that Mr. Serre do his best to have Minister Sohi (Infrastructure and Communities) attend the NOSDA AGM on June 8, 9 and 10, 2016 in Sudbury. This is a unique opportunity for the Minister to meet with those responsible to implement the housing strategies of the federal and provincial governments.

NOSDA would also like to meet with the Northern Caucus to provide those members with the knowledge that will assist them in ensuring that the social housing infrastructure program when announced actually reflects the reality of Ontario's North.

10.12 Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

Minister Sohi, in a [speech to Toronto Region Board of Trade](#), described the federal government's approach that will marry economic growth and infrastructure work in both the short term and longer term.

Minister Sohi discussed the commitment of \$60 billion for infrastructure (with \$20 billion for social infrastructure, green infrastructure and transit funds each) as well as \$10 billion over the next two years.

He stated that it is time to invest in things that make a difference in everyday lives. Transit, roads, clean energy, housing, and child care. The crucial infrastructure the economy needs to grow and that will allow us to get ahead and prosper.

There will be two approaches. The first is getting the \$10 billion working for the economy now. Minister Sohi dismissed the previous top heavy method and will speed up project approvals, nothing that he trusts municipal governments to set priorities.

The second approach is work on the longer term that sees a plan that is rooted in predictable, dedicated and transparent funding.

In terms of affordable housing, adopting this two phased approach will allow for the repair of social housing stock. Without affordable housing, employers can't house the employees that drive their businesses, and families can't afford to live where they want. The lack of affordable housing hurts our economy and our communities.

10.13 Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, gave the board an update on the [Ontario Electricity Support Program](#).

The OESP is a program that provides a monthly assistance on their electric bills. The program began on January 1, 2016 and helps low-income consumers to pay electricity bills. The program provides monthly assistance directly on electricity bills. The credit can range from \$30 to \$50 each month and can go as high as \$75 for First Nations and Metis consumers. Once qualified, consumers can stay on the program for two years. To continue beyond two years, or if personal circumstances change, consumers will have to reapply. Certain consumers with certain personal conditions such as some seniors and people with severe disabilities, may not have to reapply for 5 years.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB staff have been trained on how to help low-income families apply for OESP as this task has become part of their daily duties as they meet with social assistance recipients as well as non-social assistant recipients.

In November 2015, the DSB held a variety of information sessions out in the district in order to reach all low-income families and help them complete the application. These workshops were held in Chapleau, Espanola, Gore Bay, Little Current and St. Charles.

To date, we have recorded 96 assisted applications with many more applications being completed by individuals without assistance. Of the 96 applications, 83 of those are clients on social assistance who pay hydro as part of their shelter costs and the other 13 are low income families.

Our staff continue to monitor their caseload and have developed a system for integrating the OESP applications with new grants and at participation reviews as well as following up with those clients who have yet to apply.

11.0 Other Business

The Push for Change – Founder Joe Roberts, a former homeless young person, who transformed his difficult life to become a successful businessman will be walking across Canada, pushing a grocery cart, to inspire a nation with the idea that anything is possible, to raise money and create change for a significant cause and to engage the people of Canada to take personal action to make a difference. Joe will be in the following towns within our district on the following dates. He will stop in towns not currently on his route to attend events.

French River – January 11, 2017
Espanola – January 19, 2017
Massey – January 21, 2017

12.0 Next Meeting – February 26, 2015

13.0 Adjournment

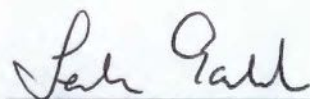
Resolution 16-08

Moved by: Bill Baker

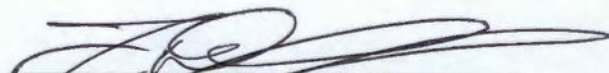
Seconded by: Bruce Killah

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 February 25, 2016.

Carried



Chair



CAO (Secretary-Treasurer
of the Corporation)