



**Minutes**  
**of the March 24, 2016**  
**MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING**  
held in Espanola's 210 Mead Blvd. DSB Boardroom

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

**Regrets :** Ted Lovelace

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

**Media:** Michael Erskine

**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. 16-21**

**Moved by:** Eric Russell

**Seconded by:** Ned Whynott

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 16-22**

**Moved by:** Laurier Falldien

**Seconded by:** Jim Rook

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

**Carried**

**Resolution 16-23**

**Moved by:** Michael Levesque

**Seconded by:** David Leonard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:10 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. 16-24**

**Moved by:** Al MacNevin

**Seconded by:** Paul Schoppmann

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the [February 25, 2016](#) Board meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**7.0 Committee Reports**

**Program Planning Committee**

David Leonard, Chair of the Program Planning Committee, gave a brief overview of the items discussed at the Program Planning Committee meeting held March 23, 2016.

**7.1 Response Time Standard – Issue Report**

Mike MacIsaac, Chief of Paramedic Services, walked the Board through the Response Time Standard Issue Report.

In March of every year all ambulance services in Ontario are expected to submit their Response Time Standard performance results for the previous year.

The standard details responses with targets for patients in 6 different categories; sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), and patients presenting on the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) 1,2,3,4 & 5.

CTAS 1 refers to the severely ill, requires resuscitation, CTAS 2 requires emergent care and rapid medical intervention, CTAS 3 requires urgent care, CTAS 4 requires less-urgent care and CTAS 5 requires non-urgent care.

With 3 years' worth of data to review it has become evident that our response times for 2015 are generally the most successful. In every case except for CTAS 5 patients, 2015 has seen the best response performance since inception of the new standards in 2013.

We need to look at unique ways to counter our geographic challenges. Community programs such as Public Access Defibrillation and Tiered Response programs can go a long way in assisting where resources are just not close enough.

Regardless of recent success we need to continue to review staffing levels to assess if enhancements could improve responsiveness. The new Paramedic Response Unit program in the busiest areas of the service should lead to a further improvement when we evaluate the 2016 Response Time Standard performance.

#### **Resolution 16-25**

**Moved by:** David Leonard

**Seconded by:** Al MacNevin

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Response Time Standard-Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board.

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

**Carried**

### **7.2 Paramedic Crest – Final Design**

Mike MacIsaac, Chief of Paramedic Services, provided the Board with a graphic of the newly designed Paramedic Services Crest.

Since the last Board meeting, Paramedic Services staff have been surveyed with two thirds of our Paramedics responding to the survey with more than 50% of respondents preferring [crest option #3](#).

The new crest incorporates symbology including the Rod of Asclepius (rod and snake), a deity associated with healing and medicinal arts in Greek mythology. The red maple leaf symbolizes our country while the white trillium represents our province. The golden wreath of 19 maple leaves represents the 18 member municipalities and the Unorganized Territory that make up the DSB. Lastly, the medicine wheel is prominently displayed within the wreath representing First Nations. This also ties in organizationally as the medicine wheel surrounds four people holding hands as part of the DSB logo.

### **7.3 Ministry of Health & Long Term Care**

Mike MacIsaac, Chief of Paramedic Services, gave the Board a brief overview of the Ambulance Service Review and the Team Checklist & Self-Assessment & Resource Tool supplied by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC).

The Ambulance Service Review takes place every three (3) years. The DSB has received a [90-day Notice of Review](#). Along with the Notice of Review, the MOHLTC also sent [The Team Checklist & Self-Assessment & Resource Tool](#) which is used to prepare for the review.

The review audits all aspects of the Ambulance Service, with a follow-up visit to see if items of concern have been addressed by the Service.

## **8.0 New Business**

### **8.1 Ministry of Finance – 2016 Provincial Budget**

Fern Dominelli, CAO, gave the Board a brief summary of the 2016 Provincial Budget and its effect on the DSB.

Changes in regards to social assistance will see an increase of social assistance rates by 1.5% for adults receiving Ontario Works and people with disabilities relying on the Ontario Disability Support Program, along with a further top-up to those with the lowest social assistance rates, singles without children, of \$25 per month. Families with children who are receiving social assistance and child support payments will see reductions in claw backs through changes to social assistance rules.

The Local Poverty Reduction Fund will see a total of \$10 million over the course of 2016-17 for projects related to homelessness.

The government will invest a total of \$178 million over three years to provide housing subsidies and benefits to additional households, including support for the construction of up to 1,500 new supportive housing units over the long run.

The budget reiterated the government's commitment to transforming child care and early learning identifying efforts to date on legislative and regulatory changes as well as the recently introduced Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres.

The Province is continuing to move forward with its Special Needs Strategy investing \$17.8 million over the next three years to support: enhanced complex special needs services transition and integrated delivery of rehabilitation services by hiring 68 more service planning coordinators; and establishing up to seven more Regional Service Resolution Agencies to review and allocate funding for children with multiple complex special needs.

## 2016 Federal Budget

The 2016 Federal Budget proposes to invest just under \$1.5 billion over two years, starting in 2016-17 in affordable housing. This includes \$739 million for First Nations, Inuit and northern housing.

The government committed \$3.4 billion over five years for Phase One for social infrastructure, including affordable housing, early learning and child care, cultural and recreational infrastructure, and community health centers on reserve. The government has indicated that it will be consulting stakeholders on where the investments should be made.

The funds will primarily flow through the Investment in Affordable Housing program, with a specific amount of \$200.7 million over two years starting this year allocated for seniors' affordable housing. **The funds for seniors' housing will not be required to be cost-matched by the provincial government.** In addition, the government will be consulting over the next year to develop a much anticipated National Housing Strategy.

Through its commitment to social infrastructure the budget proposes to invest \$500 million in 2017-18 to support the establishment of a National Framework on Early Learning and Child Care.

The largest investment is the Canada Child Tax Benefit that will see families receive approximately \$23 billion in payments during the 2016-17 benefit year. Combining the National Child Benefit, the Canada Child Tax Benefit and the Universal Child Tax Benefit the Child Care Benefit promises to provide a maximum annual benefit of up to \$6,400 per child under the age of 6 and up to \$5,400 per child for those aged 6 through 17. Families with less than \$30,000 in net income will receive the maximum benefit and the benefit will be phased out for families earning over \$150,000.

## 8.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the Board through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Ontario Transforming Housing and Homelessness System.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ted McMeekin, released the government's update to its [Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy](#).

The updated strategy includes legislative and policy measures supported by new funding and reflecting recommendations from OMSSA and its members on creating a more streamlined and efficient system that makes sense for people seeking affordable housing. Informed by feedback from key stakeholders including clients, developers, municipalities and advocates the new strategy commits to providing CMSMs and DSSABs with flexibility to meet local needs.

The province intends to create a framework for a portable housing benefit that would give people who receive housing assistance the flexibility to choose where they want to live. Further, the province will invest more than \$17 million over three years to provide a portable housing benefit on a pilot basis to eventually support up to 3,000 survivors of domestic violence.

Proposing legislation for inclusionary zoning that would enable municipalities to mandate the inclusion of affordable housing units in new development projects.

Developing a Supportive Housing Policy Framework to improve client outcomes, and providing more than \$100 million in funding over the next three years for new supportive housing to improve access for up to 4,000 families and individuals to services like counselling, dispensing medication, and life skills, as well as support the construction of up to 1,500 new supportive housing units over the long term.

Providing an additional \$45 million over three years to the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative.

Developing an Indigenous Housing Strategy in partnership with Indigenous communities.

The province plans to work with partners to introduce policy, legislative, and regulatory changes to streamline and simplify rent-g geared-to-income(RGI) calculations and administration, support vibrant mixed income communities and encourage a healthy mix of RGI and market rent tenants, recognize new and innovative forms of municipal housing assistance, increase local flexibility to manage housing assets and meet local need and develop a voluntary accreditation system that encourages sector sustainability and high quality tenant services

### **8.3 DSB Staff Support M'Chigeeng Go-Live with SAMS**

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, informed the Board the of assistance the DSB staff has given M'Chigeeng in regards to their go live with SAMS.

M'Chigeeng is located on Manitoulin Island and is the first, First Nations community to go-live with SAMS.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB staff provided on-site support beginning the first week of March with data conversion as all of their 130 cases needed to be input into SAMS manually.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is also providing on-site support in April to continue providing support in the areas of every day case management.

#### **8.4 Espanola Council Meeting**

Fern Dominelli, CAO, gave the Board an update on a council meeting he attended in Espanola.

The CAO, Connie Morphet, Finance Director and Mike MacIsaac, Chief of Paramedic Services presented to Espanola Council on March 22, 2016. The town raised a concern that the DSB gross budget had increased by 26.28% from 2012 to 2016. Connie Morphet explained the DSB budget and that many of the gross budget increases were actually 100% provincially funded and did not result in any municipal tax increases. The actual municipal increase from 2012 to 2016 was 6.67%. The presentation was well received by Espanola Council.

#### **8.5 Ontario Clean Water Agency**

Laurier Falldien, Mayor of Nairn-Hyman, addressed the board in regards to the Ontario Clean Water Agency. With concern over water rates, Mayor Falldien proposed a joint effort in Request for Proposals with Espanola and other municipalities. Some water testing agencies won't come to this area unless they have enough municipalities/agencies interested. Espanola suggests sitting together and going over needs of each municipality. It was suggested that a request for expression of interest may be helpful to see if there is any interest by other agencies outside of the Ontario Clean Water Agency. There was no direction to DSB staff on this item and municipalities would continue to discuss possible options.

#### **8.6 NE-LHIN Expert Panel**

Fern Dominelli, CAO, walked the Board through the NE-LHIN's media release calling for experts to join a regional panel to develop a Northeastern Ontario Housing Strategy.

A new Northeastern Ontario expert panel brought together by the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE-LHIN) will focus on the housing and support needs of the frail elderly, the homeless and at-risk populations, as well as people with mental illness and addiction issues.

The NE-LHIN Expert Panel on Housing will be representative of Northerners, including Francophone and First Nations populations, and the region's urban and rural geography.

The NE-LHIN has engaged Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) to assist in the development of a strategy that focuses on innovative housing and health models for Northeastern Ontario.

The strategy will include an inventory of supportive housing projects across the region, compile and analyze surveys which identify perceived barriers and opportunities, and gather best practices.

The strategy will also examine the supports needs for vulnerable populations living in the region looking at capacity and any gaps.

The NE-LHIN Board will receive this strategy in the fall of 2016, using it as a blueprint for future investments and partnerships to better meet the health and wellness needs of Northerners.

## **8.7 Employment Ontario**

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, gave the Board a brief verbal update on Youth Job Connection (YJC).

Funded by MTCU, the YJC Program is a youth employment program that was launched in October 2015. The program serves youth aged 15 to 29 who experience multiple and/or complex barriers to employment by providing more intensive supports beyond traditional job search and placement opportunities.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is the service delivery agent for this program in the Sudbury North area while Cambrian College delivers the program in LaCloche and Manitoulin areas. Collège Boréal delivers the program in the Sudbury East area.

The DSB Chair and CAO met with the Minister of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and University, Reza Moridi since the inception of the YJC program as the DSB wants to ensure that the YJC – which is replacing the Jobs for Youth program is well established in the DSB's jurisdiction.

The Minister assured the DSB delegation that there should be some positive news in the near future. The Minister and his staff also informed that targets and funding could be moved from the year-round component to the summer component of YJC based on local priorities.

In February, the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB received an additional \$97,400 in YJC funding, increasing the year round component target from 9 to 20 and increasing the summer component target from 3 to 11.

The service providers for LaCloche, Manitoulin (Cambrian College) and Sudbury East (Collège Boréal) have not received additional funding.

We have formally requested that the targets and funding provided by Employment Ontario to Cambrian College & Collège Boréal for our jurisdiction be shared with the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board.



## 8.8 Ministry of Education – Early Years Division

Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services, gave the Board an update on the third step of the transformation of early years' programs in Ontario.

On [February 22, 2016](#), Premier Wynne introduced the Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFCs), the Premier along with the Minister of Education, Liz Sandals, committed to providing families and children with an integrated and coordinated system of services in communities where they live through the establishment of new centres.

Currently, the Province funds four programs that offer a variety of services:

- Ontario Early Years Centres
- Parenting and Family Literacy Centres
- Child Care Resource Centres
- Better Beginnings, Better Futures

Families and children do not benefit from the opportunity to access these services at the same location. Now, these four programs will be transformed and combined into one suite of integrated services offered at OEYCFC's and as part of Ontario's early years' modernization plan.

Moving to the integrated system offered through the new OEYCFCs is intended to provide families and children across Ontario with a core and standardized system of services. However, local flexibility and responsiveness will also come into play with the establishment of the new centres.

Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSM) and District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) have been recognized as the service system managers for the OEYCFC's.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB will be required to manage the delivery of a suite of core OEYCFC services and will have the flexibility to determine how these core services are delivered through local service system management. Planning and engagement between DSBs, school boards and other community partners in the planning of OEYCFC services and sites will be essential to supporting the development and delivery of programs that are responsive to the needs of the community.

The government is committed to maintaining its current investment in child and family programs and will develop a new transparent and responsive funding approach to redistribute funding to CMSM/DSSAB's by 2018.

**9.0 Other Business**

Donna Moroso informed the Board of the newest member of the DSB team, Ontario Works Supervisor, Renée Brunet.

**10.0 Next Meeting – April 28, 2015**

**11.0 Adjournment**

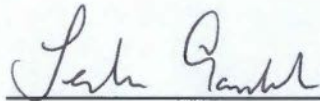
**Resolution 16-26**

**Moved by:** Bruce Killah

**Seconded by:** Jim Rook

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 April 28, 2016.

**Carried**



Chair



CAO (Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Corporation)