



**Resolution 19-28****Moved by:** Richard Malette**Seconded by:** Vern Gorham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:45 a.m.

**Carried****5.0 Business Arising from Closed Session**

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

**6.0 Adoption of Minutes****Resolution No. 19-29****Moved by:** David Ham**Seconded by:** David SantiBE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the [February 28, 2019](#) Board meeting be approved.**Carried****7.0 New Business****7.1 New Horizon's Senior Grant**

Upon review of the eligibility requirements, the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB decided to apply for the grant to convert the Public Washrooms at 70 Barber Street, Espanola. The project will take the 2 current public washrooms and modify to one fully accessible Public Washroom that is within current AODA specifications.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB received [confirmation](#) on February 1<sup>st</sup> of full grant funding of \$25,000 for this project and the funds have been received. We are moving forth with meeting with the Engineer and preparing the tender for the work to commence this Spring.

**7.2 TWOMO Election Expenses**

In 2018, a base funding of up to \$22,000 per DSSAB and 1 TWOMO Area, plus \$2,000 for each additional TWOMO Area within a DSSAB, will be allocated to cover the costs of administering the TWOMO elections and will be flowed as part of Ontario Works cost of administration for TWOMOs.

We were entitled to \$26,000 under the TWOMO election guide. The DSB had expenditures of \$26,894.70 for the TWOMO Elections. In a [letter](#) dated March 26, 2019, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services reimbursed the DSB \$26,8954

### 7.3 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

On April 17, 2019, the DSB Board Chair received a [letter](#) from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that they will support critical continued housing investments and leverage federal funding under the National Housing Strategy through new provincial investments.

The Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario program has successfully help communities to build affordable rental housing, make home ownership attainable for low-income Ontarians and offer funding for much needed repairs. For the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, this means an allocation of \$186,000 for 2019-20, which is the same amount as the last fiscal year. This program ends after this year's fiscal year.

The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative provides support to communities across Ontario in efforts to prevent and address homelessness. Despite the significant fiscal challenges this government faces, the DSB's funding allocation for 2019-20 remains the same as the last fiscal year, receiving \$619,268. The next 2 fiscal years following, the allocation will increase to \$766,183 for both years.

Two new programs have been launched in 2019-20 to support the [Community Housing Renewal Strategy](#), leveraging federal investments under the bilateral agreement between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The first new program called the **Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI)** will provide funding to replace the federal Social Housing Agreement funding that expires each year, beginning 2019-20. This funding can be used to repair, regenerate and expand community housing and to protect affordability support for tenants. It can be used to support community housing providers whose original program arrangements are expiring and help them become more sustainable. The funding allocation for the DSB is \$31,587 for 2019-20, \$75,240 for 2020-21 and \$203,673 for 2021-22 fiscal years.

The second new program is **Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI)**. It provides flexible funding to all 47 Service System Managers to address local priorities in the areas of housing supply and affordability, including new affordable rental construction, community housing repair, rental assistance, tenant supports and affordable homeownership. The DSB will be receiving \$282,500 in funding for 2019-20, \$146,400 in funding for 2020-21 and \$227,800 in 2021-22.

On April 3, 2019 the DSB was informed that the province was providing an extension to December 31, 2019 for the completion the [Five-Year Review of Housing and Homelessness Plans](#).

## 7.4 Ministry of Education

On April 18<sup>th</sup> the Child Care and Early Years Allocations were shared with the DSB. Our child care in 2018 was \$6,424,565 and the Ministry has confirmed that our [2019 Allocation](#) will be \$6,387,491.00 a reduction of \$36,974.00, this is mainly due to a reduction in Wage Enhancement Grant Administration funding and the cancellation of Fee Stabilization funding.

The government is developing a new plan for child care in Ontario that is intended to make life easier for families by:

1. Reducing red tape and administrative burden
2. Making child care more affordable
3. Increasing choice and availability for families, and
4. Improving quality and delivering high standards of care

On April 3, 2019, Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2019, received Royal Assent. Bill 66 includes four [legislative amendments to the Child Care and Early Years Act and the Education Act](#).

AMO provided a [submission](#) to the Ministry of Education, highlighting their willingness to work with the Province to expand access to more affordable, high quality and safe licenced child care. The recommendations in their submission are based on the analysis and advice provided by OMSSA

In January 2019, OMSSA hosted a summit of senior children's services leaders. The purpose of the summit was to identify priorities and positions and to bring forward relevant technical recommendations to assist with the development and implementation of the Province's new child care plan. OMSSA provide the Minister with a written [submission](#) as well as an [Executive Summary](#) of their recommendations.

## 7.5 [Federal Budget](#)

The CAO reviewed the highlights of the Federal Budget as outlined in the [AMO Communication](#) and the [OMSSA budget report](#). Vic Fedeli, Minister of Finance provided a [Statement on the Federal Budget](#).

## 7.6 [2019 Provincial Budget](#)

The CAO reviewed the Ontario governments [News Release](#) on the Provincial Budget as well as the summaries provided in the [AMO Communication](#) and the [OMSSA Summary](#). As well AMO provided a [deeper look](#) into the 2019 provincial budget.

**7.7 Non-Profit Housing Operating Agreements**

**Resolution 19-30**

**Moved by:** Richard Stephens

**Seconded by:** Arthur Hayden

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has reviewed the Non-Profit Housing Operating Agreements - Issue Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Non-Profit Housing Operating Agreements - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

**Carried**

**7.8 Social Housing Investment**

**Resolution 19-31**

**Moved by:** Michael Levesque

**Seconded by:** Jim Rook

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the Social Housing Investment - Issue Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Social Housing Investment - Issue Report](#) and open a Social Housing Investment Funds account with the principal distributor of such funds, Worldsource Financial Management Inc. (WFM) and in furtherance thereof that the Corporation execute and become a party to the Social Housing Investment Funds account agreement: and that any of the directors, and/or officers of the Corporation specified below be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any two of the following signing officers,

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| Board Member                         | Les Gamble     |
| Board Member                         | Vern Gorham    |
| Board Member                         | Jill Beer      |
| Chief Administrative Officer         | Fern Dominelli |
| Director of Finance & Administration | Connie Morphet |

has, and hereby given, full power and authority to deal with and make decisions in regard to the Corporations portfolio and WFM, in its capacity as principal distributor of the Social Housing Investment Funds, shall be fully entitled to rely upon this authority without the need to make further inquiries of the Corporation and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the secretary of the corporation shall inform the WFM of all change of person holding the office(s) listed in Section 2 above.

**Carried**

**7.9 Ontario Health Teams**

The province has announced the creation Ontario Health Teams and one of the in-scope services at maturity is other social and community services and other services, as needed by the population.

Currently within the DSB catchment area there are several groups considering the formation of an Ontario Health Team. At this point none of the groups have established clear geographic boundaries or the populations they intent to serve.

The DSB needs to be involved in the Ontario Health Team as an agency that provides social and community services as well as Paramedic Services and a Non-Urgent Patient Transfer system.

At this point it is unknown as to how many Ontario Health Teams will be formed within our DSB catchment area, staff will keep the Board updated as details become available.

**9.0 Other Business**

**10.0 Next Meeting – May 23, 2019**

**11.0 Adjournment**

**Resolution 19-32**

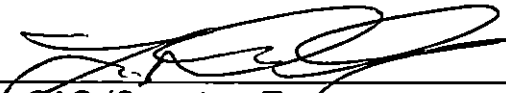
**Moved by:** Ned Whynott

**Seconded by:** David Santi

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:40 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held, in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on May 23, 2019.

**Carried**

  
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Chair

  
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CAO (Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Corporation)