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## Draft Minutes of the January 23, 2020 MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING

held in Espanola's 210 Mead Blvd. DSB Boardroom

- **Present**: Jill Beer, Les Gamble, Vern Gorham, Arthur Hayden, Michael Levesque, Paul Schoppmann, Jim Rook, David Santi, Richard Stephens, Maureen Van Alstine, Ned Whynott
- **Regrets:** David Leonard, Bruce Killah, David Ham
- **Staff :** Fern Dominelli, Connie Morphet, Donna Stewart, Melody Ouellette, Robert Smith, Paul Myre
- Media: Alicia McCutcheon

### 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. 20-01 Moved by: Paul Schoppmann

Seconded by: Jim Rook

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 2020 Board Elections

#### 4.1 Chair Nominations & Election

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

Fern asked for nominations for the Chair. Les Gamble was nominated by Ned Whynott. There were no other nominations. Les accepted the nomination with thanks to his nominator.

# RESOLUTION 20-02

Moved by: Ned Whynott

Seconded by: Jim Rook

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 2020.

## Carried

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

Les Gamble, Chair, discussed Board composition. Members at the table did not see any reason to change the current composition. The current Terms of Reference dictate reviewing the composition every 10 years, since a review is not deemed necessary the Terms of Reference will be revised accordingly.

### Resolution 20-03

Moved by: Paul Schoppmann

Seconded by: Ned Whynott

Seconded by: David Santi

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the <u>Terms of Reference</u> for the Ad Hoc Board Representation Committee which states that an ad hoc committee be formed every 10 years to review the DSB Board representation model and the next review would occur in 2022.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board has come to the agreement that a review of Board Representation is not required, and the <u>Terms of Reference</u> for the Ad Hoc Board Representation Committee be revised accordingly.

#### Carried

## 4.2 Vice-Chair Nominations & Election

Les Gamble, Board Chair, called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Bruce Killah was nominated by Jim Rook. There were no other nominations. Bruce Killah sent his regrets for today's meeting but had informed the Board in writing prior to the meeting that if nominated he would accept.

## Resolution 20-04

Moved by: Jim Rook

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bruce Killah is hereby proclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board for the year 2020.

Carried

## 5.0 DSB Committees & Membership

Fern Dominelli (CAO) proceeded to go through the list of Committees asking for volunteers to serve on each. Members for 5 committees were selected; the remaining committees will be set up as needed. The results are:

- **5.1 Program Planning Committee (max 5)**: Bruce Killah, Jill Beer, Ned Whynott, Jim Rook, Vern Gorham and Les Gamble (ex officio)
- **5.2 Human Resources Committee (max. 5)**: Vern Gorham, David Santi, Arthur Hayden, Bruce Killah, Maureen Van Alstine, Les Gamble (ex officio)
- **5.3 Property Committee (max. 5)**: Maureen Van Alstine, David Santi, Bruce Killah, Ned Whynott, Vern Gorham, Les Gamble (ex officio)
- **5.4** Finance Committee (max. 6): Maureen Van Alstine, Mike Levesque, Vern Gorham, Richard Stephens, Ned Whynott, Paul Schoppmann, Les Gamble (ex officio)
- **5.5** Strategic Planning Committee (max. 4): Membership to be established when required
- **5.6 Emergency Planning Committee (max. 5)**: Membership to be established when required
- **5.7** French Language Services Committee (max. 3): Membership to be established when required
- **5.8** Ad-hoc Board Representation Committee (max.6) Membership to be established when required

#### 6.0 Closed Session

Resolution 20-05 Moved by: Vern Gorham

Seconded by: Arthur Hayden

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:20 a.m.

Carried

Resolution 20-06 Moved by: Jill Beer

Seconded by: Maureen Van Alstine

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:40 a.m.

#### Carried

## 7.0 Business Arising from Closed Session

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

## 8.0 Adoption of Minutes

## Resolution No. 20-07

Moved by: Mike Levesque

Seconded by: Jill Beer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the November 28, 2019 Board meeting be approved.

Carried

## 9.0 New Business

# 9.1 DSB Signing Authority

Current board members who have signing authority will stand as per <u>Resolution</u> <u>19-08</u>, until a change is required.

# 9.2 2020 Apportionment

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance and Administration walked the Board through the 2020 Apportionment.

In 2004, the Board obtained double majority vote to include power dam revenues in the apportionment formula.

The power dam apportionment began in 2005 with a <u>Resolution 04-110</u> carried at the October 28, 2004 Board meeting.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB power dam apportionment allocation is based on the apportionment that would have been paid in 2001 if the power dam had not been removed from taxable assessment. When the power dam grant, received by a municipality, increases, the apportionment allocation increases proportionally.

The 2020 apportionment will show the power dam separate from the rest of the apportionment calculation and it will not be broken up by department.

# 9.3 Municipality of Killarney

Fern Dominelli, CAO, walked the Board through a resolution received from Killarney regarding the closures, mergers and cuts to local health care services including Public Health units, land ambulance services, hospitals and long-term care homes.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB supports the Municipality of Killarney resolution and calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health units, paramedic services, hospitals and long-term care homes.

The following resolution will be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, AMO, FONOM, Public Health Sudbury & Districts and all local MPP's.

#### Resolution 20-08 Moved by: Jim Rook

Seconded by: Paul Schoppmann

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB supports <u>Resolution 19-374</u> passed by the Municipality of Killarney at their November 26, 2019 meeting regarding Local Health Care Services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, Paramedic Services, hospitals and long-term care homes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, AMO, FONOM, Public Health Sudbury & Districts and all local MPP's.

#### Carried

#### 9.4 Ontario Auditor General Report

Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the Board through the <u>Ontario Auditor General Report on the Ontario Disability Support Program</u>.

The Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) is a social assistance program under the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services created to meet the unique needs of people with disabilities. The program provides income support, including health and other benefits, for Ontarians with disabilities who are in financial need.

An employment-support program is also available to ODSP recipients to help them prepare for, obtain, or maintain a job so that they can live as independently as possible.

In 2018/19, the Ministry provided ODSP income support to more than 510,000 individuals comprising recipients and their qualifying family members.

Since their last audit of ODSP in 2009, the cost of the program has increased by approximately 75% from \$3.1 billion to approximately \$5.4 billion in 2018/19. A significant contributing factor to the program's rising cost is the increase in the number of individuals and families receiving ODSP.

Overall, their audit found that the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services systems and processes are not effective to ensure that only eligible applicants qualify for the program and receive income support. In addition, the Ministry lacks processes to review recipients' continued eligibility for the program. The financial eligibility of most recipients is not periodically reassessed to determine whether recipients continue to be eligible for ODSP benefits, which can lead to overpayments.

Their audit also concluded that the Ministry does not have effective processes and systems in place to measure, evaluate and publicly report on the effectiveness of the Ontario Disability Support Program.

## 9.5 Direct Shelter Subsidy

Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services, updated the Board on discussions regarding the Canada-Ontario Portable Housing Benefit and the DSB's Direct Shelter Subsidy Program with Carol Hughes and the request of assistance to bring the matter forward to the Ministry.

At the last board meeting in November, the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB staff recommended to the Board that the province allow local flexibility as they negotiate the creation of a Canada-Ontario Portable Housing Benefit as one size doesn't not fit all in Northern, Remote and/or Rural Ontario.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB's Direct Shelter Subsidy program has proven itself in helping clients become self-sufficient, resulting in significant annual social assistance savings the Province.

<u>Resolution #19-86</u> was passed by the Board that the Board Chair and the CAO meet with all three Federal Members of Parliament discuss this issue. After the board meeting, the Board Chair, the CAO and the Director of Integrated Social Services met with Carol Hughes, Federal Member of Parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing to discuss this issue.

After that meeting, a <u>letter</u> was provided to Carol Hughes and Michael Mantha who is the MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin requesting their assistance in assuring that the Minister is briefed on our concerns regarding the province's Portable Housing Benefit model as opposed to the Direct Shelter Subsidy Program that the DSB is currently administering.

On December 3, 2019, staff received a copy of the <u>letter</u> that Carol Hughes wrote to the Honourable Ahmed Hussen from the Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development asking for the opportunity to discuss this issue further.

She advised in this letter that we ask that he consider our recommendations as it relates to the negotiations surrounding the Portable Housing Benefit program and the wish to ensure that this flexibility be stipulated within the framework of the program so that we can meet the housing need in our communities.

On December 11, 2019, staff received a copy of the <u>letter</u> that Michael Mantha Federal Member of Parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin wrote to the Honourable Jill Dunlop from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

He clearly states in his letter that there is a great need for the Direct Shelter Subsidy program in our Northern communities. His letter was very supportive in nature and hopes that the Minister will carefully review and consider all of the information that was enclosed with his letter before making any decisions.

### Workers Safety and Insurance Board

### 9.6 New Rate Structure

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance and Administration walked the Board through the WSIB New Rate Structure.

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB received two letters, regarding the New WSIB Rate structure, since the last Board meeting.

The <u>letter</u> dated November 26, 2019 is in response to emails sent by staff requesting that the DSB's rate classifications be separated. The letter indicates the rules applied to Rate Structures:

• For any non-supply of labour business activity, a single rate will be assigned. For multiple non-supply of labour business activities, a predominant class will be assigned (unless you meet the criteria for multi-rating - see Single and Multiple Premium Rates policy# 14-01:-07).

The WSIB website <u>www.wsib.on.ca</u> defines Multiple Premium Rates as follows:

An employer may have the classification codes assigned separate premium rates, provided the business activity in a classification is significant **and** is considered **not** integrated with the employer's other operations.

The business activity is significant if it meets one of the following conditions:

- 1. generates an annual insurable earnings of at least five times the maximum insurable earnings ceiling for the premium year, or
- 2. generates at least 20% of the employer's total annual insurable earnings.

The business activity is considered integrated with the employer's other operations and not eligible for a separate premium rate, if the business activity meets any of the following criteria:

- 1. A substantial share of either staff, supplies, equipment, or processes of one business activity are combined with those of another business activity.
- 2. The product or service of the business activity is primarily offered to external, unaffiliated clients together with the product or service of the employer's other operations.

A <u>letter</u> received from WSIB on December 10, 2019 is a follow up of a phone conversation requesting details for DSB's transition from our 2019 classification to the new rate framework.

The table in the letter shows the classifications, the old and new premium rates, and the number of employees involved in each of the classifications.

DSB is still appealing the classification of the two rate groups for 905 and 845 which have a total of 33 employees to be a separate classification from the Paramedic Service employees.

#### Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

#### 9.7 DSSAB Act Review

Fern Dominelli, CAO, walked the Board through the DSSAB Act Review report.

On December 20, 2019 we received a <u>memo</u> and the <u>MCCSS DSSAB Matter Final</u> <u>Report.</u>

Mr. Fleming's report notes that overall the system of governance within DSSABs is working well and that boards and municipalities can work together to respond to local needs and that any structural changes by the ministry could upset the collaborative system that exists now.

The ministry respects local decision-making and the ability of Boards and municipalities to resolve differences at the local level.

As such, with the conclusion of the consultation process and after careful review,

- the ministry will maintain the current governance and conflict resolution framework for DSSABs
- Allow the moratorium on cost apportionment to expire on January 1, 2020.

To further support the effective governance of DSSABs, work will continue with DSSAB's and partner ministries in 2020 to finalize the DSSAB Accountability and Governance guidelines and explore other opportunities to support transparency and accountability of the Boards and ensure they are supported and functioning well.

## 9.8 Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy

On December 16, 2019, we received a <u>letter</u> from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to let us know that the Ministry in collaboration with other ministries across government, is currently assessing the Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy and is launching consultations to inform the development of a new five-year strategy, in accordance with the Poverty Reduction Act, 2009.

Their government believes that the people of Ontario are the province's greatest asset, and when they succeed, our economy and province succeed. However, statistics show that one in seven Ontario residents live in poverty.

The Ministry's goal is to drive progress and identify solutions to reduce poverty. To inform their new Poverty Reduction Strategy, they will be asking Ontario residents how they can encourage job creation and connect people to employment; provide people with the right supports and services; and lower the cost of living and make life more affordable.

An online survey will be posted in January 2020 for a period of approximately 60 days. The Minister hopes that you will respond to the survey and encourage people with experience living in poverty to participate. Once the survey is received it will be forwarded to our 18 member municipalities.

They are also accepting written submissions and any recommendations for the next strategy as well as feedback on the previous Poverty Reduction Strategy, by email or by mail.

## 9.9 2020 OW Service Delivery Priorities

Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the Board through the 2020 Ontario Works Service Delivery Priorities.

On April 17, 2019, staff received a <u>memo</u> regarding the 2020 Ontario Works Program Delivery Funding Allocation. At that time, the ministry has identified service delivery priorities grouped within the four pillars as outlined in the memo. On January 10, 2020 staff received a <u>letter</u> from the Director of Social Assistance Service Delivery Branch, Patti Redmond indicating that there are now seven service delivery operational expectations identified in Pillar 3 as outlined in the letter.

## Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

## 9.10 2020-2021 Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Allocation

Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services, walked the Board through the 2020-2021 Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Allocation.

On December 20, 2019, our Board Chair received a <u>letter</u> from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark regarding the announcement of the details to launch the upcoming Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit program under the National Housing Strategy. This program will provide a portable housing benefit directly to Ontario households.

The program is set to begin in April 2020 however the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is lobbying to the government to allow us to deliver our own Direct Shelter Subsidy program rather than delivering this cookie cutter approach program.

The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit will be determined, calculated and payments will be managed by the Ministry of Finance.

The benefit calculation will be based on the difference between 80 per cent of average market rent and 30 per cent of monthly income. Unfortunately, this program only considers the rent component of someone's shelter expenses whereas the DSB takes into account all shelter expenses. Also the average market rent for the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB (which was determined by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) for this program is much lower than our current average market rent.

The program will provide up to the following amounts to assist households approved in the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board's service area for the first two fiscal years:

- o **2020-21: \$70,534**
- o **2021-22: \$92,420**

During a conference call regarding this program, it was asked if the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB could directly deliver which was denied. Funding for existing households who were approved from our service area in previous fiscal years and who remain eligible for payments will be administered by the province.

To help offset administration costs, we could claim administration cost reimbursement at the rate of \$250 per approved household, up to 5 per cent of our annual planning allocation. This is not acceptable as the administrative work will cost more than that.

Additional details on the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit, including program guidelines and application forms are going to be sent to us soon.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB staff will remain hopeful in that we can continue to implement our current Direct Shelter Subsidy Program and not administer this cookie cutter, one size fits all program by the Province. The support from MP Carol Hughes and MPP Michael Mantha is appreciated as we continue to lobby to keep doing what we have been doing for the betterment of the communities we serve.

### Ministry of Health

## 9.11 Public Health and Emergency Health Services Consultation

Rob Smith, Chief of Paramedic Services, walked the Board through the Modernization of Public Health and Emergency Services Discussion Papers and the Modernization of Emergency Health Services and Public Health – Issue Report.

As we have shared previously with this Board, the Provincial Government continues their review of both Emergency Health Services (EHS) and Public Health Ontario, with a focus on modernization.

Originally, the Premier announced the collapsing of systems, but they are now moving to a system of consultation with stakeholders, that has been described as a "Full Reset".

We have been informed that the concept of 10 services across the Province is no longer their direction, while status quo is also not an option.

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB staff have been able to engage with the Ministry of Health during this consultation process.

In April of last year, Premier Ford announced that the 35 Public Health Units would be collapsed into 10 larger units by April of 2020, and that consolidation of the 59 Paramedic Services would also happen. Obviously, this position resulted in significant distress with municipalities, employees and agency partners. Following much discussion, and 6 months of relative silence, the Minister of Health appointed Jim Pine as the Special Advisor, tasked with preparing a modernization plan for both Public Health and Emergency Health Services.

Soon after the Minister's announcement, 2 Discussion Papers were released, one for <u>Emergency Health Services</u> and one for <u>Public Health</u>. Last fall, the Ministry also announced 14 consultation sessions to be held over the winter months. These started in Thunder Bay and have continued since.

On January 13th and 14th a session was held in North Bay, and was attended by our Board Chair, the CAO and Chief Smith. The two-day session focused, on EHS, Public Health, and municipal considerations. A session also took place at ROMA earlier this week, and a further session is scheduled for the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The CAO and Chief Smith will attend that session. Chief Smith was also invited to a further session for Paramedic Chiefs who are responsible for First Nations services. It is apparent that we are getting access to the decision makers through this consultation period.

Manitoulin-Sudbury concerns have been and continue to be communicated during consolidation sessions. Specifically, DSB representatives shared our concerns related to non-urgent interfacility transfers, paramedic resource degradation resulting from regionalized health modeling, challenges with access to air ambulance resources, lack of funding equality for Northern Ontario Paramedic systems, and lack of support for Community Paramedicine.

With respect to Public Health modernization, DSB representatives have raised concern regarding system conflicts surrounding the Ministry's desire for a more collaborative relationship with social service delivery agencies. Factually, unlike UTMs and municipalities who deliver such services, and who can collaborate as partners in Public Health, DSBs have no representation with Public Health Units.

There are proven and documented inequities in the social determinants of health for rural Ontario residents. Northern Ontario has a higher percentage of elderly citizens and Paramedic Services 911 volumes continue to increase.

Paramedic Services in Northern Ontario are challenged by geography, by population density and lack of immediate access to health care facilities. These factors continue to drive service delivery costs disproportionately.

DSB staff have informed the Ministry during consultations that the funding formula for land ambulance services in Northern Ontario must be considered with northern and remote Ontario factors in mind.

The Provincial Government has committed to introducing a program focused on modernization of both EHS and Public Health. A special advisor is in place and the Ministry of Health has committed to stakeholder consultation.

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB staff propose the following:

- Provincial funding of Paramedic Services should include factors related to rural and Northern Ontario,
- Implementation of a program to mitigate the impact of regionalized health care on interfacility transfers,
- Appropriate Provincial funding of Community Paramedicine programs.
- DSBs, as the delivery agent for Social Services, have formal standing with the Boards of Health.

### Resolution 20-09

Moved by: Arthur Hayden

Seconded by: Vern Gorham

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has reviewed the Modernization of Emergency Health Services and Public Health - Issue Report and is recommending approval of this report to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the <u>Modernization of Emergency Health Services and Public Health - Issue Report</u> and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report be shared with the Ministry of Health Special Advisor on the Modernization of Emergency Health Services and Public Health.

## Carried

## **ROMA Delegations**

Board chair Les Gamble, CAO Fern Dominelli and Director of Integrated Social Services Donna Stewart had delegations at the ROMA conference with various Ministries.

9.12 Minister of Monte McNaughton – Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

The following items were discussed:

Employment Ontario Funding Reductions

1. Restore the funding for 2019-20 to allow the Service System Manager to achieve their targets.

2. Allow flexibility to change the targets in the business plan so that MLTSD doesn't dictate the target and that other targets are not a reflection of the province's baseline.

3. Give credit for the file closure in the year that the file closes.

Youth Job Connection – Summer requesting permanent annualized funding increase

1. MLTSD support the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB with permanent Youth Job Connection Summer based on previous targets and expenses.

New WSIB Rate Structure – All office staff being treated the same as Paramedics

2. MLTSD support Northern Ontario and specifically small Northern DSSAB's including the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB by allowing 2 separate rate groups, one for Paramedics and one for office staff

Minister Steve Clark – Municipal Affairs and Housing

Canada-Ontario Portable Housing Benefit

Allow local flexibility in order to allow the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board to keep the current Direct Shelter Subsidy Program. A one size does not fit all, and we have proven that our local Direct Shelter Subsidy program works in getting clients off social assistance, creates financial independence and saves all tax payors money.

We understand the Portable Housing Benefit may work in other parts of Ontario, specifically large urban centres but what we are looking for is local flexibility to deliver the program in a way that makes sense for the communities we serve.

## Capital Funding

Provide the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB with enough funding to build new affordable housing in the communities that have been identified. We have not built anything in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB in 20 years as the funding has not been sufficient.

Parliamentary Assistant Stephen Crawford - Ministry of Infrastructure

District Services Board being able to borrow from Infrastructure Ontario

Allow the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board to be eligible for the Infrastructure Ontario Loan Program.

Partnering with Infrastructure Ontario for Infrastructure, Capital and Maintenance of Community Housing & DSB owned properties

Allow the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board to partner with Infrastructure Ontario for Infrastructure, Capital and Maintenance of Community Housing and other Board owned properties.

Infrastructure Ontario to consider in their future property services procurement the requirement for their outsourced service provider proponents to consider DSSAB's and Municipalities for the delivery of front-line functions in Northern Ontario.

### **Ministry of Education**

### 9.13 Licensed Child Care During a Labour Disruption

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, staff were copied on a <u>memo</u> sent to licensed child care providers. The memo highlights MEDU's commitment to ensuring children are in safe and healthy environments during education sector labour negotiations.

Escalating job action could require parents to make alternative arrangements for their kindergarten and school-age children as full day child care centres located in schools may also be impacted. The ministry is taking specific actions to support parents and licensed child care operators in the event of labour disruptions impacting schools as outlined in the memo.

#### Support for Parents

The Minister of Education announced that the government is launching <u>Support</u> <u>for Parents</u>, an initiative that will provide financial support to parents of eligible children for each day of school that is missed on account of the labour disruption.

Parents with children attending school-based child care centres that are closed on account of the labour disruption will also be able to receive support.

More details about this financial support can be found on the ministry's website or by calling the Support for Parents Helpline. We have been asked to direct parents to the MEDU website to <u>apply for financial support</u> or parents' helpline at 1-888-444-3770 if they have questions.

- **10.0** Other Business
- 11.0 Next Meeting February 27, 2020
- 12.0 Adjournment

Resolution 20-10 Moved by: Jill Beer

Seconded by: Maureen Van Alstine

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 12:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting to be held, in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on February 27, 2020.

Carried

Chair

CAO (Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation)