



DNSSAB BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Date: November 27, 2024, 12:00 p.m.
Location: DNSSAB Boardroom
200 McIntyre Street East, North Bay, ON, P1B 8V6

Members Present: Chair Mark King
Vice Chair Lana Mitchell
Amanda Smith
Chris Mayne
Dan O'Mara
Ethel LaValley
Jamie Restoule
Justine Mallah
Maggie Horsfield
Mélanie Chenier
Peter Chirico
Terry Kelly

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-101

Moved by: Chris Mayne

Seconded by: Justine Mallah

THAT the Board of Directors accepts the Roll Call as read by the Recording Secretary for the DNSSAB Board Meeting of **27-November-2024 at 12:06 PM.**

CARRIED

1.1 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts declared.

2. Opening Remarks by the Chair

The Chair began with the Land Acknowledgement and welcomed the new Communications & Executive Coordinator.

He announced the full 24/7 opening of the temporary Cold Weather Housing Response Program at Northern Pines and highlighted positive developments in DNSSAB's funding, including increased Reaching Home base funding from Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada.

Additionally, he noted a lighter agenda for today's meeting, featuring reports from Paramedic Services on its deployment plan and off-road response strategy, along with Housing Services' presentation on the Housing Needs and Supply Study action priorities and the Hart Hub application.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-102

Moved by: Maggie Horsfield

Seconded by: Jamie Restoule

THAT the DNSSAB Board accept the Agenda for the **27-NOV-2024** Board meeting.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-103

Moved by: Lana Mitchell

Seconded by: Dan O'Mara

THAT the DNSSAB Board adopt the minutes of the **23-OCT-2024** proceedings of the Community Services Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-104

Moved by: Amanda Smith

Seconded by: Ethel LaValley

THAT the DNSSAB Board adopt the minutes of the **23-OCT-2024** proceedings of the DNSSAB Board Meeting.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. CAO Verbal Update

CAO Melanie Shaye noted that it has been a busy month for DNSSAB. She updated the Board on the following items:

- The organization is awaiting news on the HART Hub application.
- Recent presentations were made at the Destination Northern Ontario tourism conference and the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce, focusing on housing and homelessness initiatives.
- A meeting was held with Chief of Paramedic Services Stephen Kirk and the Near North Palliative Care Network to explore partnership opportunities in palliative care.
- A tour of OutLOUD's community space with Director of Children's Services Lynn Demore Pitre led to discussions on cross-training opportunities.
- Staff attended the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association conference and the Alliance to End Homelessness Conference, bringing back valuable insights.
- Preparations for the upcoming budget draft are ongoing for presentation at the December Board meeting.

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-105

Moved by: Amanda Smith

Seconded by: Terry Kelly

THAT the DNSSAB Board accepts the CAO's Verbal Update as presented to the Board on **27-Nov-2024**.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-106

Moved by: Maggie Horsfield

Seconded by: Justine Mallah

THAT the DNSSAB Board receives for information, Consent Agenda items 7.1 and 7.2.

CARRIED

7.1 Shareholder Approval: Amendment to NDHC's By-Law #1

7.2 Cold Weather Response Update, HS-2024-038

The Manager of Housing Programs provided an update on the Cold Weather Housing Response Program (CWHRP) to the Board. The status of the program was recognized as temporary, but the Manager assured the Board that efforts are underway to identify a more permanent solution for the future.

The Board emphasized the importance of effective communication regarding the CWHRP's opening. The Manager explained that the Community Advisory Board (CAB) would advise on communication strategies, mentioning that existing mechanisms are in place, such as redirecting clients from the Low Barrier Shelter (LBS) to the CWHRP.

Discussions also covered transportation concerns for vulnerable residents outside North Bay. The Manager assured that Crisis Centre North Bay, operating from the CWHRP, could arrange transportation if needed. Additionally, it was positively noted that the CWHRP has increased its capacity by three beds compared to the LBS.

8. Managers' Reports

8.1 Paramedic Services Deployment Plan, PS-2024-010

Chief Stephen Kirk reviewed the Paramedic Services Deployment Plan, highlighting its status as a live document that adapts to changing needs. He noted significant revisions made to align with current ministry guidelines and address the increasing call volume for emergency services.

The Board positively acknowledged that the plan supports non-urgent transport protocols to prioritize urgent responses and incorporates strategies for managing multi-casualty incidents. They expressed their strong support for the continuous evaluation of operational trends and community needs to ensure that paramedic services remain responsive and effective throughout the district.

8.2 Off-Road Response - Land, PS-2024-011

Chief of Paramedic Services, Stephen Kirk, presented a report highlighting the urgent need for enhanced off-road emergency response capabilities in the District of Nipissing due to numerous accidents and medical emergencies in remote areas. The report emphasized the establishment of a centrally deployable ATV resource in North Bay to improve response times and address challenges related to current tiered response agreements and resource limitations. The DNSSAB Board Chair confirmed that this off-road service initiative has been communicated to the Minister of Health.

Board members expressed a preference for funding to come from DNSSAB rather than relying on fundraising efforts.

8.3 Housing and Homelessness Study Priorities, HS-2024-037

The Manager of Housing Programs presented a report on the Housing and Homelessness Study Priorities, stating that significant efforts are underway to find resources and piece together funding opportunities, as housing development remains a real challenge. He emphasized that this initiative is not just a plan for DNSSAB; collaboration with partners is crucial for successful implementation of the two studies approved in April 2024: the Housing Needs and Supply Study and the Homelessness System Review.

Board discussions underscored the need for ongoing monitoring of progress and developing a new 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan once direction is received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-107

Moved by: Peter Chirico

Seconded by: Jamie Restoule

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) approve the action item priorities for the Housing Needs and Supply Study and the Homelessness System Review and Feasibility Study.

CARRIED

8.4 HART Hub Application Update, HS-2024-039

The Manager of Housing Programs provided an update on the application for the Homelessness, Addiction, and Recovery Treatment Hub (HART Hub), which was submitted on October 18, 2024. While awaiting a response regarding the funding decision, discussions are ongoing with the City of North Bay to identify a potential location for the hub if the application is successful.

Mayor Peter Chirico expressed strong support for the HART Hub funding, stating that Northern Ontario needs these hubs in all large communities to effectively address the overflow of vulnerable populations from existing services.

9. Move In Camera

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-108

Moved by: Lana Mitchell

Seconded by: Chris Mayne

THAT the DNSSAB Board move in-camera on **27-November-2024** at **2:06 PM** to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

9.1 Item #1

9.2 Item #2

9.3 Item #3

9.4 Item #4

9.5 Back to Open Session

10. Adjourn In Camera

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-109

Moved by: Terry Kelly

Seconded by: Ethel LaValley

THAT the DNSSAB Board approve the action(s)/direction(s) discussed at the **27-November-2024** in camera session.

CARRIED

11. Other / New Business

There was no new business.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next DNSSAB Board Meeting is to be held on **18-December-2024**.

13. Adjournment

Resolution #: DNSSAB 2024-110

Moved by: Dan O'Mara

Seconded by: Jamie Restoule

THAT the DNSSAB Board Meeting of **27-November-2024** be adjourned at **2:58 PM**.

CARRIED

MARK KING

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

MELANIE SHAYE

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD