



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – October 27, 2021 **Directly following the Community Services Committee** **Virtually via Zoom**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Terry Kelly (East Ferris)

Councillor Mark King - Chair (North Bay)

Councillor Dave Mendicino (North Bay)

Mayor Dan O'Mara (Temagami)

Councillor Dan Roveda Vice Chair (West Nipissing)

Councillor Bill Vrebosch (North Bay)

Mayor Dean Backer (East Nipissing)

Representative Amanda Smith (Unincorporated)

Councillor Mac Bain – (North Bay)

Councillor Chris Mayne (North Bay)

Mayor Jane Dumas (South Algonquin)

Councillor Scott Robertson (North Bay)

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Catherine Matheson, CAO

Marianne Zadra, Executive Coordinator and Communications

Melanie Shaye, Director of Corporate Services

David Plumstead – Manager Planning, Outcomes & Analytics

Justin Avery, Manager of Finance

Stacey Cyopeck, Director, Housing Programs

Tracy Bethune, Manager, Housing Operations

Lynn Demore-Pitre, Director, Children's Services

Michelle Glabb, Director, Social Services and Employment

Tyler Venable, Community Projects Planner

Dawn Carlyle, Project Manager

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 2021-78

Moved by: Chris Mayne

Seconded by: Mac Bain

Resolved THAT the Board of Directors accept the Roll Call as read by the Recording Secretary for the Regular Board meeting of October 27, 2021 at 1:01 PM.

The regular Board Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Chair Mark King.

Carried.

1.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

2.0 CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed thanked everyone for attending.

He indicated he was looking forward to the delegation on the Homelessness Action Plan - a strategy to assist vulnerable people over the next 12 months- which follows the Homelessness Landscape Report, presented last month.

He updated the Board on the Point in Time Count and the By Name Registry surveys conducted two weeks ago at 58 locations across the district including North Bay, Mattawa, Sturgeon Falls, Temagami, Chisholm, and South Algonquin. More than 30 partner agencies and 75 volunteers were involved. He indicated an analysis of the aggregate survey data is underway and that the results should be ready to share in a few months. The Chair thanked all who participated.

He reminded members that the safety of staff and clients is important to remember when looking at the proposed new Workplace COVID Vaccination Protocol on the agenda.

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-79

Moved by: Dan Roveda

Seconded by: Dean Backer

Resolved THAT the Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Carried.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Resolution No. 2021-80-A

Moved by: Amanda Smith

Seconded by: Dan O'Mara

Resolved THAT the Board adopts the minutes of the proceedings of the Regular Board meeting of September 22, 2021.

Carried.

4.2 Resolution No. 2021-80-B

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch

Seconded by: Terry Kelly

Resolved THAT the Board adopt the minutes of the proceedings of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of September 22, 2021.

Carried.

5.0 DELEGATIONS

5.1 HS46-21 Action Plan for Homelessness

Resolution No. 2021-81

Moved by: Scott Robertson

Seconded by: Terry Kelly

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the report "Homelessness Action Plan in the Nipissing District" as described in HS46-21; and

THAT any financial implications for the Board associated with the respected actions in the Plan be brought forward to the board for decision prior to commitment; and

THAT staff provide quarterly updates to the Board on the progress of the plan and achievement of the priorities.

CAO Catherine Matheson introduced the presentation by stating that a low barrier shelter and

transitional housing didn't exist pre-pandemic and that two key pre-pandemic guiding documents, the District's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan and the Mayor's Roundtable, helped to inform the priorities, as did engagement with community partners. She explained the difference between absolute homelessness and functional homelessness and that functional homelessness is the realistic goal of the plan.

David Plumstead, Manager Planning, Outcomes & Analytics reviewed the purpose of the plan and outlined the seven priorities therein.

Tyler Venable, Community Project Manager, went into further detail reviewing the Action Plan section by section, in accordance with the first sections of the housing continuum from emergency shelter services, transitional and supportive housing, to homelessness prevention services.

He indicated that information and data collection and analysis is key to measure outcomes and that system coordination is also recommended to support the plan with a shared vision. He noted that implementation of the plan outlines how financial implications will be brought to the board before carried out, partnerships in community will be sought and quarterly action plan updates will be brought to the board.

There was discussion about who is responsible for managing homelessness in municipalities, and how the Board has been aggressive in lobbying the government for ongoing funding. It was noted that moving to a model of housing and supports is the accepted best practice and that an admission policy is part of the model, which will help in determining who is from the District and who is not, and the housing situation of each individual. There was further discussion about making supports mandatory for those accessing shelter, aligning CHPI funding to current needs, working with local services to achieve the desired outcomes, and how this aligns with many district community safety and wellbeing plans.

Carried.

6.0 CAO VERBAL UPDATE

Resolution No. 2021-82

Moved by: Jane Dumas

Seconded by: Dave Mendicino

Resolved THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) receives the CAO Report for October 27, 2021.

CAO Catherine Matheson updated the Board on the following items:
She recognized the significant work of the organization, the board and community partners throughout the pandemic, indicating the priority has been to provide continued services across the program areas of child care, social services, EMS and housing.

She noted the Provincial Government has provided a total of \$11.8 million in SSRF funds since the onset of the pandemic, and that all of the funds have been utilized to support vulnerable persons during the pandemic with shelter, supports including PPE and food, and services to prevent and mitigate homelessness.

In referring to the presentation of the Homelessness Action plan for the next 12 months, she noted the objective is to get to functional zero homelessness in the community which means sufficient services, housing and shelter beds exist for anyone who needs them along with a systematic response to prevent homelessness. She also noted that with the approval of the action plan today, DNSSAB can continue to plan and support the changes that are necessary to achieve that outcome. She reiterated that quarterly status updates and budgetary impacts will be brought to the board for consideration.

She also informed the board that the EMS direct delivery analysis will be brought to the board next month.

Carried.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION: #2021-83

Moved by: Mac Bain

Seconded by: Chris Mayne

THAT the Board receives for information or approval purposes Consent Agenda items 7.1 to 7.2.

7.1 B21-21 COVID-19 Employee Survey Results - information on the COVID-19 employee survey results.

7.2 B20-21 COVID-19 Workplace Vaccination Protocol – (for approval)

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) approves Briefing Note B20-21, outlining the COVID-19 Workplace Vaccination Protocol.

There was some discussion about apparent inconsistencies with vaccination policies for paramedics. It was explained that paramedics are employees of the hospitals, not the DNSSAB, so the DNSSAB policy does not apply to them.

Carried.

8.0 MANAGER'S REPORTS

8.1 In Camera

RESOLUTION: #2021-84

Moved by: Dan Roveda

Seconded by: Dean Backer

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) move in-camera at 2:06 PM to a discuss matter of negotiation and a personnel matter.

Carried

[In-camera minutes are filed separately.]

8.2 Adjourn In Camera

RESOLUTION: #2021-85

Moved by: Dave Mendicino

Seconded by: Jane Dumas

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) adjourns in-camera at 3:06 PM.

Carried

8.3 Approve In Camera

RESOLUTION: #2021-86

Moved by: Amanda Smith

Seconded by: Dan O'Mara

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) approves the direction/action agreed to in the in-camera session.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought forward.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2021-87

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch

Seconded by: Dan Roveda

Resolved THAT the Board meeting be adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Carried.

MARK KING
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

CATHERINE MATHESON
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Minutes of Proceedings Recorder: Marianne Zadra, Executive Coordinator



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 12:00 PM – VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

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Councillor Dave Mendicino - Vice Chair (North Bay)
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REGRETS:

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Robert Smith, EMS Chief
Justin Avery, Manager of Finance
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David Plumstead – Manager Planning, Outcomes & Analytics

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The Community Services Committee was called to order at 12:02 PM by Chair Dan Roveda.

1.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

2.0 CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed members, staff and guests. He indicated he was impressed with the Ontario Works service plan and how it marries with other programs and that it is good to see EarlyOn programs open up again. He thanked both program areas for their efforts.

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: #CS28-2021

MOVED BY: Chris Mayne

SECONDED BY: Scott Robertson

That the agenda for the Community Services Committee is accepted as presented.

Carried.

4.0 DELEGATIONS

4.1 SSE10-21 Ontario Works Services Plan – Michelle Glabb, Director Social Services and Employment and David Plumstead, Manager Planning, Outcomes & Analytics

RESOLUTION: #CS29-2021

MOVED BY: Jane Dumas

SECONDED BY: Dean Backer

THAT Briefing Note SSE10-21 on the Ontario Works 2021-2022 Service Plan, attached as “Appendix ‘A’”, be approved by the Board as presented.

Michelle Glabb and David Plumstead highlighted the key points and overarching themes in the 2021-2022 Ontario Works Service Plan. She reviewed the Ministry priorities and

how the service delivery model will change with things like employment moving to Employment Ontario and how the pandemic affected caseload numbers. Michelle also reviewed key strategies going forward so that Ontario Works aligns locally with planned provincial changes. David reviewed demographics and trends including changes in caseload and reasons for this, and the time on assistance, which is now longer.

There was discussion about how federal benefits during the pandemic led to job-ready candidates leaving social assistance and how some are expected to return later this year when the federal program ends. There was discussion about how the Ministry tracks job placements but doesn't take into consideration the majority of the caseload that is in the life stabilization category, and not ready for employment. There was discussion about the number of younger adults receiving social assistance. It was suggested more interaction may be needed with school boards to do employment planning with senior high school students may be under the erroneous impression that social assistance provides adequate income.

Carried.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION: #CSC30-21

MOVED BY: Mark King

SECONDED BY: Scott Robertson

THAT the Committee receives Consent Agenda items 5.1 to 5.5.

5.1 SSE11-21 Social Assistance Recovery and Renewal Plan-Social Assistance Modernization-Employment Services Transformation Updates - an update on the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services Recovery and Renewal Plan inclusive of the Employment Services Transformation and modernization initiatives, for information.

5.2 CS07-21 EarlyON Child and Family Centres and Mobile Unit – Program Update - information on a program update for EarlyOn and Family Centres and Mobile Unit.

5.3 CS08-21 Child Care Policy Update Quality Assurance and Non-Compliance (for approval)

THAT DNSSAB's Community Services Committee accept and endorse the updated policy related to Quality Assurance and Non-Compliance as described in briefing note CS08-21 and attached as Appendix A.

5.4 CS09-21 Child Care Policy Update – General Operating Funding – (for approval)

THAT DNSSAB's Community Services Committee accept and endorse the updated policy related to General Operating Funding as described in briefing note CS09-21 and attached as Appendix A.

5.5 CS10-21 Skill Development Fund – Round 2: Pre-ECE Skills Building Program Application - information on Round 2 of the Pre-ECE Skills Building Program application.

In answer to a question, Children's Services Director Lynn Demoré-Pitre confirmed mail outs will include students in South Algonquin.

Carried.

6.0 MANAGERS' REPORTS – there were none.

7.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: #CSC31-2021

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch

Seconded by: Chris Mayne

***Resolved* That the Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:44 PM.**

Carried.

DAN ROVEDA
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

CATHERINE MATHESON
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Minutes of Proceedings Recorder: Marianne Zadra, Executive Coordinator