



MINUTES
of the May 28, 2009
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSSAB BOARD MEETING
held in Espanola's 210 Mead Blvd. DSSAB Boardroom

Present: Gary Brown, Jean-Marc Chayer, Ray Chénier, Les Gamble, Dennis Golden, Bruce Killah, Mike Lehoux, David Leonard, Al MacNevin, Jack McMillan, Shelley Quibell, Margaret Tuomi, Dean Wenborne

Staff: Gary Champagne, Suzanne Bouchard, Fern Dominelli, Connie Morphet, Jeff Horseman, Peter Bradley

Consultant: Aurel Malo, DiBrina-Sure Human Resources Inc.

Media: Camilla Kirkpatrick, Mid-North Monitor

Regrets: Earle Freeborn

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ray Chénier called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 09-44 Moved by: D. Wenborne **Seconded by:** J.-M. Chayer
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried**

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 09-45 Moved by: M. Lehoux **Seconded by:** J. McMillan
THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:02 a.m. to discuss Personnel matters. **Carried**

Resolution No. 09-46 Moved by: Bruce Killah **Seconded by:** Shelley Quibell
THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:55 a.m. **Carried**

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

During its Closed Session, the Board discussed Personnel matters and Property Matters.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1 Adoption of Previous Board Minutes

Resolution No. 09-47 Moved by: Dean Wenborne **Seconded by:** D. Leonard
THAT the Minutes of the April 23, 2009 Board meeting be approved. **Carried**

5.2 Business Arising from Minutes

5.2.1 Sudbury & District Health Unit - Food in the Budget Campaign

Board members were referred to the [DSSAB Chair's May 8th letter](#) of response to the SDHU request for the DSSAB's consideration of the SDHU resolution re: its Food in the Budget Campaign. Members were also referred to the [SDHU Chair's reply](#) to said DSSAB letter.

The CAO commented that while the SDHU was correct in indicating that the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Services Delivery Review (PMFSDR) report does speak to the provincial uploading of the 20% municipal share of the cost of Ontario Works allowances, the SDHU letter fails to mention that the upload of the municipal share is to take place over the course of a ten year period that will only see the cost fully uploaded by the year 2018. With two provincial elections to come between now and then, the municipal cost sharing upload is far from a done deal. The CAO also clarified that the three consultations referenced had nothing to do with the matter at hand.

Those two clarifications noted, Chair Chénier summarised the discussion that followed by noting that the DSSAB's interest in the matter remained the need to ensure that the DSSAB and the Health Unit, as the two community health and social services organisations that see some of their services funded by way of municipal property taxes, worked in an integrated fashion whenever possible when it comes to the planned, value-added ways and means of improving the municipally co-funded health and social services infrastructure supports that both organisations provide to the eighteen municipalities that both bodies see represented at their respective governing Board tables.

To that end, Ray Chénier brought a conclusion to the item's discussion by noting Board member support of Les Gamble's recommendation that our DSSAB Chair write to the Health Unit's Chair to suggest that the Health Unit, the DSSAB and the City of Sudbury's Health and Social Services department establish a table or committee which would see their senior managers routinely come together to plan the integration and coordination of their community health and social services efforts across the Manitoulin and Sudbury Districts.

5.2.2 French River Handi-Transit Resolution

The CAO reported that he had attended the April 23rd Sudbury-East Municipal Association (SEMA) meeting to speak to this matter only to discover that the French River municipality was regrettably not in attendance and that the representatives of two of the three other municipalities present were not aware of the French River Resolution petitioning the DSSAB to fund a transportation study and a transportation service for persons with disabilities in their jurisdiction.

Gary spoke to SEMA members of:

- the fact that public transportation services were not a mandated DSSAB service but rather a service that rested within the jurisdiction of a municipality to assume if it so desired;
- the North-East Local Health Integration Network's (LHIN) indicated readiness to fund a study of the transportation needs of the residents of "its Manitoulin-Sudbury area" as part of "its Aging at Home" strategy and

- the DSSAB's role in getting the LHIN to pursue such a study;
- the DSSAB's indicated readiness to coordinate the management of the transportation study the French River municipality was seeking.
- The NOSDA Position Paper on the Northern Growth Plan and specifically its recommendation re: the need for public transportation services in rural communities.

While the French River municipality's absence made it impossible to clarify if their resolution sought to see the study cover all of Sudbury-East, Gary concluded his SEMA presentation by asking the three municipalities present to let him know:

- if they wished to see their municipality included in the study sought by French River;
- if they would be prepared to fund any portion of the study or again fund a portion of the ongoing costs associated with a transportation service in their area;
- if they would be ready to dedicate any of their municipality's gas tax revenues to a publicly subsidised transportation service in their municipality.

Questioned on the matter, Gary indicated that he had yet heard from French River re: his expressed readiness to meet with their Council re: their petition.

Jean-Marc Chayer wished to have the Board understand that Gary's attendance and presentation re: same at the SEMA meeting was very informative and most appreciated.

5.2.3 Build Canada Infrastructure Funding

The CAO reported that NOSDA's DSSAB members were concerned that their Build Canada Infrastructure Funding requests would not be receiving the same attention as those emanating from municipalities (which includes their 37 Southern Ontario CMSM counterparts).

Board members agreed with Gary Brown's suggestion that member municipalities be solicited for their support of the DSSAB's applications given that any Build Canada funding accorded to the DSSAB for its new construction needs would lessen the amount that member municipalities would otherwise have to contribute to said construction as part of the DSSAB levy.

5.2.4 NOSDA Annual General Meeting Report

Referencing the above noted report Ray Chénier reported that he, Dennis Golden and Gary Champagne had attended the NOSDA AGM and that it was a very informative meeting at which many of the items of importance to our DSSAB received the support of its Northern peers.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1.1 Human Resources Committee Report

Reporting on behalf of Chair Earle Freeborn who returned to Chapleau earlier this a.m. due to a pressing family matter, Ray Chénier reported that matters dealt with at the previous night's Human Resources Committee meeting had been dealt with in Closed Session.

6.1.2 Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chair Al MacNevin reported on the previous night's Strategic Planning Meeting. The main topic discussed was that of the determination of those municipalities that get to have a seat at the DSSAB's fourteen member Board table from one term to the next. Simply put, it is the DSSAB Act that:

- Determines the number of our jurisdiction's 18 member municipalities that sit at our DSSAB's fourteen member Board table.
- Determines which of the DSSAB Act defined "Areas" each of our DSSAB's 18 member municipalities is a member of.
- Determines how many members each "Area" gets to have sitting, as that Area's representatives, at the Board table.
- Indicates that any change to the above can only occur by way of a "double majority vote" that is in turn approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Al mentioned that information on the above is found in the Regulations pertinent to the DSSAB Act as well as in the [Board Representation chart](#) and copy of the [Summary of Electors and Population](#) paper that are available on the DSSAB website and which the Committee examined as part of its deliberations. Notwithstanding the above, Al also indicated that since the DSSAB Act is silent as to which of an Area's municipalities sit at the DSSAB Board table, it is left to the members of each Area to determine such for their given Area and to officially inform the DSSAB as to who are its allotted appointees to the DSSAB Board.

Subsequent to a detailed discussion and analysis of the manner in which the DSSAB's eighteen member municipalities Board Representation is now achieved, Al indicated that the Committee determined that there was no need to recommend any changes to the Board re this matter.

6.2 CAO REPORT

6.1.1 Operational Management Reports

The following Departmental Reports were circulated:

- [Children's Services Report](#)
- [Ontario Works Report](#)
- [Social Housing Report](#)
- [Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) Report](#)

There were no questions concerning the Children's Services Report.

Ontario Works Policy Manual

Resolution No. 09-48 Moved by: Al MacNevin **Seconded by:** Mike Lehoux
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board gives a first and second reading to the proposed changes to the Ontario Works policies identified in the May 2008 Employment Report linked document called "OW Manual Summary of Changes"; and THAT the Board acknowledges its awareness of the changes being made to the (Administrative) Procedures of those Ontario Works Policies identified in the document mentioned above. **Carried**

Social Housing Report

Les Gamble asked whether there were any regulations regarding the number of vehicles that a tenant can have parked at DSSAB housing units. Peter replied that that is dealt with in the individual leases.

Emergency Medical Services

Les Gamble asked whether Fire Departments were required to attend all Code 4 ambulance calls. Jeff Horseman replied that Fire Departments are not required to attend Code 4 calls, but have the option of signing a Tiered Response Agreement and choose which type of call they would attend. At this point, there are three Fire Department Tiered Response agreements in effect in the DSSAB's service jurisdiction.

Resolution No. 09-49 Moved by: Jack McMillan **Seconded by:** D. Golden
THAT the Committee and CAO reports be accepted. **Carried**

7.0 OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Summer Student Program

Gary informed Board members that the DSSAB had been asked to administer a fully funded Ontario Summer Student Program, employing 60 summer students in the Manitoulin District. The program, which is open to students between the ages of 15 and 18 will pay them \$9.50/hour for a 35 hour work week that extends over the course of a ten week period, will be administered by the DSSAB's Social Services Department.

Gary indicated that while the DSSAB had no say in determining why the program is available to the Manitoulin District but not the Sudbury District, he was pleased to note that obtaining responsibility for the administration of the program was somewhat of a coup for the DSSAB since it was the only one of the North's DSSABs to be asked to administer such a program. The program everywhere else was assigned to an Employment Ontario organisation.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT Resolution No. 09-50 Moved by: Maureen Tuomi
THAT we do now adjourn at 11:40 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held in the DSSAB's Espanola Mead Blvd. Boardroom on June 25, 2009. **Carried**

Chair

CAO (Secretary-Treasurer
of the Corporation)