



MINUTES
of the October 25, 2012
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING
held at Mead Blvd Espanola ON

- Present:** Lou Addison, André Byham, Sonja Flynn, Les Gamble, Dennis Golden, David Leonard, Derek Stephens, Mike Lehoux, Denis Turcot, Paul Moffatt, Morgan Pitfield, Bruce Killah
- Regrets:** Jack McMillan, Louise Ross
- Staff:** Fern Dominelli, Donna Moroso, Melody Ouellette, Connie Morphet, Steve Broadhurst and Aurel Malo, Human Resources Consultant
- Media:** Alicia McCutcheon, Manitoulin Expositor

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. 12- 86

MOVED BY: André Byham

SECONDED BY: Paul Moffatt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None Declared

4.0 DSB Board Resignation

Resolution 12 – 87

MOVED BY: Lou Addison

SECONDED BY: Morgan Pitfield

WHEREAS Louise Ross has tendered her resignation as a DSB Board member who represents the Territories Without Municipal Representation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts Louise Ross's resignation and take the appropriate steps to fill the position.

Carried

The appointment of Board members is governed by the DSSAB Act regulations and also discussed in the TWOMO Election Resource Guide.

DSSAB Act - ONTARIO REGULATION 278/98

(5) If a member of a board represents an area set out in the Schedule for that board that is comprised of territory without municipal organization and that member becomes ineligible to hold office as a board member, fails to attend three consecutive board meetings without the board's authorization, resigns or dies before the end of his or her term, the board shall appoint a new member to serve that territory for the remainder of the term. O. Reg. 37/99, s. 2.

TWOMO Election Resource Guide – Spring 2010 page 11

There is no authority for boards to use alternate members. If a member becomes ineligible, the board appoints a new member to serve that territory for the remainder of the term. Boards decide how to appoint a new member.

The Board has directed the CAO to contact the remaining candidate from the last TWOMO election (2010) to inquire as to whether he is interested and qualified to serve on the Board. If the candidate is not interested the DSB will then advertise in local newspapers with a closing date of November 20th, this will allow time to review the potential applicants for the next Board Meeting November 22nd, 2012.

5.0 CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 12- 88

MOVED BY: Mike Lehoux

SECONDED BY: Dennis Golden

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:05 a.m.

Carried

Resolution No. 12- 89

MOVED BY: David Leonard

SECONDED BY: Bruce Killah

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

Carried

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

7.0 MINUTES

7.1 Adoption of Minutes – September 27, 2012

Resolution No. 12- 90

MOVED BY: Mike Lehoux

SECONDED BY: Dennis Golden

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [Minutes of the September 27, 2012](#) Board meeting be approved.

Carried

7.2 Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Finance Committee

Mike Lehoux, Finance Committee Chair, gave a detailed report on items discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

8.1.1 [Annual Budget Guidelines - Revised](#)

The Finance Committee is recommending changes to the Annual Budget Guidelines.

Some of the recommended changes include presentation of the annual budget estimates to the Finance Committee prior to the October Board meeting rather than September to be consistent with our current practice.

The Committee is also suggesting some changes in how actual costs are used to project future year expenses.

8.1.2 [Allocation of Program Support - Revised](#)

The Finance Committee has reviewed and is recommending approval of the 2013 Allocation of Program Support Costs.

This report explains how central or program support costs are shared amongst the four core programs delivered by the DSB. This report is updated annually to ensure program support costs are distributed appropriately.

8.1.3 Annual Reserves Report - Revised

The Finance Committee also reviewed the Annual Report on Reserves. As directed by the Board, the Finance Committee reviewed the need for a revolving Health Benefits Reserve.

The Finance Committee is recommending that the Board create a Health Benefits Revolving Reserve effective the 2012 calendar year. Contributions to this reserve would only be made where there is a surplus in the Health Benefits portion of the DSB annual budget. This reserve will not exceed a maximum balance of \$50,000 at each year end.

EMS TWOMO share of the DSB Budget

In the Ontario Works, Children's Services, and Social Housing programs the TWOMO share provided by the province has always been listed under the municipal apportionment in the financial statements.

For the EMS program, the TWOMO share or TWOMO grant, is listed as a Provincial Subsidy.

DSB Staff discussed this issue with the DSB auditors during the 2011 audit. Based on these discussions, the DSB auditors recorded the 2011 MOHLTC TWOMO share for EMS as municipal apportionment in the 2011 financial statements.

The EMS TWOMO apportionment needs to be reflected accurately in the DSB 2013 budget. The EMS TWOMO apportionment for 2013 is estimated at \$2,090,204 and when this is added to the existing municipal apportionment of \$8,705,438, the total municipal apportionment for 2013 is \$10,795,642.

The transfer of the EMS TWOMO apportionment from provincial subsidies to the municipal apportionment does not affect the municipal apportionment share paid by individual municipalities.

Budget Estimates

The 2013 Budget estimates prepared by staff include the following:

- Ontario Works Municipal Share decrease of \$192,398.
- Children's Services Municipal Share increase of \$36,350
- Social Housing Municipal Share increase of \$71,830
- Emergency Medical Services Municipal Share increase of \$413,689

The total proposed municipal share budget increase was \$329,471 or 3.12%.

The Finance Committee had lengthy deliberations around the total budget increase and all members were looking for an increase more reflective of the current cost of living.

As per previous Board resolution, the [EMS 5 Year Plan](#) was approved in principle in 2010 with final decisions during the annual budget process.

Originally, the plan was to enhance the staffing at the Massey EMS base in July 2012. The delay in moving forward at that time was directly attributed to a delay in our funding announcement from the MOHLTC. When we received our funding announcement from MOHLTC in the summer, we found it to be \$29,500 less than anticipated. As a result of this information it was decided that the final decision related to enhanced staffing of the Massey EMS base would have to be made by the Board during 2013 budget deliberations.

The Finance Committee looked at two key governing principles to make its decision in this matter.

Firstly, the current economic pressures being felt by our local municipalities are too great to consider the additional \$96,000 municipal share that would be required to implement this change.

Secondly, the uncertainty of the provincial government's direction on funding arrangements to Broader Public Sector municipal partners is making it harder to anticipate whether the MOHLTC funding is actually going to reflect true costs of EMS services in coming years.

The Board knows for a fact that current funding did not arrive in the amount that had been anticipated, and that information was delivered prior to the expansion of the provincial government's newest austerity plan.

So with all of this in mind, the Finance Committee is recommending that the decision to enhance staffing at the EMS base in Massey be postponed.

Further we would recommend to the Board that the Program Planning Committee be directed to re-visit the EMS 5-Year Staffing Plan in 2013 and provide the Board with an updated plan.

Based on the above, the Finance Committee is recommending that the Board adopt the 2013 budget with a municipal share increase of \$233,471 or 2.21%

8.1.4 2013 Budget Summary

Resolution 12 – 91

MOVED BY: Mike Lehoux

SECONDED BY: Morgan Pitfield

WHEREAS the Finance Committee met on October 9, 2012 to review the [Finance Committee Terms of Reference](#), [Annual Budget Guidelines](#), [Allocation of Program Support](#), [Annual Reserves Report](#) and 2013 budget estimates; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee is recommending changes to the Annual Budget Guidelines, 2013 Allocation of Program Support and creation of a Health Benefits Reserve within the Annual Report on Reserves; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee deliberated on the staffing enhancement for the Massey EMS base which is part of the [5-Year EMS Staffing Plan](#) approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS the total 2013 Budget as presented would have seen an increase of \$329,471 or 3.12% to the municipal share which included the Massey EMS staffing enhancement in the amount of \$96,000; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee is recommending that the Board postpone the EMS Staffing enhancement at this time and further recommends that the Program Planning Committee be directed to re-visit the EMS 5-Year Staffing Plan in 2013; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee is recommending to the Board that it adopt the 2013 Operating Budget in the amount of \$25,553,620 gross and municipal share in the amount of \$10,795,642 which represents an increase of \$233,471 or 2.21% in the municipal share.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation to postpone the Massey EMS Staffing enhancement at this time and directs the Program Planning Committee to re-visit the [EMS 5-Year Staffing Plan](#) in 2013; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation and approves the 2013 Operating Budget in the amount of \$25,553,620 gross and municipal share in the amount of \$10,795,642 which represents an increase of \$233,471 or 2.21% in the municipal share; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation and approves the changes to Policy [B.3.01 Annual Budget Guidelines](#) and the [2013 - Allocation of Program Support](#) document; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation and approves the revised [Annual Reserves Report](#) which includes the creation of a Health Benefits Reserve to a maximum of \$50,000 effective the 2012 Budget year.

Carried

Mike Lehoux thanked staff for their clear and concise reports.

The Chair asked if there were any issues raised in regards to the DSB e-mail sent to municipalities explaining the DSB decision to retain the 2011 surplus. The Board reported that municipalities were not pleased but understood the DSB decision.

8.2 Human Resources Committee

Bruce Killah, Human Resources Committee Chair, gave a brief report on issues discussed at the Human Resources Committee meeting.

OPSEU Bargaining Update

The bargaining teams meet Oct 2 and 3, 2012. Unfortunately no agreement was reached after 2 days of bargaining. At this point there are no additional dates set for bargaining.

Bruce commented on the bargaining committee's flexibility and thanked them for their hard work.

Management Compensation

The committee discussed the 2012 management compensation.

Resolution 12 – 92

MOVED BY: Bruce Killah

SECONDED BY: Derek Stephens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board accepts the Human Resources Committee recommendation that salary scales of the Board's non-bargaining unit personnel be increased by 2% effective as of January 1, 2012.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Board approves the changes to the non-bargaining unit personnel benefit plan that matches the changes made to the CUPE bargaining unit. The change in benefit plan for non-bargaining unit personnel will take effect on February 1, 2013.

Carried

8.3 Ad-Hoc Committee Board Representation

The Ad-hoc Committee met October 24, 2012 to review the DSB representation model.

The Ad-Hoc committee established by the Board in May 2012 has met 4 times and reviewed 13 different representation models. The committee is still working on its final recommendations to the Board and will have recommendations for the Board at the November Board Meeting.

At the September 27, 2012 Board meeting the Board approved [Resolution # 12-76](#) which rescinded the May 24 Board [Resolution # 12-47](#) adopting the creation of the Ad-hoc Committee. Since the rescinded resolution also included a clause approving the creation of the Ad-Hoc committee, we have prepared a new resolution that includes a clause adopting the creation of this committee.

The Committee has also reviewed and updated the terms of reference based on the Board decisions in September 2012 and Board members have been provided a copy of the revised terms of reference.

Resolution 12 - 93

MOVED BY: Morgan Pitfield

SECONDED BY: Lou Addison

WHEREAS the Board approved [Resolution # 12-76](#) at the September 27, 2012 rescinded Board [Resolution # 12-47](#) approved at the May 24, 2012 meeting; and

WHEREAS Board [Resolution # 12-47](#) approved the establishment of the Ad-hoc Committee on Board Representation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board establish an ad hoc committee comprised of a member from each of the seven (7) jurisdictions that are represented in our catchment area to study the DSB Board representation effective June 18, 2012; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the committee members be instructed that they shall obtain input from any and all municipalities who do not have a representative sitting on the committee; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the revised policy [B.2.19 Terms of Reference for the Ad-hoc Board Representation Committee](#) contained within the General Administration Manual effective June 18, 2012.

Carried

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Our Children, Our Future

On September 21, 2011 staff presented the Program Planning Committee with the [LaCloche Best Start Hub Elevator - Issue Report](#) in which the LaCloche Best Start Hub was asking for \$50,000 to upgrade the proposed lift in École St. Joseph in Espanola to an elevator.

The Program Planning Committee supported this request and at the Sept 22, 2011 DSB Board meeting, the CAO was directed to approve this one-time expenditure under Program Accessibility – Best Start Ongoing which is funded by the province at 100%. The \$50,000 funding was provided to Our Children Our Future in the fall of 2011.

The original renovation plans, at École St. Joseph, included the costs associated with the Hub to be covered by the school board with the exception of the elevator costs. However, the school board has been faced with the reality that the Ministry of Education will not provide capital funds for the creation of Best Start Hubs within new or existing schools. Based on the decision by the Ministry of Education, the School Board had to revise its plans to exclude the Best Start Hub. Since construction is still taking place at this school, the approved funds are no longer required for an elevator under the new plan.

Although the School Board has not approved capital dollars to build the Best Start Hub within the new school, it was prepared to provide space within the existing school for the Best Start Hub. The new school construction incorporates the existing school building. The new plan consists of the Hub space being relocated to a space requiring renovations. Renovations in the new plan from Our Children Our Future will cost approximately \$25,000.

In addition, the Hub space currently located at Sacred Heart will require relocating as well. Sacred Heart is scheduled for replacement in 2013 and the original plans included a replacement of the existing Child Care space and the Best Start Hub, however, provincial funding provided excludes the replacement of the Best Start Hub space.

On July 17, 2012 the DSB sent a [letter to the Premier](#) requesting that funds be made available for the inclusion of a Best Start Hub space within the construction of the new Sacred Heart School. On [August 3, 2012 the Premier replied](#) indicating the matter was referred to the Minister of Education. In a [response from the Minister of Education dated September 28, 2012](#), the Minister indicates they are working towards a vision of seamless and integrated system to support families and children but the leadership for the Best Start Strategy remains with the Ministry of Children & Youth Services. The Minister of Education forwarded our information to the Minister Eric Hoskins, Ministry of Children & Youth Services.

Since capital for Hubs does not fall under the umbrella of the Ministry of Education, and no response for capital has been provided by the Ministry of Community and Youth Services, an alternate plan has been developed.

Our Children, Our Future has developed a plan to move the Best Start Hub from Sacred Heart to A.B Ellis in order to maintain the Best Start Vision. This plan to relocate the Hub will cost Our Children, Our Future \$25,000.

In order to maintain the Best Start Hub Developments and achievements to date, and to continue an invaluable service for families and children in the community, it is recommended that the \$50,000 approved in 2011 for an elevator upgrade be reallocated for the purposes set out in the report. Since Our Children, Our Future already utilizes the A.B Ellis site for outreach Hub services, and it's within the same community, it is believed that the relocation will be a positive transition.

Resolution 12 - 94

MOVED BY: André Byham

SECONDED BY: Dennis Golden

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the [Our Children, Our Future Best Start Hubs - Issue Report](#) and agrees with the recommendations contained within the report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Our Children, Our Future Best Start Hubs - Issue Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

Carried

9.2 [Modernizing Child Care in Ontario](#)

Since the transfer of responsibility, from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to the Ministry of Education, changes to the Child Care sector have been anticipated.

The first change came with system services manager's reporting to a new Ministry and a new reporting system. Conversations between the Ministry of Education, DSSAB's/CMSM's, OMSSA, and NOSDA have been ongoing about future changes. For some time now, the topics of conversation have been about modernizing and stabilizing the Child Care sector through new methods / models such as base funding.

With the passing of the Provincial Budget, the Ministry of Education soon after released its discussion paper "[Modernizing Child Care in Ontario](#)". The purpose of the paper was to encourage discussion and responses to the proposed vision and changes. The proposed action plan identifies five key areas for action over the next three years.

A new operating funding formula with the hope that any decisions or changes made will result in base funding that will allow the streamlining of more flexible Child Care funds. The concern would be a new funding model that does not consider the unique needs of Northern communities because the model will ultimately be for the entire Province. In addition, if funding pots are streamlined or combined, within this base model, there could be the potential that Best Start funds are reduced. The goal is for greater flexibility and less funding envelopes; however, the potential exists to have an opposite effect depending on how they determine the base funding amounts for each DSB.

The Ministry's goal is to stabilize the Child Care sector as they adapt to the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten. To date, we have seen some capital funds that will directly assist our Child Care centres to transition in year 3 of the implementation process.

In the area of quality programs there is only speculation as to how this will be rolled out. One example might be the development of a Province wide Quality Assurance initiative operated by MEDU. If this was to occur, we are requesting that the Child Care operators that receive recommendations should also receive adequate funds to bring their programs to the new standard. Another possibility is that a Quality Assurance program would be operated locally by the DSB, in which case there would need to be funds to operate and / or staff such a program. Some NOSDA members feel this would be the best option; however, our DSB currently does not operate a Quality Assurance program as we do not have the staffing compliment to manage same. While the DSB does fund Quality Assurance initiatives, we do not have designated staff or funding which would mean this scenario could be costly without adequate funding.

Within each of these identified action areas, the discussion paper raises questions on how to achieve the goals and it encourages responses that the Ministry will consider for the changes to come.

The Ministry also plans to develop mandatory provincial guidelines for Child Care operators. In this area, we have not yet seen any changes to date with the exception of the transfer of licensing from MCYS to the Ministry of Education. CMSM's and DSSAB's have been working closely with the Ministry of Education and OMSSA at providing input on how this should be implemented.

Child Care Managers across the Province have been working with OMSSA in providing suggestions and responses to address all the identified action areas. OMSSA's collaborative responses can be found in the paper "[OMSSA Response to Modernizing Child Care in Ontario](#)".

In addition, the NOSDA Child Care Managers group has developed a response to the Modernization paper. [NOSDA's feedback on the Modernization of Child Care](#) provides direction and suggestions from a Northern perspective. It is NOSDA's

position that Northern Ontario communities are unique and require a delivery model that will consider our realities.

NOSDA's key areas of response suggest that a new approach to base funding should be flexible with broad funding streams. Any approach to capital funding and planning should result in maintaining Child Care centres in publicly funded schools and the advancement of program quality and insurance of this are an investment in the future.

NOSDA also suggests the current legislative framework be modernized.

Although, Child Care Managers in the North have coordinated our opinions and suggestions, it is unknown how all the collective responses will be interpreted and implemented by the Ministry of Education.

Finally, one member, from our NOSDA Child Care Manager's group, has been selected by the Ministry of Education to sit on an advisory group for the development of a new funding model. Therefore, this member is using this opportunity to assist in the development of a new funding model, and to voice the opinions of NOSDA Child Care Manager's as outlined NOSDA's response paper.

Staff is recommending that the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board endorse and approve the OMSSA Response to Modernizing Child Care in Ontario and NOSDA's Feedback on the Modernization of Child Care.

Resolution 12 - 95

MOVED BY: Sonja Flynn

SECONDED BY: André Byham

WHEREAS The Ministry of Education has released its discussion paper [Modernizing Child Care in Ontario](#); and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the [Child Care Modernization Issue Report](#); and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has reviewed [OMSSA's Response to Modernizing Child Care in Ontario](#); and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has reviewed [NOSDA's Feedback on the Modernization of Child Care](#).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board endorse and approve the [OMSSA Response to Modernizing Child Care in Ontario](#) and [NOSDA's Feedback on the Modernization of Child Care](#) response to the Ministry of Education's Modernizing Child Care in Ontario discussion paper; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Education, AMO, OMSSA, and NOSDA.

Carried

9.3 Municipality of St. Charles

[St. Charles Resolution – Supporting Alpha En Partage](#)

[Alpha En Partage de Sudbury Est - Issue Report](#)

Alpha en Partage de Sudbury Est, is a non-profit organization that has been operating in Municipality of St. Charles offering vital services and programs to our adult citizens assisting them to obtain basic literacy skills. These are opportunities that are not offered elsewhere in the education system in the Sudbury East region. The programs have proven to be very successful and beneficial to all the municipalities it serves since 1998.

Since inception in 1998, Alpha has been funded by the Ministry of Training of Colleges and Universities (MTCU) to service Francophone clients who required literacy skills. In April 2011, English literacy skills services were transferred from St. Albert to Alpha for Anglophone learners. This transfer ensured that Anglophone clients did not lose any services.

In 2004, Alpha entered into a partnership with Cambrian College which allowed their clients to achieve their grade 12 equivalency or upgrade their skills to the level that is required as a prerequisite for the post-secondary program of their choice. The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has been a strong and stable partner in this program during this time.

In May 2012, Cambrian College advised Alpha that it will no longer fund the education levels that allow adult learners to complete the program, which means a loss of \$35,000 in funding. Cambrian College suggested that current and future students could start and/or complete their courses through on-line learning or by attending Cambrian's main campus in the City of Greater Sudbury. DSB Staff did meet with Cambrian College staff to try and come up with creative solutions but no to avail.

The only options that remained were for students to travel daily to the main campus in Sudbury or participate through on-line learning. Cambrian College acknowledges that the completion rate of on-line learners is low compared to instructor lead programming. It is also unrealistic to expect that clients on social assistance travel to Sudbury to obtain these services when most of them do not have a method of transportation. A transportation system is already in place for students to attend Alpha with the supports from the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and volunteer drivers.

As far as participating through on-line learning, this is an option however; many low income individuals cannot afford internet services at home and rely on libraries and non-profits such as Alpha to obtain these services. In addition, the on-line services do not provide the in person individual attention and coaching available through Alpha.

Alpha offers a very friendly and comfortable atmosphere. Students feel welcome and feel motivated by their in-class teacher to learn the skills required to graduate.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has provided Alpha \$35,000 to replace the loss in funding and supports for ACE and ILC courses. While this will keep the services for the residents in the Sudbury East region for the next year, a long term permanent solution is required.

Without the academic upgrading program that was offered through Cambrian College's partnership with Alpha, a number of Sudbury East residents will not have access to the local upgrading that makes it possible for them to obtain a high school diploma. This is critically important to ensure their ability to move onto post-secondary education and to secure employment.

The residents of Sudbury East depend on Alpha en Partage de Sudbury Est for their educational needs. Without proper education, social assistance recipients could be on social assistance for many years without opportunity for upgrading and self-sufficiency.

Staff is recommending that the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board supports the Municipality of St. Charles Resolution and call on the Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities (MTCU) to step in and ensure that Cambrian College is meeting its obligations to MTCU and the residents of Sudbury East.

Resolution 12 - 96

MOVED BY: Denis Turcot

SECONDED BY: Sonja Flynn

WHEREAS Alpha En Partage has recently lost funding from Cambrian College resulting in the loss of the Academic Upgrading Program as well as the Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) Program; and

WHEREAS these programs are vital to the residents of Sudbury East who are unable to travel to Sudbury to attend these programs; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed and agrees with the Alpha En Partage de Sudbury Est - Issue Report;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB supports the Municipality of St. Charles [Resolution # 2012-299](#) and calls on the Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities (MTCU) to step in and ensure that Cambrian

College is meeting its obligations to MTCU and the residents of Sudbury East; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Alpha en Partage de Sudbury Est - Issue Report](#); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Training, Colleges & Universities, Cambrian College Board of Governors, member municipalities and to area Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament.

Carried

9.4 [10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan](#)

The Province requires the development of a 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan from each Service Manager which must be in place by January 1st, 2014. The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has contracted the services of the Social Planning Council of Sudbury to coordinate, design and develop the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

To date, they have gathered some history, statistical data as well as a list of stakeholders and clients/tenants with which they are currently consulting. The consultations have occurred in the Sudbury East area (2 locations), Manitoulin area (2 locations) and Sudbury North area. The LaCloche area will be consulted later this afternoon.

Unfortunately, not everyone can attend these focus groups therefore the Social Planning Council will be setting up telephone interviews with key informants such as the Reeves and CAO's of our various municipalities as well as the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB board members to ask them for their input. This consultation process will take a few months.

Our issue report of May 24th laid out our work plan and to date, we are on target with this plan.

9.5 Commission for the Review of Social Assistance

Yesterday, the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario released its final report called "[Brighter Prospects: Transforming Social Assistance in Ontario](#)"

In 2010, Premier Dalton McGuinty appointed Francis Lankin and Munir Sheikh to undertake a review of Ontario's social assistance program and to make recommendations for improvement. As a part of the government's Poverty Reduction Strategy, the undertaking was intended to move away from an overly complex, regulatory burdened system that fell far short from meeting recipient's basic needs and moving them out of poverty and into the labour market. The commissioners were tasked with developing a vision and approach for a new

system that would efficiently and effectively meet the twin objectives of providing employment supports and financial supports.

The final report contains 108 recommendations. It must be noted that these are only recommendations to the province and it will be up to the provincial government to decide which, if any, of these recommendations are acted upon.

High level points of interest to OMSSA members are outlined below with further comment and analysis.

All Social Assistance to be delivered at the municipal level with the merging of the current Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program into one social assistance program.

Where interest and capacity exists, municipalities be given the opportunity to deliver Employment Ontario full suite of services

A new rate structure that simplifies the current system including replacing the rent scales for Rent-geared to Income (RGI) housing with rent based on 30 percent of household income.

An issue report will be provided to the Board at the November meeting that will cover the implication of these recommendations to the DSB.

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

None discussed.

11.0 Next Meeting – November 22, 2012

12.0 Adjournment

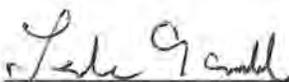
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MOVED BY: Morgan Pitfield

SECONDED BY: Bruce Killah

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:45 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held in, in the DSB's Espanola Mead Boulevard Board Room on November 22, 2012.

Carried


Chair


CAO (Secretary-Treasurer
of the Corporation)