



# **District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board**

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Minutes Of The Meeting Held  
Wednesday March 28, 2007  
At The Olde Towne Inn, Englehart

**PRESENT:** Norm Menard, Chair  
Jim Whipple, Vice Chair  
Al French  
Arla West  
Bill Enouy  
Bob Hobbs  
Dan Cote  
Judy Pace

Eddie Alton, CAO

**REGRETS:** Nina Wallace

**GUESTS:** Monique Legault, Best Start Director  
Mr. & Mrs. Burl Regan

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

Al French resigned as Chair of the Board effective immediately and thanked the Board members for their support. Norm Menard assumed the role of Chair and thanked Al French for all of his efforts.

Due to Al French's resignation as Chair of the DTSSAB and in accordance with DTSSAB By-Laws, the Vice-Chair assumes the position of Chair and the position of Vice-Chair is filled from another member of the Board.

MOVED BY: Dan Cote  
SECONDED BY: Bill Enouy

THAT nominee, Jim Whipple accepts the position of Vice-Chair of the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board for the year 2007.

## CARRIED

### **1.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

### **2.0 IN CAMERA SESSION**

MOVED BY: Arla West  
SECONDED BY: Bill Enouy

THAT the Board resolves to move into closed session to discuss human resource issue.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Bill Enouy  
SECONDED BY: Arla West

THAT the Board resolves to rise from the in camera session with no report and reconvene with the regular Board meeting.

CARRIED

### **3.0 BEST START UPDATE**

Moved to end of the meeting.

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2007**

MOVED BY: Arla West  
SECONDED BY: Bill Enouy

THAT the minutes of the previous Board meeting held March 8, 2007 be hereby approved as amended.

CARRIED

A copy is to be sent to the Board members once the changes have been made.

### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The waiver from Round Lake Fire Department has been signed.

### **6.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Items moved to other business.

### **7.0 2007 DTSSAB BUDGET**

MOVED BY: B. Enouy  
SECONDED BY: Arla West

THAT the Board approves the 2007 Budget as follows:

Program	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
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ODSP	\$17,700,000	\$ 3,900,000
Ontario Works/Administration	\$ 7,392,150	\$ 2,405,395
Social Housing	\$ 5,201,866	\$ 1,972,463
Land Ambulance	\$ 4,133,839	\$ 2,203,610
Best Start	\$ 4,522,526	\$ 0
Child Care	\$ 1,478,182	\$ 438,853
Sub-Total	\$40,428,563	\$10,920,321
Less: Contribution from Working Fund	\$ 0	\$ 890,861
Total	<u>\$40,428,563</u>	<u>\$ 10,029,460</u>

CARRIED

### **8.0 2007 BILLING TO MUNICIPALITIES**

MOVED BY: Jim Whipple  
SECONDED BY: Dan Cote

THAT the Board approves billing the municipalities using the same costs apportionment percentages as in 2006.

CARRIED

### **9.0 BENEFIT RENEWAL**

Information was shared regarding the DTSSAB benefit renewal and the fact that benefit costs are projected to rise 14.3% over 2006. The CAO is to invite the Benefit Representative to make a presentation.

### **10.0 FUNDING REQUEST ENGLEHART PUBLIC LIBRARY**

MOVED BY: Dan Cote  
SECONDED BY: Jim Whipple

THAT the Board approves the funding request from the Englehart Public Library for \$2,000 to offset the costs for free job related searching, printing, photocopying and faxing.

CARRIED

### **11.0 SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAM CHEQUE REGISTER**

MOVED BY: Bob Hobbs  
SECONDED BY: Arla West

THAT the Board receives the Social Housing Program cheque registers #10995 to #11045 for information.

CARRIED

## **12.0 KIRKLAND LAKE NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION INQUIRY**

MOVED BY: Arla West  
SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

THAT the Board authorizes the Board Chair to send a letter to the Kirkland Lake Non-Profit Housing Corporation indicating the DTSSAB's possible interest in managing the 85 units located at 60 Fifth Street and 165-175-180-190 Pollock Avenue in Kirkland lake and enter into discussions regarding the above.

CARRIED

## **13.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

MOVED BY: Judy Pace  
SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

Whereas the DTSSAB meetings of the Board of Directors are open public meetings, and,  
Whereas it is the practice of the Board to hold the closed session portion of the meetings at the onset of the meeting rather than at the end, and  
Whereas this is insensitive to the public and media who choose to attend these meetings as they are displaced for unknown periods of time, and  
Whereas most Boards hold their closed session meetings at the end of the meeting and,  
Whereas it would make no difference as to the business of the Board to make this minor change,  
Be it resolved that the DTSSAB Board of Directors move it's regular closed session portion of the meetings to the end of the regular meeting as a convenience to the members of the public and media who attend once we assure compliance and/or changes required to the procedural by-law.

DEFEATED

Recorded vote was requested:

In Favor

Judy Pace  
Bob Hobbs

Opposed

Al French  
Arla West  
Dan Cote  
Jim Whipple  
Norm Menard

Abstain

Bill Enouy

MOVED BY: Judy pace  
SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

Whereas the DTSSAB meetings of the Board of Directors are open public meetings with the exception of closed session portions of the meetings which must meet the requirements under the Act, and,

Whereas it is the duty of the Board of Directors to hold Board Meeting in a place that is conducive to welcoming all guests, and

Whereas the present location is not suitable as the public/media is put outside or in the hall for closed session portions of the meetings, and,

Whereas Temiskaming Shores, Kirkland Lake and Englehart all own buildings and/or have access to the use of buildings for DTSSAB meetings, and,

Whereas holding the meeting continually in one place prohibits some members of the public from ever attending,

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of DTSSAB instruct the CAO to investigate alternate sights for meetings which would include moving the meetings between the three said locations.

DEFEATED

Recorded vote was requested:

In Favor

Judy Pace

Opposed

Al French  
Arla West  
Bill Enouy  
Bob Hobbs  
Dan Cote  
Jim Whipple  
Norm Menard

MOVED BY: Judy Pace  
SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

Whereas the DTSSAB budget is in excess of 40 million dollars and,  
Whereas the Board of Directors would like to strive to reduce the amount paid by municipalities as much as possible, and,

Whereas it is completely unnecessary for the Board of Directors and CAO to be provided with full course meals at every Board meeting, and,

Whereas our municipalities could neither afford or even consider spending tax payers money in this way, and,

Whereas stopping this practice immediately would save in excess of \$6,000.00 annually,

Be it resolved that the DTSSAB Board of Directors, as a responsible cost saving measure, stop the practice of having meals provided at Board meetings effective immediately.

DEFEATED

Recorded vote was requested:

In Favor

Judy Pace

Opposed

Al French  
Arla West  
Bill Enouy  
Bob Hobbs  
Dan Cote  
Jim Whipple  
Norm Menard

MOVED BY: Judy Pace  
SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

Whereas the DTSSAB budget is in excess of 40 million dollars and our municipalities share the cost of some of these dollars, and,  
Whereas the recent provincial budget reflects changes that will again be downloaded on to our municipalities, and  
Whereas, it is our goal to strive to reduce those dollars paid by our municipalities, and,  
Whereas all board members are paid their expenses such as mileage, and,  
Whereas board members are all municipal elected officials who receive various levels of compensation, and,  
Whereas the DTSSAB Board members honorariums are excessive, budgeted at \$50,000 for this year,  
Be it resolved that the DTSSAB Board of Directors rescind, effective immediately, all Board Member's honorariums.

DEFEATED

Recorded vote was requested:

In Favor

Judy Pace

Opposed

Al French  
Arla West

Bill Enouy  
Bob Hobbs  
Dan Cote  
Jim Whipple  
Norm Menard

MOVED BY: Arla West  
SECONDED BY: Bill Enouy

THAT the Board approves the CUPE 4357 3 year contract as discussed at the March 28, 2007 Board meeting.

CARRIED

Recorded vote was requested:

In Favor

Al French  
Arla West  
Bill Enouy  
Bob Hobbs  
Dan Cote  
Jim Whipple  
Norm Menard

Opposed

Judy Pace

MOVED BY: Allan French  
SECONDED BY: Dan Cote

THAT the Board immediately hire a labour lawyer to protect the administration and staff of the DTSSAB.

CARRIED

Recorded vote was requested:

In Favor

Al French  
Arla West  
Bill Enouy  
Bob Hobbs  
Dan Cote  
Jim Whipple  
Norm Menard

Opposed

Judy Pace

MOVED BY: Dan Cote  
SECONDED BY: Jim Whipple

THAT the Board approves that all surplus and deficit funds from operations in 2007 are put into or taken from the contingency reserve.

CARRIED

Abstain

Judy Pace

Monique Legault, Best Start Director, gave an update on the Best Start initiative and the progress made to date. Monique's secondment ends March 30, 2007 and thanks the Board for the opportunity to work on this program.

#### **14.0 NEXT MEETING**

MOVED BY: Dan Cote  
SECONDED BY: Arla West

THAT the regular Board meeting of Wednesday March 28, 2007 is hereby adjourned at 7:22 p.m. to meet again on Thursday April 12, 2007 unless otherwise changed, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED