



District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board
Conseil d'administration des services sociaux du district de Timiskaming

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
held Wednesday, April 15, 2009
in Englehart**

PRESENT: Jim Whipple, (A) Chair
Dan Côté
Bob Hobbs
Linda Cunningham
Nina Wallace
Tom Wells
Arla West
Don Studholme, Chief Administrative Officer
Isabelle Rhéaume, Executive Assistant to CAO (Recorder)

GUESTS: Anna McGonigal, Social Housing Manager
2 audience members

REGRETS: Norm Menard, Chair
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Board was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

1.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

2.0 PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

3.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Linda Cunningham

Motion # 1

SECONDED BY: Nina Wallace

THAT the agenda of the April 15, 2009, regular meeting of the Board be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED BY: Dan Coté **Motion # 2**
SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

THAT the minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting of the Board be approved as presented.

AND THAT the minutes of the April 2, 2009 special meeting of the Board be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Don Studholme, CAO provided the Board with updates from the business arising of the March 18th minutes as follows:

- Item 6.4 Indigent Funerals – Temiskaming Shores – Don has responded to the correspondence from Temiskaming Shores.
- Item 7.2 Insurance Allowance Premium / Change in Mileage Rate – Everything is in place for the April 1, 2009 effective change in mileage rate from .44\$ to .46\$.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Englehart Public Library *(dated April 1, 2009)*

Presented to the Board for information purposes, the Library is content with the CAO's response.

MOVED BY: Arla Wallace **Motion # 3**
SECONDED BY: Tom Wells

THAT the Board receive the Correspondence as presented, for information.

CARRIED

7.0 OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Elk Lake Project – Insurance Claim

Don Studholme explained that matter has been closed and it was the last issue holding up dissolving the Timiskaming District Housing Corporation.

MOVED BY: Bob Hobbs **Motion # 4**
SECONDED BY: Dan Coté

THAT the Board direct the Social Housing Manager to go ahead with the process to dissolve the Timiskaming District Housing Corporation.

CARRIED

7.2 Shibelith – Algonquin Court Project

Anna McGonigal, Social Housing Manager presented this item to the Board. At this time staff is looking for feedback from the Board and any concerns they have prior to making a recommendation to the board at next months meeting.

Comments:

- Federal subsidy will cease once the mortgage is complete?
- Currently in deficit – can we get rid of this?
- What will they do if we reject their request?
- What work was done to get it up to standards? Any big problems we should know about?
- Could the DTSSAB just take over as managers?
- If there any more current financial information?
- What are the terms of the mortgage?
- Does the rent have to stay the same until the mortgage is done?
- Operators License?
- What is the process for “project in difficulty” for section 95?

7.3 Place Ste Marie Project

Anna McGonigal, Social Housing Manager presented this item to the Board. The Board had many question around the responsibility we take on if we support the project, discussed by Board and Management.

MOVED BY:

Nina Wallace

Motion # 5

SECONDED BY:

Tom Wells

THAT the Board acknowledge the Place Ste Marie Project and supports the efforts of the development firm to increase the availability of senior housing within the district

AND THAT the board supports their application through the Affordable Housing Program with the understanding that during these times of constraint that the Board is not prepared to accept any responsibility for the subsidization or assistance for the rental units within.

CARRIED

7.4 Replacement for Social Housing Maintenance Supervisor

Don Studholme, CAO presented this item to the Board.

MOVED BY:

Arla West

Motion # 6

SECONDED BY:

Tom Wells

THAT the Board approve the replacement of the Social Housing Maintenance Supervisor effective on or around July 1, 2009.

CARRIED

7.5 French Language Services Plan

Don Studholme, CAO presented this item to the Board.

DIRECTION TO STAFF: The Board's FLS committee will be involved with the staff's FLS committee by way of meetings together to discuss progress of plan.

MOVED BY: Tom Wells

Motion # 7

SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

THAT the Board accept the French Language Services (FLS) Plan for 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

7.6 Annual Meeting – May 28, 2009 in Englehart

Don Studholme, CAO presented this item to the Board for discussion.

7.7 Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB Resolution

RE: Involvement in Local Employment Service Redesign Tables

Don Studholme, CAO presented this item to the Board for discussion. All the DSSAB's OW funding is based on Employment Outcomes; therefore it is important that we have some part in this process. Jim Whipple provided some historical information and stated that he will bring a resolution to the NOSDA AGM supporting the DTSSAB's resolution passed here tonight

MOVED BY: Dan Coté

Motion # 8

SECONDED BY: Arla West

~~WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is currently engaged in re-designing employment supports as part of the federal-provincial Labour Market Development Agreement; and~~

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has vested this role with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities through Employment Ontario; and

WHEREAS Ontario's 47 Municipal Services Managers (a group which includes Northern Ontario's 10 District Social Services Administration Boards) are leaders and key partners in local labour force development through their divested responsibility for the delivery and funding of Ontario Works Employment Assistance activities; and

WHEREAS there is a growing confusion surrounding the roles of Training Boards, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, municipal service managers and the role of Service Canada in employment system redesign; and

WHEREAS local employers report increasing uncertainty regarding who they should be dealing with; and

WHEREAS the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review committed involved partners to the integrated planning of employment programs at the local level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board asks that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities systemically partner with Municipalities, CMSMs and Northern Ontario's DSSABs in the Ministry's local employment service redesign efforts; and

FURTHERMORE the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, AMO, NOSDA and OMSSA.

CARRIED

7.8 – Best Start Funding

Don Studholme, CAO presented this item to the Board for information and support.

MOVED BY: Linda Cunningham

Motion # 9

SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

Whereas the Best Start program is scheduled to end as of March 31, 2010;

Whereas the loss of Best Start funding will result in waiting lists for fee subsidies, wage losses for early childhood educators, decreased accessibility to child care programs and services, and potential closures of child care facilities;

Whereas the Province of Ontario has not yet provided Municipal Service Managers an indication of its plans for Best Start;

Whereas the President of AMO has also called for the continuation of the Best Start program and the funding needed to address the pressures in our child care system;

Whereas The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board will have no option but to start informing child care deliverers and parents this September 2009 that the Best Start funding and its initiatives will be ending on March 31, 2010;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the District of Timiskaming Social Service Administration Board is advocating for the continuation of the Best Start program and is requesting that the Minister of Children and Youth Services inform municipal service managers of its intentions regarding Best Start funding by June 2009, and

Furthermore, this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Children and Youth Services and David Ramsey, M.P.P. and the child care deliverers in the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED

7.9 CAO Monthly Report

Don Studholme, CAO presented this information to the Board.

8.0 IN CAMERA SESSION

MOVED BY: Tom Wells
SECONDED BY: Arla West

Motion # 10

THAT the Board resolves to move into closed session to discuss 1 Human Resources matter.

CARRIED

9.0 RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

MOVED BY: Tom Wells
SECONDED BY: Nina Wallace

Motion # 11

THAT the Board resolves to rise from the in camera session and reconvene with the regular Board meeting without report at 8:02 p.m.

CARRIED

10.0 ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING

MOVED BY: Nina Wallace
SECONDED BY: Bob Hobbs

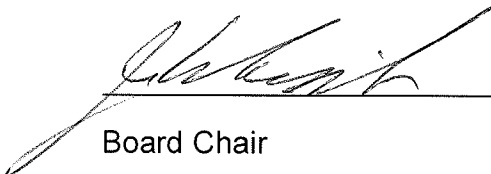
Motion # 12

THAT the Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

AND that the next meeting be held on May 14, 2009, in Kirkland Lake, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Minutes signed as approved by the Board:


Board Chair

May 14, 2009
Date