



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JUNE 23, 2021

Directly following the Community Services Committee

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 Scott Robertson (North Bay)

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)

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, Acting Director, Housing Operations

Lynn Demore-Pitre, Director, Children's Services

Michelle Glabb, Director, Social Services and Employment

Dawn Carlyle, Project Manager

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 2021-55

Moved by: Dan O'Mara

Seconded by: Dan Roveda

Resolved THAT the Board of Directors accept the Roll Call as read by the Recording Secretary for the Regular Board meeting of June 23, 2021 at 1:04 PM.

The regular Board Meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by Chair Mark King.

Carried.

1.2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Amanda Smith declared a conflict with item 8.2 as her employer is noted in the report.

Dave Mendicino declared a conflict with item 8.2 as his partner's employer is noted in the report.

Bill Vrebosch declared a conflict with an in-camera item.

2.0 CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone. He spoke the presentation of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, prepared by DNSSAB, at the City of North Bay's Community Services Committee. He acknowledged David Plumstead and Tyler Venable for their excellent work on the very thorough plan, which received unanimous support at the committee meeting. The report will be brought to council for approval in July.

The Chair mentioned an immunization clinic at the Edgewater housing units and commended staff for organizing the clinic where 83 people were vaccinated and 53 Covid-19 swabs were performed.

He informed members he has been elected to the NOSDA executive as Vice Chair and indicated this is a great opportunity for our organization to push for many items concerning the North.

He wished fellow members a restful summer following 14 months of hard work and reminded all of the critical need for increased affordable and geared to income housing, which will be prioritized when regular meetings resume in September.

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-56

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch

Seconded by: Scott Robertson

Resolved THAT the Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Carried.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Resolution No. 2021-57-A

Moved by: Dave Mendicino

Seconded by: Amanda Smith

Resolved THAT the Board adopts the minutes of the proceedings of the Regular Board meeting of May 26, 2021.

Carried.

4.2 Resolution No. 2021-57-B

Moved by: Terry Kelly

Seconded by: Jane Dumas

Resolved THAT the Board adopt the minutes of the proceedings of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of May 26, 2021.

Carried.

4.2 Resolution No. 2021-57-C

Moved by: Chris Mayne

Seconded by: Mac Bain

Resolved THAT the Board adopt the minutes of the proceedings of the Community Services Committee meeting of May 26, 2021.

Carried.

5.0 DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6.0 CAO VERBAL UPDATE

Resolution No. 2021-58

Moved by: Dan O'Mara

Seconded by: Dan Roveda

Resolved THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) receives the CAO Report for June 23, 2021.

CAO Catherine Matheson updated the Board on the NOSDA AGM held the previous day. She talked about the resolutions passed related to northern issues, including mental health and addictions system capacity, the opioid crisis, the need for funding equity among DSSABs with emphasis on the need to continue service system management at the local level by DSSABs and municipalities particularly in the areas of child care, social services, and employment. In addition, there was emphasis on the support for the national child care plan, the need for simplification of the social services system, the need for non-urgent provincial funding as currently exists in southern Ontario and the need for system planning coordination around corrections and discharge to community. The CAO stated she would forward the resolutions to Board members.

The CAO informed the Board she is now serving on a national board (Housing Investment Corporation) that is a sector based financing institution. With the CMHC affordable housing innovation fund, the HIC supports non-profits and cooperatives with low-cost financing for affordable housing development.

The CAO updated the Board on vaccinations services at an encampment on Third Avenue earlier in the week. Many community partners were involved and DNSSAB supports the leadership of public health on this matter. In response to a request from the Chair, the CAO to addressed the issue of people being discharged from jail, sometimes into homelessness, indicating there are discussions underway both locally and through the NOSDA group as many DSSABs have had this issue.

Carried.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION: #2021-50

Moved by: Scott Robertson

Seconded by: Dave Mendicino

THAT the Board receives for information purposes Consent Agenda items 7.1 to 7.5.

7.1 HS30-21 2019 Annual Update - 10-Yr Plan - an overview of the “2019 Annual Report Implementation Update: A Place to Call Home: Nipissing District 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan 2014-2024” attached as “Appendix A” (same title), for information purposes.

7.2 HS31-21 CHPI/SSRF YE Report and Reconciliation – an outline of how the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) funding was used in 2020-21 as well as the additional pandemic related CHPI Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) allocations, for information purposes.

7.3 HS29-21 Low Barrier Shelter Usage Update – an update on the LBS usage and is for information purposes.

[This item was pulled for further discussion.]

Housing Services Director Stacey Cyopeck reviewed the information provided in the briefing note, indicating the current statistics show an increase in Low Barrier Shelter usage since the beginning of June and that it is at capacity. Following comments about encampments in the city of North Bay, the CAO indicated that while Nipissing District has benefitted from provincial support, the pandemic has exposed the vulnerability of the homelessness system, and others including long term are homes. She acknowledged much has been done in response mode to keep people safe, adding upstream approaches are also being examined, such as systems tables improvements. Other members expressed that this is also a federal issue, and that a national program is needed. It was also noted that the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans offer a roadmap of sorts as to what is needed. Members asked that the North Bay plan be shared once passed at council and that other municipalities share their plans as well. It was also noted that the Community Safety and Well-Being Plans can be considered while developing DSSAB’s strategic plan.

7.4 B10-21 AMO Virtual Conference 2021 – information regarding the Board delegations at the August 2021 AMO Conference.

7.5 B11-21 New Business Model – Status Update – an update that includes changes made as part of the new business model for information.

[This item was pulled for further discussion.]

Corporate Services Direction Melanie Shaye reviewed the contents of her report, noting the changes and advantages resulting from the co-location of DNSSAB and NDHC staff at City Hall.

Carried.

8.0 MANAGER’S REPORTS

8.1 8.1 HS28-21 Sale of Cam's Place (AHP)

RESOLUTION: #2021-60

Moved by: Chris Mayne

Seconded by: Mac Bain

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board receive, for approval, report HS28-21 regarding the sale of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) (2003) project located at 240 Kingsway Avenue, North Bay, known as Cam's Place.

Stacey Cyopeck reviewed the report, adding that Community Living is a good proponent for this project, which will remain as it is currently operating until 2030. Once approved by the board, this will be brought to the ministry for approval.

Carried.

8.2 HS33-21 Update on SSRF3

RESOLUTION: #2021-61

[A conflict for Dave Mendicino and Amanda Smith, noted earlier, was reiterated.]

Moved by: Jane Dumas

Seconded by: Terry Kelly

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board accepts Briefing Note HS33-21, an update on SSRF Phase 3 allocations, for information.

Stacey Cyopeck noted that 11 applications for just over \$1M in funding were received by 10 community agencies. One applicant was ineligible due to timelines that would not be met by the deadline for expenditure.

Carried

8.3 HS34-21 2021-2022 Reaching Home Funding Update

RESOLUTION: #2021-62

Moved by: Dan Roveda

Seconded by: Scott Robertson

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) receive, for approval, the 2021-2022 Reaching Home Funding Update and RFP process, and;

THAT the Board delegates authority to the CAO to enter into contracts with the successful projects following the RFP evaluation process as set out in report HS34-21.

Stacey Cyopeck reviewed the how the RFP for the additional allocation for Reaching Home funding would be designed, and that it would be issued over the summer. A sub-committee of the CAB will review the submissions in September and recommendations will be brought to the Board.

Carried

8.4 In Camera

RESOLUTION: #2021-63

Moved by: Chris Mayne

Seconded by: Amanda Smith

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) move in-camera at 1:56 PM to discuss matters of negotiation.

Carried

[In-camera minutes are filed separately.]

8.5 Adjourn In Camera

RESOLUTION: #2021-64

Moved by: Dan Roveda

Seconded by: Scott Robertson

THAT the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) adjourns in-camera at 2:07 PM.

Carried

8.5 Adjourn In Camera

RESOLUTION: #2021-65

Moved by: Dave Mendicino

Seconded by: Jane Dumas

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, September 22, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2021-66

Moved by: Chris Mayne

Seconded by: Amanda Smith

Resolved THAT the Board meeting be adjourned at 2:09 PM.

Carried.

MARK KING
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

CATHERINE MATHESON
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Minutes of Proceedings Recorder: Marianne Zadra, Executive Coordinator