



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Held on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 5:30 PM at DTSSAB South Office

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Present: Derek Mundle (Chair), Jeff Laferriere, Mary-Jo Lentz, Jesse Foley, Lois Perry, Clifford Fielder, Ian Macpherson, Pat Kiely, Rick Owen, Mark Stewart (CAO)

Staff: Janice Loranger – Director of Finance, Louanna Lapointe – Ontario Works Manager, Rachel Levis – Director of Human Resources, Steve Cox – Housing Services Manager, Corey Mackler – Information Technology Manager, John McCarthy – EMS Chief, Lyne Labelle – Children's Services Manager, Michelle Caron - Recorder

Absent:

Guests: Darlene Wroe (Media)

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The Regular Meeting of the Board was called to order at 5:30 PM.

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### 2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

### 3.0 PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Nil

### 4.0 ACCEPTANCE/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

#### Resolution 2023- 22

Moved by Lois Perry and seconded by Pat Kiely

**THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, be accepted as presented.**

Carried.

### 5.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE DTSSAB BOARD

#### Resolution 2023-23

Moved by Rick Owen and seconded by Ian Macpherson

**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the DTSSAB Board held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be accepted as presented.**

Carried.

### 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

#### **6.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Pre-Budget Presentation to the Standing Committee**

#### Resolution 2023-24

Moved by Jeff Laferriere and seconded by Jesse Foley

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**WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;**

**WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;**

**WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;**

**WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;**

**WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,**

**WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:**

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;**
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;**
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.**

**AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**

Carried.

**6.2 Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) – Homelessness Prevention and Housing Benefit**

**Resolution 2023-25**

Moved by Mary Jo Lentz and seconded by Lois Perry

**WHEREAS the drastic recent increase in homelessness and the concurrent increase in the reliance of Canadians on food banks is evidence of the widening of the gap in income disparity due to current economic conditions; and**

**WHEREAS the CAEH has presented data illustrating that the majority of Canadians believe that homelessness is a problem and it is getting worse; and**

**WHEREAS the data also shows that the majority of Canadians believe resources should be allocated to improving the situation; and**

**WHEREAS CAEH has presented the benefits of creating a Homelessness Prevention Housing Benefit;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board supports the CAEH in requesting that the Federal government create a Housing Benefit as outlined in the CAEH report and proposal.**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to all District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board member municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, and the local Member of Parliament.**

Carried.

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 2023 Budget**

**Resolution 2023-26**

Recorded Vote:

Pat Kiely – <i>In Favour</i>	Rick Owen – <i>In Favour</i>	Derek Mundle – <i>In Favour</i>
Jeff Laferriere – <i>In Favour</i>	Jesse Foley – <i>In Favour</i>	Lois Perry – <i>In Favour</i>
Clifford Fielder – <i>Against</i>	Mary Jo Lentz – <i>In Favour</i>	Ian Macpherson – <i>In Favour</i>

**THAT the Board approve the 2023 Budget of \$40,135,287 total expenditures, with a municipal share of \$6,982,520 and a Territories Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO) share of \$1,879,667, and that an amount of \$200,000 be applied from the Working Fund Reserve to offset the municipal and TWOMO billing amounts, resulting in a final 2023 billing amount of \$1,824,940 municipal share and \$1,837,247 TWOMO share.**

Carried.

**7.2 2022 Annual Report**

This report was presented to the Board for information.

**7.3 Zack’s Crib Media Release**

This media release was presented to the Board for information.

**7.4 CAO Report**

This report was presented to the Board for information.

**8.0 IN-CAMERA SESSION**

**Resolution 2023-27**

Moved by Ian Macpherson and seconded by Clifford Fielder

**THAT the Board move to the in-camera session to discuss human resources matters and items pertaining to land acquisition.**

Carried.

**9.0 RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**Resolution 2023-28**

Moved by Jeff Laferriere and seconded by Clifford Fielder

**THAT the Board resolve to rise from the in-camera session and reconvene with the Regular Meeting of the Board with report at 6:49 PM.**

Carried.

**Resolution 2023-29**

Moved by Jesse Foley and seconded by Mary Jo Lentz

**THAT the Board approve the direction given In-Camera regarding item 8.4**

Carried.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

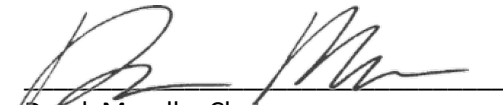
**Resolution 2023-30**

Moved by Lois Perry and seconded by Pat Kiely

**THAT the Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 6:50 PM. AND THAT the next meeting be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, or at the call of the Chair.**

Carried.

Minutes signed as approved by the Board:

  
Derek Mundle, Chair

March 22, 2023

Date

Recorder: Michelle Caron