



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Held on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at 5:30 PM at Englehart Family Health Team

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

Staff: Steve Cox – Housing Services Manager, Corey Mackler – Information Technology Manager, Louanna Lapointe – Ontario Works Manager, Janice Loranger – Director of Finance, Candice Danchuk – Housing Services Supervisor, Sarah Salvis – Chief of Ems, Lyne Labelle – Children's Services Manager, Michelle Sowinski - Recorder

Absent:

Guests: Darlene Wroe – Temiskaming Speaker

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 2024-20

Moved by Clifford Fielder seconded by Ian Macpherson

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 20th, 2024, be accepted as amended with the addition of item 7.7 – 2023 Reserve Transfers.

Carried.

5.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – February 21st, 2024, REGULAR MEETING OF THE DTSSAB BOARD

Resolution 2024-21

Moved by Mary Jo Lentz and seconded by Lois Perry

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the DTSSAB Board held on February 21st, 2024, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 CAO Update

This report was prepared and presented to the Board for their information by Mark Stewart.

7.2 Housing Service Refresher

These infographics were prepared by the Communications and Executive Coordinator and were presented by Steve Cox and Candice Danchuk. They will be uploaded to the DTSSAB website and distributed to municipalities.

7.3 Reaching Home Funding

Resolution 2024-22

Moved by Pat Kiely and seconded by Jeff Laferriere

WHEREAS Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness across Canada. This program provides funding to urban, Indigenous, rural, and remote communities to help them address their local homelessness needs; and

WHEREAS Reaching Home supports the goals of the National Housing Strategy by supporting the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable, and affordable housing and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by fiscal year 2027 to 2028; and

WHEREAS Homelessness has an impact on every community in Canada. It affects individuals, families, women fleeing violence, youth, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. In 2016, an estimated 129,000 people experienced homelessness at an emergency shelter. In 2019, Reaching Home was launched by the Federal government who committed \$2.2 billion to tackle homelessness across the country and increased their commitment to nearly \$4 billion over 9 years. This included over \$1.1 billion in new investments through Budgets 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS only five of the 11 NOSDA members are funded to deliver the Reaching Home Program, and they have been informed that their Reaching Home funding will be cut 57 % in fiscal 2026-27; and

WHEREAS this 57% reduction will mean that the 5 NOSDA members who deliver Reaching Home will lose 2.6 million annualized by fiscal 2026-27.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) calls on the government of Canada to meet its obligations as announced in 2016 and reaffirmed in 2022 by immediately reversing the decision to reduce the Reaching Home Funding by 57%; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DTSSAB call on the Federal government to increase the annualized funding allocated for Reaching Home and provide Reaching Home Funding for all eleven NOSDA members; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DTSSAB calls on the Federal Government to maintain its commitment to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by fiscal year 2027-28; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DTSSAB calls on the Federal Government to work hand in hand with the Province of Ontario to meet the province's goal of creating 1.5 million new homes by 2030.

Carried.

7.4 Blanche River Health Services Update

This item was presented by Sarah Salvis to the Board for their information.

7.5 NOSDA AGM Attendance

This item was presented to the Board for a future decision regarding which Board members will be attending the NOSDA AGM in Sudbury June 25-27th.

7.6 District of Timiskaming Children's Services Access Inclusion Framework

This report was prepared and presented by Lyne Labelle for the Board's Information.

7.7 2023 Reserve Transfers

Resolution 2024-24

Moved by Rick Owen and seconded by Jesse Foley

THAT the Board approve a transfer of \$300,000 into the EMS Vehicle Reserve for 2023 and a transfer of \$100,000 into the EMS Base Improvements Reserve for 2023.

Carried.

8.0 In-Camera

Resolution 2024-25

Moved by Mary Jo Lentz and seconded by Clifford Fielder

THAT the Board move into In-Camera session to discuss a proposed land acquisition and personal matters about identifiable individuals.

Carried.

9.0 Return to Regular Session

Resolution 2024-26

Moved by Lois Perry and seconded by Ian Macpherson

THAT the Board resolve to rise from the In-Camera session and return to the Regular session with report at 7:10 PM and THAT the Board endorse the direction given In-Camera under item 8.4.

Carried.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

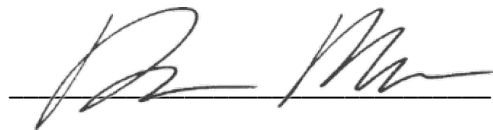
Resolution 2024-27

Moved by Pat Kiely and seconded by Clifford Fielder

THAT the Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 7:10 PM AND THAT the next meeting be held on April 24th, 2024, or at the Call of the Chair.

Carried.

Minutes signed as approved by the Board:



April 24th, 2024

Derek Mundle, Chair

Date

Recorder: Michelle Sowinski