



Conseil des Services du District de  
**Manitoulin-Sudbury**  
District Services Board

## **MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING**

### **Draft Minutes**

**September 19, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Board Room**

**Members Present:** Bruce Killah  
Kevin Burke  
Angela Kelly  
Steven Olsen  
Al MacNevin  
Denise Portelance-Godin  
Ken Duplessis  
Ian Anderson  
David Santi  
John Deforge  
Vern Gorham

**Regrets:** Rob Campbell  
Ryan Bignucolo  
Paul Branconnier

**Staff Present:** Lori Clark  
Connie Morphet  
Josh Parkinson  
Amy Winnington-Ingram  
Kristian Thorne

**Others Present:** Robert Smith, Interim Chief of Paramedic Services

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are all on land that has been inhabited by Anishnawbek Nations for 10's of thousands of years.

We'd like to acknowledge that we are here in the Robinson Huron Treaty territory and the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng

Anishnawbek and we would like to give thanks for sharing this land in order for us to continue in our work.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Anishnabek nations from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to unite, live, work and play on this land.

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

**4. Business Arising from Closed Session**

During it's Closed Session the Board discussed Human Resources issues.

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

**Resolution 24- 53**

**Moved by:** Vern Gorham

**Seconded by:** Kevin Burke

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

**6. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Resolution 24- 54**

**Moved by:** Denise Portelance-Godin

**Seconded by:** John Deforge

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the June 20, 2024 Board meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**7. Committee Meetings**

**7.1 HR Committee**

**7.1.1 OPSEU 679**

**Resolution 24- 55**

**Moved by:** Al MacNevin

**Seconded by:** Steven Olsen

WHEREAS the Collective Agreement between the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and OPSEU Local 679 expired on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Board has authorized the Human Resources Consultant and other designated managers to negotiate the renewal of the Collective Agreement including the signing of the Memorandum of Settlement on behalf of the Board; and

WHEREAS the parties have signed a Memorandum of Settlement on August 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS the parties are unanimously recommending ratification of this Memorandum of Settlement to their respective principals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board ratifies the Memorandum of Settlement between Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and OPSEU Local 679 dated August 16, 2024 and authorizes, subject to the ratification by the employees represented by OPSEU 679 Paramedic Services, the signing of a new Collective Agreement that expires on December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

## 7.2 Program Planning Committee

### 7.2.1 Sudbury North Housing Case Management

Kristian Thorne, Integrated Human Services Manager, walked the Board through the [Sudbury North Case Management - Issue Report](#).

In September 2023 the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) launched a housing case management pilot program in Sudbury North. The program is designed to support the tenants living in Community Housing to have successful tenancies.

The program was first offered in partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) the program struggled with recruitment and retention challenges. In response to community need the DSB created an internal HCM position on a 1-year pilot.

Housing Case Management Support is needed in the community, staff are recommending the Finance Committee review the financial impact of providing a HCM internally during the 2025 budget process.

### **Resolution 24- 56**

**Moved by:** Ian Anderson

**Seconded by:** Denise Portelance-Godin

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Sudbury North Housing Case Management - Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accept the Program Planning Committees recommendation and approve the Sudbury North Housing Case Management - Issue Report and authorize staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

CARRIED

### 7.2.2 New Child Care Funding Approach

Amy Winnington-Ingram, Integrated Human Services Manager, walked the Board through the [New Child Care Funding Approach - Issue Report](#).

The new formula will come into effect on January 1, 2025.

The Ministry of Education shared guidelines for the new model that will fund child care services for children aged 0-5. Funding for children aged 6-12 and EarlyON programs will remain separate, with the guidelines coming later in 2024. The allocation for 2025 includes cost-based funding, local priorities funding, and start-up funding.

The next parent fee reduction will take place starting on January 1, 2025. Fees will be capped at \$22 per day.

DSB staff are in conversation with the school boards, the Ministry and local providers to possibly open facilities where there is a need. Updates will be provided to the Board as talks progress.

#### **Resolution 24- 57**

**Moved by:** David Santi

**Seconded by:** Angela Kelly

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the New Child Care Funding - Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accept the Program Planning Committees recommendation and approve the New Child Care Funding - Issue Report and authorize staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

CARRIED

### 7.2.3 Housing and Homelessness Annual Report

Kristian Thorne, Integrated Human Services Manager, updated the Board on the final year of our [10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan](#) she provided examples of activities supporting each of the goals in the plan.

## **Resolution 24- 58**

**Moved by:** John Deforge

**Seconded by:** Vern Gorham

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Housing and Homelessness Annual Report and is recommending approval to the Board:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accept the Program Planning Committees recommendation and approve the Housing and Homelessness Annual Report and authorize staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

CARRIED

### **7.2.4 2024-25 Homelessness Prevention Program**

Kristian Thorne, Integrated Human Services Manager, advised the Board that on August 28th, 2024 staff received confirmation of the [Homelessness Prevention Program \(HPP\) Investment Plan Approval](#).

### **7.2.5 2025 Ontario Works Program Delivery Funding**

Lori Clark, Acting CAO, updated the Board on the [2025 Ontario Works Program Delivery Funding](#).

On September 6th, staff received verification of the 2025 Ontario Works Program Delivery Funding (PDF) planning allocations from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS). Given the rise in caseload numbers, the ministry has changed the funding model and will no longer be holding Ontario Works delivery partners at their 2018 expenditure actuals.

The total allocation for 2025 is \$1,221,500. Of this total, \$277,000 is the allocated ministry share for the 100% provincial Ontario Works Employment Assistance PDF and \$944,500 is the ministry share for Ontario Works Administration PDF 50/50 funding.

The 2025 funding has been adjusted to account for the transfers related to the Employment Services Transformation (EST).

### **7.2.6 HART Hubs**

Kristian Thorne, Integrated Human Services Manager, walked the Board through the introduction of [Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment \(HART\) Hubs](#).

On August 20, 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the introduction of HART Hubs. Staff received communication on August 29, 2024, advising that HART Hubs will be led by the Ministry of Health in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Children Community and Social Services, and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills.

Ontario is investing \$378 million over four years to support a Demonstration Project for 10 new HART Hubs across the province, 2 of which will be Indigenous-Led.

HART Hubs will be in a community setting and will incorporate a range of critical services such as primary care, mental health services, addiction treatment, supportive housing and case management to support access to social and employment support.

HART Hubs will be selected through a Call for Proposals. Service Managers were asked to share the Call for Proposals with community partners.

Proposals must identify a Health Services Provider lead that will receive and administer the Hub funding. Applicants must also demonstrate endorsement from the service manager indicating that the proposal aligns with local planning.

Interested applicants are required to submit an Intent to Apply by September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with proposal submissions due on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Staff have engaged with community partners to support proposal development and will provide additional updates to the board should there be any successful proponents in the district.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 2024 Second Quarter CAO Activity Report**

Lori Clark, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, walked the Board through the [2024 CAO Second Quarter Report](#). This report will be shared with member municipalities who are encouraged to add it to Council agenda packages.

#### **Resolution 24- 59**

**Moved by:** Ken Duplessis

**Seconded by:** Angela Kelly

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2024 Second Quarter CAO Activity Report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 8.2 2024 Second Quarter Unaudited Financial Report

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance, walked the Board through the [2024 Second Quarter Unaudited Financial Report](#), which is forecasting a year-end surplus of \$405,254.

### **Resolution 24- 60**

**Moved by:** David Santi

**Seconded by:** Al MacNevin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2024 Second Quarter Unaudited Financial Report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## 8.3 NOSDA AGM

Lori Clark, Acting CAO, gave a brief overview of the [resolutions](#) that came out of the NOSDA AGM that was held on June 26 and 27, 2024, in Sudbury. The Board will be updated on any notable outcomes from the resolutions.

### **Resolution 24- 61**

**Moved by:** Kevin Burke

**Seconded by:** Ian Anderson

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has reviewed the 2024 NOSDA resolutions that were presented and adopted at the Annual General Meeting on June 27, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB endorses the NOSDA Resolutions and encourages NOSDA members to advance these issues with the Federal and Provincial governments.

CARRIED

## 8.4 Wiikwemkoong Financial Statements

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance, walked the Board through the [Wiikwemkoong Financial Statements](#).

The Wiikwemkoong Ambulance Service is administered by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC).

The financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024, for this Ambulance Service were audited during the summer months and reported to MOHLTC.

The total expenses of \$3,345,220 were within the approved Ministry budget and are 100% funded by the MOHLTC.

**Resolution 24- 62**

**Moved by:** David Santi

**Seconded by:** Denise Portelance-Godin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wiikwemkoong Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**9. Other Business**

**9.1 AMO**

Lori Clark, Acting CAO, gave the Board a brief overview of the AMO Conference.

The AMO Conference was held on August 19-21, 2024. This year the DSB did not submit any delegation requests, the Acting CAO did attend all the NOSDA delegations. Staff will keep the board apprised of any notable outcomes because of the delegations.

**9.2 Ending Chronic Homelessness Research, Advocacy Project**

Correspondence was shared with the board regarding an unprecedented research project being undertaken by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA).

On Aug 30th, 2024 AMO, OMSSA and NOSDA forwarded a [memo](#) to all Ontario Municipal Social Managers, CAO's, City Managers, Heads of Council and District Social Services Administration Boards to advise of a unprecedented research project.

AMO, OMSSA and NOSDA, have partnered together with HelpSeeker Technologies to undertake an Assessment of Need and Cost to End Chronic Homelessness in Ontario.

The objectives of the research project are to:

- quantify the current scale and scope of homelessness in Ontario and potential growth without additional interventions;
- identify and cost solutions at a provincial level to end chronic homelessness in Ontario to a functional zero standard by 2030, as defined by Built for Zero: and,



- identify the gap between current municipal, provincial, and federal investments and the required investments to end chronic homelessness in Ontario by 2030.

The project is in the data collection phase with an expected completion date of the end of 2024.

Helpseeker has designed and distributed a data collection survey to all previously mentioned provincial partners. The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is participating in the project and will be providing our data in the near future. Once completed the work will serve as a platform for evidence based-informed policy development, advocacy and service planning to end chronic homelessness.

**10. Next Meeting - October 17, 2024**

**11. Adjournment**

**Resolution 24- 63**

**Moved by:** Steven Olsen

**Seconded by:** Vern Gorham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:20 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held on October 17, 2024.

CARRIED

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Board Chair

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