

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

DSSAB Office, Killbear Room
1 Beechwood Drive
Parry Sound, Ontario



Board Members Present:

Linda Alkins
Linda Andersen
Jerry Brandt
Teri Brandt
Roger Burden
Ted Collins
Joel Constable

Steve Crookshank
Gail Finnsen
Lyle Hall
Teresa Hunt
Ted Knight
Barbara Marlow
Rick Zanussi

Board Members Absent:

Jamie McGarvey

Staff:

Joe Bradbury, CAO
Janice Bray, Director of Social Services
Mitzi Dinsmore, CFO
Jennifer Harris, Administrative Assistant
Pam Nelson, Manager of Housing & Integrated Services

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, Rick Zanussi at 7:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1 July 11, 2019

Resolution 190901

CARRIED

Moved by Jerry Brandt

Seconded by Lyle Hall

“THAT the Board meeting minutes of Thursday, July 11, 2019 be approved as presented.”

4. DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS.

5. REPORTS:

5.1 Chair

Thanked Ms. Marlow, Mr. Hall, Ms. Finnsen, Mr. Constable and Mr. Burden for attending AMO delegations and supporting our CAO. There were over 16 delegations done and the CAO will be following up with letters regarding items in the delegation package.

The Board will be sending a delegation to ROMA in January and any members interested in attending, please contact the CAO.

Recognized and thanked staff who have reached 15 years of service, Jodi B. and Tracy A. and Donna B. who will reach 20 years of service shortly.

5.2 Chief Administrative Officer

CAO report was presented and reviewed. If any members would like additional information included in the CAO report, please contact either the CAO or the Chair. If there are any other items to be added to the AMO delegations, which will be done again at ROMA, contact the CAO.

CAO would like to have three (3) or four (4) projects on the go and shovel ready if/when provincial/federal funding becomes available.

5.3 Chief Financial Officer

Financial statement was presented and reviewed.

6. OUTSTANDING ISSUES:

6.1 Town of Parry Sound Request for Property Taxes (May 16, 2019)

The Town has taken legal action against the not-for-profit provider and MPAC. We are waiting for the outcome of that before the Board makes a decision.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA)

A written report was presented and reviewed for information.

This item is being brought forward since it's on the advocacy agenda of the province and there is a potential loss of subsidy units.

7.2 Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan Report

A written report was presented and reviewed for information.

Discussion ensued around the housing situation in our district and made mention of the fact that the DSSAB owns property on Waubeek Street and should either be building on it or selling it.

7.3 Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) Investment Plan

A written report was presented and reviewed.

Newest wave of community housing (affordable housing) just came out in July. We have an allocation of \$440,800 that has to be committed by December 31, 2019 which doesn't leave much time for planning. Our initial ask to the Ministry was to pool our funding together so we would have a significant amount of money to put towards a project but if that is denied, another plan was created which would be to assist our housing providers with funding.

Resolution 190902

Moved by Linda Andersen

Seconded by Roger Burden

"THAT the Board approves the attached Investment Plan for the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) as presented."

CARRIED

7.4 Mental Health & Addictions Data

A verbal report was provided and data sheets were reviewed.

This data was gathered by staff and outside agencies which showcases alarming data for this region with significant growth of drug and drug use. There has been a significant decline in treatment programs, even though drug use has gone up. We believe this to be due to our lack of access for mental health and addictions services in our area. Developing a drug strategy with the Board taking a leadership role worked well in Nipissing. The CAO will be developing strategies over the next little while on how to effectively solve this and it needs to be done in partnership with schools, hospitals, OPP, etc....

7.5 AMO Delegations Update

A verbal report was provided.

Letters will be written to each of the ministries summarizing our delegations and following up on the offer of providing tours of our district. If any ministries agree to visit our district, the CAO will do a quick callout to see if any Board members are interested in attending the tour.

7.6 Strategic Planning – Next Steps

A verbal report was provided.

Introducing the concept of strategic planning to the Board. Will be conducting a survey with front line staff on if they had a vision, where would the DSSAB go in 10 years. In the near future, the Board Members will be sent individual surveys for completion. Once all surveys have been collected, hoping the Board will spend a couple hours reviewing the results and provide direction to the CAO on how to proceed.

8. IN CAMERA.

9. CORRESPONDENCE.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, October 10, 2019 in Sundridge.

Resolution 190903

CARRIED

Moved by Joel Constable

Seconded by Steve Crookshank

“THAT the Board meeting now be adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the Sundridge Community Centre, 110 Main Street, Sundridge, Ontario at the hour of 7:00 pm.”