

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Sundridge Community Centre
110 Main Street
Sundridge, Ontario



Board Members Present:

Linda Alkins
Linda Andersen
Jerry Brandt
Teri Brandt
Steve Crookshank
Gail Finnson
Lyle Hall
Teresa Hunt
Barbara Marlow
Rick Zanussi

Board Members Absent:

Roger Burden
Ted Collins
Joel Constable
Ted Knight
Jamie McGarvey

Staff:

Jeff Degagne, Manager of Income Support and Stability
Mitzi Dinsmore, CFO
Melissa Fagan, Supervisor of Ontario Works
Kerry Hardie-Mintz, Supervisor of Ontario Works
Jennifer Harris, Administrative Assistant
Pam Nelson, Supervisor of Homelessness & Integrated Services Program
Janet Patterson, CAO
Sharon Smith, Director of Community Services & Income Support

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, Rick Zanussi at 7:08 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

4. DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS.

5. REPORTS:

5.1 Chair

Introduced the new Board members and staff.

On behalf of the Board, congratulated Sharon Smith on her retirement.

Updated members on a situation in Powassan with regards to the cancellation of a DSSAB run summer recreation program. There are parent concerns coming forward. This item will be added to the next Board meeting agenda.

5.2 Chief Administrative Officer

Spoke further on the Powassan situation and the absence of communication to Board members of Area 6 as representation was not finalized until February 20th.

5.3 Chief Financial Officer

6. OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Board Orientation – Ontario Works

Sharon Smith, Jeff Degagne, Pam Nelson, Kerry Hardie-Mintz and Melissa Fagan reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the Ontario Works program. This presentation will be included in the orientation binders.

7.2 Ontario Works Budget

Financial information on the Ontario Works program was reviewed and added to the budget binders.

7.3 Ontario Works Employment Assistance Update

A verbal report was provided.

The DSSAB is at risk of losing funding or having to compete to be the Service Manager of all employment services in the district. The Province is making changes to have a competitive bid process open to various organizations. This change isn't expected until 2020 and this item will be brought back to the Board for further discussion at a later date. There are also changes coming with social assistance reform and tightening the eligibility for ODSP. We are concerned that tightening up the restrictions will result in less clients being eligible for ODSP and who are not employable without significant supports.

7.4 Board Orientation – Corporate Services

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

8. IN CAMERA.

9. CORRESPONDENCE.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, March 14, 2019 in Parry Sound.

Resolution 190213

Moved by Jerry Brandt

Seconded by Lyle Hall

“THAT the Board meeting now be adjourned to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board office, 1 Beechwood Drive, Parry Sound, Ontario at the hour of 7:00 pm.”

CARRIED