



**DNSSAB BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Date: March 27, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Location: DNSSAB Boardroom
200 McIntyre Street East, North Bay, ON, P1B 8V6

Members Present: Mark King- Chair
Lana Mitchell- Vice Chair
Amanda Smith
Chris Mayne
Dan O'Mara
Ethel LaValley
Jamie Restoule
Justine Mallah
Maggie Horsfield
Mélanie Chenier
Peter Chirico
Terry Kelly

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:49 PM.

Resolution #: 2024-30

Moved by: Mélanie Chenier

Seconded by: Maggie Horsfield

THAT the Board of Directors accepts the Roll Call as read by the Recording Secretary for the DNSSAB Board Meeting of March 27, 2024, at 1:49 PM.

CARRIED

1.1 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2. Opening Remarks by the Chair

The Chair began his remarks with the Land Acknowledgement.

He extended condolences to fellow member Chris Mayne on the passing of his mother. The Chair noted how Daphne Mayne sat on council with his father years ago and how it was a pleasure to watch council over those years. He acknowledged that the warming centre would be closing at the end of the month and that thoughts have turned to establishing a warming centre for next winter.

The Chair talked about the funding cut to the National Housing Strategy and how a dispute with the Province could have a negative impact on creating affordable housing and the advocacy planned by DNSSAB and other agencies. The Chair acknowledged that a minimum of five applications made to the federal government (CMHA) have been unsuccessful.

The Chair touched on pertinent initiatives outlined in the provincial budget that address the housing crisis, mostly directed at municipalities, with the exception being \$152M of funding over three years, disbursed among all service managers to support individuals facing unstable housing conditions and dealing with mental health and addictions challenges and targeted at rent supplements. The Chair also noted the provincial budget did not contain any new or increased funding for Ontario Works and ODSP despite growing caseloads where recipients are living below the poverty line.

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #: 2024-31

Moved by: Jamie Restoule

Seconded by: Justine Mallah

THAT the Board accept the Agenda for March 27, 2024.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

Resolution #: 2024-32-A

Moved by: Chris Mayne

Seconded by: Terry Kelly

THAT the Board adopt the minutes of proceedings of the February 28, 2024, DNSSAB Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution #: 2024-32-B

Moved by: Ethel LaValley

Seconded by: Lana Mitchell

THAT the Board adopt the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of February 28, 2024.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

Delia Greenlees and Kim Keefer presented on behalf of No More Tears West Nipissing, outlining how they work with other support agencies and provide day and night outreach for the vulnerable, encouraging them to connect with services. They advocated for a low barrier shelter in West Nipissing and asked for guidance in securing a shelter or other solution for the upcoming winter.

There was discussion about how services are managed in West Nipissing.

The Chair along with several board members thanked them for the presentation and for the work they do in the community.

6. CAO Verbal Update

CAO Melanie Shaye informed the Board that she and program leads met with Wendy Prieur of the Northern Ontario Centre of Excellence about the 53 ministry funded beds that will be provided at the Lakeshore Drive site for withdrawal management and treatment. They would be looking for connections with DNSSAB services once they are up and running.

Staff is working on a contract compliance policy that will be brought forward for approval soon. This policy will clarify the obligations of partners. The unsolicited proposal policy will be available on the DNSSAB website.

Senior staff had the opportunity to tour 140 Elmwood, a new space operated by the Children's Aid Society, that provides initiatives for children and youth.

The West Nipissing Alliance Centre, providing mental health and addiction support, may become part of the HIFIS recording system.

The CAO noted that she continues to meet individually with municipalities and that each municipality will be re-issued the encampment response protocol.

Resolution #: 2024-33

Moved by: Ethel LaValley

Seconded by: Peter Chirico

THAT the Board accepts the CAO Verbal Update for March 27, 2024.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda

Resolution #: 2024-34

Moved by: Terry Kelly

Seconded by: Maggie Horsfield

THAT the Board receives for approval/ information, Consent Agenda items 7.1 to 7.4.

CARRIED

7.1 2024 Board Service Reimbursement Update, CORP-2024-008

7.2 COCHI Residual Funding Submission, HS-2024-012

Members expressed their concerns over the lack of approval for projects in Northern Ontario.

7.3 Rent Subsidies and Portable Housing Benefit, HS-2024-009

7.4 Response Time Standards Results, PS-2024-004

There was some discussion about how certain ambulance calls are managed, and what happens when classification changes on the scene.

8. Managers' Reports

8.1 Organization Review, CORP-2024-007

The Manager of Planning, Outcomes and Analytics reviewed two options for an organization review; either to use internal or external resources, and that using an external consultant would require costs to be built into the 2025 Budget. He indicated staff is looking for first approval to go ahead

and then the board's choice of the options presented. Members discussed the timing of the review and the potential cost and that if the cost is too high, the review will not proceed. Any costs will be brought forward for approval.

Resolution #: 2024-35-A

Moved by: Peter Chirico

Seconded by: Lana Mitchell

A) That the Board approves to move forward with an organization review,

CARRIED

Resolution #: 2024-35-B

Moved by: Lana Mitchell

Seconded by: Terry Kelly

B) That the Board choses to use an external consultant to conduct the review

CARRIED

9. Move In Camera

Resolution #: 2024-36

Moved by: Ethel LaValley

Seconded by: Mélanie Chenier

THAT the DNSSAB Board move in-camera at 3:39 PM to discuss personnel matters.

CARRIED

9.1 Approve Agenda

9.2 Item #1

10. Adjourn In Camera

Resolution #: 2024-37

Moved by: Chris Mayne
Seconded by: Justine Mallah

THAT the Board approve the action/direction discussed in-camera.

CARRIED

11. Other / New Business

There was no new business.

11.1 Motion from West Nipissing

The Chair clarified this request is so that the Ministry review the DSSAB Act to look at representation, not specifically to change the make-up of the District of Nipissing Board.

Resolution #: 2024-37-B

Moved by: Jamie Restoule
Seconded by: Ethel LaValley

Whereas a letter of support from Chair Mark King in November 2023, requesting proportionate representation on the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) based in consideration of population growth, was requested and provided to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS); and,

Furthermore, whereas a meeting with the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa and the Municipality of West Nipissing at the ROMA conference in January 2024 recommended to West Nipissing that the DNSSAB provide a resolution outlining its support, as a subsequent step of support to the previously Board-approved letter;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution supports consideration by the Minister of MCCSS to changes to the DSSAB Act to better reflect its members' representation on the DNSSAB; and,

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister.

CARRIED

12. Next Meeting Date

13. Adjournment

Resolution #: 2024-38

Moved by: Dan O'Mara

Seconded by: Jamie Restoule

THAT the DNSSAB Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:29 PM.

CARRIED

MARK KING

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

MELANIE SHAYE

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD