

KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Ontario Works/Child Care
Committee held on Friday, March 6, 2009
at the Kenora District Services Board Office in Dryden
Commencing at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Joyce Timpson- Chair
Kim Thain
Ray LeRay
Dianne Aplan, OW/CC Director
Sten Lif, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Toni Thurbide, Director of Finance

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the OW/CC Committee was called to order by the Chair at 9:10 a.m.

2. **2.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION NO.: OWCC2009-05

Moved by Kim Thain
Seconded by Ray LeRay

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee approve the agenda as amended for a meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday, March 6, 2009 at the Kenora District Services Board Administration office in Dryden commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Add: Item 8.10 Report CC2009-12 KPDSB Request for Funding
Item 9.4 Resolution to Recommend Funding for KPDSB

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: File

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None Declared

4. **DELEGATIONS / DEPUTATIONS**

None at this time

5. **MINUTES OF OW/CC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

MOTION NO.: OWCC2009-06

Moved by Ray Leray
Seconded by Kim Thain

RESOLVED THAT the OW/CC Committee approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 committee meeting as presented.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: File

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7.1 Ontario Works Outcomes Report

The Committee was provided with a synopsis of how Ontario Works Employment Assistance Outcomes is generated, the categories chosen and the targets achieved. In the first year of the two year cycle, the OW office earned 1,655 points toward an overall target of 2,000 points. Discussion ensued regarding the upload of ODSP costs and Ontario Works costs. The Ministry of Community and Social Services is currently studying the cost of administration for all DSSABs and CMSMs. The cost of administrating for an OW case is much more expensive in the north, especially in DSSABs with rural and remote areas to service. The committee requested additional information be provided to the Board of Directors on the Employment Outcomes Funding and the ramifications of a set cost of administration based on a cost per case.

**ACTION: BOARD REPORT - ONTARIO WORKS EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES
BOARD REPORT - COST OF ADMINISTRATION BASED ON COST PER CASE**

7.2 Ontario Disability Support Program Spouses Participating in Ontario Works Savings

The final report for 2008 Savings Resulting from ODSP Participation in OW Employment programs indicated the KDSB earned \$9,100.00 in 2008. The "savings" were generated by working with ODSP participants, spouses and dependent adult children to gain and improve employment earnings. Improved earnings reduce the amount of assistance required and result in "savings" to both the province and the KDSB. The KDSB does not have to contribute the municipal share of 20% and also receives 50% of the province's 80% savings. Since the inception of the savings program the KDSB Ontario Works program has earned \$12,809. These "savings" are to be used for human services within the program.

7.3 The Committee was provided information about a new Aboriginal playgroup being piloted in Dryden. The playgroup is open to everyone and integrates the Aboriginal culture and quality early learning activities.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Reconciliation Report for OW Outcomes Funding - Board Report to follow

8.2 2008 Ontario Works Monthly Savings Report (ODSP) discussed in 7.2.

8.3 2008 Year-to-Date Report for Ontario Works Budget

- 8.4 Committee Report OW2009-06
The most striking contrast between budget estimate and actual expenditure came within two budget lines:
Transfers to Others, budget \$4,170,000, actual \$4,337,703 meaning a deficit of \$167,703; and
Employment Program budget \$370,000, actual \$212,769 meaning a surplus of \$157,231.
The under utilization of the employment envelope had a direct result on the level of assistance paid out in client benefits. Our client benefits were overspent by an amount within \$11,000 of our under utilization of our employment monies. Overall the total Ontario Works operational expenditures were under budget by 1% or by \$16,133.
Further details are contained in Committee Report OW2009-06.
- 8.5 Committee Report OW2009-07 Amended, Rescinded Ontario Works Policies
The Ontario Works Policies and Directives were created within the present delivery model, a purchase of service delivery model, consisting of contracts between the KDSB and five municipalities. The new service delivery model, being implemented on April 1 is a streamlined model, with all OW employees working directly for the KDSB reporting to managers in Kenora and Dryden. The policies, in the past, were written to direct offices how to handle the various tasks and responsibilities outlined in the delivery of Ontario Works. The recent Governance Review commented on the abundance of policies that really dealt with operational issues. The policies that dealt with processes and procedures were rescinded and recreated as directives. Please refer to Committee Report.
- 8.6 Committee Report OW2009-05, Revised Discretionary Adult Dental Policy, provides new direction to OW managers as to emergency, general dental health and denture limits.
- 8.7 Committee Report CC2009-09, Amended, Rescinded Child Care Policies.
- 8.8 Committee Report CC2009-10, Waninawakang 2008 Funding Request. Funding was provided to all of the children's programs in the district in 2008 with the exception of the Waninawakang Head Start Program. The child care centre was opened in October 2008 and did not receive wage subsidy, special needs or stabilization funding for the last quarter of 2008.
- 8.9 Committee Report CC2009-11, Child Care Year End Report indicates that child care programs received full funding, utilizing the entire regular and Best Start budgets.
- 8.10 Committee Report CC2009-12 Request for Funding from Keewatin Patricia District School Board (KPDSB). The KPDSB has now provided a final accounting of the funds received and requests an additional \$5,694.60 to cover re-tendering costs. The funding would come from the Unconditional grant and would have no impact on the 2009 budget.

9. RESOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 MOTION NO.: OWCC2009-07 Moved by Ray Leray
Seconded by Kim Thain

Resolved that the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the amended and rescinded Ontario Works policies as listed in Report OW2009-07.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.2 MOTION NO.: OWCC2009-08

Moved by Kim Thain
Seconded by Ray Leray

Resolved that the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the amended and rescinded Child Care policies as listed in Report CC2009-09.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.3 MOTION NO.: OWCC2009-09

Moved by Ray Leray
Seconded by Kim Thain

Resolved that the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve a payment of \$27,971 to the Waninawakang Head Start Program from the Best Start Unconditional Grant to cover unpaid wage subsidy, stabilization and special needs for 2008.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.4 MOTION NO.: OWCC2009-10

Moved by Kim Thain
Seconded by Ray Leray

Resolved that the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve a payment of \$5,694.60 to the Keewatin Patricia District School Board from the Best Start Unconditional Grant to cover additional costs incurred as a result of re-tendering for Best Start Capital projects.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

10. NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting date tentatively set for April 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 12:30 p.m.

Confirmed this 20th day of April, A.D. 2009

By Resolution No.: OW/CC 2009-12

Joyce Timpson, Chair