

KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Ontario Works/Child Care
Committee held on Monday October 27, 2008
at the Kenora District Services Board Office in Dryden
Commencing at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Kim Thain - Chair
Joyce Timpson
Ray Leray
Dianne Apland, OW/CC Director
Sten Lif, CAO
Toni Thurbide, Director of Finance

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the OW/CC Committee was called to order by the Chair at 1:20 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION NO.: OWCC2008-30 Moved by Joyce Timpson
Seconded by Ray Leray

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee approve the agenda for a meeting of the Committee to be held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at the Kenora District Services Board Administration office in Dryden commencing at 1:20 p.m.

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

MOTION NO.: OWCC2008-31 Moved by Ray Leray
Seconded by Joyce Timpson

RESOLVED THAT the OW/CC Committee approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008 committee meeting as presented.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: File

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter to Honourable Monte Solberg MP from Regional Municipality of Halton

A letter was received from the Regional Municipality of Halton regarding the enhanced 2008 operating budget for child care that was funded 100% by the Province of Ontario. The letter was addressed to the federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and to the provincial Minister of Children and Youth Services, urging them to work together to fund child care at a level to support child care and children within the district and to enable Best Start funding to continue on a permanent basis. The current funding model is set to expire in 2010.

Best Start funding is 100% provincial dollars while regular Day Nursery Act dollars are cost shared 80/20.

The Committee made a recommendation that the Board of Directors consider drafting a letter to the federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development requesting confirmation of a joint federal/provincial plan to enable Best Start funding to continue on a permanent basis.

6.2 Letter from Municipality of Red Lake

A letter was received from the Municipality of Red Lake requesting additional funding from KDSB to cover the shortfall in the proposed relocation of the Red Lake Child Care/Family Resource Centre. Board reports CC2008-02 and CC2008-07 are available on line.

7. Program Director's Report

7.1 Restructuring Schedule for Ontario Works Department

The Committee was provided a restructuring schedule covering the many tasks which must be completed prior to the final move of Ontario Works staff. The schedule is a living document which may be enhanced or updated as the need arises. The Schedule is available on line.

7.2 Ontario Works Statistics

The Ontario Works caseload is at a six year high with a total of 561 benefit units or families on assistance. The increase in cases is consistent across the district with all offices showing an increase. The client employment expenses are under budget at this time.

7.3 Direct Bank Deposit Audit Trail

The last Ministry audit of our Ontario Works files indicated a break in our audit paper trail when it came to DBDs (Direct Banking Deposits). Although our computer system printed off a deposit stub for clients, the bank could not/would not provide confirmation that the deposit we sent the bank for John Smith actually went into John Smith's account. The Director of Finance is currently investigating the option of changing our OW account to accommodate the Ministry request for an audit trail for DBDs. This is simply one of the operational adjustments recently made to enhance security and confidentiality around our OW clients and their cheques/deposits.

7.4 Annual Nosda Meeting Held in Thunder Bay

The Ontario Works employment booth back drop and banners were on display at the annual NOSDA meeting in Thunder Bay. Many favourable comments were received as well as inquiries from other DSSABs on where they were purchased.

7.5 Child Care/Best Start Allocations

Letters and cheques were mailed to Ignace Nursery School, Municipality of Sioux Lookout and Kenora Association fro Community Living Kid Zone for start up for school age programs and conversion to accommodate younger children.

7.6 Child Care Stabilization

The Committee was provided with a spreadsheet indicating the allocations for child care stabilization and wage improvement provided to all children's programs in the district.

7.7 Caring and Sharing Workshops

THE "Caring and Sharing" workshops with Early Childhood Educators and Kindergarten teachers have been hosted throughout the district. The Aboriginal Resource Worker has created a resource kit which includes Aboriginal songs, games, books, pictures with Ojibway names attached and a variety of other supports.

7.8 Annual NOSDA Meeting Held in Thunder Bay

The Manager of Children's Programs presented the Aboriginal Resource Kits at the Child Care NOSDA meeting and the resource kits were very well received.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Municipality of Red Lake is requesting an additional \$70,475.00 to cover the shortfall in funding to move the Red Lake Child Care Centre and Family Resource Program into the Red Lake Madsen School. The municipality is providing \$250,000 from the sale of the present child care centre as well as approximately \$44,450 in architectural fees and parking lot development. The request would not impact the 2008 or the 2009 budget as the funding would come from the Unconditional Grant.

9. RESOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION NO.: OWCC2008-32

Moved by Joyce Timpson
Seconded by Ray Leray

RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Works/Child Care Committee recommend additional funding in the amount of \$70,475.00 for the Red Lake Child Care Centre to support their move to a new location at the Red Lake-Madsen Public School, subject to the Municipality of Red Lake executing a funding agreement with the Kenora District Services Board.

CALLED; CARRIED

ACTION: Board of Directors

10. NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting dates tentatively set for 10:00 a.m. on the following:

JANUARY 19 MARCH 2 APRIL 20 JUNE 8 AUGUST 10 SEPTEMBER 7
NOVEMBER 9

11. ADJOURNMENT 2:40 P.M.

Confirmed this 5th day of February, A.D. 2009,

By Resolution No.: OW/CC 2009-02

Joyce Timpson, Chair