



**Minutes  
of the January 28, 2021  
MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DSB BOARD MEETING**

**Present:** Arthur Hayden, David Santi, Maureen Van Alstine, Bruce Killah, Richard Malette, Paul Schoppmann, Michael Levesque, David Ham, Ted Lovelace, Richard Stephens, Kevin Burke, Ned Whycott

**Regrets:** Jill Beer

**Staff:** Fern Dominelli, Donna Stewart, Connie Morphet, Melody Ouellette, Paul Myre, Ehren Baldauf

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair, Bruce Killah, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2.0 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**3.0 Closed Session**

**Resolution 21-01**

**Moved by:** Richard Stephens

**Seconded by:** Maureen VanAlstine

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board move into closed session at 9:34 a.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution 21-02**

**Moved by:** Paul Schoppmann

**Seconded by:** Richard Malette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourn this closed session at 10:00 a.m. and move to the regular Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board meeting.

**Carried**

**Draft Minutes**  
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**Media:** Alicia McCutcheon, The Manitoulin Expositor  
Tom Sasvari, The Manitoulin Recorder

**1.0** Vice-Chair, Bruce Killah, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**Resolution No. 21-03**

**Moved by:** Ned Whynott

**Seconded by:** Ted Lovelace

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted.

**Carried**

**3.0 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

**4.0 Town of Espanola Presentation – Apportionment**

Cynthia Townsend, CAO, Town of Espanola and Peter Frise, Vice President, Corporate & Client Services Municipal Tax Equity Consultants Inc. presented the [Apportionment Review: Treatment of Power Dam Grant Revenue](#) to the Board.

**5.0 2021 Board Elections**

**5.1 Chair Nominations & Election**

In standing with the DSSAB’s Act’s annual election requirements, Fern Dominelli, (CAO) presided over the election.

The CAO called for nominations for the Chair. Paul Schoppmann was nominated by Ned Whynott. Bruce Killah was nominated by Paul Schoppmann. Paul Schoppmann declined. Bruce accepted the nomination.

**Resolution No. 21-04****Moved by:** Paul Schoppmann**Seconded by:** Richard Malette

WHEREAS Regulation 278/98 of the District Social Services Administration Boards Act requires that at its first meeting after January 1 in each year, a Board shall appoint one of its members as chair of the Board.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bruce Killah is hereby proclaimed as Chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board for the year 2021.

**Carried****5.2 Vice-Chair Nominations & Election**

Fern Dominelli, called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Richard Stephens nominated Dave Ham. Ned Whynott nominated Richard Malette. Dave Ham declined. Richard Malette accepted the nomination.

**Resolution No. 21-05****Moved by:** Kevin Burke**Seconded by:** Dave Santi

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Richard Malette is hereby acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board for the calendar year 2021.

**Carried**

Bruce Killah assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**6.0 DSB Committees & Membership**

**6.1 Program Planning Committee (max. 5):** Ned Whynott, Vern Gorham, Kevin Burke, Richard Malette, Mike Levesque, and Bruce Killah (ex officio)

**6.2 HR Committee (max. 5):** Arthur Hayden, David Santi, Maureen VanAlstine, Vern Gorham, Kevin Burke, and Bruce Killah (ex officio)

**6.3 Property Committee (max. 5):** Maureen VanAlstine, Ned Whynott, Vern Gorham, David Santi, Richard Malette and Bruce Killah (ex officio)

**6.4 Finance Committee (max. 6):** Richard Stephens, Maureen VanAlstine, Ned Whynott, Paul Schoppmann, Mike Levesque, Richard Malette and Bruce Killah (ex officio)

**6.5 Strategic Planning Committee (max. 4):** Membership to be established when required.

**6.6 Emergency Planning Committee (max. 5):** Membership to be established when required.

**6.7 French Language Services Committee (max. 3):** Membership to be established when required.

- 6.8 Ad-hoc Board Representation Committee (max.6)** Membership to be established when required.

## **7.0 Business Arising from Closed Session**

### **Resolution No. 21-06**

**Moved by:** Kevin Burke

**Seconded by:** Maureen VanAlstine

WHEREAS the Property Committee met on January 27, 2021 to review the Environmental Assessment and Feasibility Study for the proposed new community housing build in Little Current; and

WHEREAS the Property Committee is recommending to the Board that they proceed with the Environmental Assessment and Feasibility Study for the proposed new community housing build in Little Current.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board accepts the Property Committees recommendation and authorizes the CAO to proceed with Environmental Assessment and Feasibility Study for the proposed new senior's community housing build in Little Current based on estimates provided during the Board's in camera session; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the funds required to complete the Environmental Assessment and Feasibility Study be drawn from the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiatives Planning Allocation which was provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as 100% provincial funding.

**Carried**

## **8.0 Adoption of Minutes**

### **Resolution No. 21-07**

**Moved by:** David Santi

**Seconded by:** David Ham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the [November 26, 2020](#) meeting be approved.

**Carried**

## **9.0 New Business**

### **9.1 DSB Signing Authority**

In January of each year the DSB re-visits the signing authority for the DSB financial approval processes. This year requires a replacement of two signing authorities.

**Resolution No. 21-08****Moved by:** Richard Stephens**Seconded by:** Ted Lovelace

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following persons shall have signing authority for the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, effective as of this date:

Board Member	Bruce Killah
Board Member	Jill Beer
Board Member	Vern Gorham
Chief Administrative Officer	Fern Dominelli
Director of Finance & Administration	Connie Morphet
Director of Integrated Social Services	Donna Stewart
Chief of Paramedic Services	Paul Myre
Information Systems Manager	Iain Stephen

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT each cheque be signed by two of the above-named persons, and as per the dictates of existing Board [3.03 Financial Approval Policy](#).

**Carried****9.2 2021 Apportionment**

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance & Administration walked the Board through the Power Dam – Issue Report and the 2021 Apportionment.

The Town of Espanola sent a [letter](#) to the Board chair, along with a [Treatment of Power Dam Grant Revenue report](#) prepared by Municipal Tax Equity Consultants Inc.

Power Dams for 2001 and subsequent years are exempt from direct taxation under Bill 140. The three municipalities with Power Dams are Espanola, Nairn and Sables-Spanish River. These municipalities are now paid a grant equal to the loss in taxes.

In 2004, the Board obtained double majority vote to include Power Dam revenues in the apportionment formula. The power dam apportionment began in 2005 with Board [Resolution 04-110](#) approved at the October 28, 2004 Board meeting.

In October 2019, Town of Espanola sent a [letter](#) to the DSB requesting a review of the Power Dam apportionment. The Board reviewed the power dam apportionment at the November 2019 meeting, and the Board reaffirmed that the Power Dam revenues be included in the apportionment formula by [Resolution 19-91](#).

Resolution 19-91 directs staff to clearly show the Power Dam revenues separate from the rest of the Apportionment for the 2020 Apportionment in the documents that are distributed to the municipalities.

The issue report includes a chart showing the impact for 2021 apportionment on each municipality using the Municipal Tax Equity calculations. The power dam apportionment is a set dollar amount based on the 2000 Current Value Assessment for all Power Dams. The apportionment amount is equivalent to the apportionment that would have been paid in 2001 if the Power Dam assessment had not been removed from taxation. This dollar amount has increased or decreased if the Power Dam Grant received by the municipality has changed.

**Resolution No. 21-09****Moved by:** Richard Stephens**Seconded by:** Kevin Burke

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board has reviewed the [Treatment of Power Dam Grant Revenue report](#) provided by the Town of Espanola, the Power Dam – Issue Report and the [2021 Apportionment](#).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Power Dam – Issue Report](#) and reaffirms the [2004 Resolution #04-110](#) that power dam revenues be included in the apportionment formula and that the Board agrees with the current calculation of power dam revenues included in the current apportionment formula.

**Carried****9.3 Finance Policy Revisions**

CAO, Fern Dominelli walked the Board through the revisions to Finance Policy procedures 3.08 Procurement Policy and 3.09 Procurement and Tendering Definitions as suggested by Housing Services Corporation.

**Resolution No. 21-10****Moved by:** Vern Gorham**Seconded by:** Richard Malette

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board has reviewed the revisions to the procedures contained within 3.08 Procurement Policy and the revised procedures within 3.09 Procurement and Tendering Definitions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB acknowledges the changes within the procedure sections of [3.08 Procurement Policy](#) and [3.09 Procurement and Tendering Definitions](#) which will come into effect on February 1, 2021.

**Carried****9.4 Post-Employment Benefits Accounting**

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance and Administration walked the Board through the Severance Actuarial Report.

This Employee Severance accrual is required in order to maintain our legal obligation contained within the OPSEU collective agreement.

In 2020, the DSB retained Mondelis Actuarial Services Corporation to perform a valuation or actuarial of the severance benefit. The Mondelis report states that the accrual should be \$1,154,100 as of December 31, 2020. The 2020 added expense due to this liability is \$116,275. This is the maximum liability, and the accrued liability will be \$1,154,100 in the 2020 Financial Statements.

This report will also be used for the 2021 severance accrual, which at this time shows an accrual of \$1,163,400 as of December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 21-11**

**Moved by:** Paul Schoppmann

**Seconded by:** Maureen VanAlstine

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board has reviewed the Severance Actuarial Report prepared by Mondelis Actuarial Services Corp.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Severance Actuarial Report](#) and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

**Carried**

**9.5 Ministry of Education**

Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services walked the Board through the 2021 Child Care Funding.

Staff received [confirmation](#) in November that the funding approach for Child Care and EarlyON for 2021 would align with the 2020 funding approach communicated in the fall of 2019. This is welcome news and will support continued planning in our community. The funding methodology and associated data elements used to update allocations will not be revised for 2021.

The [ministry will provide a one-time transitional grant](#) of \$49M to DSSABs in 2021 to offset and assist with the new required cost share for provincial child care administration. This DSB's one-time transitional grant is \$231,054.

As of January 1, 2021, DSSABs will be required to cost share provincial childcare administrative funding, at a rate of 50/50 provincial/municipal.

With this one-time transitional grant, DSSAB's total allocation will remain at the same level as the allocation for the 2020 funding year for both Child Care and EarlyON programs and services. DSSABs will continue to cost share Expansion Plan operating funding at a rate of 80/20 provincial/municipal.

The current Ontario-Canada Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) agreement is in effect until March 31, 2021. ELCC allocations for the period of April to December 2021 are pending renegotiation.

DSSABs continue to have the flexibility to spend 2020 Safe Restart Funds by March 31, 2021. The ministry continues to work with the Federal government to determine what additional funding support may be available into 2021.

## **9.6 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services walked the Board through the Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 – Issue Report.

This summer, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced \$362 million in new funding under a second phase of the SSRF to help protect vulnerable people from COVID-19, bringing the government's total SSRF investment to \$510 million. This funding has helped Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators respond quickly, adapt services, and help address housing and economic impacts from COVID-19 in their communities.

To ensure SSRF Phase 2 funding was targeted to where it was needed most, the Ministry communicated that a portion of the total SSRF Phase 2 funds would be held back to help communities that were disproportionately impacted by the effects of COVID-19 and had the capacity to commit the funding within the program timelines.

SSRF Phase 2 builds on the support being delivered as part of the COVID-19 Action Plan to Protect Vulnerable Ontarians and will help Ontario safely restart its economy and become more resilient to future waves of COVID-19, which are key priorities of the federal funding under the Safe Restart Agreement.

For SSRF Phase 2, all Service Managers were provided with an initial planning allocation and the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board was allocated \$897,838. [The Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 – Issue Report](#) that was presented to the Board in September 2020 indicated that the province held back 30% of the available \$212M in SSRF Phase 2 funding which amounts to an additional \$62M.

The total cost of the SSRF–Phase 2 Business Case of the VAW Retrofit and new build for the Food Bank/Thrift Store for Manitoulin Family Resources is \$1,188,488. Since the DSB did not receive sufficient funding to cover the full project, Manitoulin Family Resources will be responsible to cover the shortfall of \$290,650 and/or reduce the scope of work should the province not approve the full amount. In our Business Case for Phase 2 funding, we identified this shortfall.

In the SSRF–Phase 2 Business plan, we were also given the opportunity to ask for additional funding. We indicated that we would also entertain the idea of transitional housing with support services should funding be available. The transitional housing with support services would include Mental Health and Addictions supports as part of our business plan. Operating funding would be required for additional staff to help support the most vulnerable, depending how



many transitional housing units would be approved, the approximate operating costs would be \$280,000 annually.

On December 15, 2020, the Board chair received a [letter](#) from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB was approved additional SSRF hold back funding in the amount of \$176,100.

The DSB submitted an investment plan that indicated the intention to use the additional \$176,100 to fund part of the \$290,650 shortfall for the Manitoulin Family Resources new build which was approved by the Board in the September 2020 Issue Report. This would leave a shortfall of \$114,550 for the new build which Manitoulin Family Resources will be responsible to cover and/or reduce the scope of work.

On January 8, 2021, the CAO received a [letter](#) from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that our additional funding request of \$280,000 for Mental Health Supports was approved. This funding would be used to hire additional staff to support individuals in transitional housing. DSB staff need to submit an Investment Plan for this funding and are in the process of determining where the need is in the DSB catchment area.

On January 13, 2021, the Board chair received a [letter](#) from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the province recognizes municipal partners continue to face extraordinary challenges and that additional assistance is needed, particularly to support those living with mental health and/or addictions issues. As a result, Ontario's Ministry of Health has provided \$10 million in one-time mental health and addictions funding for 2020-21 to be allocated to select Service Managers. The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB was approved for an additional \$224,947 to support those living with mental health and/or addictions issues. DSB staff need to submit an Investment Plan for this funding and are in the process of determining where the need is in the DSB catchment area.

DSB staff will continue to work closely with Manitoulin Family Resources to ensure that the new build of the food bank/thrift store progresses according to schedule as well as work with local agencies to ensure that services are available across the entire DSB catchment area.

**Resolution No. 21-12**

**Moved by:** Kevin Burke

**Seconded by:** Ned Whyntoff

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has reviewed the Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 - Issue Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 - Issue Report](#) and authorizes staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

**Carried**

## 9.7 Ministry of Health

Paul Myre, Chief of Paramedic Services gave the Board an update on the COVID-19 Vaccine and funding received from the Ministry of Health.

The Ontario government has begun deploying COVID-19 vaccines under the leadership of General Rick Hillier leading the vaccination task force. This task force has developed a deployment plan for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines in 3 phases. Phase 1 began in December 2020 for high-risk populations identified as priority groups requiring vaccination with a goal of 1.2 million vaccinations by March 2021. These priority populations are:

- Residents, staff, essential caregivers (including family caregivers) and other employees in congregate living settings for seniors.
- Health care workers, including hospital employees, staff who work or study in hospitals and health care personnel (including Paramedics).
- Adults in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations.
- Adult recipients of chronic home health care.

To date, over 305,330 doses have been delivered in 19 hospital site clinics across Ontario. These clinics are not open for public access and are strictly targeting the phase 1 priority groups. Looking beyond the January 2021 roll out, 3 more hospital site clinics will be added and to vaccinate as many people, as quickly as possible.

The government is also establishing on-site clinics for:

- Northern and remote First Nation communities.
- On-reserve Indigenous residents.
- Adult chronic home care recipients.

And mobile sites for:

- Congregate living facilities.
- Urban Indigenous communities.

Phase II of the plan which is set to begin in March of 2021 with hopefully an increasing stock of vaccines will be offered to approximately 8.5 million people from the following groups:

- Older adults, beginning with those 80 and older and decreasing in five-year increments over the course of the vaccine rollout.
- People who live and work in high-risk congregate settings (for example, shelters, community living).
- Frontline essential workers including first responders, social workers, childcare workers, teachers and other education staff and the food processing industry.
- Individuals with high-risk chronic conditions and their caregivers.

Phase III is scheduled to commence in August 2021 where the vaccine will be made readily available across Ontario for anyone wishing to be vaccinated. That being said, the Prime Minister has indicated publicly that all Canadians who want a vaccine will get vaccinated by September 2021.

The Paramedic Service has been engaged since the onset of the vaccination roll out to participate in as many vaccine discussions for our service areas as possible. We continue to attend planning sessions led by Public Health Sudbury & Districts and have pro-actively commenced to build capacity in the shape of vaccine training and staffing to respond to any request to assist with anticipated mass vaccination campaigns.

### **One-Time Funding**

Connie Morphet, Director of Finance and Administration walked the Board through one-time funding received from the Ministry of Health.

On January 19, 2021, a [letter](#) was sent to the Board Chair advising that the Ministry of Health is providing the Manitoulin Sudbury DSB with up to \$406,320 in one time funding for the 2020 calendar year to support paramedic services as part of the COVID-19 response.

In June of 2020 Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB submitted projected costs of \$575,131. Staff are currently finalizing the 2020 expenditures for the year end to determine if there is a shortfall in funding.

A [letter](#) was also sent to the Board Chair advising that the Ministry of Health is providing the Wiikwemkoong Ambulance Service with up to \$61,332 in one time funding for the 2019/2020 and the 2020/2021 fiscal years to support paramedic services as part of the COVID-19 response.

In June of 2020 Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB submitted projected costs of \$86,700 for the Wiikwemkoong Ambulance Service. Again, staff are currently finalizing the 2020 expenditures for the year end to determine if there is a shortfall in funding.

### **9.8 Ministry of Long-Term Care**

Paul Myre, Chief of Paramedic Services walked the Board through the High Intensity Supports at Home and Community Paramedicine - Issue Report.

The Ministry of Health is expanding community paramedicine through Local Health Integration Networks as a capacity enhancer to work alongside home and community care and other services to assist higher needs patients to stay in the community.

Late last fall, the Ministry of Health through Ontario Health NE Region, called an impromptu meeting with Northeast Paramedic Services to solicit interest for submitting a proposal for one-time funding to support our most vulnerable populations during this second wave of COVID-19 and the peak influenza season.

The overarching goal in providing this funding was to leverage services with existing CP programs and help them quickly expand current service capacity to respond to the anticipated home care needs for patients requiring on-going care and to free up acute care beds in hospital by discharging Alternate Level of Care patients. This concept would see Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedics supporting our Home and Community Care partners in undertaking an enhanced role by conducting regular in-home visits and assessments through an established referral process from health sector partners. Our Community Paramedics would offer any or all of the following high intensity services on each of these visits:

- Physical Assessment of Current Status
- Home Safety Checklist (Safety Audit)
- Medication Compliance Review
- Fall Risk Assessment
- Mobility / Timed Up and Go (TUG)
- Social Needs & Mini Mental State Exam (MMSE)
- COVID-19 vaccinations when they become available
- Point of care blood analysis

As well as any other service within the Paramedic scope of practice as ordered by the Primary Health Care Provider.

The Paramedic Service was successful in securing \$140,000.00 in one-time funding to scale up our current CP program and this funding will sustain our capacity until March 31st, 2021.

**Resolution No. 21-13**

**Moved by:** Arthur Hayden

**Seconded by:** Michael Levesque

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board has reviewed the High Intensity Supports and Community Paramedicine - Issue Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [High Intensity Supports and Community Paramedicine - Issue Report](#) and authorizes staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

**Carried**

## Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care

Paul Myre, Chief of Paramedic Services walked the Board through the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care - Issue Report.

The Ministry of Long-Term Care is looking to lean on Community Paramedics as a capacity enhancer due to the long-term care (LTC) sector facing increasing capacity pressures. As of August 2020, the wait list to access a bed in Ontario had more than 38,000 people on it. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this capacity challenge. There has been an estimated reduction of approximately 6,000 beds in Ontario due to LTC homes implementing COVID-19 protocols, such as restricting admissions into multi-bedrooms and creating space for isolation. The goal of the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care (CPLTC) program is to help address system capacity issues by supporting individuals to safely stay in their own homes for as long as possible, while also providing “peace of mind” for caregivers. It will do this through preventive and responsive care, such as home visits and remote patient monitoring. This 100% provincially funded program will focus exclusively on seniors in three categories of eligibility:

- Those on the waitlist for long-term care,
- Those who have been assessed as eligible for long-term care by a LHIN Care Coordinator (but not yet on the waitlist); and,
- Those who are soon to be eligible for long-term care.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is one of 29 Paramedic Service delivery agents that were invited to submit a draft budget and implementation plan for a notional funding allocation of a quarterly amount of up to \$250,000 (or up to \$1,000,000 per year), based on the 2019 long-term care waitlist for the Manitoulin and Sudbury census divisions of 65 individuals. The budget and implementation plan were submitted, and we anticipate hearing whether or not we have been successful in the near future.

### Resolution No. 21-14

**Moved by:** Richard Malette

**Seconded by:** Kevin Burke

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board has reviewed the Community Paramedicine for Long Term Care - Issue Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [Community Paramedicine for Long Term Care – Issue Report](#) and authorizes staff to action the recommendations contained within the report.

**Carried**

## 9.9 Paramedic Services

Paul Myre, Chief of Paramedic Services walked the Board through the 2021 Deployment Plan Pilot - Update Report.

During 2021 budget deliberations, staff were required to revisit the original modelling for the proposed pilot due to forecasted budget pressures and the unknowns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. As previously mentioned, the original model deployed the pilot at the Chapleau and Gore Bay Paramedic Services stations to 24/7 deployment for a 16-week period, from mid-May to early September. The LaCloche/Manitoulin pilot deploying an additional Paramedic transporting ambulance from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm would operate for a period of 18 weeks.

To deal with budget pressures for the 2021 calendar year, the pilots have been reduced to 14 weeks for all three areas. Additionally, the pilots will be staggered during identified peak call volume periods as opposed to a defined mid-May to mid-September time frame. This staggering in the schedule will permit for a strategic deployment based on call activity data and is vital to ensure the efficacy and the success of the pilot. Preparations and modelling activities continue to progress as we enter the 2021 calendar year. While the pilot continues to move forward in planning, staff are very cognizant of the current fiscal climate and the many unknowns that surround it. Staff are approaching the planning process in a very prudent manner and continue to assess the viability and practicality of deploying this pilot during an unprecedented period of uncertainty.

### Resolution No. 21-15

**Moved by:** Ned Whynott

**Seconded by:** David Ham

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board has reviewed the 2021 Deployment Plan Pilot - Update Report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB approves the [2021 Deployment Plan Pilot - Update Report](#) and authorizes staff to action the recommendations contained with the report.

**Carried**

## 10.0 Other Business

## 11.0 Next Meeting – February 25, 2021

**12.0 Adjournment**

**Resolution 21-16**

**Moved by:** Vern Gorham

**Seconded by:** Richard Stephens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 11:43 a.m. until the next regular meeting to be held on February 25, 2021.



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Chair



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CAO (Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Corporation)

**Carried**