



BOARD REPORT

REPORT No.: 2023-12

MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

SUBJECT: TBDSSAB 2023 OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

THAT with respect to Report No. 2023-12 (Corporate Services Division), we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board), approve the proposed updated 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget in the amount of \$110,810,400, as presented in Report No. 2023-12;

AND THAT the necessary By-law be presented to the Board, for consideration.

REPORT SUMMARY

To present The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board) with the proposed updated 2023 Operating and Capital Budget, reflecting the decrease in Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) funding allocations, for the Board's review and approval.

The proposed updated 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget, as presented (Attachment #1), totals \$110,810,400, a decrease of \$635,900 compared to the 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget approved at the February 16, 2023, Board Meeting. There would be no impact on the Board-approved Municipal and Territories Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO) Levy.

BACKGROUND

The Board approved the 2023 TBDSSAB Operating and Capital Budgets at the February 16, 2023, Board Meeting.

On February 3, 2023, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) provided a letter to TBDSSAB outlining the 2023-24 and 2024-25 funding allocations for the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI), Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI), Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) and Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB).

COMMENTS

COCHI funding is used to repair, regenerate, and expand community housing and protect affordability support for tenants. Since its launch in 2019-20, COCHI funding allocations have replaced the declining federal Social Housing Agreement funding to maintain federal social housing investments at 2018-19 levels. Based on this funding model, the anticipated COCHI allocations were \$3,711,324 for 2023-24 and \$4,653,455 for 2023-24. However, the MMAH letter indicates the allocations will be significantly less (\$3,134,000 in 2023-24 and \$3,351,900 in 2024-25). At the time of writing this Report, no explanation for this funding decrease has been provided.

OPHI funding is used to create new affordable housing, community housing repair, rental assistance, tenant supports, and affordable homeownership. TBDSSAB's initial OPHI planning allocation was \$1,237,400 for 2019-20, \$641,100 for 2020-21, and \$998,000 for 2021-22. The 2022-23 allocation was \$909,900 and a similar allocation was anticipated for 2023-24. However, the MMAH letter indicates the allocations will be lower (\$822,500 for 2023-24 and \$793,600 for 2024-25). At the time of writing this Report, no explanation for this funding decrease has been provided.

The HPP was created in 2022 by consolidating the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI), Home For Good, and Strong Communities Rent Supplement programs to support homelessness prevention and supportive housing activities. According to the MMAH letter, the 2023-24 HPP allocations are under review but will not decrease from the 2022-23 amount (\$5,567,400). At this time, there is no impact on the 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget.

The COHB is a portable housing benefit administered directly by the Province. TBDSSAB earns a small administrative fee (\$250 per approved application) to enroll participants into the program. The 2023-24 COHB funding allocation of \$385,100 (2022-23: \$502,400) represents the amount of funding available to enroll new participants in the program for the fiscal year. There is no impact on the 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget.

Administration recommends the 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget be updated to reflect the decrease in COCHI and OPHI funding allocations.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

This Report relates to the Board's strategic direction of Financial Stewardship, with a focus on ensuring accountability of TBDSSAB resources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The approved 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget totals \$111,446,300 and includes a Municipal and TWOMO Levy of \$24,330,500. The impact of the COCHI and OPHI funding reductions would result in an overall decrease to the 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget of \$635,900 (\$548,500 COCHI and \$87,400 OPHI).



The proposed updated 2023 TBDSSAB Operating Budget would total \$110,810,400. Since COCHI and OPHI are Federally/Provincially funded, the Municipal and TWOMO levy would remain at \$24,330,500.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the proposed updated 2023 TBSSAB Operating Budget of \$110,810,400 reflects the funding reductions for COCHI and OPHI and should be approved.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Attachment #1 [TBDSSAB Operating Budget Summary by Program – Updated](#)

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The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Operating Budget Summary by Program - Updated

	Board			Office of Chief Administrative Officer		
	2021 Bud	2022 Bud	2023 Bud	2021 Bud	2022 Bud	2023 Bud
Financing						
Levy to municipalities and TWOMO	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income on unrestricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income on restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
From (to) reserve funds	-	-	28,400	-	-	-
Imputed rent adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Financing	-	-	28,400	-	-	-
Expenditures						
Personnel services	53,400	53,400	55,900	1,000,600	1,004,500	1,041,400
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials	56,500	55,300	56,700	173,900	152,600	157,800
Contracted services	6,000	5,000	30,000	81,300	75,300	75,300
Rents and financial expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
External transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Program administration recovery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allocation of internal admin	(115,900)	(113,700)	(114,200)	(1,255,800)	(1,232,400)	(1,274,500)
Imputed rent recovery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	28,400	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Operating Budget Summary by Program - Updated

	Social Assistance			Child Care and Early Years Programs		
	2021 Bud	2022 Bud	2023 Bud	2021 Bud	2022 Bud	2023 Bud
Financing						
Levy to municipalities and TWOMO	3,710,000	3,688,900	3,667,600	1,725,700	1,675,100	1,271,500
Income on unrestricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income on restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial grants	32,921,600	30,244,700	30,748,700	15,669,100	15,454,400	15,503,200
Federal grants	-	-	-	662,800	1,995,200	11,089,400
Other revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
From (to) reserve funds	49,300	-	-	-	-	-
Imputed rent adjustment	125,700	146,700	167,900	11,100	10,600	12,100
Total Financing	36,806,600	34,080,300	34,584,200	18,068,700	19,135,300	27,876,200
Expenditures						
Personnel services	3,910,800	3,957,100	4,077,900	426,900	437,800	457,600
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials	738,100	552,700	523,900	41,900	36,800	42,500
Contracted services	10,000	10,000	5,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rents and financial expenses	118,200	112,800	107,400	-	-	-
External transfers	27,383,100	24,678,200	24,929,100	16,620,100	17,937,200	26,583,400
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Program administration recovery	6,200	6,400	237,000	167,000	-	-
Allocation of internal admin	3,701,500	3,801,300	3,732,500	729,000	652,800	721,300
Imputed rent recovery	938,700	961,800	971,400	82,800	69,700	70,400
Total Expenditures	36,806,600	34,080,300	34,584,200	18,068,700	19,135,300	27,876,200
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-

