

District Services Board Notes

DSB sees almost \$300K surplus

At the April meeting of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB), Kirby Houle of the accounting firm Freelandt Caldwell Reilly, LLP was on hand to go over the 2011 audited statements.

He said the board would be pleased to know there were "no major issues" with the audit and the year ended with a surplus of \$296,186 as of December 31, 2011.

Fern Dominelli, DSB CEO, explained that the discussion of giving money back to the member municipalities based on their annual apportionment, as is typically the case, would be brought up at next month's annual general

meeting in Killarney.

In 2011, Manitoulin's municipal apportionment was as follows: Cockburn Island, 0.436 percent; Gordon and Barrie Island, 2.948 percent; Burpee and Mills, 1.650 percent; Gore Bay, 1.911 percent; Billings, 3.711 percent; Central Manitoulin, 8.197 percent; Tehkummah, 1.711 percent; Northeast Town, 12.506 percent; and Assiginack, 4.035 percent.

Sudbury East Municipal Association wants greater representation on DSB

The debate over DSB representation has risen again, this time with the Sudbury East Municipal

Association (SEMA) requesting the board spend some time discussing the breakdown of seats at the table at next month's annual general meeting. This topic had been raised previously by Northeast Town Councillor Al MacNevin, who felt his municipality should have its own seat, not one shared on a term basis with Assiginack, as the apportionment of the Northeast Town is the largest on Manitoulin.

Killarney Mayor Morgan Pitfield, on behalf of SEMA, said full representation would mean the addition of one seat, making it clear that this meant not taking away from any municipality or territories without municipal representation. Thirty-one per-

cent of the DSB contribution comes from SEMA, he added.

Chair Les Gamble said the board should have a good discussion on the subject of representation at the AGM with all member municipalities present, noting that the representation model hasn't changed since 1998.

Contract with OPSEU still not ratified

Michael MacIssac, chief of emergency medical services, told the board that the contract with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) has not yet been ratified and the DSB is currently waiting to hear back from the union before further bargaining.