

Manitoulin municipalities receive good news concerning DSB 2015 apportionments

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ESPANOLA—For Manitoulin Island municipalities there is some good news regarding their individual financial apportionment for the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) operating costs in 2015.

“Yes, there is good news for now (for Manitoulin municipalities),” said Fern Dominelli, CAO of the DSB, on Tuesday of this week. He noted that while three municipalities within the DSB area will see their apportionment increase this year (derived through the

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Municipal Property Assessment Corporation), none of the Manitoulin municipalities will see an increase; in fact all the Manitoulin municipalities will see a decrease in apportionment for 2015.

“The bottom line is that some municipalities went up and some went down, but it is all based on their (municipal) share of weighted assessment,” explained Mr. Dominelli. “It’s based on weighted assessment and their (municipal) share of the weighted assessment for 2015 (compared to 2014).”

The DSB budget for 2015 has increased by \$95,000, but the increase or decrease in municipal apportionment shares is based on weighted assessment, power dams and property in lieu. “The apportionments are based on weighted assessment figures, which are determined each year,” said Mr. Dominelli. “They change on a yearly basis.”

After taking in all the 2015 weighted assessment figures, and the total weighted assessment for the DSB and municipal shares, the following shows what Manitoulin municipalities paid in 2014 apportionment and secondly, their apportionments for 2015: Assiginack, \$361,242.53 and \$348,235 in 2015; Gordon and Barrie Island,

\$264,321.49 and \$255,228; Cockburn Island, \$22,129.02 and \$20,019.00 for 2015; Billings, \$349,416.04 and \$339,064 in 2015; Central Manitoulin, \$754,547.98 and \$739,615 in 2015; Burpee/Mills, \$143,628.30 and \$134,979; Tehkummah, \$146,680.79 and \$138,638 in 2015; NEMI, \$1,118,979.12 and \$1,091,360 in 2015; and Gore Bay, \$157,070.05 and \$145,995 in 2015. The apportionment for Killarney has decreased as is the case with Baldwin, Chapleau, French River, Sables-Spanish, and St. Charles while Markstay/Warren and Nairn and Hyman and Espanola is increasing. In Espanola’s case the increase is from \$1,093,222.92 to \$1,366,851.