

# Municipal share of 2019 District Services Board budget sees an increase

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ESPANOLA—Municipalities within the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) will see an increase in its share of the 2019 budget.

“The budget was approved in principle by the board,” said Fern Dominelli, CAO of the DSB after a regular board meeting last week. “The budget was approved in principle, and when the new board is in place (next month) they will have the opportunity to review the budget and give final approval.”

“The 2019 budget sees a \$116,604 increase in the municipal share, or a 1.13 percent increase,” said Mr. Dominelli. The overall DSB budget increase for 2019 is slated at 4.48 percent or \$1,610,658.

Mr. Dominelli explained, “last year’s budget saw a decrease of 0.8 percent, but usually the budget will see a one or two percent increase. In 2017 there was a 0.4 percent in-

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crease, and a 1.5 percent increase in 2016.”

For the 2019 budget, “Ontario Works costs has gone up \$13,800 because of the additional funding provided we were provided, while the municipal children’s services share of costs gone up zero percent this year,” continued Mr. Dominelli. As

well, “the municipalities share of the social housing budget has gone up \$9,275, while EMS paramedic services has increased by \$93,529, due to a 1.25 percent increase.”

The total operating budget for 2019 has been set at \$10,454,428 which represents an increase of 1.13 percent in the municipal share.