



June 25, 2009

Mr. Ron Dupuis, Chair
Sudbury & District Health Unit
100 Paris Street
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Dear Mr. Dupuis:

Thank you for your May 14th letter.

Our Board's May meeting discussion of same led to the Board decision that I propose to your Board that the Sudbury and District Health Unit and the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board establish a table or committee which would see their senior managers routinely come together to plan the integration and coordination of their community health and social services efforts across the Manitoulin and Sudbury Districts whenever feasible.

As the two provincially mandated community health and social services organisations that see a portion of the cost of their community services and programs funded via the property tax base of the eighteen rural and remote member municipalities and unorganised townships whose social infrastructures it is our shared responsibility to manage, we believe it would be to the benefit of the citizens we jointly serve to see a higher degree of formal and planned collaboration between our two organisations.

Efforts to reduce poverty require multi-pronged and systemic solutions. Since both our organisations are driven by the need to effectively discharge our responsibilities with diligence and with due regard to the full range of determinants of health, we believe, that such a table would enable us to candidly determine the dossiers where our shared collaboration can lead to improved results when it comes to the planned, value-added ways and means of improving the municipally co-funded health and social services infrastructure supports that are ours to provide.

Please note that since our Board accepts Dr. Charles Pascal's conclusion that our DSSAB is the "municipal authority" responsible for the creation and systems management of the services Ontario has mandated us to provide to the rural municipalities within the SDHU catchment area and since the City of Greater Sudbury is the "municipal authority" when it comes to the "urban" community that is home to the majority of residents within the Manitoulin-Sudbury catchment area, please note that it is our DSSAB's intention to propose to the both the SDHU and the City that the City also be a participant at the proposed senior managers table.

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We believe that such would be an ideal way of maximizing the ROI which is possible across both the urban and rural communities that make up the Manitoulin-Sudbury District when it comes to the planned integration and coordination of their community health and social services efforts across the area that we jointly serve.

Please note my willingness to meet with your Board or to answer any questions you may have re: the herein.

Regards,

J. Raymond (Ray) Chénier, Chair

c.c. Gary Champagne, CAO