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March 31, 2009.

Honourable John Milloy
Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
Mowat Block, Third Floor
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1L2

Dear Minister:

Re: Involvement in Local Employment Service Redesign Tables

Our District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) has been mandated by the province to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of the income and employment assistance that the province makes available to individuals on Ontario Works as well as the employment assistance services provided to individuals on ODSP who reside in the Manitoulin and Sudbury Districts jurisdiction that we have been assigned by the province. While ours are responsibilities that were for the most part downloaded to Southern Ontario Upper Tier Municipalities (UTMs), be they County governments or Regional municipalities, in the absence of UTMs in Northern Ontario, they were divested to legislatively created entities known as DSSABs.

Our DSSAB, which is also known as the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB, was recently made aware of AMO President Peter Hume's letter to you regarding the need to systemically involve municipal service managers such as our DSSAB at the MTCU's local employment service redesign tables.

The purpose of the herein is to inform you, by copy of the attached Board resolution, that the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board wholeheartedly echoes AMO President Hume's indication that Ontario's 47 Municipal Services Managers (a group which includes Northern Ontario's 10 District Social Services Administration Boards) are key stakeholders in local labour force development through their divested responsibility for the delivery and shared funding of Ontario Works Employment Assistance activities and that they should be systemically involved partners at the MTCU's local employment service redesign tables.

Respectfully Yours,

Ju Gary R. Champagne, CAO

c. Peter Hume, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ray Chénier, Chair, Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB
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RESOLUTION 09-28

DATE: March 26, 2009

MOVED BY: Lou Addison

SECONDED BY: Dennis Golden

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is currently engaged in re-designing employment supports as part of the federal-provincial Labour Market Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has vested this role with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities through Employment Ontario; and

WHEREAS Ontario's 47 Municipal Services Managers (a group which includes Northern Ontario's 10 District Social Services Administration Boards) are leaders and key partners in local labour force development through their divested responsibility for the delivery and funding of Ontario Works Employment Assistance activities; and

WHEREAS there is growing confusion surrounding the roles of Training Boards, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, municipal service managers and the role of Service Canada in employment system redesign; and

WHEREAS local employers report increasing uncertainty regarding who they should be dealing with; and

WHEREAS the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review committed involved partners to the integrated planning of employment programs at the local level;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Directors of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board supports the recommendations indicated in AMO President Peter Hume's letter to the Minister of Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities; and

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB asks that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities systemically partner with Municipalities, CMSMs and Northern Ontario's DSSABs in the Ministry's local employment service redesign efforts; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the, the Honourable John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, AMO, NOSDA, FONOM, OMSSA, CMSMs, DSSABs, Local Training Boards and this DSSAB's 18 member municipalities.

CARRIED

original signed by Chair

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