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January 29, 2010

Mr. Peter Bradley
Manager, Social Housing Services
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board
210 Mead Boulevard
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9

Dear Mr. Bradley:

**Re: Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Extension (2009)
Homeownership Component Program Changes – Year Two**

To begin, I would like to acknowledge your contributions to the successful implementation and delivery of Year One of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Extension (2009).

As a result of feedback received from our Service Manager partners, we are pleased to advise you of modifications to the Homeownership component that will come into effect for Year Two of the program.

The program modifications are as follows:

1. Resale units will be included as an eligible unit type.
2. A notional funding allocation model will be implemented.

The inclusion of resale homes as an eligible unit type acknowledges the positive economic impact of resale home purchases and sales while addressing the concerns of Service Managers in areas where new residential construction lacks the affordability of the resale market.

To be eligible for Year Two funding, Agreements of Purchase and Sale (APS) must be executed on or after April 1, 2010. Furthermore, the completion of a home inspection will be mandatory for all resale homes.

Some Service Managers expressed concerns with the "first come, first served" funding model for the Homeownership component in Year One due to the uncertainty of funding. As a result, a notional funding allocation will be provided to Service Managers who are interested in participating in the program in Year Two.

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Please notify your Municipal Services Office Team Lead, Cindy Couillard, prior to **February 12, 2010** if you are interested in delivering the Homeownership component. Service Managers who express interest in delivering the Homeownership component will receive a notional allocation by February 26, 2010.

To ensure full expenditure of available AHP Extension (2009) funds, Service Managers will be required to commit their entire funding allocation by December 31, 2010. Funding that has not been committed by this date may be reallocated to other Service Managers and/or to other AHP components.

Further details regarding these changes will be available in a Program Bulletin, to be released shortly.

Again, let me commend you on your efforts to deliver the AHP Extension (2009) in your region. I trust the modifications to the Homeownership component will further facilitate your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Richardson".

Dana Richardson
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c. Cindy Couillard, Team Lead, Regional Housing Services, MSO – Northeastern