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March 3, 2010

Honourable Madeleine Meilleur
Minister of Community and Social Services
6th Floor, Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto ON M7A 1E9

Dear Minister,

RE: Ontario Works Administration and Incentive Funding

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention that, at its regular monthly meeting of February 25, 2010, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) adopted Resolution No. 10-25 re Ontario Works Administration Funding and Resolution No. 10-26 re Ontario Works Incentive Funding.

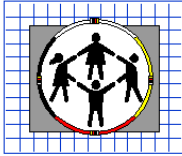
Please note that these Resolutions will also be presented at the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Annual General Meeting, April 28 - 30, 2010. A duly authorized copy of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB Resolutions No. 10-25 and No. 10-26 are enclosed.

Yours truly,

J. Ray Chénier, Chair

cc. Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association

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RESOLUTION 10-25

DATE: February 25, 2010

MOVED BY: J. McMillan SECONDED BY: A. MacNevin

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services has stated its intention to reallocate Ontario Works cost of administration funding based solely on caseload; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Works (OW) delivery agents represented by the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) have consistently maintained that caseload based OW administration funding is inappropriate in Northern Ontario because:

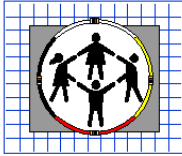
- it fails to recognize the numerous and significant impact of large geographic jurisdictions on the cost of delivery
- it fails to provide incentives for diversion and prevention programs focused on keeping people off assistance or quickly returning them to the labour market
- it fails to recognize that the Ontario Works caseload in Northern Ontario has significant challenges related to poorer overall health, lower education levels, significant and disadvantaged off reserve native populations and
- it fails to account for local taxpayers' ability to fund;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario engage in a meaningful and respectful dialogue with the Northern deliverers and funders of Ontario Works concerning an Ontario Works cost of administration funding formula which meets the needs of Northern Ontario.

CARRIED

_____ original signed by Ray Chénier _____
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RESOLUTION 10-26

DATE: February 25, 2010

MOVED BY: D. Wenborne SECONDED BY: G. Brown

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services has announced its unilateral decision that effective January 1, 2010, the Ontario Works incentive funding budget (\$18.14M) will become part of regular base administration funding and distributed among municipal delivery agents based on most recent caseload information; and

WHEREAS this change will reduce provincial funding of these activities effective January 1, 2011 and will reverse some of the positive financial changes negotiated through the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery review (PMFSDR); and

WHEREAS this decision will impact on Ontario Works Delivery Agent budgets during 2010 due to reallocations between jurisdictions and will reduce overall funding in 2011 by the loss of provincial subsidy; and

WHEREAS the reduction of this administrative subsidy does not reduce program complexity as claimed in the Ontario Works Director's letter; and

WHEREAS this decision is not consistent with ensuring cost controls in the Ontario Works program which will be 100% provincially funded by 2018; and

WHEREAS the decision runs contrary to the consultative process put in place through the Memorandum of Understanding between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Province of Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario reverse this unilateral decision; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province engage in a meaningful and respectful dialogue with the deliverers and funders of Ontario Works concerning adequate funding and true simplification of the administration of this essential program.

CARRIED

_____ original signed by Ray Chénier _____

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