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Mr. J. Raymond Chenier
Chair
Manitoulin–Sudbury District Social Services Board
210 Mead Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Chenier:

Thank you for your letter of November 1, 2010 and your request to meet to discuss the need for additional capital funding for the social-housing projects of the Manitoulin–Sudbury District Services Board. Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to you.

I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this matter. Please contact Ms. Julie Santoro, my Office Manager and Scheduler, by telephone at 416-585-6481, or by e-mail at Julie.Santoro@ontario.ca to arrange a mutually convenient time.

As you have pointed out, at the time of social-housing devolution, funding was provided by the Province to assist in undertaking costly repairs. Since that time, the Province has also made funds available for municipal service managers to improve the condition of the social-housing stock. Specifically, in addition to the initial \$224,800 allocation at devolution, other funds have been made available to the Manitoulin–Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) as follows:

- In 2007, the Manitoulin–Sudbury DSB was provided with \$350,000 under our DOOR program; this money was intended for the creation and repair of affordable housing.
- In 2008, the Manitoulin–Sudbury DSB was provided with \$200,000 for social-housing repairs.
- In June 2009, the Social Housing Repair and Retrofit Program (SHRRP) was introduced as a two-year program dedicated specifically to social-housing repairs. Under this program, the Manitoulin–Sudbury DSB has received \$845,742.

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In total, this ministry has provided \$1.4 million in recent funding to improve the condition of the social-housing stock in the Manitoulin–Sudbury DSB.

Once again, thank you for raising this matter with me. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Rick Bartolucci, MPP, Sudbury
Minister