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September 9, 2011

Mr. Fern Dominelli  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
210 Mead Blvd.  
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9

Dear Mr. Dominelli:

**Re: Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario Program**

In a recent conversation with our Housing Administrator, Ray Hunt (CEO Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre), we became aware of a new housing initiative that is about to be launched by the Province of Ontario.

We have learned that each District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) will be allocated funds that they will have a number of options to apply to increase the affordable housing stock in their area.

As you may know, over the past year, we have been working diligently with SHS Consulting to undertake a needs study and prepare a business case for new affordable housing. SHS Consulting is the same group that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB retained a couple of years ago to update their Municipal Housing Statement. It was felt that their knowledge of affordable housing in our area would result in consistent planning across both our organization and the DSB.

I am pleased to inform you that our non-profit housing board approved the business case at our meeting last night (motion attached) as well, the board has put forward a motion to request we be placed on the next Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Meeting Agenda on Thursday September 22, 2011. At that meeting, we would like to present our business case and discuss affordable housing in Espanola.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our representative, Ray Hunt at (705) 869-1420 (3001) or by e-mail at [rhunt@esphosp.on.ca](mailto:rhunt@esphosp.on.ca).

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Whissell".

Janet Whissell  
Chair  
Town of Espanola Non-Profit Housing Corporation

cc. Ray Hunt, CEO Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre