



November 1, 2010

Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 2E5

Dear Minister,

Re: Capital Funding for Social Housing Projects

The purpose of this letter is to bring it to your attention that, at its regularly monthly meeting of October 28, 2010, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board adopted Resolution No. 10-110 in which the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is requesting a meeting with you to discuss capital funding for the DSB Social Housing Projects.

This is as a result of a Building Condition Assessment that was conducted by Stonewell Group in the spring of 2010. A copy of the Summary Report and the Board's resolution are enclosed.

When Public Housing was devolved to the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, we were allocated an annual amount of \$224,800 for capital repairs. At that time this represented \$800 per unit for 281 units. Many other Service Managers in our immediate proximity were approved over \$1,200 per unit and we have raised this issue with your Ministry in past without resolution.

According to the Building Condition Assessment report prepared by the Stonewell Group, the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB will require \$1,536 per unit for a total annual investment of \$405,537. The \$224,800 provided by your Ministry, while certainly appreciated, falls significantly below the required amount in order to keep our Public Housing stock in a state of reasonable repair.

Now the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB has done their part and for the past 7 years member municipalities have contributed an additional \$75,000 per year to make up the shortfall between the \$800 per unit allocated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing and the \$1,200 per unit that was required at the time to maintain our Public Housing Stock. As a matter of fact, in 2010 the DSB increased their annualized contribution from \$75,000 to \$100,857 in order to keep our Public Housing stock in a state of reasonable repair.

Mr. Minister, the DSB and its member municipalities cannot do this alone; we need your help to ensure the future safety of our residents in Public Housing.

I look forward to meeting with you and your staff to discuss this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J.R. Chénier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J.R. Chénier,
Chair

Encl (2)