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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Les Gamble
Chair
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board

FROM: Kevin Costante
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DATE: June 8, 2011

SUBJECT: District Social Services Administration Boards:
Exemption from the Requirements of the Broader Public
Sector Accountability Act, 2010

The *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010* brings in new rules and higher accountability standards for “designated broader public sector organizations” and deals with matters such as prohibiting the use of public funds to engage consultant lobbyists. The Act also includes the power to issue to designated BPS organizations directives related to procurement matters and expenses.

The Act does not apply to certain entities such as municipalities, boards of health and certain local boards. Without an exemption granted by regulation some District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) would be subject to the requirements of the Act by virtue of the fact that they are included in the definition of a designated BPS organization because they are publicly funded organizations that receive more than \$10 million in annual government funding.

On June 7, 2011, DSSABs were granted, by way of a regulation (O. Reg 142/11) made under the Act, an exemption from all of the requirements of the Act.

While we are pleased that the exemption was approved we believe that the BPS Procurement Directive and the BPS Expenses Directive are useful resources for all public sector bodies. These documents and other supporting materials can be accessed at the Broader Public Sector Supply Chain Secretariat website at www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/bpssupplychain.

Regards,



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