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February 25, 2011

Honourable Dalton McGuinty Premier of Ontario Legislative Building, Room 281 Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

Re: Ontario Works Funding Approach

The purpose of this letter is to bring it to your attention that, at its regularly monthly meeting of February 24, 2011, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board adopted Resolution No. 11-22 requesting that the Ministry of Community and Social Services continue to work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to refine the announced Ontario Works funding approach. The Resolution also requests that the Province of Ontario commit to the uploads promised to Northern municipalities.

A duly authorized copy of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Resolution No. 11-22 is attached.

Respectfully yours,

Les Gamble, Chair

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Northern Ontario Municipal Association
Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
Mike Brown, MPP Algoma-Manitoulin
France Gelinas, MPP Nickel Belt
Rick Bartolucci, MPP Sudbury

Attach (1)

RESOLUTION No. 11-22

DATE: February 24, 2011

MOVED BY: L. Ross SECONDED BY: S. Martin-Cross

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced a revised Ontario Works funding approach; and

WHEREAS that funding approach is largely based on a cost-per-case formula which does not adequately take into account the cost and requirement to deliver services in remote or rural areas; and

WHEREAS the revised Ontario Works funding approach will see an erosion of the upload commitments to Northern Municipalities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board calls upon the Ministry of Community and Social Services to continue to work with AMO to refine the announced Ontario Works funding approach; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board calls upon the Province of Ontario to commit to the uploads promised to Northern municipalities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to AMO, FONOM, NOMA, NOSDA, OMSSA and all northern MPPs.

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