



April 12, 2011

Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Minister,

**Re: Capital Funding for Social Housing Projects**

At this time, I would like to thank you for meeting with myself and Fern Dominelli on April 8, 2011. As explained in our letter to you on November 1, 2010 we requested this meeting with you to discuss capital funding for the DSB Social Housing Projects.

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 Social 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.

Mr. Minister you did make it clear that there are no additional funds available at this time to assist this DSB. We want to keep this issue in the forefront and ensure that when the province does sign the Affordable Housing deal with the Federal government, that this DSB is not forgotten.

It was great meeting with you and your staff. We look forward to working with you as partners to ensure that residents in our communities have safe and affordable housing for years to come.

Respectfully yours,

Les Gamble,  
Chair, Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB