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Honorable Kathleen Wynne, Minister  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
Suite 400  
160 Bloor Street East  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Minister:

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

The Corporation of the Town of Espanola would like to congratulate the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario for the November 8, 2011 announcement providing a 481 million dollar investment to help alleviate the shortage of affordable housing in Ontario communities.

The DSB is grateful for this financial support, however, additional funding is required. The allotted amount falls drastically short of what is required to ensure individuals as well as communities do not suffer when affordable housing is inadequate or unavailable. Despite improvements to the Affordable Housing Agreements there continues to be a serious housing affordability issue with the residents that the Manitoulin – Sudbury District Services Board serve.

I submit this letter to encourage the Ministry and Manitoulin – Sudbury DSB to come together and discuss additional funding opportunities required to meet the needs of the residents and our communities.

With government and DSB engaged, a solution for providing affordable housing is within our grasp. The result will have an enormously positive effect on Northern Ontario socially and economically, providing a better quality of life for those that DSB serves.

On behalf of the Town of Espanola and the Manitoulin – Sudbury District Services Board, I urgently request you give this matter your attention and confirm the availability of meeting with DSB immediately.

Sincerely,

Jill Beer  
Deputy Mayor

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The Town of Espanola is committed to serving the needs of our community by supporting the positive, well-balanced, social, economic, environmental and physical growth of the town. We will continue to pursue excellence by providing accountable and affordable services while promoting the highest quality of life.