



February 27, 2012

Hon. Dwight Duncan
Minister of Finance
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Dear Hon. Dwight Duncan:

Re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

This letter is a joint effort relative to the calculation of the social services components of OMPF and its predecessor the Community Reinvestment Fund.

The input used for social housing net costs was fixed in the 2002 year. In 2011, social housing net municipal expenditures for the District of Thunder Bay exceeded the OMPF eligible amount by \$1.3 million, and since 2002 have increased by \$3.1 million. The estimated shortfall for social housing costs in Rainy River District is \$750,000 annually. The amount of federal block funding for social housing decreases annually as mortgages and debentures related to the social housing stock mature. This decrease will accelerate beginning in 2017, compounding the current and ongoing increase in social housing operating costs shouldered by municipalities.

Our combined plea: It is crucial that the input used for social housing net municipal costs in OMPF be adjusted to more accurately reflect increasing operating costs and declining subsidies for social housing.

We would be pleased to meet with you personally to further discuss this matter concerning our large service area. We trust you find this is of an urgent nature and deserves your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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Board Chair
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cc: Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPPs – Thunder Bay – Atikokan, Thunder Bay – Superior North, Kenora – Rainy River

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