



**NORTHERN ONTARIO  
SERVICE DELIVERERS  
ASSOCIATION**

**April 17, 2012**

**Hon Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
160 Bloor St. East, Suite 400  
Toronto, On M7A 2E6**

**Dear Minister:**

**NORTHERN ONTARIO SERVICE DELIVERERS ASSOCIATION (NOSDA) ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING: RESOLUTIONS REGARDING SOCIAL HOUSING**

I am pleased to inform you that NOSDA's 2012 Annual General Meeting was a great success. We appreciated the presentation made by your Assistant Deputy Minister, Janet Hope, that led to a lively discussion on a variety of housing issues. These informative discussions led to a number of resolutions regarding Social Housing, all of which are discussed below.

**1. CONSOLIDATION OF HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS**

The following Resolution was passed in relation to the consolidation of homelessness programs.

WHEREAS the province is committed to consolidating housing and homelessness programs into an outcome-focused housing service managed at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS this commitment includes the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP), Emergency Hostel Per Diems, Emergency Energy Fund (EEF), Domiciliary Hostels, and the Provincial Rent Bank; and

WHEREAS Northern Service Managers are concerned that capping funding for emergency shelters will create significant risk for municipalities and DSSABs to account for fluctuations in demand, and it is unclear how the municipal portion of the cost-shared emergency shelter and domiciliary hostel programs will be approached in consolidation; and



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WHEREAS there is significant variation in capacity and experience with homelessness service management among Northern Service Managers, and this varied capacity must be accounted for throughout the consolidation process;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOSDA petitions the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ensure consolidation reflects the intent of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review, respects capacity differences among Service Managers, includes Northern Service Managers in an ongoing dialogue with the province throughout the consolidation process, includes contingency measures to mitigate fluctuations in demand on emergency shelters, and does not result in an overall reduction in homelessness program funding for municipalities and DSSABs.**

## **2. INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING (IAH) PROGRAM AND THE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RRAP)**

The second resolution was formulated to address the loss of funding from the RRAP as well as the difference in funds required for requests under the IAH capital component for construction of new Affordable Housing and the funds allocated by the Ministry.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's vision for affordable housing is to improve access to adequate, suitable and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has developed the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy to support that vision by focusing on transforming the way housing and homelessness services are delivered; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted the Housing Services Act which states the provincial interests in a system of housing and homelessness including: allowing for a range of housing options to meet a broad range of needs; and



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WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has developed the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) for Ontario program, a joint initiative between Ontario and the federal government for the creation and repair of affordable housing over four years; and

WHEREAS the Investment in Affordable Housing now incorporates the former Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program which as a result, based on the past 3 fiscal years of allocations leaves a funding shortfall to the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) and their respective organizations; and

WHEREAS the Investment in Affordable Housing program does include a capital component for the construction of new Affordable Rental Housing; and  
WHEREAS the DSSAB/CMSM's that are members of NOSDA have received funding requests under the IAH capital program component for the construction of new Affordable Housing in excess of \$103.5 million to date; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has only allocated \$23.8 million to the members of NOSDA which falls drastically below the required \$103.5 million in their communities; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOSDA request a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss the loss of RRAP funding and the additional funding required to meet the needs of the residents we serve as well as time limits that did not previously exist on the RRAP dollars Federally as well as the implications of this transfer on NOSDA members.**

Minister, we would like to opportunity to meet with you personally to discuss these important matters and look forward to meaningful dialogue with you and officials from your Ministry to address these Resolutions.



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Yours sincerely,

Gary Scripnick, Chair

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