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April 12, 2012

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
210 Mead Blvd
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Attn: Melody Ouellette, Executive Assistant

Dear Ms. Ouellette,

Re: - Investment in Affordable Housing
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

Further to your email correspondence of March 6, 2012 advising of resolutions 12-19 and 12-20 passed by the Board regarding the above noted issues, please be advised that the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers passed the following resolutions at their regular meeting of April 11, 2012;

“2012-97 BE IT RESOLVED THAT we support the attached resolution from the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board respecting affordable housing allocations for the North.”

“2012-98 BE IT RESOLVED THAT we support the attached resolution from the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board respecting the use of the “Northern and Rural Lens” in assessing the impacts of new policy initiatives or changes in existing programs before they are implemented.”

Yours truly,

Kim Sloss
Clerk-Administrator



Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

RESOLUTION 12-19

DATE: February 23, 2012

MOVED BY: Denis Turcot

SECONDED BY: Louise Ross

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

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 \$95 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 \$95 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; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NOSDA forward this resolution to its member municipalities requesting their support for a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federal Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing, AMO, OMSSA and member municipalities.

Carried

Leah Small

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Conseil des Services du District de
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RESOLUTION 12-20

DATE: February 23, 2012

MOVED BY: André Byham

SECONDED BY: Denis Turcot

WHEREAS the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) updated its discussion paper "A Voice for Rural and Northern Ontario" to serve as a reference point for future provincial policy development and implementation. The paper reflects the interests of rural and northern municipal governments in an effort to call attention to their communities' needs and requirements so they can thrive and succeed; and

WHEREAS the discussion paper lays out key considerations for provincial elected officials and public servants when new or revised policy and programs that may affect rural and northern communities are in the conceptual or design phase; and

WHEREAS the Northern and Rural Lens was created in 2006 by the AMO Northern and Rural Working Group, after noting that many of the challenges facing rural and northern communities had one commonality: a lack of forethought about the consequences of applying a one-size-fits-all approach to a specific policy area. The Lens is meant to be employed by provincial ministries to assess the impacts of new policy initiatives or changes in existing programs before they are implemented. It is meant to function as a flexible tool that all ministries can use to ensure their policies are road-tested before implementing; and

WHEREAS The Lens was developed in 2006 to raise awareness of rural and northern issues across provincial government organizations, by asking ministries to assess the effect of new policies, programs and services on Ontarians living in rural and northern areas; and

WHEREAS today's economic and demographic climate, the need for comprehensive awareness of rural and northern issues across provincial government is even greater. Ontario needs rural and northern Ontario to remain a vibrant part of the Province and the country; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB wants to ensure that new provincial initiatives support the social and economic well-being of rural and northern communities and strengthen the capacity of communities to meet local challenges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB requests that the Premier of Ontario to direct all Provincial Ministries to use the Northern and Rural Lens in order to assess the impacts of new policy initiatives or changes in existing programs before they are implemented; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forward to the Minister of Community & Social Services (MCSS), Minister of Children & Youth Services (MCYS), Minister of Education (MEDU), Minister of Health & Long Term Care (MOHLTC), Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH), AMO, ROMA, NOMA, FONOM, OMSSA, NOSDA and member municipalities

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