



January 30, 2012

Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

Re: Sudbury & District Health Unit - Nutritious Food Basket Report

The purpose of this letter is to bring it to your attention that, at its regularly monthly meeting of January 26, 2012, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board adopted Resolution No. 12-06 in support of the Sudbury & District Health Unit requesting that the Provincial Government review social assistance programs in order to reflect the real costs of healthy living, including nutritious food, accessible transportation and affordable housing, for all Ontarians as reported in "Nutritious Food Basket – Limited Incomes: A Recipe for Hunger 2011".

A duly authorized copy of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Resolution No. 12-06 is attached.

Respectfully yours,

Les Gamble, Chair

cc. Sudbury and District Health Unit
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association

Attach (1)



RESOLUTION 12-06

DATE: January 26, 2012

MOVED BY: André Byham

SECONDED BY: Sonja Flynn

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Health Unit has released its report "[Nutritious Food Basket – Limited Incomes: A Recipe for Hunger 2011](#)"; and

WHEREAS each year Boards of Health are required to collect local data using a standardized Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) survey to determine the actual costs for families of various sizes to eat healthfully. Every year their data highlight that households on social assistance or minimum wage cannot afford a nutritious diet after paying for housing costs and other basic necessities such as transportation, clothing, and personal care items; and

WHEREAS the 2011 costing results continue to show that individuals and families living on social assistance or low incomes cannot afford healthy food after paying for housing and other necessities; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Health Unit continues to call on the provincial government to review social assistance programs in order to reflect the real costs of healthy living, including nutritious food, accessible transportation and affordable housing, for all Ontarians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB supports the position advanced by the Sudbury & District Health Unit; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB calls on the provincial government to review social assistance programs in order to reflect the real costs of healthy living, including nutritious food, accessible transportation and affordable housing, for all Ontarians; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, member municipalities, SDHU, OMSSA and NOSDA.

Carried



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