



Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board

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Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Ms. Kathleen Wynne, Minister
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
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Dear Mr. McGuinty and Ms. Wynne:

RE: FUNDING FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

Please be advised that the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board passed a resolution at its regular Board meeting held November 17, 2011, regarding the petition of the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appropriately fund the actual costs associated with Social Housing.

The RRDSSAB Board requests that you examine the financial burden, given the lack of reasonable funding to deliver Social Housing services to the residents of the Rainy River District, per the attached *Resolution*.

Yours truly,

Mr. Dan K. McCormick, Interim CAO
Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board

cc: Service Mangers (CMSMs/DSSABs)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
Sarah Campbell, MPP
Bill Mauro, MPP
Rainy River District Municipalities



Resolution

MOVED BY: AC Williams

NO: 114/11

SECONDED BY: Wade Ross
Meeting #15/11

DATE: November 17, 2011

WHEREAS Social Housing is an integral part of the Province's Social Services;

AND WHEREAS the costs for Social Housing have more than doubled in the Rainy River District, since funding was set in 2001/2002 and the services were transferred to the Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Province has failed to maintain the 50/50 cost share since 2001;

AND WHEREAS the Province has failed to provide adequate funding to share in the economic and operating increases;

AND WHEREAS the Province has failed to provide adequate funding for existing and future capital improvements;

AND WHEREAS the funding of Social Housing services across the Province is becoming increasingly inequitable;

AND WHEREAS the Public Housing debenture payments by the Province commence expiration on December 2013 in the Rainy River District;

AND FURTHERMORE that these debenture payments will no longer be required and will result in a cost saving to the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities and Unincorporated areas in the District can no longer meet the escalating costs of Social Housing services;

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities and Unincorporated areas in the District are struggling to maintain legislated standards, regulated requirements, and best standards of practice within the existing funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board petitions the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appropriately fund the actual costs associated with Social Housing;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that upon expiration of the debenture payments, the Province funds the equivalent amount to the projects for required capital improvements;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Services Managers, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Sarah Campbell MPP, Bill Mauro MPP and the District Municipalities.

DIVISION OF VOTES							DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
MEMBER	YEA			NAY			
	X	# of votes	Ttl. Votes	X	# of votes	Ttl. Votes	
Alberton – Mike Ford		1			1		
Atikokan - Dennis Brown		1			1		
Chapple – Rick Neilson		1			1		
Dawson – Archie Wiersema		1			1		
Emo - Gary Judson		1			1		
Fort Frances – Ken Perry		2			2		
Lake of the Woods - Valerie Pizey		1			1		
LaVallee - Ross Donaldson		1			1		
Morley – Moe Henry		1			1		
Rainy River - Debbie Ewald		1			1		
R.R. Central - John Callan		1			1		
R.R. East – Harold Mosley		1			1		
R.R. West - Wade Desserre		1			1		
TOTALS		14			14		

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTION

(Check one):

Carried Defeated

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Chair

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Chief Administrative Officer