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Chair Les Gamble  
Chair  
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
210 Mead Blvd.,  
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9

Dear Chair Gamble:

I am pleased to inform you that the extension of the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) program was announced today, August 11, 2014. The IAH (2014 Extension) is a joint initiative between our government and the federal government that will provide another \$800 million for more affordable housing over six years.

With this investment, Ontario's funding commitment is now over \$4 billion since 2003. This is the largest affordable housing investment in the province's history. Ontario is supporting the creation of over 20,000 affordable rental housing units, making more than 275,000 repairs and improvements to social and affordable housing units, and providing rental and down payment assistance to over 90,000 households in need.

The IAH (2014 Extension) will continue to provide increased flexibility and accountability for Service Managers to design strategies that meet local needs and priorities identified in their Housing and Homelessness Plans.

As with the current IAH, Service Managers will be provided with annual notional funding allocations for their area in order to assist with the planning and delivery of the new program.

I am pleased to advise that the Year 1 (2014-15) notional funding allocation under the new program for the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is \$160,000. Allocation for the final five years of the program (2015-20) will be based on the new census data and will be provided once this data becomes available.


Each Service Manager's annual notional funding allocation must be committed within the established deadlines of each program year. Funding that is not committed by these deadlines may be re-allocated to other Service Managers.

I recognize that there will be challenges to meet the funding commitment deadline this year. Consequently, this deadline has been extended to January 30, 2015 and ministry staff will work closely with Service Managers to ensure full program take up.

Service Managers will soon be provided with the Administration Agreement template that includes the Program Guidelines.

Our government continues to recognize the need for affordable housing across Ontario and we believe that the future of housing depends on sustained funding. While the IAH (2014 Extension) will provide funding for housing over six years, I continue to encourage you to support the province's call for a long-term funding commitment from the federal government that is fair to Ontarians and will help meet the needs of Ontario families.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted McMeekin', written over a white background.

The Honourable Ted McMeekin  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Ms. Fern Dominelli, Chief Administrative Officer, Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB  
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