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**SENT BY EMAIL: [cbeauvais@municipalityofkillarney.ca](mailto:cbeauvais@municipalityofkillarney.ca)**

Dear Candy:

**RE: Paramedic Services Ambulance Station - Killarney**

We are in receipt of your letter dated Dec 22, 2017 and the Municipality of Killarney Council Resolution # 17-465.

Thank you for raising our concerns with your council regarding the Killarney Paramedic Ambulance Station as a result of our site visit in late fall 2017. We believe it was most beneficial for our organizations to visit the Killarney Paramedic Ambulance Station to explore potential opportunities surrounding the building functionality. We appreciate your detailed clarification for each item discussed.

With respect to the possibility of the DSB purchasing the Paramedic Ambulance Station in Killarney, the council resolution is clear that the municipality is not interested in selling.

We want to thank council for approving the installation of a new main entrance door at the front of the station in the 2018 budget.

We understand that council has deferred the installation of a new automatic transfer switch to tie the Paramedic Service Ambulance Station into the generator located at the Water Treatment Plant to the Finance Committee. At the same time council would like to know the DSB reasons for his connection.

We have contacted Hydro One and they confirmed that the Municipality of Killarney was impacted by 34 power outages in 2016 and 2017 total, with durations greater than 2 hours at least 22 times.

As an emergency service, Paramedic Services is required to be response ready at all times. Power outages can negatively impact response readiness as communications devices have limited battery backup, medical devices utilize power to charge them, emergency vehicles utilize shoreline power for charging, and station life safety/comfort items require power for operation.

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Finally, the installation of a single large garage bay door will have challenges in relation to engineering and design costing, but it must be noted that the current door design is operationally problematic, as the current design allows for only 2 inches of room either side of the vehicle. The overall width of an ambulance is 117". Historically, a Type 2 van style ambulance had a narrower foot print, but that those ambulances are no longer certified in Ontario. As such, changing out ambulances to facilitate the garage entrance is not an option. Obviously, the current situation is not ideal and despite any effort to mitigate, there will be continued risk for damage to both emergency vehicle and the station.

The current all-inclusive lease agreement is for a five (5) years expiring December 31, 2019. The DSB does recognize the municipalities financial realities and that is why the possibility of purchasing the property was raised.

This was discussed with the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board on January 25 and the Board needs the Killarney council to understand, that over the long term, the DSB will require that these items be addressed for the DSB to continue operating a Paramedic Service from this building. As the lease does expire at the end of 2019, we will need some commitment from the municipality that these items will be addressed.

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB continues to enjoy its relationship with the Municipality of Killarney and will continue to work with the municipality to ensure the highest level of service possible for our citizens. We look forward to continued discussion on the issues surrounding our leased station such that we can ensure all aspects of our services.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. Dominelli".

Fern Dominelli  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board