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Your Worship Mayor Les Gamble, Chair Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board 210 Mead Boulevard Espanola, ON P5E 1R9

Dear Mayor Gamble: LeS

I would like to thank you and CAO Fern Dominelli for taking the time to meet with my Parliamentary Assistant Christine Hogarth at the 2018 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference in Ottawa. Your input and knowledge of local matters are important to us.

PA Hogarth shared with me your concerns related to the ministry's average market rents published for the Portable Housing Benefit – Special Priority Policy program. I understand you requested that these average market rents not be used in new programs going forward. I appreciated hearing your perspective.

If you wish to follow up on these matters, please feel free to contact Kathy Horgan, Manager, Local Government and Housing in the Northern Municipal Services Office at 705-564-6851 or <u>kathy.horgan@ontario.ca</u>. You can also contact my Senior Policy Advisor for Municipal Affairs, Alex Barbieri, (Alex.Barbieri@ontario.ca) at 416-585-6853.

Once again, thank you for meeting with PA Hogarth at the 2018 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister

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