

October 17, 2019

Mr. Fern Dominelli  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
210 Mead Boulevard  
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9

Dear Mr. Dominelli:

**Re: Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) & Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) Investment Plan approval**

Thank you for executing the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) & Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI). The ministry has completed its review and I am pleased to approve the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board's Investment Plan.

In addition, the Ministry has reviewed planned financial commitments for Year 1 (2019-20) and has no concerns with the proposed approach. Please refer to Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) for details of your approved fiscal plan.

Please note should you be participating in COCHI capital component, COCHI and OPHI Operating components and OPHI Ontario Renovates in Year 1 (2019-20), the funding for these components will flow as follows:

- **COCHI Capital component:** Service Managers will receive 20 percent of the annual program funding as their first quarter payment based on the repair budget identified in the Investment Plan and the remaining 80 percent through subsequent quarterly payments based on the projected disbursements in the Investment Plan.
- **COCHI & OPHI Operating Components:** Quarterly payments will be made based on quarterly projected disbursements identified in the Investment Plan.
- **OPHI Operating Component-Shared Delivery:** Payments will be made directly to the eligible households by the Ministry of Finance.

- **OPHI Ontario Renovates Component:** Quarterly payments will be made to the Service Managers based on the planned quarterly take up outlined in your Investment Plan as well as actual take-up as per project submissions in TPON.

Investment Plans must be updated on a quarterly basis. Updates will include your actual progress against projected disbursement and revised forecast.

As a reminder, the ministry will review Service Manager's Investment Plan updates in the third quarter of each fiscal year to determine if annual funding targets will be met or if re-allocation is required. Any funding remaining to be committed after **January 30** of each program year may be re-allocated.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the ministry via e-mail at [HousingProgramsDelivery@Ontario.ca](mailto:HousingProgramsDelivery@Ontario.ca).

I appreciate your commitment to addressing the supply of much needed affordable housing in your respective area and look forward to our continued partnership under the COCHI-OPHI.

Yours sincerely,



Keith Extance  
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

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