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DSB Member Municipalities

SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Member Municipalities:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention that, at its regular monthly meeting of February 27, 2020, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board adopted Resolution #20-19 in support of Resolution CC2019-371 passed by the City of Greater Sudbury. A duly authorized copy of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Resolution #20-19 is attached.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is supportive of engagement with the Ontario Government intended to result in an Integrated Emergency Dispatch Service model for the City of Greater Sudbury that would also include a larger geographic area in Northern Ontario. Such a model would benefit Land Ambulance Services beyond the City of Greater Sudbury through seamless dispatching of emergency services, including Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services.

As the Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services working with the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief of Police, and Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services engage the Ontario Ministry of Health in discussions to transfer operational governance for EMS dispatch to Greater Sudbury contingent on 100% provincial funding, and that funding be provided to support the development of a Business Plan for Integrated Emergency Communications Services Framework for submission to the Ontario Government.

The Board is asking that your municipality will pass a similar resolution.

Sincerely,

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Chair of Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB