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March 16, 2020

Les Gamble, Chair
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
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sent by email

Dear Sir,

Your letter of March 3, 2020 was received and circulated to Council for their consideration. The following resolution were passed at the regular meeting of March 11, 2020.

“2020-68 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers endorses the position of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board with respect to approval of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit-Issue Report, pursuant to the Board’s resolution 20-17, attached hereto;

AND THAT this support be forwarded to the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB.”

The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers supports the DSB in these efforts and is pleased to provide this endorsement resolution.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Sloss", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Kim Sloss
Clerk-Administrator

cc: Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, Fed. Minister of Families, Children
and Social Development
Hon. Steve Clark, Prov. Minister/Housing in Ontario



RESOLUTION 20-17

DATE: February 27, 2020

MOVED BY: Bruce Killah

SECONDED BY: Ned Whynott

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit – Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board and;

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is extremely concerned that the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit does not consider the actual rent paid or utilities costs in the calculation; and

WHEREAS this is of particular concern in Northern Ontario where natural gas is not available in many communities and Hydro One rates are exorbitant and creating a Provincial Portable Housing Benefit that **does not** include the actual costs of heat and utilities paid by the tenant is a real concern for Northerners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the Program Planning Committees recommendation and approves the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit – Issue Report and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report and;

FURTHER THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB encourage the Federal and Provincial governments to reconsider the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit guidelines and create flexibility as one size fits all does not work well for Northern Ontario, particularly for small rural and remote communities whose existing resources are stretched to the maximum; and

FURTHER THAT both levels of government ensure the that the actual cost of rent, heat and utilities paid by tenants is included in the calculation of the Housing Benefit; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution and Issue Report be forwarded to the Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Steve Clark Provincial Minister responsible for Housing in Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB share this motion and supporting materials with DSB member municipalities, AMO, FONOM, NOMA, OMSSA, HSC, ONPHA, MP Carol Hughes, MP Mark Serre, MP Paul Lefebvre, MPP John Vanthof and MPP Mike Mantha.

Carried

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