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Mr. Les Gamble
Board Chair
The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
Wikwemikong First Nation Ambulance Service
210 Mead Boulevard
Espanola ON P5E 1R9

Dear Mr. Gamble:

As you know, the government is building a modern and sustainable health care system that is centred on patients, families and caregivers.

Ministries, agencies and transfer-payment partners are all expected to think differently about how programs and services can be delivered in an improved and sustainable manner that drives efficiencies and maximizes value for money. As the province is taking steps to modernize and transform its own operations, it expects service delivery partners to do the same – to identify and realize opportunities for efficiencies, improved service delivery, and better patient outcomes.

Our priority continues to be to focus our health care investments where they will have the most impact -- on front-line care. The province has been reviewing all health care programs and services with this goal in mind.

With that in mind the Ministry of Health will provide the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board for the Wikwemikong First Nation Ambulance Service up to \$2,220,119 in funding for the 2020-21 funding year to support an increase in operating costs.

The Assistant Deputy Minister of the Emergency Health Services Division will write to the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board shortly to provide details with respect to the 2020-21 funding and associated terms and conditions.

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We continue to rely on your strong leadership in alignment with the plan to build a modern and sustainable public health care system and ensuring the on-going provision of front-line services that patients rely on every day.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving ambulance services in Ontario and for your ongoing dedication and commitment to addressing the healthcare needs of Ontarians as we modernize and strengthen our public health care system and for all that you and your organization is doing to protect the health and safety of the people of Ontario during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Elliott".

Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

c: Mr. Fern Dominelli, Chief Administrative Officer, The Manitoulin-Sudbury District
Services Board