



RESOLUTION 18-42

DATE: May 24, 2018

MOVED BY: David Leonard

SECONDED BY: Bill Baker

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Housing Benefit - Issue Report and is recommending approval of this report to the Board; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is extremely concerned that the Provincial Portable Housing Benefit only accounts for the actual rent paid and does not consider any additional amounts paid by the tenant for heat, hydro or other utility costs; 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 any additional costs of heat and utilities paid by the tenant, in addition to rent, is a real concern for Northerners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accepts the Program Planning Committees recommendation and approves the [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 ensure flexibility within their proposed Federal and Provincial Housing Benefits 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 any additional costs of heat and utilities paid by tenants, in addition to rent, 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 Hon. Peter Milczyn, Provincial Minister of Housing; and

FURTHER THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB share this motion and supporting materials with DSB member municipalities, AMO, FONOM, NOMA, OMSSA, HSC and ONPHA.

Carried

Leslie Gambel

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