

## **NOSDA Members 2010-2011**

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### *CAO WORKING GROUP*

*ALGOMA*  
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(NOSDA TREASURER)

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# **NOSDA**



*THE NOSDA EXECUTIVE  
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## **Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association**

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The **Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA)** is an incorporated body that brings together 11 of Northern Ontario's 12 Municipal Service Managers. All eleven are responsible for the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of community health and social services that the Province of Ontario divested to them to locally manage. These services represent a significant portion of the social infrastructure of all Northern Ontario's municipalities and also account for a good share of the property taxes that Northern Ontario municipalities dedicate to the social support infrastructure of their municipalities.

NOSDA is primarily composed of nine District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs), that are unique to Northern Ontario; and two municipalities (also known as Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs)) – the City of Greater Sudbury and the District Municipality of Muskoka.



Northern Ontario's municipal service managers collectively have annual expenditures in excess of **\$650,000,000** and together employ over **1,500** people. We thus represent a significant component of Northern Ontario's economy and labour force.

We plan and coordinate the Northern Ontario delivery of public services and infrastructure programs that result in measurable gains to the quality of life of Northerners.

This is accomplished through:

- the provision of financial and other supports to persons having difficulty entering or re-entering the labour force;
- the creation, maintenance and provision of affordable, social housing;
- the provision of quality of early learning and child care services which reassure parents that their children are in safe, nurturing environments while they are at work or upgrading their skills;
- the provision of emergency medical services in times of personal crisis

**NOSDA** functions through a Standing Committee structure. There is an Executive committee of elected officials that oversee the activities of **NOSDA**, and there are six Working Groups – the **NOSDA** Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Group, the Ontario Works Management Group, the Northern Service Managers Housing Group (NSMHG), the Northern Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Managers Group and the Northern Child Care Managers Group.

While their mandates vary according to their specific responsibilities, these Working Groups meet to provide a venue for the exchange of information and the development of positions on all social service and community health issues which do or could impact on the delivery of Ontario Works, Child Care, Housing Services and Emergency Medical Services in Northern Ontario. Their primary objective is to achieve the effective and efficient delivery of services in Northern Ontario through joint action and information sharing.

#### The working groups:

1. Promote the interests of Northern Ontario residents.
2. Work collaboratively
3. Share Information
4. Identify individual and mutual problems whether they are operational, financial, legislative, or client service related.
5. Solve problems
6. Develop discussion and position papers
7. Promote the interests of Northern Ontario communities as they pertain to social services and land ambulance service delivery.

**NOSDA** has a proud ten year history: social infrastructure development and support is the core business of its members. Our intimate understanding of local human services and social infrastructures across all of Northern Ontario explains why **NOSDA's** member Service Managers believe we have significant contributions to make in the development of a comprehensive health and social services network across Northern Ontario.