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May 17, 2010

Hon. Madeleine Meilleur
Minister of Community and Social Services
6th Floor, Hepburn Block
80 Grosvenor Street, Toronto ON
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Dear Minister:

**RE: REIMBURSEMENT OF THE FULL COST OF TERRITORIES WITHOUT
MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATION (TWOMO) ELECTIONS AND DSSAB GOVERNANCE.**

I am pleased to inform you that NOSDA's 2010 Annual General Meeting was a great success. We had a variety of presentations, had informative discussions and made a number of important resolutions. We were fortunate enough to have Elizabeth Roy from your Ministry attend, and provide an excellent presentation. We were particularly pleased with the increased budget for TWOMO elections and the increased flexibility that's been given to your Regional Managers. However, after some discussion, the following Resolution was made, in light of the fact that the Province has funding responsibilities for TWOMO:

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) has confirmed that the District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) have the responsibility to manage the election of TWOMO members under guidelines established by that Ministry; and

WHEREAS an amount of \$20,000 has been provided by MCSS to cover the cost of running these elections, with some regional office flexibility; and

WHEREAS the cost of running the elections may be significantly over \$20,000 due to the large geographic jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS it is inappropriate to expect incorporated municipalities to fund the cost of the TWOMO election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Community and Social Services fully fund the cost of any TWOMO elections conducted within the guidelines established by that Ministry.

We thank you for your Ministry's efforts in this regard; however, we seek fairness and want to continue to work with you and your staff to address this intermittent, yet important matter. In addition to that resolution, the NOSDA leadership discussed the regulations related to the term of the Chair for a DSSAB and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the DSSAB regulations define the term of office for a chair in a manner that is unclear and subject to varied interpretation; and

WHEREAS the DSSAB Board is a corporation in its own right; and

WHEREAS the selection of chair of a DSSAB is a responsibility that duly rests with the authority of the voting membership of the DSSAB Board Members and the determination of the term of office of a chair should be subject to said authority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DSSAB regulations be amended to remove the limitation on length of term of a chair and that the decisions on the election of the chair remain within the authority of the voting membership of the DSSAB Board of Directors.

We would be pleased to work with you and your staff to collectively address these important matters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Scripuck!". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Gary" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Scripuck!" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The exclamation point is clearly visible at the end.

Gary Scripuck, Chair

cc. Northern Ontario MPPs
Elizabeth Roy, MCSS
Peter Hume, President, AMO
Lynne Reynolds, Executive Director, FONOM
Charla Robinson, Executive Director, NOMA

NORTHERN ONTARIO SERVICE DELIVERERS ASSOCIATION

2010 NOSDA Annual General Meeting
Meeting held in Huntsville, Ontario – April 28, 29 & 30, 2010

Resolution #2010-8

ORIGINATOR: District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board

REPORT/BACKGROUND: As per below

DATE: APRIL 29, 2010

MOVED BY: DOUG SOULIERE

SECONDED BY: DAVE EDGAR

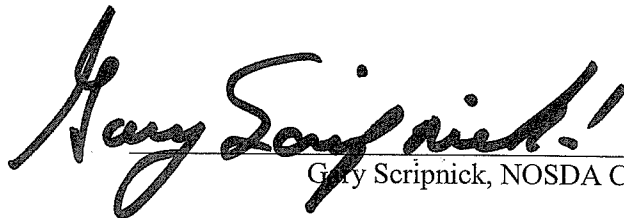
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Background

The regulations of the DSSAB Act define the term of office of members of the board in section 4 and process for election of Chair in section 5

The DSSAB regulations, section 4 defines the length of TERM of office for board members as not exceeding 4 years (after January 1, 2007) and that a member of the board may be reappointed when his or her term ends (section 4 (2), (3))

The DSSAB regulations also stipulate that the CHAIR of the board by appointment serves until Dec 31 following the appointment and may be re-appointed as chair for the next YEAR (section 5(2) and that the chair cannot serve as chair for more than 4 TERMS for members appointed after January 1, 2007 (section 5(3(a)(b))

The DSSAB regulation is silent on situations where a sole board member stands for re- appointment.

The definition of length of TERM of the chair is unclear and so is left to interpretation, as a one year term or a 4 year term. This ambiguity has left the DSSABs with a variety of interpretations and open to questioning of correct practices, which undermines the credibility of the DSSAB Boards.

SECTION 4. TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS

4. (1) A member of a board appointed as a member at large shall hold office for a term not exceeding four years. O. Reg. 278/98, s. 4 (1); O. Reg. 410/06, s. 1 (1).

4.(2) The term of office of a member of a board who is not a member at large shall commence on January 1 next following the commencement of the term of office of the council that the member represents or January 1 in any subsequent year of the term of office of that council and shall not exceed four years. O. Reg. 278/98, s. 4 (2); O. Reg. 410/06, s. 1 (2).

SECTION 5. CHAIRS OF BOARDS

5. (1) A board shall, at its first meeting after January 1 in each year, appoint one of its members as chair of the board. O. Reg. 278/98, s. 5 (1).

5. (2) The member of the board who is appointed as chair shall serve as chair until the December 31 following the appointment and, subject to subsection (3), may be re-appointed as chair for the next year. O. Reg. 278/98, s. 5 (2).

(3) No member of the board shall serve as chair for more than,

(a) in the case of a member appointed as chair before January 1, 2007, three consecutive terms; and

(b) in the case of a member appointed as chair on or after January 1, 2007, four consecutive terms. O. Reg. 410/06, s. 2.

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2010 NOSDA Annual General Meeting

Meeting held in Huntsville, Ontario – April 28, 29 & 30, 2010

Resolution #2010-9

ORIGINATOR:

Manitoulin Sudbury DSSAB

REPORT/BACKGROUND:

As per Board resolutions from the Manitoulin Sudbury DSSAB

DATE: APRIL 29, 2010

MOVED BY: TOM WELLS

SECONDED BY: DAVE EDGAR

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