



**NORTHERN ONTARIO  
SERVICE DELIVERERS  
ASSOCIATION**

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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:

**ONTARIO WORKS INCENTIVE FUNDING AND COST OF ADMINISTRATION  
FUNDING**

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 on Ontario Works (OW) concerning changes in several of the funding practices of your Ministry.

Below is our Resolution related to merging Incentive Funding into the base budget of OW cost of administration. This announcement represents a backward step in the implementation in Service Delivery Accountability, as per the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review.

Our Resolution is as follows:

**Whereas** the Ministry of Community and Social Services has announced its decision to merge incentive funding into the regular base budget of Ontario Works cost of administration effective January 1, 2010 based on most recent caseload information; and

**Whereas** this constitutes another download of costs to the municipal sector in 2011 when DSSABs and CMSMs will be compelled to cost share 50:50 on what had been funded 100% provincially; and

**Whereas** moving from outcomes based funding to unit based funding for political expediency is a step backward from the direction recommended at the Service Delivery Accountability table during the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review; and

**WHEREAS** the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) has consistently maintained that caseload based OW administration funding is inappropriate in Northern Ontario because:

- it fails to recognize the significant impact of large geographic jurisdictions on the cost of delivery,
- it fails to provide incentives for diversion and prevention programs focused on keeping people off assistance or quickly returning them to the labour market,
- it fails to recognize that the Ontario Works caseload in Northern Ontario has significant challenges related to poorer overall health, lower education levels, significant and disadvantaged off reserve native populations and
- it fails to account for local taxpayers' ability to fund;

**Therefore be it resolved that NOSDA call on the Province of Ontario to reverse this decision; and**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario engage in a meaningful and respectful dialogue with the Northern deliverers and funders of Ontario Works concerning an Ontario Works cost of administration funding formula which meets the needs of Northern Ontario.**

We trust that you will give every consideration to reversing this announcement, and we would be happy to work with you and your staff to achieve this as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Gary Scripnek, Chair

cc. **Northern Ontario MPPs**  
**Peter Hume, Association of Municipalities of Ontario**  
**Kira Heineck, Executive Director, OMSSA**  
**Lynne Reynolds, Executive Director, FONOM**  
**Charla Robinson, Executive Director, NOMA**

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***2010 NOSDA Annual General Meeting***

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

**Resolution #2010-2**

ORIGINATOR: Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB, Cochrane DSSAB

REPORT/BACKGROUND: As per Board resolution from Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB on OW Incentive Funding  
 As per Board resolution from Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB on OW Cost of Administration Funding  
 As per NOSDA Resolution #2009-05  
 As per FONOM Resolution dated March 2010

DATE: APRIL 29, 2010

MOVED BY: DOUG SOULIERE

SECONDED BY: RAY CHENIER

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AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Community and Social Services, FONOM, NOMA, AMO, and OMSSA.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED

TABLED

*Gary Scripnick.*  
 Gary Scripnick, NOSDA Chair

All NOSDA Members

FONOM

NOMA

AMO

MCSS/MCYS

MNDM

MOHLTC

MMAH

OMSSA

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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