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May 18, 2010

**Hon James J. Bradley
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Minister:

**RE: RECOGNITION OF PARRY SOUND BY THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL
AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AS A NORTHERN ONTARIO SERVICE MANAGER FOR
THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM**

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 social housing, one of which is the lack of recognition of Parry Sound District as a part of Northern Ontario, even though it recognized as such in a variety of government documents including the Northern Growth Plan. As such we ask for your consideration and action on the following Resolution:

Whereas the Affordable Housing Program 2009 Extension-Northern Component is designed to provide low and moderate income homeowners with an opportunity to repair their homes and bring them up to health and safety standards; and

Whereas within this program, "Northern" has been defined as Ontario north of the French River, including Nipissing District, but excluding the District of Parry Sound; and

Whereas the District of Parry Sound is the only District Social Services Administrative Board (DSSAB) that has been excluded from this program, even though the DSSABs are the designated Municipal Service Managers for municipalities in Northern Ontario.

Therefore be it resolved that NOSDA requests that the District of Parry Sound DSSAB be included in the Northern Component for the remaining years of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Extension 2009.

We look forward to having this administrative problem resolved at the earliest possible convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Scipnick!". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Gary Scipnick, Chair

cc. Northern Ontario MPPs
Lynn Buckham, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Pat Vanini, Executive Director, AMO
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 #2010-5

ORIGINATOR: District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board

REPORT/BACKGROUND: As per below

DATE: APRIL 29, 2010

MOVED BY: RICK ZANUSSI

SECONDED BY: TOM WELLS

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Gary Scipnick, NOSDA Chair

All NOSDA Members

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OMSSA

Other Northern MPPs

Other _____

Background

The District of Parry Sound is the only District Social Services Administrative Board (DSSAB) that has been excluded from this program, even though DSSABs are the designated Municipal Service Managers for municipalities in Northern Ontario. The omission of the District of Parry Sound DSSAB from participating in the Northern Component of the AHP 2009 Extension has resulted in excluding the 22 Municipalities in Northern Ontario who are represented by the District of Parry Sound DSSAB.

In the District of Parry Sound, the communities have a significant need for affordable housing solutions both in our rural and urban areas. In fact, the recently released Seniors Housing Capacity Study from the North East LHIN underscores the urgency in developing affordable housing solutions for low-income seniors throughout the District of Parry Sound. This report in particular identified the District of Parry Sound planning area as one of the most critical areas in the North East region of Ontario in need of home repairs in an environment with an increasing senior population and an absence of supportive housing alternatives in communities where seniors live.

Furthermore, our experience as one of the Northern DSSAB Municipal Service Managers has shown a continued significant waiting list for social housing for not only seniors, but for single and family units as well. The District employment environment is comprised primarily of low-income employment opportunities which results in added pressures on the existing housing shortage for housing which is affordable for the low income sector. Our small townships and municipalities are without the tax base for developing their own municipal housing solutions and view the Northern Component of the AHP as a welcome and much needed program for their communities. The Northern Home Repair Program, which provides essential renovations to ensure that homes remain in a viable state, provides much needed assistance for affordable housing in the Northern Ontario.

All NOSDA Members

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