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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: REGULATION 298/01 AND THE UTILITY FACTORS AND ODSP/OW RENTAL ASSISTANCE SCALE

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 discussed below.

The Utility Factors and ODSP/OW rental assistance scale, as outlined in Ontario Regulation 298/01, has remained frozen by the province since 2001. This hampers our ability to raise rental revenues leading to increased costs for the municipalities. We feel the provincial government should review these factors and appropriately raise them to offset the inflationary increases over the past nine years.

We therefore make the following Resolution for your consideration and action:

Whereas the costs to operate social housing for the DSSABs/ Municipal Service Managers continues to escalate; and

Whereas the costs for utilities is a major component of the rising operating costs; and

Whereas the Utility Factors and the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works rental scales outlined in Ontario Regulation 298/01 pertaining to the Social Housing Reform Act have not been updated since 2001;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NOSDA requests that the Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing review and adjust the utility factors and rental scales outlined in Ontario Regulation 298/01, and appropriately raise them to offset the inflationary increases over the past nine years.

Minister, we look forward to addressing and resolving this matter with you and your staff at your earliest 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
Peter Hume, President, 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 # 2010-4

ORIGINATOR: District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board
REPORT/BACKGROUND:

DATE: APRIL 29,2010

MOVED BY: GARY SCRIPNICK

SECONDED BY: GILBERT PETERS

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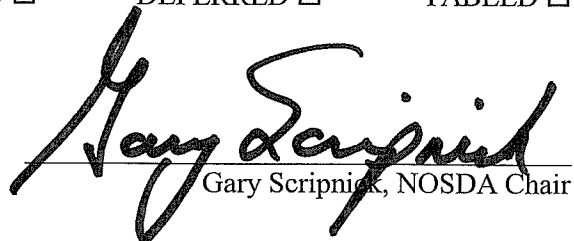
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CARRIED

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DEFERRED

TABLED



Gary Scripnick, NOSDA Chair

All NOSDA Members

FONOM

NOMA

AMO

MCSS/MCYS

MNDM

MOHLTC

MMAH

OMSSA

Other Northern MPPs

Other _____