



**NORTHERN ONTARIO  
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Hon. Chris Ballard, Minister  
Ministry of Housing  
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SENT BY EMAIL:

Dear Minister: [Chris.Ballard@ontario.ca](mailto:Chris.Ballard@ontario.ca)

**RE: Impact of the Ministry of Housing Data Forum: Evidence-Informed System Requirements**

At the June 9, 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association, the following Resolution was passed unanimously, in relation to the onerous costs of data collection now required of DSSABs by your Ministry:

**WHEREAS** the province requires the collection, analysis and reporting of housing and homelessness data that adheres to established best practices relating to performance measures; and

**WHEREAS** the costs associated with such data collection and reporting are prohibitive to smaller Service Managers; and

**WHEREAS** funding allocations need to be considered to offset such costs for Service Managers: and

**WHEREAS** the differences between a Municipal Service Manager and a DSSAB often may not be considered in the establishment of provincial processes and best practices; and

**WHEREAS** NOSDA acknowledges the importance of the consistency in the collection, analysis and reporting of data for comparison among Service Manager areas.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** NOSDA shall engage the Ministry of Housing to consider the differences in capacity of smaller Municipal Service System Managers when setting data reporting requirements relating to housing and homelessness issues.

Minister, we seek funding as well as assistance from you and your staff to mitigate the onerous, overhead costs, along with the incremental cost impacts these requirements have on smaller, already understaffed DSSABs.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to address this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Iain Angus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "I" and a long, sweeping underline.

Iain Angus, Chair