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Hon. Kathleen Wynne  
PREMIER AND PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
Government of Ontario  
Rm 281, Legislative Bldg.  
Queen's Park, Toronto ON  
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SENT BY EMAIL: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier:

### **Service System Management and Employment Services**

The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) is an incorporated body that brings together Northern Ontario's 11 Municipal Service Managers.

Premier, we at NOSDA are pleased that Hon. Deb Matthews has been made the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development. We look forward to working with her in this new and important role as it will encompass the current mandate of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. We are hoping to work with the province as a partner as this new Ministry coordinates all employment and training across provincial ministries to create a more seamless experience for workers and job seekers and to help Ontarians prepare for the jobs of the future.

At our 2016 Annual General Meeting last week, the following Resolution was passed unanimously:

WHEREAS it has been recognized the value of direct relationships with local economic development and business is fundamental in planning for good employment outcomes in a community and by virtue of the municipal linkages to these departments with CMSM/DSSAB's; and

WHEREAS it has also been acknowledged that other municipally delivered services including Housing Services and Children's Services are fundamental to assisting individuals along the continuum of employment;

Therefore be it resolved that NOSDA call on the Premier of Ontario to move forward with the integration of Employment Services and more specifically that the province engage CMSM/DSSABs as full partners in managing and planning employment services in their communities; and

Further be it resolved that the Premier takes the first step along this integration path by immediately expanding the number of CMSM/DSSABs in the North which are designated as Employment Ontario deliverers.

Further be it resolved that the Premier directs the Minister of Advanced Education and skills Development who is responsible for Employment Ontario to make DSSAB's/CMSM the Service System Managers for employment programs and engage in government-to-government relations with CMSM/DSSABs in the same manner as other Provincial Ministries where the CMSM/DSSAB is interested, which would mean Employment Ontario would only have one contract within each CMSM/DSSAB jurisdiction. This would allow CMSM/DSSAB to rationalize services and ensure that over time a streamlined and more holistic approach to employment services in a community where being funded.

Premier, we seek your assistance to ensure that we have the opportunity to work with your government to make Employment Ontario a true partner in employment service delivery in Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Iain Angus".

Iain Angus, Chair

- cc. Hon. Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier and Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development  
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Keith Palmer, President, OMSSA  
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