

Hello everyone:

This is being sent to you on behalf of the DNSSAB Board.

I regret to inform you of recent known Provincial funding implication to our member municipalities. Our social services funding has been frozen to last year's actuals. This means our collective agreement pressures will need to be offset from either a municipal increase or cuts to core services such as social services and mental health supports and transitional supports. This may impact your call volume for community policing as we may not be able to provide pro-active case management for complex clients. And further, if we don't achieve our new increased employment targets with less funding, this will result in a further 15% decrease in our upload funding. This is compounded by the fact that our actuals were \$1.1M lower than budgeted last fiscal year. As of last year our board budgeted \$2.5M less than our notional available funding on top of \$1.1M in expenditure reduction. This reduction will have an impact on our ability to manage the most vulnerable in your communities.

On our children services side, the Provinces cut our administration in half and now requires a municipal match of 20% levy for a previously 100% funding program. Our board will be further reducing our overhead to minimize the impact on children services. This reduction in oversight will have some increase risks to services provided in the district. We will be announcing reductions in staff to shield our municipal members from significant levy implications. We will also be containing our corporate overhead, which is already 3.5% of budget which is generally considered exceptionally low.

Our EMS funding has also been frozen to last year's actuals. Our board will be maintaining existing EMS coverage at this time, but this cost will need to be structurally levied over the long term to maintain EMS services. This is the first time in over 15 years that our Provincial EMS funding has been frozen, but still remains a municipal responsibility at this time, as we have not received any direction from the Province yet regarding the centralization of services communicated to AMO. The EMS funding will put our board under extreme pressure to either reduce services or pass costs on

through the levy. This not something our board relishes and it is potentially a community safety risk, should services be reduced. This district runs very lean on EMS staffing pattern services.

While information continues to be received intermittently from the provincial government and various ministries, we are striving to keep member municipalities informed of budget implications that may affect you. While our intent is not to send you information piecemeal, it is apparent that is the way we will be receiving it from the various ministries that fund us, and we feel it is important that you receive this information as soon as possible.

Attached to this email is a letter that I ask you to share with your council members at the earliest convenience. It is in your best interest to advocate for funding that impacts our district citizens. Unfortunately, EMS costs (costs which we can't control) are expected to increase with the aging population and community challenges with addictions and mental health. This means there will be no increase in our services but will likely mean an increase in the costs to municipalities. Please prepare yourself for a significant levy adjustment of these downloaded provincial costs.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.



Sincerely,

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