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His Worship Dan O'Mara
Mayor
Municipality of Temagami
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Dear Mayor O'Mara: *Dan,*

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your delegation on January 20, 2020 at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association's annual conference.

I appreciated hearing your concerns regarding the District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) boundaries, and your inclusion in the District of Nipissing that you indicate is placing your municipality at a disadvantage. Our conversation was helpful as it was an opportunity for me to learn more about the challenges affecting Temagami.

I noted your request for the Temagami to become part of a DSSAB based on community of interest and service patterns rather than by geography. I understand that although you are geographically in the District of Nipissing, most of the municipality shares a community of interest with Timiskaming District. I would encourage you to work with both the Nipissing DSSAB and the Timiskaming DSSAB on this matter. I have also shared your concerns with ministry staff for their consideration and further review.

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I value and appreciate the positive relationship between the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Municipality of Temagami. Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me and discuss your concerns. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Smith', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Todd Smith
Minister