



December 19, 2019

The Municipality of East Ferris
390 Highway 94
Corbeil ON
POH 1K0

Dear Mayor and members of council,

This is to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board wishes to support our member municipalities whenever possible. We understand the fiscal challenges many smaller municipalities face as they simply don't have the economy of scale of larger municipalities.

Your concerns will be brought to the Northern Ontario Social Services Deliverers Association, as they regularly advocate on behalf of the North on DSSAB-related issues, and may have some insight to share in this matter. As well, some of our services fall under other provincial legislation, such as the Ontario Works Act, the Day Nurseries Act and the Social Housing Reform Act, which we must also adhere to.

It is also important to note that not all DSSABs offer the same services. For example, the District of Parry Sound which you reference in your letter does not have EMS Land Ambulance services under their purview. As you know from the dialogue we've had to date, EMS Land Ambulance is one of the major cost drivers in the 2020 Budget.

We are happy to support you in your advocacy, as we also support the provincial government in its goal to reduce the provincial deficit.

Sincerely,

Mark King

Chair, District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board.