

November 17, 2000

The Honourable Tim Hudak

Minister of Northern Development and Mines

Minister=s Office

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Dear Mr. Hudak:

Re: Application to Assume the Responsibilities of an Area Services Board in the Algoma District

This letter contains the application to assume the responsibilities of an Area Services Board for the area including the twenty municipalities and unincorporated territory currently included in the Algoma District Services Administration Board. The information is submitted in accordance with Section 37 of the Northern Services Boards Act (NSBA) and with advice from Ministry staff.

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BOUNDARIES OF THE BOARD AREA

The area currently included in the Algoma District Services Administration Board consisting of the following 20 municipalities:

- , City of Elliot Lake
- , Municipality of Huron Shores
- , Town of Blind River
- , Town of Bruce Mines
- , Town of Thessalon
- , Township of Dubreuilville
- , Township of Hilton
- , Township of Hornepayne
- , Township of Jocelyn
- , Township of Johnson
- , Township of Laird
- , Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional
- , Township of Michipicoten
- , Township of Plummer Additional
- , Township of Shedden
- , Township of St. Joseph

- , Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional
- , Township of the North Shore
- , Township of White River
- , Village of Hilton Beach

In addition, it includes the unincorporated territory located within the proposed Board area. A map of the geographic area is attached in Appendix A.

NAME OF THE BOARD

Algoma District Services Administration Board

NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS AND

COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

Representation on the Algoma District Services Administration Board will be allocated based on population, as follows:

North Ward (population 2,900)

1 representative

Township of Hornepayne

Township of White River

Township of Dubreuilville

West Ward (population 5,245)

2 representatives

Township of MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional

Township of Laird

Township of Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional

Township of St. Joseph

Township of Joceyln

Township of Hilton

Village of Hilton Beach

Township of Johnson

East Ward (population 5,645)

2 representatives

Town of Bruce Mines

Township of Plummer Additional

Township of Huron Shores

Town of Thessalon

Township of the North Shore

Township of Shedden

Wawa (population 3,419)

1 representative

Township of Michipicoten

Blind River (population 3,521)

1 representative

Town of Blind River

Elliot Lake (population 11,565)

4 representatives

City of Elliot Lake

Unincorporated (population 2,085)

1 representative

Total

12 representatives

NAME OF THE MEMBER FOR THE UNINCORPORATED

TERRITORY APPOINTED TO THE BOARD

The Algoma District Services Administration Board has followed guidelines to elect an individual to be the representative on the Algoma District Services Board for the new term of the Board. The election included provision for the individual elected to serve as the representative once the Algoma District Services Administration Board receives approval to assume the six mandatory core services of an ASB. The individual elected on November 16, 2000 is Gabriel Tremblay.

**DESCRIPTION OF
THE SERVICE AREA**

Population

34,380

(Based on the 1999 population figures contained in the 2000 Municipal Directory and estimates for the unincorporated territory provided by staff of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)

Client Base

, Ontario Works B Averages 950 clients per month

, Child Care B There are approximately 150 fee subsidy seats. The Child Care Family Resource budget is \$370,000, the Child Care Wage Subsidy budget is \$355,000 and the Special Needs budget is \$40,000. These are all gross figures.

, Social Housing B The municipal budget is \$1,890,000 which represents approximately 600 units

, Land Ambulance B 34,380 people who reside in the area

, Public Health B 34,380 people who reside in the area

, Homes for the Aged B 120 residential care spaces and a base population of approximately 5,500 seniors (over the age of 65)

Existing Service Delivery Organizations Affected by the Algoma ASB Proposal

The Algoma District Services Administration Board will work closely with the Algoma District Homes for the Aged Board and the Algoma Health Unit to integrate these additional services with the Board=s existing services.

SERVICES TO BE

PROVIDED BY THE BOARD

The Algoma District Services Administration Board will provide the following six mandatory core services:

- , Ontario Works
- , Child Care
- , Social Housing
- , Land Ambulance
- , Public Health
- , Homes for the Aged

Discretionary services will be provided at a later stage if appropriate, based on a vote with a majority of the municipalities representing a majority of the electors in support of the service. The addition of each new service will be considered individually on its own merits and will be voted on separately.

LOCAL SUPPORT TO ASSUME

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ASB

All of the municipalities in the area covered by the Algoma District Services Administration Board and the unincorporated territory were sent information on the proposal for assuming the responsibilities of an Area Services Board. They were also sent a copy of this application with a request for each Municipal Council to review the application and vote on whether the Algoma District Services Administration Board should assume responsibilities for the six core services of an Area Services Board.

As required by legislation, a double majority vote has been realized with the majority of the municipalities representing a majority of the electors supporting the proposal for the Algoma District Services Administration Board to assume responsibility for the six core services of an Area Services Board. Specifically, 12 municipalities (out of a total of 21 including the unincorporated territory) representing 23,114 electors (out of a total of 34,380) supported the proposal. The individual Council resolutions are attached in Appendix B.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR ASSUMING ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

It is estimated that the date of implementation for the Algoma District Services Administration Board to assume the six mandatory core services provided by an ASB will be January 1, 2002.

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The Algoma District Services Administration Board is confident that the proposal is supported by a clear majority of the electors and their local governments. We respectfully ask you to approve the application to assume the service responsibilities of an ASB by the Algoma District Services Administration Board.

Yours very truly,

Keith Currie

Deputy Reeve

Municipality of Huron Shores

c.c. David Court, Chief Administrative Officer, Algoma District Services Administration Board

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