



KDSB Board of Directors Meeting

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On May 26, 2015 the Kenora District Services Board received Ministerial Consent from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the sale of 16 public housing units in Minaki and Dinorwic, Ontario.

As part of its Strategic Plan and Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, the KDSB has identified that the current housing needs have considerably changed over last couple of decades within the Kenora District communities. Each community in the district is unique in its economic capacity and challenges; some communities have growing populations and thriving economies while other have seen significant changes to their main employers and are experiencing population declines. These changes have had a significant impact on the level of need for affordable and social housing in these communities.

As the Service Manager, the KDSB is responsible for overseeing social housing in the Kenora District. Part of this responsibility includes the continuous evaluation on how effective resources are being utilized in addressing the current needs of the people residing in the communities.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry Wall stated, “for the KDSB to be effective at delivering its social housing programs and ensuring that those programs are successful, individuals and families in those programs must have access to services that are essential in meeting their needs. By selling the units in Minaki and Dinorwic, the KDSB will be in a position to relocate these units to where our tenants will have access to services and not be disadvantages as a result of where they reside.”

Board Chair, Barry Baltessen stated, “this is an exciting opportunity for the KDSB and the district. The sale of these 16 housing units will allow the KDSB to create and develop additional housing in communities where the needs are so prevalent.”

The Board of Directors has directed staff to develop a detailed strategy that will ensure that none of the existing tenants living in the housing units in Dinorwic or Minaki are adversely impacted. The KDSB will also explore relocation plans for tenants that have been waiting to move and options for tenants wishing to stay in their units without the fear of having to move.

Barry Baltessen, Chair

Henry Wall, CAO