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At its regular board meeting of Thursday, August 9, the KDSB Board of Directors adopted the following motions:

- Approved a contract with Terra-Deco Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$386,262 for the renewal of social housing units in Hudson, Dinorwic and Sioux Lookout.
- Adopted a new Non-Urgent Transfer Policy that will come into effect on November 8, 2012 introducing measures to maximize emergency ambulance service capacity and minimize the impact of non-urgent transfers on emergent service. Over the next three months, the KDSB will meet with the Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Kenora and Dryden hospitals; the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; the North West Local Health Integration Network (NWLHIN) and ORNGE – the Ontario air ambulance service to ensure the policy is effectively implemented and financed.
- Approved a contract with the Province of Ontario for the receipt and distribution of new and additional 2012 child care funding in the amount of \$292,644. These funds will be distributed to municipal day care programs in Dryden, Kenora, Red Lake and Sioux Lookout and other qualifying child care programs in the region.
- Received a preliminary 2013 Budget draft. With all known factors incorporated into this draft budget, the KDSB could expect a 1.2% levy increase over 2012. The board is committed to reducing this number. The 2013 Budget will be finalized in December 2012.
- Received a report that Ontario Works (OW) caseloads continue to decline. In June 2012, the KDSB OW caseload stood at 576 cases as compared to June 2010 at 660 cases – a reduction of 84 cases over a two year time frame. In 2012, there have been 104 OW clients leave for employment opportunities.

Phil Vinet, Chair, KDSB

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