



## PRESS RELEASE

At its regular board meeting of Thursday, May 10, the KDSB Board of Directors adopted the following motions:

- To accept the terms of a new three (3) year lease with the Township of Pickle Lake for the Ambulance Base in that community. The KDSB has ambulance facilities in nine (9) separate communities in NW Ontario where the KDSB currently owns two (2) bases and leases seven (7) other bases from townships and local hospitals.
- Received a report from administration regarding the confirmation of five (5) year funding (2013-2017) for KDSB Social Housing from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH). The board was anticipating some reduction of funding for social housing given the fiscal circumstances of the two senior levels of government. Although the funding increase is relatively small, it is welcome news to have some certainty moving forward.
- Received preliminary year end (2011) operational reports from each service. The KDSB will experience an operating surplus for 2011 and these funds will be moved to reserves. The final operating surplus will be confirmed when the Audit Committee reviews the 2011 Audited Financial Statements in June.
- For Ontario Works (OW), there has been a decline in active cases over the last three years (January 2010 – January 2012). The number of cases has declined from 729 to 630, or 99 cases in total, The vast majority of these clients have moved on to secure employment.
- For Child Care, the regional issue is operating deficits of the municipally operated child care programs. A significant contributing factor to these deficits is rent and lease payments to the three regional school boards for child care program space. The KDSB chair will be contacting his peers in the three school boards in an attempt to address this issue.

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