



MEDIA RELEASE

KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD ADOPTS NEW ORGANIZATIONAL LOGO & TAGLINE, APPROVES A MICRO-FIT SOLAR GENERATION PROJECT AND APPROVES TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW KENORA LAND AMBULANCE BASE

At its regular Board Meeting of September 29, 2011, the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) approved and adopted:

- Adopted a new KDSB logo & organizational tagline for use in all communication processes.
- Accepted the tender from Jarnel Contracting Ltd of Kenora to construct the new Kenora EMS Ambulance Base in Kenora. The total project cost is estimated at \$2.836 Million Dollars.
- Discussed the review of the EMS/Land Ambulance Deployment Plan and the issues surrounding the current plan including non-emergent transfers and the effective allocation of resources.
- Reviewed the new Investment in Affordable Housing program from the Province of Ontario. Over four years, the KDSB has a program allocation of \$1.443 Million Dollars. The program is to sustain, create and/or repair affordable housing stock in the region.
- Discussed the investment in, and installation of, up to eleven (11) MicroFit 10 kW Solar generation projects at varying housing project locations in our region.
- Accepted the tender from Solar Solutions Ltd of Kenora to install a single MicroFit 10kW solar generation system at the Maples Building in Keewatin.
- Reviewed a number of current Ontario Works (OW) issues including the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario, a review of an OW case audit process pilot project and the approval of the 2011 OW Contract with the Province of Ontario.
- Approved a total of thirteen (13) projects formerly funded through the National Child Benefit Strategy (NCBS) designed to prevent and/or reduce the depth of child poverty and to relieve the effects of child poverty. There were projects approved in Ignace, Red Lake, Kenora, Dryden and a single regional initiative. Projects included a healthy food plan in Ignace, an organized sports participation program in Kenora called “Triple Play” and support of the Mayors Committee for Children & Youth in Dryden for the delivery of organized social, cultural and sporting activities for kids. Projects totalled approximately \$138,000.

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