



Kenora District Services Board

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The Board of Directors wishes to announce that it has approved the 2007 Operating and Capital Budgets at its Board meeting held in Dryden on Thursday, March 22, 2007.

The 2007 Operating Budget totalling some \$39,371,242 represents a 4.70% decrease over the 2006 Actuals with the local share decreasing by 0.75% to \$13,052,075 from \$13,150,253 in 2006.

The Board is estimating significant local cost increases associated with the Ontario Disability Support Program (5.69%) and the Ontario Works Program (6.23%). In addition there will be a significant cost increase (5.80%) in the local share for the Social Housing Program. These increases will be offset by a substantial decrease (7.49%) in the local share for the Land Ambulance Service, a result of increased provincial funding for the First Nations share of services as well as increased funding towards the 50/50 cost sharing arrangements for this service.

The Board has also approved a Capital Budget of \$2,789,000, the bulk of which (\$1,800,000) is designated for the construction of a new land ambulance base in the City of Kenora. In addition the Board has approved the balance of funding (\$989,000) of the local share of completing the retro-fit at the Parkview Seniors Complex. The local share of the funding of these projects will be financed in future years.

Also, the Board wishes to advise it will be returning \$120,019 to local property taxpayers from its 2006 operations as a result of higher than anticipated revenues. In addition the Board will be returning some \$226,930 to municipalities as a result of additional funding received from the Province for the Unincorporated Area taxpayers portion of 2006 land ambulance costs.

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