



Kenora District Services Board

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The Board of Directors wishes to announce that it has approved a 2009 Operations and Capital budget at its Board meeting held in Dryden on Thursday, November 20, 2008.

The 2009 Budget totalling some \$41,923,624 represents a \$280,997 reduction from the 2008 amended budget. The 2009 local share will increase by some 1.43% (\$192,817) over the 2008 amended budget of \$13,491,356.

The Board is estimating increases in local costs associated with the Ontario Works Program (0.94%), the Social Housing Program (0.58%) and the Land Ambulance Program (1.73%). These increases will be offset somewhat by decreases in the local share for the Ontario Disability Support Program (1.52%), the Child Care Program (0.16%) and Board One-Time projects (0.19%).

As part of the 2009 budget the Board has also approved several capital purchases and other program enhancements that include the following:

- Replacement of two ambulances - \$205,265
- Training mannequin (human patient simulator) - \$65,000
- Upgrades to ZOLL Defibrillators - \$121,719
- Emergency vehicle operations training - \$50,000
- Kenora ambulance base leasehold improvements - \$497,320
- Preliminary design work on new ambulance base in Sioux Lookout - \$50,000
- Replacement of 180 fifteen year old refrigerators - \$258,600
- Development of a Board Strategic Plan - \$35,000

In addition the Board will receive and review the results of the Board Governance and Operational Review as well as the Housing Needs Study that commenced in 2008. As well the implementation of the Ontario Works direct delivery model approved by the Board in 2008 will be completed in the first half of 2009.

The cost allocation for each municipality and the unincorporated territories will not be determined until the release of the District Property Assessment Rolls for 2009 by MPAC which is expected in early 2009.

The 2009 Budget details can be viewed through the KDSB website at www.kdsb.on.ca.

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