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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

December 10th, 2019

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Foisy

Seconded by Councillor Lagassie

THAT the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of East Ferris's request to DNSSAB that the proposed 2020 municipal levy increase be re-examined and that DNSSAB work with the partner municipalities by maintaining the 2020 municipal levy at the 2019 level; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of East Ferris; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB).

Carried Randall McLaren

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

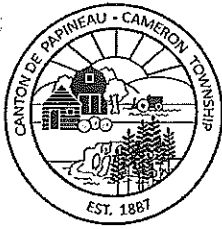
AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No.16 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of December 10th, 2019 and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Diane Francoeur
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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

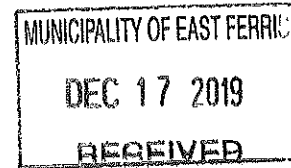


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December 11, 2019

DNSSAB
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Dear DNSSAB Board

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their Regular Council meeting on December 10, 2019 and passed the following resolution:

Date:	December 10, 2019	Resolution Number:	2019-241
Moved By:	Councillor Shelley Belanger	Seconded By:	Councillor Wendy Adams

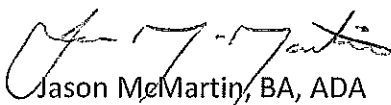
THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township supports the Municipality of East Ferris's letter dated December 2, 2019 to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board in regards to not increasing the municipal levy in year 2020, and that the municipal levy from the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board maintain the year 2020 municipal levy at the same level as year 2019;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board of Directors and Member Municipalities.

CARRIED

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Jason McMartin, BA, ADA
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Municipality of East Ferris's letter dated December 2, 2019

c.c. DNSSAB Member Municipalities

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December 2, 2019

Melanie Shaye, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
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Dear Ms. Shaye,

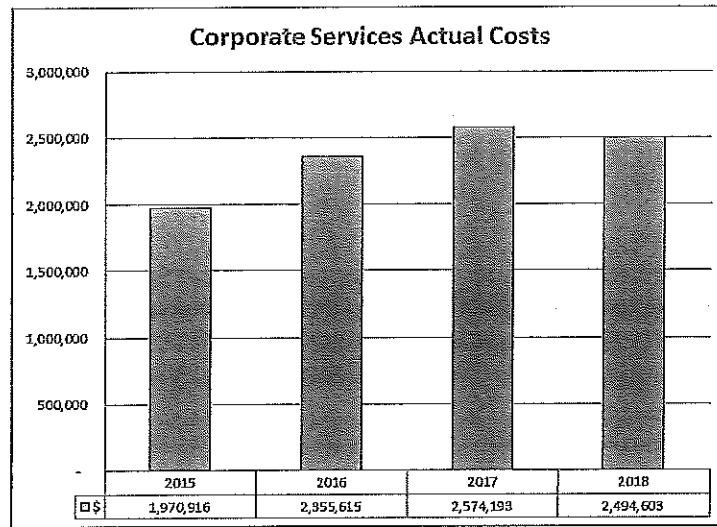
The Municipality of East Ferris values the important work of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB). That said, we were disappointed to learn that DNSSAB is proposing a 2020 municipal levy increase of \$886,821 (4.52%) especially given the following resolution put forward earlier this year by the Municipality of Calvin.

- *WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has reduced and/or withdrawn funding over the past 10+ years to municipalities and their associated boards, and continues to do so;*
- *WHEREAS because of the reduced funding all parties are and will be required to reduce or cut spending and;*
- *WHEREAS the DNSSAB in a letter issued on April 29, 2019 to member municipalities stated "Please prepare yourself for a significant levy adjustment of these downloaded provincial costs".*
- *NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Calvin opposes this "Significant levy adjustment due to these downloaded provincial costs" and that DNSSAB, like municipalities, should look at reducing costs and services, if necessary, in order to mitigate any municipal levy increase.*

The Municipality of East Ferris is asking DNSSAB to re-consider its budget recommendation. The proposed municipal levy increase is just shy of the combined increases for 2018 and 2019 which totaled \$927,320. An 11.21% increase over 4 years (2017 - 1.79%, 2018 - 1.5%, 2019 - 3.4% and 2020 - 4.52%) is not sustainable. Our municipality, like others in the area, face fiscal limitations. Over the past few years, we have had to make difficult decisions during budget deliberations at times sacrificing our priorities in order to accommodate significant increases from local agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs). This was done to reduce the financial impact on our residents. In 2019, levies from ABCs represented 32% of our operating with DNSSAB totaling approximately 50% of the total.

We are mindful that for SSABs operating at a level similar to DNSSAB, for example in Thunder Bay (THDSSAB), from their 2018 Consolidated Statements we find that municipal levies decreased by 4.5% from 2015 to 2018 (2015 - \$ 23,897,900, 2018 - \$22,806,700) versus DNSSAB increasing levies by 4.4% (2015 - \$18,181,956, 2018 - \$18,989,989). In September 2019, Thunder Bay city council voted a resolution asking that TBDSSAB not download any provincial cuts onto city taxpayers and to review their budget accordingly.

While the Municipality of East Ferris is appreciative of the operating efficiencies that DNSSAB management has found over the last several years, mainly in order to absorb provincial cuts, it is hopeful there may be further operational efficiencies to be gained, for example in Corporate Services where costs have increased by 27% since 2015 (table provided by DNSSAB).



For the Municipality of East Ferris, it becomes difficult to justify to our citizens why for each dollar of revenue we collect, .15 cents is directed to DNSSAB versus what neighbouring communities are paying to their SSAB. We understand such an analysis is not complete, yet the following table of a few northern communities does point to some inequities.

Municipality	2018 Annual Revenues	2018 SSAB Payment	SSAB Payment per Dollar of Revenue
Municipality of East Ferris	\$8,795,985	\$1,130,499	\$0.13
Municipality of Calvin	\$2,030,108	\$214,184	\$0.11
Municipality of Wawa	\$14,500,604	\$1,515,880	\$0.10
City of Temiskaming Shores	\$28,258,669	\$2,266,667	\$0.08
City of North Bay	\$155,320,212	\$11,723,977	\$0.08
Town of Hearst	\$17,040,211	\$876,994	\$0.05
Municipality of Callander	\$8,017,015	\$235,665	\$0.03
Municipality of Powassan	\$6,923,660	\$114,296	\$0.02
Village of Sundridge	\$4,150,028	\$46,312	\$0.01

In keeping with the DNSSAB's mission to proactively enable inclusive, healthy and prosperous communities, we respectfully ask that the proposed 2020 municipal levy increase be re-examined. While DNSSAB is an important service partner and the services of its staff are highly

valued by the Municipality of East Ferris, we are asking the DNSSAB to work with its partner municipalities by maintaining the 2020 municipal levy at the 2019 level.

Respectfully,

Mayor & Council
Municipality of East Ferris

c.c. DNSSAB Board of Directors
DNSSAB Member Municipalities

