

ADDENDUM



MEETING OF COUNCIL MAY 1st, 2018

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D-7) General Government / *gouvernement général*

D-7 (b) Discussion re: Request to DNSSAB to submit a funding application for an elevator at Villa Aubin.

D-7 (c) Resignation from the West Nipissing Police Service Board.



D-7(b)

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Thursday, January 19, 2017

Tenants of Villa Aubin
c/o Claudette Desjardin
221-145 Holditch Street
Sturgeon Falls, ON
P2B 2Y3

Dear Ms. Desjardin:

SUBJECT: Approval of Elevating Device (145 Holditch Street, Sturgeon Falls)

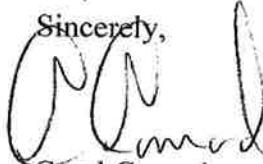
I am writing this letter as a follow up to our letter dated March 15, 2016 written in response to your letter dated; March 1, 2016 concerning a request from the tenants to have a dumb waiter installed at the building at 145 Holditch Street, Sturgeon Falls.

We are pleased to inform you and the tenants, that we have budgeted for, and have been approved funds for an elevating device at 145 Holditch Street to be installed in the 2017 year. As a result of the extensive research we have conducted, it has been decided that we will not be installing the dumb waiter device you originally suggested. Instead, we will be installing an elevating device designed to move from floor to floor and will be large enough to accommodate one person. The additional advantage to this particular elevating device is it can be installed in the existing building without having to build a costly elevator shaft and pit.

As you can appreciate, this will be a major undertaking and currently staff along with the Fire Department and Architects are involved reviewing building code and fire code requirements. In addition, because of the cost involved we will be applying for supplementary funding which becomes available in October 2017. As a result, we are planning that construction should commence in November of 2017.

We would like to thank our funders the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board for considering this request and supporting the Nipissing District Housing Corporation in our mission to supply safe and affordable housing to the citizens of the Nipissing District.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Elise Larochelle, Manager of Corporate Assets at 705-472-2441 Ext. 126.

Sincerely,

Carol Conrad
CEO

cc: Marc Serre, MP Nickle Belt
Debbie Mills, Director of Housing, DNSSAB
Elise Larochelle, Corporate Assets Manager
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Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Tenants of Villa Aubin

SUBJECT: Elevating Device, 145 Holditch Street, Sturgeon Falls

During 2017, staff had been exploring options with respect to the installation of an elevating device at Villa Aubin, 145 Holditch Street, Sturgeon Falls.

The original intent was to install an elevating device, known as a Prolift HD, in the east-end stairwell of the building. Further investigation determined that there are operating restrictions as well as Ontario Building Code implications associated with this type of installation at that location. Due to these factors, this option is not feasible.

Alternatively, the most appropriate option is the installation of an elevator, similar to many elevators installed in comparable buildings. It would be larger in size and easier to operate. The ideal location for this elevator is adjacent to the common room near the main entrance to the building.

This type of elevator installation would require extensive alterations to the structure in order to accommodate the elevator and as expected, is substantially more expensive than originally anticipated. An application for funding to assist with the cost was not approved by the Federal government. As a result, we are not in a position to proceed with the installation of an elevator at this time. In the interim, staff will continue to pursue all available funding opportunities.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

Regards,

Joseph Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer
Nipissing District Housing Corporation.

cc: Correspondence; Tenants File

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WN missing the boat on funding opportunities

BY ISABEL MOSSELER
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Marc Serré, MP for Nickel Belt, is encouraging West Nipissing not-for-profit organizations, First Nations organizations and the municipality to take advantage of funding opportunities to retrofit, renovate or build new projects that improve accessibility to facilities. In an April 3rd press release, Serré announced the 2018 Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) was calling for applications for mid-sized projects. "This area [West Nipissing] is not applying for [these opportunities]. We're encouraging a lot of the organizations in the community. For example, we've had Markstay apply, Camp Norland in Kipling, the Capreol Theatre Centre received dollars for accessibility. We have to find ways to encourage an organization in West Nipissing to apply. For example, Villa Aubin needs an elevator," says Serré.

The EAF provides funding to make Canadian facilities and venues more accessible for people with disabilities. Financial contributions between \$350K and \$1 million are avail-

able. Serré points out that success is not guaranteed, but if an application is not submitted, then definitely nothing will happen. "I strongly, strongly encourage the municipality to work with DNSSAB in North Bay to prioritize the Accessibility Fund. I've met with residents of Villa Aubin; it's 35 years old and needs an elevator, it needs accessibility. . . . You need to get the applications in if we want our fair share."

Serré continues, "It's not just elevators. You're looking at ramps, automatic doors, enlarging a bathroom to make it wheelchair accessible . . . You could be looking at renovating a kitchen in an organization."

He adds there are also funding opportunities for projects under \$50K, and organizations might want to think outside the box. The funding is for "small scale projects, renovations, or retrofit projects that will have a quick impact in a community," he explains. "Community organizations have to [fill out applications] on their own. Most communities are already accessible these days, but also think of accessibility in terms of listening devices for the hard of hearing, or screen readers

for the visually impaired — things which people are always missing, and not applying for the funds," Serré notes. "Markstay is going nuts, St. Charles is getting lots of funding, and Capreol the same thing!"

Serré also points out, "Accessibility really is an issue. People have to realize that when you look at sidewalks and buildings, it's also good for young families with a stroller. So seniors may be having mobility issues, but it's not just your typical person in a wheelchair — we have seniors with canes, we have strollers. It's about making the whole community accessible — not just the disabled but for the whole family."

Serré insists the infrastructure funding is there, and he thinks West Nipissing may be missing out.

On behalf of Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, Serré invites applicants to submit their project concepts in a two-part application process online, by mail or email before May 24, 2018. If the project concept is successful, the applicant will be asked to submit a detailed proposal at a later date.

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April 30, 2018

To: Mayor and Council
Municipality of West Nipissing

I regret to inform you I am submitting my resignation as Council representative of the West Nipissing Police Services Board effectively immediately. My ability to perform my duties as a council representative has been affected greatly since the decision was made to accept the OPP proposal for policing services.

In particular, I have been advised by a lawyer hired by the board that he believes I have a conflict of interest in relation to all matters involving the OPP. Although I do not agree with his statement, this and the general views and comments from the majority of the board are preventing me from effectively participating in discussions as well as supporting the members of the West Nipissing Police Service through their transition to the OPP.

Respectfully yours,



Leo P. Malette

Councillor, Ward 2