

Board Representation Model

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Historical Overview

The total number of Board members for each of the ten District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB's) is set out in the DSSAB Act and Regulations.

Any increase or decrease in the number of Board members or any change to the boundaries of an area requires a change in the provincial regulations.

Historical Overview

In the past, the province has clearly stated they would not consider a regulation change regarding the Board member distribution unless there is a clear double majority support for the requested change.

Double majority support means that a majority of the municipalities and the unincorporated representatives support the change, and that those areas supporting the change also represent a majority of the electors in the DSB's geographic service jurisdiction.

There are no provincial guidelines, regulations or legislation that dictates or provides guidance on how to develop a Board Representation model.

The Model

The DSSAB Steering Committee hired the Randolph Group to develop a Board Representation Model in 1998.

The model developed by the Randolph Group was approved by the DSSAB Steering committee and by a double majority vote as defined by DSSAB Act regulations in 1998.

The current Board representation model is based on population.

In 1998 the total population was 31,977 and there is on average 1 Board member assigned per 2,284 in population.

Current Representation Model

Area	Townships	Population 1998	Board Members
1	Espanola	5,306	2
2	Sables-Spanish Rivers, Baldwin, Nairn & Hyman	4,244	2
3	French River, Killarney, Markstay-Warren, St. Charles	6,305	3
4	Chapleau	2,766	1
5	Billings, Burpee & Mills, Cockburn Island, Gordon & Barrie Island, Gore Bay	2,185	1
6	Assiginack, Central Manitoulin, NEMI, Tehkummah	5,096	2
7	Territories Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO)	6,075	3
	TOTAL	31,977	14

The Model

Over the past 14 years there have been many discussions at the Board level around the current representation model.

The DSB 2009-2011 Strategic Plan recommendation # 209 states:

That the issue of representation be discussed at a special meeting of the DSSAB.

Recommendation complete:

The issue of representation was reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board in May 2009. The conclusion was that municipal representation is appropriate based on the populations within the organized municipalities in the Board's jurisdiction.

The Model

At the April 2012 Board meeting, the Mayor of Killarney, Morgan Pitfield made a presentation on behalf of the Sudbury East Municipal Association (SEMA).

SEMA is asking that the Board re-visit the Board representation model.

SEMA has stated the selection of Board members should not rely solely on population but must include the financial contributions made by a municipality or group of municipalities.

SEMA is asking that an ad-hoc committee be established to review the representation model.

Discussion:

We have added the Board Representation Model to the AGM in order to solicit advice and opinions from all member municipalities.

The DSB Board wants to hear from your municipality tonight and the Board will consider this matter at tomorrow's Board meeting.

COMMENTS