



# Municipality of Killarney

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Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister  
Ministry of Education  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 438 University Ave.  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2A5

Dear Minister Lecce:

Attached hereto is Resolution #20-191 that was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Killarney at their Regular Meeting held June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 which fully supports Resolution #20-047 passed by Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board regarding COVID-19 interim funding and operating policies for EarlyON and Child Care programs.

We trust you will give serious consideration to this request during these trying times.

Thank you and stay well.

Sincerely,  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY**

(Mrs.) Angie Nuziale,  
Administrative Assistant

Attachment

cc: *Les Gamble, Chair Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board*  
*Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*  
*Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA)*  
*Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA)*  
*Local MPPs*

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*The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney  
32 Commissioner Street  
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**MOVED BY:** Jim Rook  
**SECONDED BY:** Barbara Anne Haitse

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-191**


**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Killarney hereby supports Resolution #20-47 passed by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (MSDSB) at their regular meeting held May 28, 2020 regarding COVID-19 interim funding and operating policies for EarlyON and Child Care programs;

**FURTHER THAT** this resolution supporting the MSDSB position be forwarded to the Hon. Stephen Lecce – Minister of Education, AMO, NOSDA, OMSSA and our local MPP's.

RECORDED VOTE		
	FOR	AGAINST
Z. DIMITRIJEVIC	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
B. HAITSE	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
M. REIDER	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
J. ROOK	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
V. ROOK	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
N. WIRTZ	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>

**CARRIED**

I, Candy K. Beauvais, Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Killarney do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution #20-191 passed in a Regular Council Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

  
Candy K. Beauvais  
Clerk/Treasurer





June 1, 2020

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister  
Ministry of Education  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 438 University Avenue  
Toronto ON  
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SENT VIA E-MAIL: [minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister:

**RE: COVID-19 Interim Funding and Operating Policies for EarlyON and Child Care**

At its regular meeting held Thursday May 28, 2020, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board passed Resolution #20-47 which fully endorses the NOSDA letter sent to your attention on May 26, 2020.

On March 21, 2020 District Social Service Administration Boards and Consolidated Municipal Service Managers received a memo indicating how Provincial monies were to be allocated.

In the letter, it stated that your Ministry would:

*"The ministry will continue to fund CMSMs and DSSABs at the funding levels confirmed in the October 25, 2019 allocations memo and is directing CMSMs and DSSABs to continue to flow funding to child care centres and agencies."*

*"The ministry does not intend to recover funding for early years and child care services as a result of measures implemented as part of COVID-19 preparedness, including complying with closure orders and will work with you on how this funding is considered in our child care recovery plan" and that*

*"The ministry continues to depend on the authority and discretion that service system managers hold in order to make decisions that best support the early years and child care sector in their communities. Please continue to let us know how we can support your efforts during this challenging time".*

In a memo dated May 11, your Ministry communicated that it will not allow Service System Managers to use any provincial funding to cover any shortfall that is not covered by the federal wage subsidy program retroactively to March 15, 2020. Yet as noted above, the March 21, 2020 memo directed Service System Managers to continue to flow funding to childcare centres and agencies.

We agreed whole-heartedly that the funding approach used by your Ministry during the closure period must be to support financial sustainability of the Early Years and childcare sectors from the beginning of the pandemic. We also believe that a stable and accessible child care system will be critical to Ontario's recovery following the COVID-19 outbreak.

Northern Ontario municipalities need to know that Federal and Provincial monies provided during this difficult time will make this goal attainable and not pose an undue hardship on our communities. Not permitting Service System Managers to utilize any provincial funding retroactively to March 15, 2020 poses significant risk to both the municipalities that contribute to the cost sharing of childcare centres, Early Years, and the operators themselves.

Your Ministry depends on Service System Managers and our knowledge of the needs of our communities to make decisions that best support the early years and child care sector in our service areas. We depend on you and your government to be fair, equitable and transparent with funding and mindful of communications protocols with outside organizations that depend on Service Managers for funding.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB asks that your Ministry rescind the decision communicated in the May 11, 2020 memo and allow the use of provincial funding during the retroactive period.

Respectfully,



**Les Gamble**  
Chair, Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB

c.c. AMO  
NOSDA  
OMSSA  
Member Municipalities