



Housing Services Notice

Date: February 14, 2014

HSN#: 2014-03

This applicable legislation/policy is to be implemented effective this date by the housing provider(s) under the following programs:

Please note, if your program is **not checked**, this change is **not applicable** to your project.

- Federal Non-Profit Housing Program
- Federal Section 26/27 Housing Program
- Federal Urban Native Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation
- Local Housing Corporation—Rent Supplement Programs
- Nipissing District Housing Registry

Subject: DNSSAB - Housing Services - Local Housing Policies (LHP)

Reference:

- Housing Services Act, 2011
- Housing Services Act, 2011 – O.Reg 298/11
- Housing Services Act, 2011 – O.Reg 367/11
- Housing Services Act, 2011 – O.Reg 368/11
- Housing Services Act, 2011 – O.Reg 369/11
- Housing Services Act, 2011 – O.Reg 370/11
- DNSSAB Resolution No. 2012-199 as outlined in report HEMS30-12 and contained in “Attachment A Housing Services Act, 2011: Areas of Local Discretion Summary”
- DNSSAB Resolution No. 2012-224 as outlined in report HEMS36-12 and contained in “Attachment A Housing Services Act, 2011: Areas of Local Discretion Summary” and “Attachment B Housing Services Act, 2011: Areas of Local Discretion Summary”

Purpose:

To inform all housing stakeholders of the local housing policies, including the background and compliance standards under the Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA) and its associated regulations.

Background:

The Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA) gives new power and flexibility to service managers in the development of local rules. DNSSAB consulted with community stakeholders, including housing providers, for feedback about local circumstance and experience. The content of the consultations were used to create local rules that are responsive to the local community.

Housing Services adopted a two phase approach to implementing the new Act and Regulations (See CHSN Notice 2012-01 for details on Phase 1).

Phase 2 was set to occur throughout 2012 and 2013 to allow time to receive meaningful stakeholder input and give full consideration regarding the entire scope of local rules required under the new Act and Regulations.

As a result of this endeavor, Housing Services tasked a Working Group as part of the Nipissing District Housing Registry Review to conduct a review and develop local rules in areas of discretion in the HSA. The group consisted of eight individuals representing various interests in the social housing community including the following members:

- One representative from the Nipissing Legal Clinic
- Two Housing Provider Representatives
- Two representatives from service agencies (Shelter and Ontario Works)
- Three Housing Services Representatives

Findings from the group's activity resulted in the development of local housing policies that are best suited to the requirements of the district.

Action:

Housing Providers will implement the attached Local Housing Policies effective January 1, 2014.

Please note: An electronic copy of the "Local Housing Policies" will be sent via email to all Housing Providers. Please ensure that you and your staff have implemented the correct Local Policies. The local policies will also be posted to the Social Housing Management System: <http://housing.dnssab.on.ca> and the DNSSAB web site: <http://www.dnssab.on.ca/housing>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other Housing Services Notice, please contact the Housing Services Administrator assigned to your portfolio:

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Enclosures