



## **MEDIA RELEASE – December 18, 2008**

### **DTSSAB Appoints Chief Administrative Officer**

**Timiskaming District, Ont.** – The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Don Studholme as our new Chief Administrative Officer, effective January 6, 2009. Don will work out of the DTSSAB's Kirkland Lake office, while servicing the District.

Working closely to support a diverse nine-member Board in achieving its vision and goals, the CAO will provide leadership and direction to the management team and staff in the areas of Children's Services, Social Housing, Emergency Medical Services, Ontario Works, as well as in Integrated Client Services, Human Resources and Finance. The CAO will oversee the DTSSAB's \$40M gross budget and its resources, while forging strong relationships and networks with various community and government partners.

Don brings over 26 years of experience to the position, including the banking and finance industries, and the municipal sector. He has most recently spent the last 18 years with the Town of Kirkland Lake, in his most recent role as Director of Corporate Services. Don holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Political Science from Laurentian University, as well as a Diploma in Economic Development from the University of Waterloo.

The Board wishes to thank Ms. Melissa Harrison for her significant contributions and dedication as Acting Chief Administrative Officer for the past year. We are pleased that Melissa will remain with the DTSSAB in a management role.

Don's various roles, his valuable management experience and education, as well as his extensive knowledge of finance, accounting, and municipal government will certainly enable him to play an important role in strategically leading the DTSSAB's growth and development.

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