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SERVICE DELIVERERS  
ASSOCIATION**

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## **Press Release**

The Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma DSSABs (District Social Services Administration Board) jointly hosted the NOSDA (Northern Ontario Service Deliverers' Association) conference of municipal politicians and representatives from the unincorporated territories to discuss social services and land ambulance issues from April 27 to April 29 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

NOSDA members met with key officials to discuss the province's Anti-Poverty Strategy, social assistance issues and linking economic development and social infrastructure for positive community gains.

"The conference gives an opportunity for representatives from the various boards to share information and interact with provincial officials" said Chairman Gary Scripnick. "We received some good news from Kathleen Blinkhorn, Assistant Deputy Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing who address the conference on the funding available under the province's stimulus package for social housing. She explained that these funds would be available for new construction, renovation and for retrofits of existing housing stock which would allow the construction of elevators and energy conservation programs."

"The Annual General Meeting was another success for NOSDA" said Pat Mick, Chair of the host Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB. "The City of Sault Ste. Marie welcomed the delegates and was pleased to see Mike Brown, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin address the group on the Northern Growth Plan and the changes to the Mining Act."

NOSDA was formed to develop a collaborative approach to address issues from the downloading of services from the provincial government and has evolved into a forum for political representatives to meet and address ongoing social service and land ambulance services in Northern Ontario.

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