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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Chief Administrative Officers  
District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs)

**FROM:** Julie Shouldice  
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**SUBJECT :** **DSSAB Eligibility for Infrastructure Ontario Loan Program**

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We are reaching out to share an update with DSSABs (District Social Services Administration Boards) on behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) regarding IO's Loan Program.

On December 11, 2025, Bill 46, the Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025, received Royal Assent, amending the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Act, 2011 (OILCA), to add DSSABs to the list of public organizations eligible for IO loans. In addition to making DSSABs eligible borrowers under the OILCA, following Royal Assent, a consequential amendment to O. Reg. 210/11 (General) under the OILCA can now be proposed to authorize IO to provide financing to DSSABs. MOI is currently in the process of finalizing amendments to O. Reg. 210/11 for government consideration to complete the final step that would enable DSSABs to apply for loans from IO.

In the meantime, MOI in collaboration with IO, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS), and other government partners and stakeholders is continuing their work to assist IO with its preparation for DSSAB loan application intake. To support the development of the applications process, MOI and MCCSS will be reaching out in the coming weeks for information to facilitate the establishment of the DSSAB funding stream.

Your input will help ensure that IO has a strong understanding of DSSABs' financing model for infrastructure projects, as well as the types of infrastructure projects for which DSSABs will be seeking IO loan financing, and to support a smooth implementation and application process. IO is happy to engage with DSSABs on project-specific inquiries once application intake has started.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support and engagement.

Thank you

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