

## Provincial Land Tax (PLT) Reform

The Ontario government is completing the move to current value assessment (CVA) for the unincorporated area.

Pre-reform, the PLT rate is 1.5 percent (%) for all properties in the unincorporated area. From 2009 to 2012, unincorporated residents will have a frozen PLT rate: the rate will be .0023 for residential property within school boards and .0004 outside school board boundaries. Approximately half of properties will see a tax decrease and, of those properties experiencing a tax increase, about 90% will see an increase of less than \$150.

Information sessions regarding the reform were held – unfortunately, the closest sessions were held in Kenora and Dryden. I have contacted the Ministry to be included in a future teleconference to gather further information.

## Children's Services

Staff involved with RRDSSAB Children's Services participated recently in a visioning exercise to develop a *Vision & Values Statement* which reflects the direction of children's services in our District and the values upon which development and implementation decisions are based. The following *Vision & Values Statement* resulted:

### *"Opening the Door to New Opportunities"*

*Fundamental Values*  
*Coordination of services;*  
*Sharing of knowledge;*  
*Better outcomes for families & children;*  
*Early intervention & prevention;*  
*Equality of access;*  
*Belongingness;*  
*Increasing independence;*  
*Empowerment of families;*  
*Holistic approach to service delivery; &*  
*Offering choices & increased opportunities to families.*

My sincere thanks to Kim Gardiman, Children's Services Manager and the staff for their commitment and dedication to providing services which support families in our District to improve their lives and those of their children. We are fortunate in that our staff serve as staunch advocates and excellent ambassadors for children's services, often recognized by their counterparts and the Province, and we truly thank them.

## Human Resources

An HR Report is not available at this time and will be included in the October report.

Respectfully Submitted, /d Dittaro