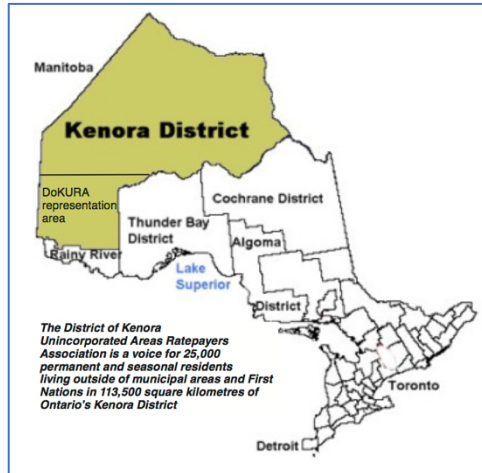


# Who is DoKURA?

DoKURA is short for District of Kenora Unincorporated Areas Ratepayers Association.

The association was formed in 1996 to represent the interests of over 25,000 permanent and seasonal residents who reside outside the organized municipalities and First Nation communities in the Unincorporated Territories in the southern portion of the District of Kenora in Northwestern Ontario. In 2003 it was registered as a Not-For-Profit Corporation in the Province of Ontario.



A volunteer Board of Directors elected at an annual public meeting operates the organization. Four publicly elected representatives who serve on the Kenora District Services Board, are also members of the board of directors. The Kenora District Services Board is one of Ontario's 10 District Social Service Administration Boards in Northern Ontario providing directly or funding social housing & homelessness, income support and childcare programs, and in eight districts, land ambulance services.

In addition to representation of Unincorporated Area residents on the Kenora District Services Board, the association speaks for non-municipal residents in other forums and on other issues. It works to have representatives attend various

municipal level conferences and has met from time-to-time with area municipal councils to discuss issues of mutual concern. The board also meets with provincial and federal elected members of parliament to discuss issues impacting non-municipal residents. The association also lobbies for the region and makes presentations to various government consultations.

Issues addressed by the association in the past have included:

- Sharing of Federal Gas Tax, now Infrastructure Funding, for Local Roads Boards.
- Participation in the province's Provincial Land Tax review (2013-2016).
- Involvement in public consultations including the Energy East project (2016), the Far North Electoral Boundaries Commission (2017) and the District Social Service Board Governance and Accountability Review (2017/2018).

DoKURA continues to provide input on provincial issues that may impact rural residents in the district including annual budget consultations and development proposals where public input is part of the process.

The association has made improved health services in rural areas and the district as a whole, high-speed Internet service, and better government support for above average home energy costs recent priorities.

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