District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board

Conseil d'administration des services sociaux du district de Nipissing

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **November 17, 2026**

Ontario Continues Investment in Mental Health Supports for First Responders

Nipissing District Paramedic Services to benefit from provincial grant program

North Bay, ON: The Ontario Ministry of Health is continuing its investment in mental health supports for first responders through the Mental Health Supports for Public Safety Personnel (MHS4PSP) Grant Program, with the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) again receiving up to $30,000 in one-time funding to support Nipissing District Paramedic Services in accessing specialized mental health services through the Warrior Health MHS4PSP Program.

"DNSSAB is grateful to the Province for this investment in the mental health and well-being of paramedics," said Melanie Shaye, DNSSAB CAO. "Paramedics are there for communities every day, often in difficult situations. This funding will help provide access to the mental health supports they need."

The MHS4PSP Grant Program is part of Ontario's efforts to help public safety organizations provide access to specialized mental health services for first responders and public safety personnel, including paramedics and ambulance communications officers.

Benefits to Staff and the Community:

- Enhanced mental health support for paramedics.
- Improved service delivery through healthier, more resilient staff.
- Strengthened emergency response capacity across the District.

DNSSAB extends its gratitude to the Ministry of Health for recognizing the importance of mental health in public safety and for investing in the well-being of those who serve communities across Ontario.

About DNSSAB:
The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) is the service delivery agency for essential human services across the Nipissing District. These include the Coordinated Services of Ontario Works, Housing Services and Homelessness Services, Children's Services, and Paramedic Services. The jurisdiction of the DNSSAB covers a population of about 85,000 people, spread out over 17,000 square kilometres, 11 municipalities, two First Nations, and two unorganized areas – Nipissing North and Nipissing South. The Board is made up of 11 municipal councillors and one elected representative for the Territory Without Municipal Organization. The Board members exercise powers, duties, and responsibilities relating to the delivery of human services, while respecting the DSSAB Act and the Board's Procedural By-Laws and governance model. Shared responsibilities with the Province and municipalities are combined within the DNSSAB.

Learn more at dnssab.ca

DNSSAB Contact:
Brooke Piercey, Communications and Executive Coordinator
brooke.piercey@dnssab.ca | 705-474-2151 ext. 63164