District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board

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DNSSAB Advances Affordable Housing Projects Toward Shovel-Ready Status

Local work builds on Northern Ontario effort to advance new affordable housing

North Bay, ON: The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) and the Nipissing District Housing Corporation (NDHC) are moving forward with the next phase of work to advance 136 proposed affordable housing units in the District of Nipissing toward shovel-ready status.

The work is part of a broader Northern Ontario housing initiative led by the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA). Northern Ontario service managers have pooled projects, expertise, and resources to create a regional housing pipeline and help advance new affordable housing across the North.

The first phase of the NOSDA initiative includes 609 proposed affordable housing units in 10 Northern Ontario communities, including North Bay and West Nipissing in Nipissing District. A planned second phase would bring the overall pipeline to approximately 1,200 units.

DNSSAB and NDHC have now completed the first phase of work on priority local housing projects. This included early planning and design, site assessments, and construction cost estimates to determine whether the projects could move forward.

With this work complete, the projects are moving into the next phase. This will include detailed design and engineering, planning approvals, site planning, procurement preparation, and other pre-construction work needed to bring the projects closer to shovel-ready status.

“Getting these projects shovel-ready is an important step toward responding to the need for affordable housing across the District of Nipissing and being ready to move when capital funding is secured,” said Melanie Shaye, DNSSAB CAO.

NOSDA will continue working with other levels of government to advance the broader Northern Ontario housing initiative. DNSSAB and NDHC will continue the local planning and pre-construction work needed to move the proposed projects toward shovel-ready status.

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.

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