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Additional Beds being added to Low-Barrier Shelter at 590 Chippewa Street

North Bay, ON – As the colder weather approaches, nine additional beds are being added at the low barrier shelter on Chippewa Street bringing the total to 21. These new beds are in addition to the 12 beds that have been available since August. A third portable is being renovated to provide the extra space at the site. Provided there are no delays, new beds will be ready for occupancy within a week.

“From a construction and re-purposing perspective, this has been happening very quickly,” says District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) Chair, Mark King, “even though it was hoped the extra spaces would be available tomorrow.”

There are other shelter spaces available in the community for those needing a warm place to stay, including the Crisis Centre of North Bay, as well as four additional district shelters for women fleeing domestic violence.

590 Chippewa Street is the site of a new 16 unit transitional housing program that is currently under construction.

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