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**HELP US HELP YOU**  
***Paramedic Services Week May 19-25***

**North Bay, ON:** National Paramedic Services Week runs from May 19-25 and this year's theme is *Help Us Help You*. There has been a significant change in recent years to the way Paramedic Services operate. The change in traditional Paramedic response has diversified into community outreach, expanded education and research in the field. Nipissing's Community Paramedic program brings healthcare into the homes of its residents. This helps keep residents healthier at home and avoid hospital visits and admissions. This is a collaborative approach through community partner referrals and internal Paramedic referrals which identify alternative opportunities to traditional transport to the hospital.

As the needs of our communities change, the Paramedic Service is proactively looking for opportunities, through expanding Community Paramedic services, as well as "treat and release" and "alternate destination" programs.

"DNSSAB has an amazing team of paramedics that do the hard work day in and day out while maintaining compassion and professionalism. Their value to the community can't be overstated," says DNSSAB Chair, Mark King.

In 2023, paramedic services in the Nipissing district answered 18,462 emergency calls and 2,280 community paramedicine visits.

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