



## Nipissing Counts 2021

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### *NIPISSING COUNTS 2021 September Update* Forty District Agencies Participating

**NORTH BAY, ON** – This October the District of Nipissing Social Services Administrative Board (DNSSAB) will be coordinating the annual District-wide homelessness Point-in-Time (PiT) count and voluntary survey, working towards the implementation of the District’s very first By-Name List (BNL) registry. This registry is an important initial step in a new approach to ending chronic homelessness. With 40 registered community partners across the District, spanning from Temagami to South Algonquin, this year’s event will be the most inclusive to date.

“Homelessness is not exclusive to the larger communities within the District of Nipissing. The DNSSAB is pleased that this year’s event includes a variety of partners who work throughout the District, capturing valuable information about people experiencing homelessness and how best to help them,” says Mark King, Chair of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administrative Board.

A PiT count is the enumeration over a 24-hour period of individuals experiencing homelessness. This enumeration provides a snapshot of what homelessness looks like in the District’s communities, and can be used to determine progress made towards ending homelessness. A BNL is a real time registry of all known people experiencing homelessness that supports more efficient triage to local services. This information will allow agencies to better service their clients based on their needs and helps to identify gaps in services and resources. Both tools provide data to support advocacy.

On Wednesday October 13 2021, individuals and families experiencing homelessness may visit any one of the participating locations to complete a survey. By consenting to complete the survey, respondents have the opportunity to have their voices heard. Two registry days will also take place following the count on Thursday October 14 and Friday October 15, to allow individuals not counted to complete a survey and have their information added to the By-Name List.

“The By-Name List is a tool that will assist our service providers to more effectively work together to care for vulnerable community members. As importantly, this coordinated community care approach will assist us in ensuring that our vulnerable populations do not fall through the cracks of service provision,” says Emmi Lunel, Community Development Coordinator, AIDS Committee North Bay & Area.

Communities across Ontario have already begun this initiative. Areas such as Durham, Peterborough and London have already implemented a By-Name List as a first-step to ending chronic community homelessness. Using the specific real-time data collected from the By-Name List, the city of London has been able to reduce the number of veterans experiencing homelessness by over 75%. The Nipissing District plans to follow suit, with the hopes to demonstrate this level of success.



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### ***Media Participation***

Ensuring the safety and anonymity of our participants is our utmost priority. Media will not be invited to accompany Nipissing Counts volunteers; however, the media will be kept up to date.

The media is invited to contact Marianne Zadra, Executive Coordinator and Communications, for more information.

### ***For more information:***

[Reaching Home: Everyone Counts- A Guide to Point-in-Time Counts in Canada](#)

[The Canadian Observatory on Homelessness: Point-in-Time Count Toolkit](#)

[The Canadian Definition of Homelessness](#)

[Built for Zero Canada – By Name Lists](#)

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The District of Nipissing Social Services Administrative Board (DNSSAB) is the lead agency in conducting the Nipissing District's fourth point-in-time count.

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