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## **TRANSITION TO IN-HOUSE PARAMEDIC SERVICES COMPLETE**

**North Bay, ON:** The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) is pleased to announce that the transition of the paramedic services team to the DNSSAB is now complete, and welcomes nearly 100 Primary and Advanced Care Paramedics to the DNSSAB organization.

This DNSSAB Board's decision to move Paramedic Services from a third party contracted model to a direct delivery model, mirroring most of Ontario's Emergency Services, came in late 2021 following a detailed analysis of existing programs.

In July of this year, the leadership team was put in place with Stephen Kirk named the new Chief of Paramedic Services. The Deputy Chiefs are Stephen Asselin and Dan Raymond. Commander Bryce Gartner will continue in his role overseeing the Community Paramedicine program. Superintendents are Franco Tignanelli, Mark Beaulieu, Maxine Samson, and Andrew Pugliese.

Staff have worked closely with the contracted service providers, labour unions, Ministry of Health and Paramedics from all the three services.

"This has been a huge undertaking and DNSSAB is very pleased the process is now complete. Heartfelt thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen, including Rob Smith who was the transition lead, and big welcome to all paramedics to the DNSSAB team," says DNSSAB CAO, Catherine Matheson.

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