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City of North Bay and DNSSAB Announce New Affordable Housing for Seniors 60 New Units Approved Through Federal Housing Accelerator Fund

North Bay, ON: The City of North Bay and the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) are taking decisive action to address the need for affordable housing for seniors by approving the construction of 60 new units at 111 Cartier Street, the former site of JW Trusler school. This project expands on the existing building where North Bay Regional Health Centre (NBRHC) provides 24-hour care to people who require medical and therapeutic services in a supportive environment. The new initiative will bring the total number of spaces to over 100, exclusively serving seniors.

The existing spaces are operated by NBRHC, while the new units are reserved for seniors registered on DNSSAB's Centralized Waitlist. This official registry matches eligible seniors seeking affordable housing with available units throughout the Nipissing District.

Accessibility and Support Services

Each new unit will include accessibility features to ensure safety and comfort for residents. Tenants will also have access to essential health and social services through DNSSAB's Community Paramedicine Program and partnerships with the North Bay Regional Health Centre, supporting seniors to live independently.

Community Collaboration and Funding

This expansion is made possible through a successful application to the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), supported by the City of North Bay through its Growth Community Improvement Plan. Terrace Management Inc., working with the City and DNSSAB, will lead the construction and ongoing management of the new units.

Construction began following the recent approval of a foundation permit.

"This project is an important step in meeting the need for affordable housing for seniors in our community," said Mayor Peter Chirico. "The City is pleased to support this initiative alongside our partners, helping ensure older residents can live safely, comfortably, and with dignity here in North Bay."

Moving Forward: Commitment to Affordable Housing

This project demonstrates a strong commitment to increasing affordable housing options for seniors, ensuring that older adults in need have access to stable, quality homes and supports in their community.

“As our community grows older, safe and affordable housing is more important than ever for supporting the well-being and independence of our seniors,” said DNSSAB Chair, Mark King. “This project shows what’s possible when organizations work together with a shared commitment to inclusion and care. We are proud to support initiatives that help seniors stay connected, comfortable, and secure in the community they helped shape.”

About DNSSAB’s Centralized Waitlist

The Centralized Waitlist is a coordinated registry where eligible individuals and families can apply for affordable and rent-geared-to-income (RGI) housing in the Nipissing District. For this project, units will be filled by seniors (aged 65+) who are currently waiting for affordable or RGI housing. To learn more about the Centralized Waitlist or to apply, visit dnssab.ca/housing-services/subsidized-affordable-housing.