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## **NEW ELEVATOR OPERATIONAL AT VILLA AUBIN IN WEST NIPISSING**

*North Bay, ON* – The Nipissing District Housing Corporation (NDHC) is pleased to announce that tenants and visitors at Villa Aubin in Sturgeon Falls now have an operational elevator. The elevator at the two-storey senior’s complex will make life significantly easier and safer for residents of the 58 units, now that all of the required investments have been completed. The residents and visitors will now be able to move between the two floors without the challenges of stairs.

“NDHC is very pleased to have been able to find the \$290,000.00 to fund the cost of the elevator and to make this happen,” says NDHC Board Chair, Dave Mendicino. “The Board realizes how important easier access is to seniors with mobility issues.”

“The tenants and visitors who have been requesting an elevator at Villa Aubin have been heard. As Chair of the Community Services Committee of the DNSSAB this new elevator has been recognized as critical to improving the quality of life of the residents. We are so pleased it is now a reality” says Dan Roveda.

“The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board is very pleased to support this important initiative,” adds DNSSAB Chair, Mark King.

“The elevator will provide all residents with a new freedom, particularly the ones on the second floor who have mobility or health issues who are challenged with using the stairs. They can now visit others and easily leave the building. We are so grateful and the tenant association is very excited about this,” says Pauline Martin, President of the building’s tenant association.

NDHC owns and operates 831 residential units in the Nipissing District of which 150 are located in the Municipality of West Nipissing. They offer units on a rent-geared-to-income basis as well as market rent units for seniors, singles and families. All two storey seniors’ buildings of the NDHC now have accessible elevators for the tenants.

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