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DNSSAB and NOSDA to Attend 2025 AMO Conference

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North Bay, ON: The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) will be joining more than 2,500 participants, including members of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA), at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's 2025 AMO Conference in Ottawa from August 17-20.

The annual conference is an opportunity for municipal officials and service system managers to work together on solutions to today's big challenges, to learn, and to create new opportunities that benefit communities. In addition to the conference program, attendees will take part in hundreds of delegation meetings with provincial ministries.

DNSSAB has confirmed delegation meetings with six provincial ministries at the 2025 AMO Conference to advance key priorities within its mandate. As the service system manager for Ontario Works, Housing Services, Children's Services, and Paramedic Services in Nipissing District, DNSSAB will advocate for the following:

1. Expanding affordable housing through additional dwelling units in Nipissing District
2. Developing shovel-ready affordable and seniors-focused housing projects in Nipissing District
3. Piloting the Learn and Stay grant program, in partnership with Canadore College, for Early Childhood Educators in Nipissing
4. Enhancing mental health and substance use crisis training for Nipissing Paramedics
5. Reducing long-term Ontario Works dependency through a primary care nurse pilot in Nipissing District
6. Expanding grant eligibility for security and violence prevention in community housing in Northern Ontario

To supplement advocacy done by District Social Services Administration Boards for their respective service areas, the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) will also advocate for issues that impact member organizations across Northern Ontario. NOSDA was formed to strengthen collaboration among Service Managers, providing a unified political voice on policies and program delivery from a Northern perspective. NOSDA has approved nine resolutions they will be advancing at the 2025 AMO Conference, all related to DNSSAB's service mandate. DNSSAB will support NOSDA at AMO for the following topics:

1. Housing Challenges: Exemption from Landlord Tenant Board (LTB) for Community Housing Providers
2. Making Community Paramedicine Permanent and Scalable
3. Funding: A Northern Formula for CWELCC
4. Escalating Homelessness Requires Urgent Action
5. Building Social Infrastructure for Economic Growth
6. Reforming Ontario Works to Support Employment
7. Urging Caution on Paramedic Education Reform
8. Strengthening Health Services in Northern Ontario through Integrated Mental Health Support and Paramedic Workforce Stability
9. Enabling DSSAB Access to Infrastructure Ontario Financing

"At AMO, we are making sure the voices of Nipissing and all of Northern Ontario are heard loud and clear," says DNSSAB Board Chair, Mark King. "The issues we are raising reflect real challenges in our communities, from the need for more housing and child care to stronger health services supported by the dedicated people who deliver them, along with better social supports and safer neighbourhoods. It is about making sure people in Nipissing have access to the services and supports they need to live healthy and secure lives."

About DNSSAB:

The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) is the service delivery agency for essential human services to the residents of the Nipissing District. These include Ontario Works, Housing Services, Children's Services, and Paramedic Services. The jurisdiction of the DNSSAB covers a population of about 85,000 people, spread out over 17,000 square kilometers, 11 municipalities, two First Nations, and two unorganized areas – Nipissing North and Nipissing South. The Board is made up of 11 Municipal councillors and 1 elected representative for the townships without municipal organization. The Board members exercise powers, duties and responsibilities relating to the delivery of human services, while respecting the DSSAB Act and the Board's

Procedural By-Laws and governance model. Shared responsibilities with the Province and municipalities are combined within the DNSSAB.

Learn more about DNSSAB here: www.dnssab.ca

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About NOSDA:

The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association was formed to lead transformative change to build resilient and thriving communities in Northern Ontario through innovative, sustainable, and integrated health and human services. NOSDA is intended to champion effective and coordinated health and human services that drive long-term economic and social well-being in Northern Ontario.

Learn more about NOSDA here: www.nosda.net

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