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Direct Delivery of EMS Services Approved in Principle

North Bay, ON – The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) has moved a step closer to the direct delivery of EMS/Land Ambulance Services, contingent upon DNSSAB budget approval in December. The move would see DNSSAB join more than 90% of Ontario municipalities, DSSABs and First Nations who have already transitioned to direct delivery. Direct delivery of paramedic services positions DNSSAB to respond more nimbly to emerging trends and challenges, and enables a more standardized approach to service delivery district-wide. Opportunities to work collaboratively with community health and social service partners can be enhanced through direct delivery.

Currently, DNSSAB has contracts for Paramedic Service in Nipissing through third party operators; North Bay Regional Health Centre, Mattawa General Hospital and the Municipality of Temagami. Given final budget approval in December, these contracted partners will join DNSSAB and representatives of the union on a transition team. The service would begin to transfer in-house in 2022 with the transition complete on or before January 2023.

“The business case for direct delivery presented at the Board is very comprehensive and moves Paramedic Services to a DNSSAB directly managed service,” says DNSSAB Chair, Mark King.

Nipissing District has the largest paramedic service in the province that is not currently delivered directly. Regardless of how it’s delivered, the DNSSAB is legislatively responsible for this service.