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Ontario Invests in Mental Health Supports for First Responders

Nipissing District Paramedic Services to Benefit from Provincial Grant Program

North Bay, ON: The Ontario Ministry of Health has announced new funding through the Mental Health Supports for Public Safety Personnel (MHS4PSP) Grant Program, a province-wide initiative designed to strengthen mental health services for first responders across Ontario. This significant investment includes support for the Nipissing District.

Under the existing agreement between the Ministry of Health and the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB), DNSSAB will receive up to \$30,000 in one-time funding to support its Paramedic Services in accessing the Warrior Health MHS4PSP Program. This specialized program provides tailored mental health supports, including training, for paramedics, helping to promote resilience, reduce stigma, and ensure timely access to care.

“This is terrific news for our staff and the community,” said Mark King, DNSSAB Board Chair. “Supporting the mental health and wellness of our paramedics is essential to maintaining strong, sustainable services for residents throughout Nipissing District.”

The MHS4PSP Grant Program is part of Ontario’s broader commitment to improving mental health resources for public safety organizations across the Province.

Benefits to Staff and the Community:

- Enhanced mental health support for paramedics.
- Improved service delivery through healthier, more resilient staff.
- Strengthened emergency response capacity across the District.

DNSSAB extends its gratitude to the Ministry of Health for recognizing the importance of mental health in public safety and for investing in the well-being of those who protect communities across Ontario.

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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