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## NEW PARAMEDIC SERVICES TEAM ANNOUNCED

**North Bay, ON:** The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) is pleased to announce that the hiring process for the non-union positions of the paramedic services team is complete.

Stephen Kirk, who has been in the position of Acting Chief for the past two years, will be the new Chief of Paramedic Services as part of a larger move toward direct delivery. He brings with him 21-years of experience as a Primary Care Paramedic, has worked in air ambulance operations, and has supervised operations at the North Bay Central Ambulance Communications Centre.

The management team that will work with Stephen Kirk has also been selected through a competitive process. The four successful Superintendents are Franco Tignanelli, Mark Beaulieu, Maxine Samson, and Andrew Pugliese. The Superintendents will provide 24/7 system oversight. The Deputy Chiefs all held permanent positions with North Bay Regional Health Centre and they were appointed; Deputy Chief Stephen Asselin and Deputy Chief Dan Raymond. Commander Bryce Gartner will continue in his role overseeing the Community Paramedicine program.

“We’re very pleased to have the new Paramedic Services management team in place and welcome all of these individuals to the DNSSAB team,” says DNSSAB Board Chair, Mark King.

In November, the DNSSAB Board approved the move to direct delivery of paramedic services positioning the DNSSAB to respond more nimbly to emerging trends and challenges, and enabling a more standardized approach to service delivery district-wide. This also provides opportunities to work collaboratively with community health and social service partners. The DNSSAB anticipates the full transition to direct delivery to be completed on October 1, 2022.

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