



**THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

MEDIA RELEASE

TBDSSAB Providing Ontario Renovates Funding for Homeowners

August 23, 2018 –The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) is providing money in the form of forgivable loans to low and middle income families, individuals or seniors to fix up their home. The funding is part of the *Ontario Renovates* program which is designed to assist low to moderate income homeowners to make needed home repairs or to make modifications to their home to accommodate members with disabilities.

"Usually by this time of year we have allocated all the available program funding," says Ken Ranta, Director, Housing Services Division, TBDSSAB. "We still have funding available for this year and people can still apply."

Eligible client groups for Ontario Renovates include low to moderate income homeowners residing in the District of Thunder Bay.

"Some seniors, who may only have the equity in their home, may not be able to undertake necessary repairs. They're on CPP, old age security, and without this type of funding they would likely have to enter into a reverse mortgage or sell the home and move into an apartment," says Ken Ranta. "Ontario Renovates allows them to stay safely in their home."

To apply to the Ontario Renovates Program please visit the TBDSSAB website and click the following link to download the application: [Ontario Renovates Application](#).

Please note that in communities with a population of 2,500 or less, Infinity Property Services is delivering the Ontario Renovates Program for Northern and remote communities, and currently has funding available. Their application form can be downloaded from their website at www.infinitypropertyservices.ca.

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