

## MEDIA RELEASE

## **TBDSSAB Promoting Ontario Renovates Funding for Homeowners**

**March 28, 2019** –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.

Ontario Renovates helps low-income families make vital repairs and modifications that they may otherwise be unable to do," says Ken Ranta, Director, Housing Services, TBDSSAB. "We have funding available for this year and people are encouraged to 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: <u>Ontario Renovates Application</u>.

Application forms are also available at TBDSSAB's main site at 231 May Street South, Thunder Bay or at TBDSSAB satellite office locations. Call TBDSSAB's main line at 807-766-2111 or toll-free at 877-281-2958 for more information.

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