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THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

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NAN & TBDSSAB SIGN MOU TO ADDRESS POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS

TUESDAY JULY 9, 2019 THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) and The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today to pursue joint initiatives to reduce poverty and homelessness while improving health outcomes for vulnerable members of society.

The partners will work together to address priority areas to ensure adequate housing for all families and individuals and will explore and pursue joint initiatives that will result in the reduction of poverty and homelessness while improving health outcomes for the homeless and impoverished.

“As the proposed MOU with NAN seeks to address poverty and homelessness, it will begin an important partnership to gather more insight on reasons for migratory and transient homelessness, and the child welfare system’s impact on poverty and homelessness, especially in regards to the Indigenous population. We anticipate learning about the reasons why people leave First Nations for urban centres and how they can be better supported in a culturally appropriate manner.” – Bill Bradica, Chief Administrative Officer, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board

“The aims and commitments of the Memorandum of Understanding with NAN are in alignment with TBDSSAB’s strategic planning visions of enhancing community partnerships and recognizing client diversity. As well, we are aiming to improve communication with clients and partner groups and strengthen and deepen our relationships with other organizations.” – Lucy Kloosterhuis, Board Chair, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board

“This is a significant step for the Thunder Bay area, and I commend The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for its leadership and dedication to creating a more welcoming and inclusive community. This MOU compliments our agreements with municipal partners to the east and west and, will provide a voice for many who find themselves on the street. When we put our differences aside and see one another as human beings we can walk together with a sense of hope.” – Deputy Grand Chief Walter Naveau, Nishnawbe Aski Nation

This is the third MOU between NAN and municipal partners to jointly develop approaches to address poverty and homelessness in northern Ontario. MOUs were signed in June with the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board and the Kenora District Services Board.



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The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board manages vital social services for individuals and families living in the District of Thunder Bay. TBDSSAB supports people to improve their lives and become self-sufficient through the delivery of quality social services including: Housing, Financial and Employment Assistance and Child Care & Early Years Programs.



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Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty No. 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty No. 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario in Canada.

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