



Memorandum

Date: November 2, 2023
To: Members of the Board
From: William (Bill) Bradica, Chief Administrative Officer
Subject: **Resolution to Endorse National Housing Accord**

"The National Housing Accord – A multi-Sector approach to Ending Canada's Rental Housing Crisis" (attached) was developed by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, PLACE Centre and REALPAC. The report identifies eight key points and makes 10 recommendations to the federal government to accelerate the completion of more purpose-built rental units and to provide income support for renters. These recommendations are at page 6 of the report.

The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Board of Directors passed a resolution calling upon Ontario and Canada to support the National Housing Accord. The housing crisis in Canada has reached a critical level, with rapidly rising rents and a shortage of affordable rental units, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations. TBDSSAB, as a NOSDA member, has been requested to pass a resolution to support the National Housing Accord and NOSDA's call for more housing capital funding for Northern Ontario.

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) recognizes the importance of affordable housing for the well-being of people in the District of Thunder Bay. There were 1,314 applicants on the waitlist for rent-geared-to-income maintained by TBDSSAB as of September 2023 with 442 self-identifying as being homeless or in a temporary housing situation and 870 housed.

For those already housed, but not affordably, a Homelessness Prevention and Housing Benefit described at Recommendation 9, or a Portable Housing Benefit described at Recommendation 10 would provide immediate financial relief. These Benefits would lead to a reduction in the housing waitlist and help to prevent increased homelessness.

The other 8 Recommendations, combined with significantly increased capital grant allocations from Canada and Ontario, would result in the development of new affordable housing units. In the case of the Thunder Bay District these new units would be used to house the more than 400 people, who identify as homeless, on the TBDSSAB housing waitlist.



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SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

Administration recommends that correspondence be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the relevant Federal and Provincial Ministers, local MPs, local MPPs, member municipalities, the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers' Association, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario enclosing a Board Resolution as outlined in this memo.

The following Resolution will be presented at the November 15, 2023 Board meeting for consideration:

THAT The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) endorses the National Housing Accord and its ten recommendations as outlined in the document;

AND THAT TBDSSAB calls upon the federal government to take a leadership role in implementing the National Housing Accord and working collaboratively with all orders of government and stakeholders to address the housing crisis in Canada;

AND THAT TBDSSAB calls on the federal and Ontario governments to make capital grants available for the construction of new affordable and rent geared to income housing to all 10 DSSAB's and the City for Greater Sudbury in Northern Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the relevant Federal and Ontario Ministers, local Members of Parliament, local Members of Provincial Parliament, member municipalities, the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers' Association, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: [National Housing Accord](#)

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