



Overview of the TBDSSAB Board

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

About TBDSSAB

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) supports people to improve their lives and become self-sufficient.

We do this as the service system manager for vital, quality social services needed by individuals and families living in the District of Thunder Bay—including child care and early years, community housing, homelessness prevention programs—and through the delivery of Ontario Works.



Mission, Vision, Values

Mission

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board delivers provincially mandated services on behalf of the citizens of the District of Thunder Bay in an equitable and cost-effective manner.

Vision

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board provides quality services within the context of a commitment to social justice and recognition of people's potential to achieve self-sufficiency.

At TBDSSAB, we:

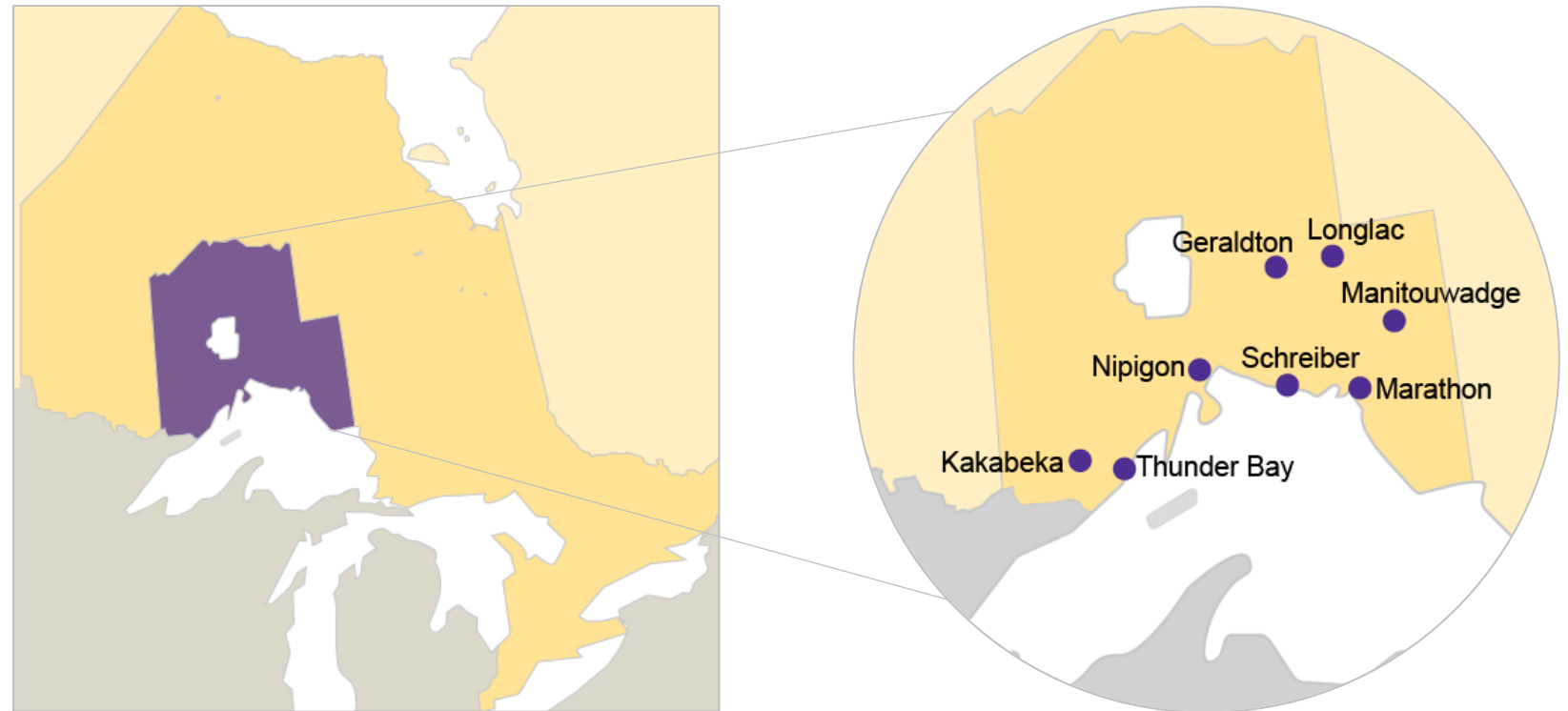
- Respect
- Accept
- Collaborate
- Understand
- Are empathetic
- Have integrity
- Promote wellness



Service Area and Office Locations

TBDSSAB delivers services in 15 member municipalities, and the Territory without Municipal Organization within the District of Thunder Bay.

There are 8 TBDSSAB offices across the District.



What We Fund

Programs & Services

Integrated social services at TBDSSAB are offered through a mix of direct and funded service delivery.



Child Care & Early Years Programs



Housing & Homelessness Prevention Programs



Social Assistance Programs (Ontario Works)

The TBDSSAB Dollar

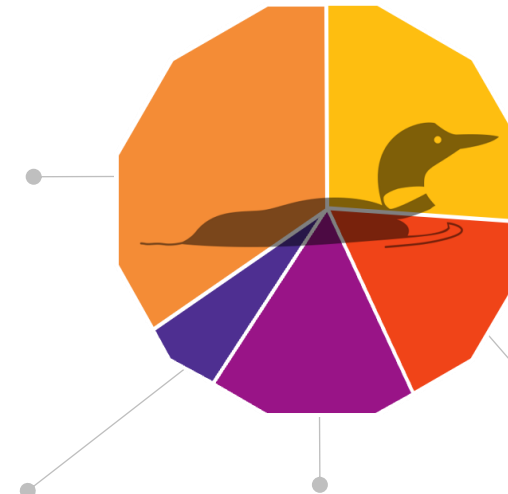
37¢ is directly transferred to, or on behalf of, individuals & families through TBDSSAB

7¢ goes towards administration and overhead costs

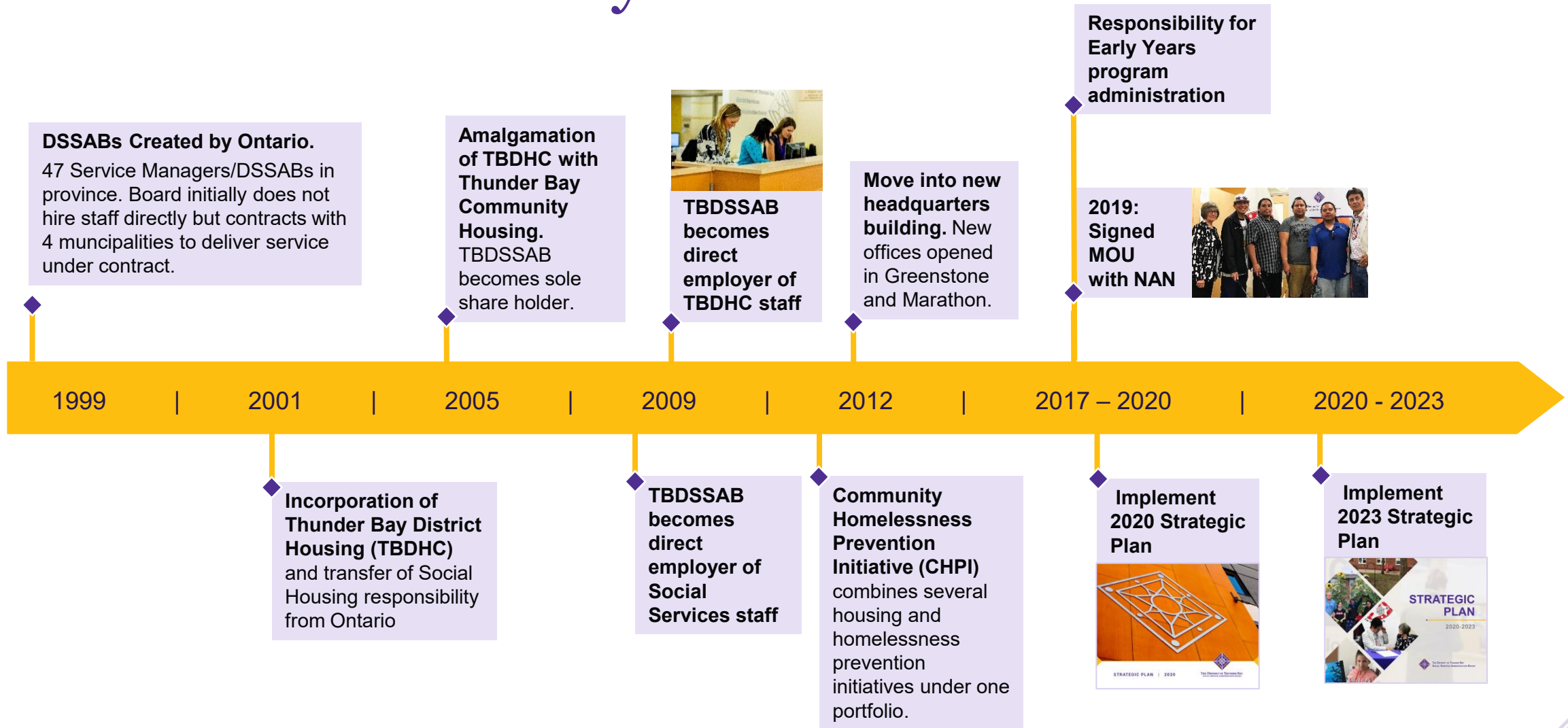
14¢ spent on direct costs of program delivery

26¢ is transferred to community partners to deliver programs

16¢ is used toward operations and debt-repayment for direct-owned housing properties

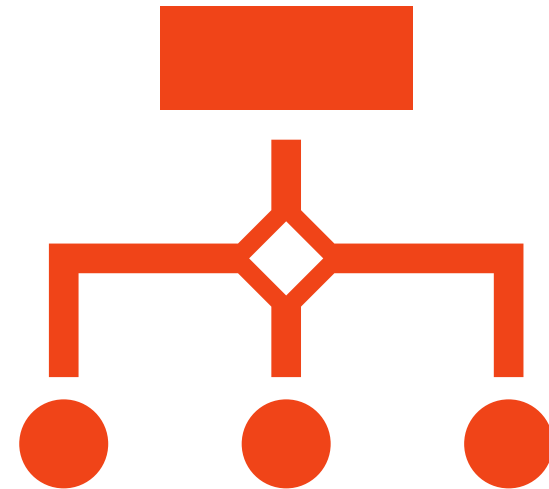


TBDSSAB History



What is a DSSAB?

- DSSABs created by Ontario in 1999
- DSSABs are not local boards or joint local boards of municipalities
- The DSSAB Act legislation sets out:
 - geographic jurisdictions of 10 DSSABs
 - governance and accountability requirements
 - prescribed social services
 - apportionment of costs



TBDSSAB Board Composition

The TBDSSAB Board of Directors consists of fourteen Members who are elected officials. Board members are chosen by their own municipal councils to serve on the Board to represent areas defined in the *District Social Services Administration Board Act*.

- 1 Representative for each of:
 - Manitouwadge/Marathon
 - Nipigon/Red Rock/Dorion
 - Terrace Bay/Schreiber
 - Greenstone
 - Territory Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO - directly elected by residents/property owners)
- 2 Representatives for: Oliver-Paipoonge / Shuniah / O'Connor / Conmee / Gillies / Neebing
- 6 Representatives for: The City of Thunder Bay



Role of the Board of Directors

- Establishes the strategic goals and governing policies for the organization
- Provides direction to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- TBDSSAB Board Meetings: Monthly – every 3rd Thursday



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TWOMO Election

DSSAB members representing areas within Territories Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO) are selected by qualified electors of that territory through an election for a four-year term.

Elections in TWOMOs are held the same day that municipal elections are held. This year's municipal and TWOMO elections will be held on **October 26, 2026**.

2026 TWOMO Election Timelines

- Nomination Period: ends August 21, 2026
- Nominees Posted: August 24, 2026
- Election Day: October 26, 2026

To request a nomination package, contact:

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Questions? Comments?

For more information about what it means to represent TWOMO on the TBDSSAB Board, please contact:

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