



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

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Dear Cynthia Olsen,

Subject: Letter of Support for Efforts to Address Encampments

I am writing in support of the opportunity to address the needs of homeless individuals in the City of Thunder Bay. The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) is aware of the Human Rights-Based Community Action Plan to address encampments that will be proposed to Council and is poised to work with the City to establish proven and innovative practices that will have a positive outcome for those most in need.

We are encouraged by the Plan's goal to provide the wrap-around services necessary to help individuals stabilize and transition to long-term solutions.

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, through the delivery of Ontario Works and the delivery of community housing and homelessness prevention and support programs.

TBDSSAB is particularly interested in The City of Thunder Bay's commitment to collaborative work with community partners. This may include the sharing of resources, collection of data and information to evaluate processes and outcomes and aligning efforts to ensure maximum benefit for those we support. We believe that by uniting our resources, expertise, and services, we can achieve meaningful and lasting change for our community.



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We look forward to working alongside The City of Thunder Bay administration and other community partners to determine a best path towards the enhanced support of the homeless population and to supporting the transition of individuals to a more stable supported future.

Sincerely,

Ken Ranta
Chief Executive Officer