

# RRDSSAB NEWS



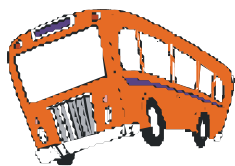
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## New Location

The RRDSSAB will soon be moving to 450 Scott Street soon. We look forward to conducting business in our new location!



## RRDSSAB Housing News



### Affordable Housing Program – Home Repair

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) is pleased to announce that we have entered into a partnership with the Federal Government and the Province of Ontario to deliver the Northern Homeowner Repair Program, a component of the Canada-Ontario New Affordable Housing Program (AHP). The Program will assist homeowner households with affordability and housing problems so they may continue to live in their homes. The program provides financial assistance to repair or rehabilitate dwellings to a minimum level of health and safety, including features that increase accessibility and address mobility concerns. Eligible repairs fall under the following categories: structural, electrical, plumbing, heating, fire safety, septic systems, well water and safety-related features that support seniors ability to age-in-place. For more information or to pick up an Application Form contact your local Municipal Office or call the Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) at 1-800-891-5882. The MNO is delivering this program on behalf of the RRDSSAB.

### Affordable Housing Program - Energy Efficiency Program

On February 23, 2007, the Provincial Government announced the Affordable Housing Program – Energy Efficiency Program (EEP), a joint initiative of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH), the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). Rebates will be offered under the Program to encourage the purchase and installation of energy efficient products. The EEP will be available to applicants participating in the AHP-Home Repair Program.

The MMAH-OPA-NRCan Energy Efficiency Program, Phase One, will offer up to \$850 per unit to help offset the incremental cost of purchasing ENERGY STAR® qualified products. An education and awareness program will be delivered to affordable housing stakeholders through the RRDSSAB to raise awareness of energy efficiency and energy-efficient product choices.

If you are applying for the Home Repair Program, you may also apply for the Energy Efficiency Program.

## RRDSSAB Board Members

Alberton:	Barb Cournoyer
Atikokan:	Dennis Brown
Chapple:	Peter Van Heyst
Dawson:	Linda Armstrong
Emo:	Gary Judson
Fort Frances:	Tannis Drysdale
Lake of the Woods:	Valarie Pizey (Vice-Chair)
LaVallee:	Emily Watson
Morley:	Gary Gamsby
Rainy River:	Debbie Ewald
Rainy River East:	Michael Lewis (Chair)
Rainy River Central:	John Callan
Rainy River West:	Wade Desserre

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## Available Housing

We currently have one-bedroom apartments available in Rainy River and three- to four-bedroom units available in Atikokan for people looking for housing. Apartments include all utilities. If you, or someone you know requires affordable housing, please contact Michelle Korpi, Tenant Liaison Officer at ext 31 either toll free at 800-265-5349 or 274-5349.

~Cathe Hoszowski, RRDSSAB Housing Manager

## Thought for the Day...

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

~Booker T. Washington



## Non-Profit Housing News

To build on the success of the Municipal delivery of housing for low income households, the *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing* has allocated a one-time capital grant of \$350,00 to assist the RRDSSAB under a program, *Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR)*. The DOOR funding comes with a high degree of flexibility, as it is unconditional. A total of \$152,666.67 will be distributed between our 10 Non Profit Housing Providers with the remainder being utilized by our DSSAB Housing DOOR Program.

The RRDSSAB is responsible to ensure Housing Programs are administered according to the relevant legislation and regulations. These *Non Profit Housing Provider* are: Flinders Non Profit, Atikokan Crisis Centre, Fort Frances Native Urban Housing, Rivercrest Terrace (Atikokan), Golden Age Manor (Emo), Morely Municipal Housing, Fort Frances Municipal Non Profit Housing, Faith Non Profit, Atikokan Native Non Profit Homes Corporation and Columbus Place.

Applications are available at the RRDSSAB main office. Currently we have vacancies in the Atikokan Non Profit Housing Homes Corp. For further information, please contact me at 274-2685.

~Sandra Weir, Non-Profit Housing Manager

## Land Ambulance News



An Open House was held for our Fort Frances Ambulance Base, 801 Scott Street on Thursday, June 21, 2007. A Contest was held for the staff to develop a new Logo for the Rainy River District Emergency Medical Services (RRDEMS). Mary Waghorn, Primary Care Paramedic, was the Contest winner and was presented with a Gift Certificate for her submission.

Staff moved into our Emo Ambulance Base on Wednesday, June 27, 2007. An Open House will be held in the near future. We look forward to your attendance to view the new premises. Please refer to your local newspaper for date and time.

~Dan McCormick, Health Services Manager

## Ontario Works Update

The 2007 Provincial Budget announced changes that will affect Ontario Works. The changes include:

- 2% social assistance rate increase (December 2007);
- A new Ontario Child Benefit (OCB); and
- Federal Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB) for social assistance recipients.

The 2% increase for Social Assistance Rates will be paid effective December 1, 2007.

The Ontario Child Benefit is targeted to families with children under eighteen (18) years of age and will be phased in over a five (5) year period. The benefit will commence with a one-time payment of up to \$250 per child in July, 2007.

The Federal Government has provided for a *Working Income Tax Benefit* which is a refundable tax credit of 20% of each dollar above \$3,000 of earned income to a maximum credit of \$500 for a single person and \$1,000 for a family.

~ Shelley Shute, Ontario Works Manager

## Are you Eligible for Child Care Fee Subsidy?

Call the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) to see if you are eligible and for more information on Child Care options in the Rainy River District: Tel: (807) 274-5349 or Toll Free: 1 800 465-5349.



### What is Fee Subsidy?

Fee Subsidy is financial support for those who qualify to assist with paying child care fees in a licensed setting. You may qualify for full or partial subsidy. The following are licensed Child Care facilities in the Rainy River District:

#### Atikokan

Atikokan Rainbow Centre 597-4517  
Atikokan 2-3-4 Playgroup Inc. 597-1464

#### Devlin

Country View Child Care Centre 486-1264

#### Fort Frances

Fort Frances Children's Complex 274-5457  
Fort Frances Private Home Day Care 274-6918  
Fort Frances Nursery School Inc. 274-5653

#### Rainy River

Rainy River Playschool Inc. 852-3362  
Learn, Laugh & Play Children's Centre 852-4204

Please call the Children's Services Manager at the RRDSSAB at (807) 274-3042 for more information or log on to the RRDSSAB web-site: [www.rrdssab.ca](http://www.rrdssab.ca)

~Kim Gardiman, Children's Services Manager



## Are you in need of financial assistance?

**Atikokan Call 597-1431**

**All Other Areas Call 274-5349**

