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Township of Ignace and Kenora District Services Board Announce New Seniors Housing Project

[IGNACE, ONT.] – The Township of Ignace, in partnership with the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB), is pleased to announce the first steps in the development of a new seniors housing project aimed at providing high-quality, accessible living options for older adults in the community.

The proposed housing development, to be located at 306 and 308 Pine Street, will feature units designed to meet the needs of seniors seeking affordable and comfortable housing. The project aligns with the Township's commitment to enhancing living conditions for aging residents while fostering a strong sense of community.

On February 26, 2025, Ignace Township Council passed a resolution directing the CAO to proceed with the contract with KDSB; the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the properties has now been signed by all parties, and the land transaction is set to close on July 31, 2025. A Site Plan Agreement between the municipality and KDSB shall be completed within 18 months of the land transfer, and construction of building(s) is to be substantially completed within four years of the transfer. If all goes as planned, the new seniors housing is anticipated to open in summer 2029.

Mayor Kim Baigrie of the Township of Ignace expressed enthusiasm about the initiative, stating: *"This project marks a significant step forward to support our senior residents. Mayor and Council congratulate the Kenora District Services Board for their dedication, leadership, and guidance on this project, as well as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility for their support towards building this critical infrastructure."*

KDSB CEO Henry Wall echoed this sentiment, adding: *"It is vital for healthy and vibrant communities to ensure that seniors and elders are provided the option to age in place. Providing safe, high-quality, accessible, and affordable housing for seniors is a priority in*

Ignace and our region. This marks the start of a process which will see the KDSB and the Township of Ignace working together to build new housing and to enhance the quality of life for older adults in the community.”

Further details about the project, including number of units, design details, eligibility requirements and application processes, will be shared as development progresses.

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