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## RRDSSAB NEWS

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### Land Ambulance News



The Rainy River DSSAB has added a new vehicle to our fleet of ambulances to ensure that our commitment to deliver quality seamless service continues to be met within the District. This new modular ambulance was built by Crestline Coach of Saskatoon and has some new features to ensure the safety and comfort of both patients and paramedics. Slightly larger than previous models, it provides a larger cab design and an improved patient compartment. Several features to improve patient comfort and assist paramedics in performance of their duties have been included such as: two (2) load assist stretchers, oxygen cart and increased storage for equipment. This vehicle will be operated by Riverside Health Care Facilities, under the direction of Ms. Grace Silander, Land Ambulance Manager (Riverside) and is based in Fort Frances.

Across the District, more orange and white cones should be appearing. These cones will be marking new Heliports at Seine River First Nation and within the Township of Lake of the Woods. The sites have been approved by the Ministry of Health and Canadian Helicopters, and all partners are working toward completion of the sites and required approvals. They will further complement sites already established in Rainy River, Emo and Atikokan. Thanks to our Municipal Partners and First Nations for their continued support in these endeavors.

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The RRDSSAB would like to this opportunity to welcome Mr. Bob Wilson, CEO of the Atikokan General Hospital, and Mr. Brian Silvester, Land Ambulance Manager, Atikokan EMS, to the District of Rainy River. The Atikokan General Hospital delivers ambulance service on behalf of the RRDSSAB, on the eastern side of the District.  
~Dan McCormick, Health Services Manager

### Social Housing Update



We are currently in the process of conducting Building Condition Audits /Reserve Fund Studies (BCA/RFS) on three Atikokan properties, namely the Atikokan Crisis Centre, Atikokan Native Non-Profit Homes Corporation and the Atikokan Municipal Non-Profit. Conducting the BCA/RFS is the initial step in determining capital expenditures that will be required on a long-term basis. Once completed, the BCA/RFS will assist in the process of determining Capital Plans and subsequently, ease the budgeting process. Planning for the future and practicing preventive maintenance will ensure the preservation of housing properties in the Rainy River District.

~Joanne Spence, Assistant, Programs & Community

### Child Care Fee Subsidies



If you or someone you know requires financial assistance to cover the costs of Licensed Child Care – help may be available! Child Care Fee Subsidy assists those families whom require Child Care while they are involved in work, school, training programs, etc. If available, subsidy can assist those families with children who have special care needs.

Financial assistance may be available to families in the Rainy River District in the following communities:

#### Licensed Child Care Sites

**Atikokan:**

Rainbow Child Care Centre (807) 597-4517

**Devlin:**

Country View Child Care Centre 486-1264

**Fort Frances:**

Fort Frances Children’s Complex 274-5457

Fort Frances Private Home Day Care Centre 274-6918

#### Licensed Nursery Schools

**Atikokan** 2-3-4 Playgroup Inc. (807) 597-1464

**Fort Frances** Nursery School Inc. 274-5653

**Rainy River** Playschool Inc. 852-3362

Family Resource Centre/sites of the Ontario Early Years Centre – offering a variety of parenting/caregiver support to families in the Rainy River District:

**Atikokan:**

Sundog Toy Lending Library & Parenting Resource Centre (807) 597-1481

**Emo:**

Toy Lending Resource Centre 482-2946

**Fort Frances:**

Toy Lending & Family Resource Centre 274-8588

**Rainy River:**

Toy Library & Resource Centre (807) 852-3362  
Child Care Centre of Rural **Stratton** Inc. 483-5319

For more information, please call Kim at 1-800-265-5349, ext. 20 or 274-5349, ext. 20.

~Kim Gardiman, Children’s Services Manager

### Ontario Works

**Beginning in July, Smart Serve Certification will be available.**

### News Release - Ontario Works

Effective July 1, 2004, the Provincial Government has issued a 3% increase in Ontario Works recipients Basic Needs and Shelter Al-



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