

Jan 23, 2025 |

## Downtown Safety Meeting : Mental Health and Addiction

Attendees: Mary Davis, Melanie Shaye, Stuart Nichols, Ray Ladouceur, Jeff Warner, Brannyn Hale, Ron Melnyk, Bev Hillier, Joe Gardiner, Ian Kilgour, Katie Bevan, Mary Montgomery, Bob Olajos

 North Bay Chamber of Commerce, 205 Main St East

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### **MINUTES**

#### CMHA:

- Services available at Main W & Fraser - peer support, drop-in centre, case management, financial literacy, intake, housing support workers, on-demand service coming, able to provide immediate pathways for addiction treatment
- Kindness Week in June

#### DNSSAB:

- Hub location not confirmed. Downtown message has been heard.
- Cold weather program going well.
- Applied for encampment response funding
- Strong advocacy at Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

#### POST:

- Outreach helped get 12 people housed already in 2025
- Hours: 8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 10am-6pm Saturday & Sunday
- Outreach, not enforcement.
- 6-8 staff in daytime, 3 in evenings.
- Doubled outreach team in the last 6 months.
- Coverage: Cassells to Fisher, McIntyre to Oak, Main Street
- Program continuing; no end date at this time (funded by DNSSAB; program does not have committed, permanent funding).

#### NB Police Services:

- Aggressive behaviour call police, 705-472-1234
- Medical distress, call ambulance 9-1-1.
- Have connected with POST for appropriate outreach

#### NB Fire & Emergency Services:

- Small fires that individuals won't extinguish, call non-emergency number 705-472-1221.

**Next Meeting: March 27, 8:45am, North Bay Chamber of Commerce, 205 Main St East**

**Action items**

- [Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act, 2024 - Backgrounder](#)
- Amber to connect with Stuart for POST pamphlets
- Need to share good news/positive stories with Downtown membership, and community at large
- Remind members about POST
- Meet with True Self and Bruce Robertson re: POST stickers at Pay & Displays
- Coordinate Spring community clean up (CMHA, Downtown, CGB)

**News Items:**

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