



Memorandum

Date: September 19, 2024
To: Members of the Board
From: Aaron Park, Manager, Housing and Homelessness Programs
Subject: **By Name List**

The Ontario Service Manager By-Name List 2022 (BNL 2022) Guidelines introduced new requirements for Service Managers to maintain a comprehensive BNL of people experiencing homelessness within their service areas.

A By-Name List is a real-time record of individuals experiencing homelessness across a service manager's area and facilitates connecting people to the necessary services and supports they need, creating a foundation for better service coordination.

Service Managers were expected to begin developing their By-Name Lists in April 2021, and meet minimum Ministry requirements by December 31, 2021, with the By-Name List to be operational by April 1, 2023. There are no specified data collection requirements identified by the province, which allows Service Managers to define systems that best suit their community needs. TBDSSAB has long-established reporting relationships with community partners that allows for the collection of information to populate the By-Name list.

TBDSSAB has met the provincial requirements as outlined in the BNL 2022 Guidelines. The most updated numbers from the BNL includes 953 individuals identified in the District of Thunder Bay. Of this total, 778 (81%) are adults aged 18-59, 98 (10%) are youths, and 77 (9%) are aged 60+. Additionally, 639 (67%) identify as Indigenous and 25 (3%) are veterans. There are 111 individuals (12%) who are identified as chronically homeless.

Home Community	Unique Count of Individuals
Thunder Bay	708
Schreiber	2
Marathon	1
Manitouwadge	2
Outside District	6
Pic River First Nation	1
Seine River First Nation	1
First Nations Outside District	8
Blank or Undisclosed	224



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Despite the numbers on the By-Name list, not all individuals are homeless. Some may be housed in uncertain or tenuous situations, while others may have unsuitable housing. The inclusion on the By-Name list allows for circumstances to be realized and appropriate solutions, including supports, to be offered. Information is collected voluntarily from individuals, and there is no obligation for individuals to share all their information.

To address the number of individuals on the BNL, the TBDSSAB has invested heavily in the development of transitional and supportive housing in the District of Thunder Bay. The lack of transitional housing has long been a gap in the services to assist individuals experiencing homelessness to build the skills they require to live independently. The investments made will ensure that individuals will have a path from homelessness in the District of Thunder Bay.

Since 2018, TBDSSAB has invested in the creation of 183 supportive and transitional housing spaces. Of this total, 50 spaces are currently under construction, and 41 beds funded through Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) continue to be made available. Transitional and supportive housing projects funded since 2018 include:

Journey to Life	20
Lodge on Dawson	30
Dilico - Arthur St	8
Matawa - Lillie St	6
Matawa - Algoma St (family crisis)	6
Elizabeth Fry Society - Cameron St	7
Elevate NWO - Andras Court	15
Matawa - Algoma St	21
Dilico - Yonge St	20
Northern Linkage (Brock)	22
OAHS	4
Shelter House	15
Elizabeth Fry Archibald	9

TBDSSAB has also approved \$8,374,630 from the 2024/25 HPP allocation for the continued investment in transitional and supportive housing. These investments, along with other planned units such as the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services 59-unit youth transitional housing project, will have a significant impact in supporting individuals currently on the BNL.

TBDSSAB will continue to maintain a By-Name list and use this to connect with homeless individuals to best address their housing and support needs. Information from the By-Name list will be shared with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as appropriate.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Park', written in a cursive style.

Aaron Park
Manager, Housing and Homelessness Programs

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