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Board of Directors approve KDSB's 2019 operating budget

The Board of Directors of the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) approved KDSB's 2019 operating budget of \$56.84 million during its regular Board meeting held on February 14, 2019. The overall budget reflects a 1.99% increase in cost to Municipalities over 2018.

"The KDSB is pleased that as a Service System Manager, through the provision of administering essential Human and Social Services that we can sustain, grow and improve operations while achieving a minimal cost increment to Municipalities in the District. This year's objectives and deliveries continue to support the very core mission of the KDSB: Dedicated to Improving Lives," says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB. He continues, "The 2019 budget is a pro-active strategy that provides affordable community services and supports, increased services and partnership development, and the modernization of current programs and services such as Housing, Child Care, Social Assistance and Land Ambulance services. The KDSB and Board will continue working in partnership with all levels of government to ensure that our communities receive equitable assistance in regards to support and funding to improve the quality in which KDSB delivers its services."

"The KDSB has many substantial projects to execute in 2019 that will benefit individuals and families immensely in addressing the complex challenges that we face as a District. As a Board, we feel that the budget passed ensures that KDSB is progressive in its services offered while allowing the Board to make strategic investments in achieving 2019's vision," says Barry Baltessen, Board Chair of the KDSB.

Highlights of KDSB's 2019 budget include:

- The increase of Child Care spaces through new developments;
- The review and update of the Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan to prioritize the ever-changing needs across the District;
- The enhancement of local child and family poverty reduction programs;
- The increase of housing stock for Seniors through new developments;
- The investment of \$20 million over the next ten years to improve and modernize existing housing, and;
- The development of a communication strategy that will enhance opportunities for collaboration.

KDSB's detailed 2019 budget is available at <http://www.kdsb.on.ca/finance.html>.

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