

AmbuTrans



Nipigon District Memorial Hospital and North of Superior Health Care (NOSH) including McCausland Hospital and Wilkes Terrace Long Term Care Home, are increasing accessibility for patients to services at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC).

Starting February 22, 2021, AmbuTrans (a private, non-emergency medical transportation service) will be providing hospital transfers for in-patients and residents between Terrace Bay and Nipigon to TBRHSC and return. This initial phase includes these sites exclusively due to geography however, once stabilized we will seek to expand this service to include the Marathon site.

AmbuTrans established their Northwest Division out of Thunder Bay in 2007 and is focused on providing stretcher transportation for stable patients and residents, requiring service on a non-emergency basis, accompanied by a qualified medical attendant (First Aid and CPR trained paramedics and paramedic students).

“This initiative supports our strategic plan to improve transportation for our patients and residents in Nipigon” states Kal Pristanski, Board Chair.

“We are thrilled to be able to support transfers for non urgent patients and residents to and from Nipigon to Thunder Bay” Cathy Eady, Chief Executive Officer, Nipigon District Memorial Hospital .” The transporting of stable patients and residents has been a challenge for many years and was identified as a key priority from many stakeholders in the development of our strategic plan. Working in collaboration with our partners at Superior North Emergency Medical Services (SNEMS) we were able to secure 3 years of funding for this initiative.

“SNEMS is going through its own strategic plan and this initiative is something we fully support” states Wayne Gates, Chief of SNEMS. ” Our primary role is a 911 emergency service and as a result we were often not available to transfer non-urgent patients and residents. With the introduction of this new non urgent transfer service, the hospitals will have a more reliable and efficient way to move patients and residents”.

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“NOSH is pleased to be collaborating with Nipigon District Memorial Hospital, TBRHSC, SNEMS and AmbuTrans to introduce this patient focused solution to address the unique transportation needs of our area,”
NOSH Board Chair Jason Nesbitt quote: *“Collaborative partnerships are a cornerstone of NOSH’s Strategic Plan. This initiative exemplifies these partnerships and our common goal of improving services in our catchment areas”*

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