

NIPISSING FIRST NATION'S REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

Renovations for Safe Child Placement Policy

1. Application

This Renovations for Safe Child Placement Policy (the “**Policy**”) applies to any Nipissing First Nation Caregivers caring for Nipissing First Nation children and youth, who are involved with child welfare agencies.

2. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that there will be no placement breakdown due to the conditions of any proposed placement homes.

3. Definitions

3.1. “**Caregiver**” means any registered member caring for any member children, any children eligible to be registered, affiliate children, or recognized children of Nipissing First Nation. Including but not limited to a parent, grandparent, extended family member, kin and/or trusted community member.

3.2. “**Renovation Support**” means the financial support provided to the Contractor hired by the Caregiver for the work to be completed.

4. Eligibility

4.1. Every Caregiver who is a registered member and is caring for a child member/affiliate/recognized children of Nipissing First Nation and is actively working with Nipissing First Nation's Band Representative Program may be eligible for Renovation Support under this Policy, as determined by the Band Representative Program.

4.2. To qualify for Renovation Support, Caregivers must meet the following eligibility criteria:

4.2.1. The home is on-reserve and is owned by a Nipissing First Nation member; and

4.2.2. The home will be the child(ren)'s placement for an extended period of time or until the child turns 18; or

4.2.3. The home is a current Nipissing First Nation placement or is well established and continually provides a safe space for Nipissing First Nation children with a need for additional space or safer space for a child.

5. Requesting Renovation Support

5.1. Caregivers shall provide written notice to Nipissing First Nation's Band Representative Program in advance requesting access to Renovation Support under this Policy. This notice shall include:

- 5.1.1. Quotes for work being requested.
- 5.1.2. Timeframe of work to be completed.
- 5.1.3. Work to be inspected by Home Inspector

5.2. Nipissing First Nation's Band Representative Program will provide an answer within 10 days of the written request.

6. General Provisions

6.1. A maximum of up to \$10, 000 in Renovation Support may be requested for each Nipissing First Nation child to cover the cost of renovations for any potential placement.

6.2. A detailed quote for the renovations must be submitted to the Band Representative Manager for review. A Briefing Note with the proposed renovation will be provided to the Director of Social Services for final approval.

6.3. The renovation must directly support the purpose of supporting the safe placement for a child(ren).

6.4. Renovation Support will be provided where no other sources of funding are available. However, if the amount of the renovation exceeds other funding sources, this Policy will review the difference that may be payable up to a total of \$10,000 per child.

6.5. Upon completion, the renovations will be reviewed with the Band Representative Program, and child welfare agency.

6.6. Nipissing First Nation will allocate an annual budget of \$50,000 for Renovation Support. Funding exceeding this amount will be reviewed by Nipissing First Nation's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Social Services

6.7. Nipissing First Nation is not liable for the renovations. No action lies or may be commenced or maintained against Nipissing First Nation or any individual of the Band Representative Program in respect of anything done or omitted to be done under this policy.

Approved this 20th day of June, 2023.