



# Nipissing District Resident Housing Needs Survey

**The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) is undertaking a Housing Needs and Supply Study and is seeking your input!**

Your responses will help our project team to better understand the housing needs and challenges in your community. Continue reading to learn more about the project and the purpose of the survey.

**Please note this survey will close on November 1, 2023, at 4:00 PM.**

This survey should take you approximately 15 minutes to complete.

## Project Overview

Nipissing District is responsible for housing and homelessness services in the region. The region includes 11 municipalities, two First Nations communities, and two unincorporated areas. The District is undertaking a Housing Needs and Supply Study to better understand the housing needs and challenges faced by your diverse community, and develop strategies and actions to address those needs and challenges.

## Purpose

By participating in this survey, you are contributing to building a picture of your community's housing experiences—allowing the project team to develop a clearer understanding of housing needs, barriers to accessing good housing, and desires for the future. Your input will inform strategies and actions aimed at improving housing options for all residents.

## Using your Information

This survey is issued by SHS Consulting, an affordable housing firm contracted by Nipissing District. Your privacy and data protection are of utmost importance to us. All information collected in this survey will be kept strictly confidential and we will not ask you for your name or contact information. Your responses will be used solely for the purpose of this project. No personally identifiable information will be shared or disclosed. Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary.

If you have any questions or require further information about this survey or project, please email [resident.survey@dnssab.ca](mailto:resident.survey@dnssab.ca).

**\* 1. Before you begin, please confirm you have read the above project overview, purpose, and approach to using your information. By selecting “I consent” below, you consent to the use of your survey responses to inform housing and homelessness services and strategy in Nipissing District.**

☐ Yes, I consent

**\* 2. Do you live in Nipissing District? Please note, this survey is for residents of Nipissing District.**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

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## About You

To understand what your community needs when it comes to housing, it helps for us to learn about who you are, how you live, and how you view the housing situation in your area. To do this, we will use this section to ask questions about you and your living situation. We will not ask you any questions that could be used to personally identify you or your home.

\* 3. Which city, town, or community do you live in?

- ☐ Bonfield
- ☐ Calvin
- ☐ Chisholm
- ☐ East Ferris
- ☐ Mattawa
- ☐ Mattawan
- ☐ Nipissing First Nation (Garden Village)
- ☐ Nipissing North
- ☐ Nipissing South
- ☐ North Bay
- ☐ Papineau-Cameron
- ☐ South Algonquin
- ☐ Temagami
- ☐ Temagami First Nation (Bear Island)
- ☐ West Nipissing
- ☐ Another city, town, or community (please specify)

\* 4. What is your age range?

- ☐ Under 15 years
- ☐ 15 to 19 years
- ☐ 20 to 24 years
- ☐ 25 to 34 years
- ☐ 35 to 44 years
- ☐ 45 to 54 years
- ☐ 55 to 64 years
- ☐ 65 to 74 years
- ☐ 75 years or older

\* 5. How long have you lived **in your current home** in Nipissing District?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 to 2 years
- ☐ 3 to 5 years
- ☐ 6 to 10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years

\* 6. Who do you live with?

- ☐ I live alone
- ☐ I live with a spouse or partner (no children)
- ☐ I live with a spouse or partner and one or more young children (aged 18 or younger)
- ☐ I live with a spouse or partner and one or more older children (aged 19 or older)
- ☐ I live as a single parent with one or more young children (18 years or younger)
- ☐ I live as a single parent with one or more older children (aged 19 or older)
- ☐ I live with friends or roommates
- ☐ Another arrangement (please describe)

\* 7. Which of the following best describes your housing tenure?

***Typical housing tenures are ownership or rental.***

- ☐ I live in a home that I own.
- ☐ I live in a home that I rent.
- ☐ Other (e.g., living with family, co-operative housing, couch surfing, etc.)  
(please specify)

8. How would you describe your gender identity (e.g., "woman")?

***In our work to address housing challenges in Nipissing, we want to consider the influence gender may have on the way people experience government policies and initiatives.***

9. Are you or a member of your household living with a disability?

*This question will help us to identify funding opportunities that support people living with disabilities as part of the housing strategy.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

10. If you or a member of your family are living with a disability, does this disability result in mobility issues?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

11. Do you or a member of your household receive any ***non-financial*** assistance for daily living in your home for health or wellbeing? This could be health supports or assistance from a family member or an agency.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

12. Do you identify as a member of one or more of the groups below?  
Please select all that apply.

***This question will help us to identify funding opportunities that support members of specific groups as part of the housing strategy.***

- ☐ I am an Indigenous person in Canada, such as First Nation, Inuit, or Métis.
- ☐ I am a newcomer to Canada and have been in Canada for fewer than five years.
- ☐ I am a member of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.
- ☐ I am a member of a racialized group.
- ☐ I am currently experiencing homelessness.
- ☐ I have experienced homelessness or accessed an emergency shelter in the past.
- ☐ I have served in the Canadian or Allied Armed Forces, participated in basic training, or am a former member of the RCMP.
- ☐ I have been in contact with the criminal justice system.
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other community I identify with (please specify)

13. If you identify as an Indigenous person in Canada, do you identify as First Nation, Inuit, or Métis?

- ☐ First Nation
- ☐ Inuit
- ☐ Métis
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other self-identification (please specify)

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## Your Housing Needs

Thank you for sharing a bit about yourself. Next, we would like to learn about your housing needs and how those needs compare to the housing that currently exists in Nipissing District.

14. How do you feel about the home you live in today? Consider characteristics such as location, the quality of the home itself, how it makes you feel, and other needs that may be important to you.

15. How would you best describe **how affordable** your home is to you?

- ☐ I live in a home that I can afford—I generally do not have trouble paying rent or mortgage payments on a monthly basis.
- ☐ I have trouble paying rent or mortgage payments every so often, but not regularly (e.g., a few times per year).
- ☐ I regularly have trouble paying rent or mortgage payments (i.e., on a monthly basis).



16. Aside from paying rent or mortgage payments, do you find it **difficult to pay** for any of the following additional costs of living:

	Not difficult	Somewhat difficult	Difficult	Not applicable
Cost of utilities (heat, hydro, water)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Repairs to your home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health and wellness-related supports to continue to live independently	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food, especially nutritious food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. In a healthy housing system, there are many different housing types available to people in a community. **What types of housing can you afford and find**, if needed, in your community?

	I can afford or find, if needed	I cannot afford or find	I am not sure if I can afford or find	Not applicable
Ownership housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental housing with subsidized rent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing with health and/or other supports included	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transitional housing (for shorter-term stays, subsidized rent with health and wellness supports)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency housing or shelter for people experiencing homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. If you wanted to or had to relocate to a different home, how confident are you that you could find a similar home that would meet your needs and that you could afford in your current neighbourhood or in your current city or town?

	Highly confident	Somewhat confident	Somewhat unconfident	Highly unconfident	Not sure
Finding comparable housing in my neighbourhood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Finding comparable housing in my city or town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Housing needs go beyond just affordability. Housing should be safe, in good condition, and be suitable for the family that lives there (a suitable size means you are not overcrowded).

Have you experienced any issues related to housing safety, condition, or suitability in the past? If yes, please explain using the fields below.

Housing safety

Housing condition

Housing suitability

20. Is there anything else you want to share about **housing issues you may face** or have faced when it comes to your personal housing situation?

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## Housing Needs in Your Community

Thank you for sharing a bit about yourself and your home. Now we would like to learn about your community's needs and how those needs compare to the housing that currently exists in Nipissing District.

21. In your opinion, what is working well when you think about housing in Nipissing District? List up to four things that are working well.

22. What housing-related challenges or needs do **your community members** face? Please respond to the following statements based on your understanding of the current environment in your surrounding community.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
There is housing affordable to a wide range of incomes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is housing suitable for different family types (big and small).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is housing suitable to different needs and abilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

There is emergency housing for people experiencing homelessness or in crisis.

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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People live in housing in good condition (state of repair).

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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People can find health and wellness supports to remain in their homes as they age or as their abilities change.

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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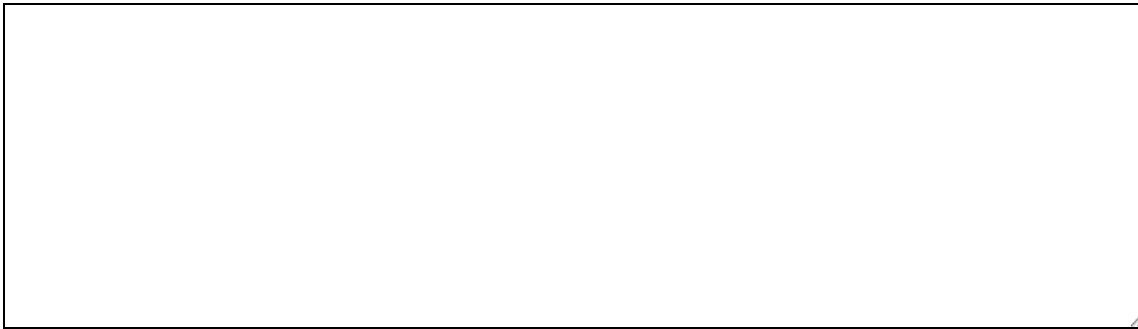
People can access income supports to remain in their homes if their incomes change.

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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23. What are the **top issues you would like to see Nipissing District prioritize** in addressing for your community? Rank the following issues by adding a number from 1-6 beside each option, with 1 being your top ranked answer and 6 being your lowest rank answer.

Ensuring there are enough homes available to rent	<input type="text"/>
Ensuring people can afford to rent a home	<input type="text"/>
Ensuring people can afford to buy a home	<input type="text"/>
Ensuring there is a mix of different sizes and types of homes available	<input type="text"/>
Ensuring people can remain in their community as they age (either by downsizing or remaining in their home with supports)	<input type="text"/>
Ensuring people experiencing homelessness have somewhere to go for housing and support	<input type="text"/>

24. **If you are someone working in the housing or real estate development sectors**, what barriers do you face in creating or maintaining housing in Nipissing District? List up to four barriers.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the respondent to list up to four barriers. The box is positioned directly below the question text.

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## A Vision for the Future

Now that you have considered yourself and your home and the homes in your community, let's cast our imaginations into the future. Take a moment to think about the future of Nipissing District and your hopes for housing in the area.

25. What is your vision for the future of housing in your community? Fill in the following sentences to describe what a great housing environment in your community looks like.

### **“In my vision for housing in Nipissing District...”**

In my vision, people in the community...

In my vision, housing experiences are...

In my vision, affordable housing is...

In my vision, Nipissing District (government)...

## Closing

Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions and for contributing to the Housing Needs and Supply Study for Nipissing District.

26. Is there anything else that you would like to share that we did not ask through this survey?