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Press Release

SHIUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTHY AUTHORITY EXPRESSES REGRET ON THE CLOSURE OF CHILDCARE SERVICES IN SHIUX LOOKOUT

Sioux Lookout, ON, February 4, 2022:

The Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) has recently learned of the news that two of Sioux Lookout's Child Care services will be shutting their doors on March 31st of this year. We have families that depend on these childcare services within the municipality and now our families are left without any options.

As one of the largest employers in Sioux Lookout, we are left disappointed that SLFNHA was not made aware of these issues nor were notified of the news that the two daycare centres were closing. We understand that this is not a fault of the Municipality, however the negative consequences of these unfortunate series of events will have a ripple effect to all families, workers, and most importantly the children who depend on these types of services to make a well-rounded community like ours.

Not only are we considering the economic and social damage that this decision does in the present, but we are also thinking of the future of SLFNHA and the Sioux Lookout Regional Physicians Inc. (SLRPSI) and the difficulty it will be to attract and retain much-needed staff and physicians into the area without any childcare options. Both SLFNHA and SLRPSI are already facing a labour shortage in many aspects of our respective organizations, and these decisions taken by the Municipality and the Kenora District Services Board will certainly make these shortages continue.

Our Human Resources Department will follow up with the Kenora District Services Board and will investigate what our options for our organization. However, we stress the importance of childcare services that are available to all families during these difficult times, and we will continue to work hard to ensure that there can be childcare options available to our employees who live and work in the Sioux Lookout area.



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