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Update on Matheson street apartment fire

Sunset Area Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Service in partnership with the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) and the Canadian Red Cross Kenora Branch are providing an update in regards to the apartment fire on 14 Matheson Street, which took place in the early-morning hours of Friday, April 20th. As of Monday, April 23rd 15 tenants remain displaced.

The update is as follows:

- The partnership of Sunset Area Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Service, KDSB and the Canadian Red Cross Kenora Branch has experienced some challenges in securing temporary shelter; however, we have met the immediate need for the provision of food and temporary shelter through the financial support of the Red Cross and the KDSB.
- Work continues with multiple agencies to find a permanent solution for displaced tenants.

The current situation highlights the vulnerable housing position the city is in and that there is a significant housing shortage. Without the development of more housing in the community, it will become increasingly more difficult for vulnerable families and individuals to secure housing.

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