

Only one of 35 NAPS detachments meets minimum national building code standards. 13 modular detachments (trailers) have been installed as a temporary solution. Each trailer costs approximately \$400,000 including set up and installation. A new police detachment meeting minimum national building code standards would cost approximately \$1 million.

“The realities of NAPS detachments are becoming more and more real as we’ve seen visualized in a video documentary and now with the closure of Kasabonika’s detachment,” said Beardy. “On behalf of the people of Nishnawbe Aski, I want and expect these realities be taken into consideration as we anticipate a five year budget plan by Treasury Board of Canada.”

Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service: A Sacred Calling is an 18 minute video documentary portraying the deplorable working and living conditions of NAPS officers and detachments, resulting from an accumulation of severe provincial and federal funding shortages. It can be screened at www.nan.on.ca.

NAPS serves 37 of Nishnawbe Aski Nation’s (NAN) 49 First Nation communities – a territory covering two-thirds of the province of Ontario.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political organization representing 49 First Nation communities within James Bay Treaty 9 territory.

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