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Thank You to the Community for Fire Response

Sioux Lookout, ON – Residents of Sioux Lookout’s Patricia Plaza are still in shock, after fire broke out around 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Eleven apartments were lost to the fire, with the 26 remaining apartments receiving smoke damage.

Mayor Doug Lawrance noted, “Our thoughts are with those that have been displaced by the fire,” adding, “11 apartments were affected by the fire but thankfully the other 26 apartments in the complex were saved through the efforts of our dedicated fire fighters – and no injuries were reported.”

The Kenora District Services Board is working to get residents back in their homes as quickly as possible. The full extent of the damage remains unknown.

The Municipality would like to recognize the following for their assistance on Saturday:

- Sioux Lookout Non-Profit Housing, who opened up the common area at Sioux Towers so people from the plaza had a place to go;
- Calvary Baptist Church and New Life Assembly Church, who provided food for the Residents and Emergency personnel;
- Red Brick Café, who provided coffee for the firefighters;
- KDSB, who worked on providing accommodations for the displaced residents;
- Lac Seul Fire, for offering assistance if required;
- Sioux Lookout OPP, for their assistance and traffic control around the scene;
- EMS who were on standby to deal with any health issues arising from the fire; and
- To all of the individuals and families that provided food, assistance and items to the displaced residents and to the emergency personnel.

“It is incredible to see how quickly our community can pull together in an emergency,” said Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief, Rob Favot. “We are truly grateful for the outstanding show of support from the businesses, organizations, and individuals who rushed in to help this weekend.”

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but no foul play is suspected at this time.

The Kenora District Services Board is currently exploring options to accept assistance for the affected residents. Those wishing to offer help and donations are asked to check the Kenora District Services Board Facebook page for updates.

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