



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs tabled at the 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Ginoogaming First Nation and carried at a Matawa Chiefs meeting at Eagle's Earth Centre in Constance Lake First Nation on September 12 – 14, 2017 to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 14, 2017

RESOLUTION #14-03-08-17

SUPPORT FOR MATAWA URBAN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVES

Whereas there is a high rate of complications from diabetes and other medical illnesses among Matawa First Nations Members; and

Whereas many people have to relocate to Thunder Bay for renal dialysis and other medical illnesses due to the limited services in First Nation communities and/or the lack of clean drinking water which are required for home dialysis; and

Whereas Non-Insured Health Benefits generally only supports patients for three months after their initial treatments in urban centres; and

Whereas when many people who have to relocate to Thunder Bay for renal dialysis and other medical illnesses, they face a lack of housing, translation, transportation, and transition support;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support the funding for urban support workers to assist those community members and their families achieve a better quality of life while on renal dialysis and/or addressing other medical illnesses; and

Further Be It Resolved that Matawa First Nations seek resources for transitional housing in Thunder Bay for those seeking medical treatment after their initial stay under Non-Insured Health Benefits; and

Further Be It Resolve that Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support securing more funding for other housing initiatives in Thunder Bay for members who require relocation; and

Further Be It Resolved that a priority be given to Matawa members seeking medical support in Matawa Not-For-Profit Housing, and

Further Be It Resolved that direct funding be made available to Matawa Not-For-Profit Housing under the new Indigenous Housing Strategy from the Ministry of Housing.





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MOVED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED: Yes (9) by Health and Social Omnibus Resolution #03-14-009-17 Eagle's Earth Centre, Constance Lake First Nation



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