



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 33rd Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, Ontario to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 16, 2021.

RESOLUTION #13-16-09-2021

CONTINUING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MATAWA HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

WHEREAS the Matawa Chiefs Council passed Resolution #06-11-09-2020 calling for the establishment of a *Task Force* to develop a Homelessness Strategy for Matawa Members in Thunder Bay that:

- would include a long-term vision;
- would be guided by a Task Force consisting of community members, urban members and Matawa managers
- would look at various matters such as numbers, needs of different types of groups, support services required, capital and financing requirements, linkages with First Nations, etc.
- would seek funding for the strategy

WHEREAS a report on the development of a homelessness strategy was provided at the Matawa First Nations 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) which deemed the process incomplete to-date but moving forward in a positive manner; and

WHEREAS it was determined that further research on evidence-based best practices needs to take place amongst other data collection, planning and development in order to build a fulsome and effective strategy; and

WHEREAS it was also determined that the strategy building process could benefit from resources allocated to it.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the *Matawa Homelessness Task Force* to continue with the development of a homeless strategy in the direction that was reported at the Matawa 2021 AGM which included building a strategy within the lens of systemic justice, trauma-informed approaches, and de-colonized harm-reduction and homelessness prevention frameworks; and





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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs Council direct that funding be sought to continue the process alongside the work of the *Matawa Homelessness Task Force*, including funding for a Housing Policy Analyst, funding for travel to undertake a fact-finding-mission and for professional strategic planning; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs Council direct that an additional report be provided around the time of the end of the 2021/2022 fiscal year and *prior* to the 2022 Matawa AGM.

MOVED BY: Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Solomon Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation

OPPOSED: None.
ABSENTIONS: None.
CARRIED: Consensus (X)



Chief Executive Officer

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