



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 31st Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Constance Lake First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on August 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION #19-01-08-2019

THUNDER BAY INDIGENOUS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE YOUTH HOUSING INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, in the *Thunder Bay 2018 Point in Time Count*, 80% of youth homelessness was identified as Indigenous; and

WHEREAS, many of the youth affected by homelessness are more likely have a history of child welfare involvement, high rates of poverty, violence and suffer mental health and addictions issues; and

WHEREAS, a facility is required to help these young people to live in a safe, culturally appropriate environment with transition supports into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, support is being sought by the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre to build a housing initiative for Indigenous Youth in the City of Thunder Bay with appropriate support services and partnerships with agencies; and

WHEREAS, Matawa First Nations are represented with other partners including the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre within the Thunder Bay Urban Aboriginal Strategy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre in their efforts to build an Indigenous Youth Housing Initiative; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council request that updates on this initiative be provided when available.

MOVED BY: Chief Chris Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake # 58 First Nation

CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

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