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RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 32nd Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, Ontario to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 11, 2020

RESOLUTION #07-11-09-2020

MATAWA RENAL DIALYSIS STRATEGY AND PROGRAM

WHEREAS the initial engagement on the Matawa Health Co-operative identified diabetes as one of the top concerns of Matawa First Nations community members; and

WHEREAS the rates of death due to diabetes is 4.8 times higher in the Matawa member First Nations compared to the rest of Ontario as identified in the Mamow-Ahyamowen Partnership – Learning from our Ancestors: Mortality Experience of Communities Served by Matawa First Nations; and

WHEREAS complications from diabetes, including rates of amputations, dialysis and early deaths for Matawa First Nations members are high; and

WHEREAS our members often have to relocate to urban centres for renal dialysis due to lack of clean water systems in their First Nations which is costly and stressful; and

WHEREAS our members would be better served by having home, parentela and renal dialysis programs in or near the First Nations where people would not have to travel as much.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs support the development of a Matawa Renal Dialysis Strategy and Program which would incorporate diabetic education, renal education, the staffing needs (nurses, counsellors, nephrologists, etc.), capital and equipment needs to assist Matawa members; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs Council support the promotion of home and parenteral dialysis education at the community level; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council support the development of two (2) northern hub programs for renal dialysis in the North as there is no renal dialysis centre in any community or surrounding municipality; and





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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Chiefs support the development of partnerships and funding applications with all levels of government, universities, hospitals, foundations and the private sector to establish the Matawa Renal Dialysis Strategy; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs Council support the added support services for renal patients to make their life easier in term of housing, transportation, special food, and transitions.

MOVED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

OPPOSED: None.
ABSENTIONS: None.
CARRIED: Consensus (8)



Chief Executive Officer

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