



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Webequie First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 26, 2022.*

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### **RESOLUTION #15-28-07-2022**

#### **CONTINUATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY**

**WHEREAS** the Matawa Chiefs Council and Matawa First Nations Management (MFNM) Board of Directors have supported the development of a Matawa Homelessness Strategy formally since 2020 and have passed Resolutions #06-11-09-2020 and #13-16-09-2021 that directly support this initiative, and;

**WHEREAS** First Nations People experiencing psychological and behavioral disturbances with varying severities whom are finding themselves left without housing and medical supports, and;

**WHEREAS** First Nations People who struggle with varying levels of addiction in both urban areas and in First Nations are not able to properly access housing and mental health supports, and;

**WHEREAS** First Nations People in their home communities are experiencing varying levels of homelessness which has left them feeling unable to remain in the community and have sought housing and/or persistent medical supports in urban areas where they are left feeling unsupported, disconnected and unseen from their service providers as well as unable to connect to appropriate services and supports, so;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council maintain their support of a homelessness strategy and taskforce creation and implementation for Matawa First Nations Members, and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Homelessness Policy Analyst will highlight in the media, in the forms of interviews of people experiencing varying levels of homelessness and their unique identifying concerns such as: medical supports, addictions, mental health concerns, and the barriers First Nation People face while researching effective, culturally appropriate and sustainable solutions, and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Homelessness Policy Analyst of the Matawa Chiefs Council continue their work to research evidence-based practices and data collection to continue with the planning and development of a fulsome and effective strategy, and;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct that an additional report be provided around the end of the 2022/2023 fiscal year and prior to the 2023 Matawa AGM.





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**MOVED BY:** Chief Judy Desmoulin, Long Lake #58 First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

**OPPOSITION(S):** None

**ABSTENTION(S):** None

**CARRIED:** Consensus

Chief Executive Officer

