



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs deferred from the 35th Annual General Meeting in Long Lake #58 First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on December 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION #08-08-12-2023

MOSES BEAVER CORONER'S INQUEST FOLLOW-UP

WHEREAS Moses Beaver, Nibinamik First Nations member, passed away in custody on February 13, 2017, and;

WHEREAS a Coroner's Inquest was held in May of 2023 to determine cause of death which was found to be inconclusive, and;

WHEREAS the Jury of the Moses Beaver Coroner's Inquest made 63 recommendations to improve mental health, co-ordination, communications and support services across several Ministries, Departments, First Nations Organizations and Community Agencies before, during and after individuals are in custody, and;

WHEREAS there is a lack of co-ordination, a dis-jointed response, and poor communications between the Ministry of Solicitor-General, and its custody institutions, the Ministry of Health and its health institutions/agencies, police, ORANG, mental health providers, etc. which often lead to unnecessary incarceration, and;

WHEREAS a regional committee was recommended to be established to initiate, enact and report back on the Inquest Recommendations, and;

WHEREAS Matawa First Nations went through a similar experience with the Seven Youth Inquest in 2017 which required a coordinator and direct services; and

WHEREAS similar co-ordination is needed on implementing the Moses Beaver Inquest Recommendations with the First Nation, Matawa Health Co-operative, other service providers, and various Ministries and Departments, and;

WHEREAS additional technical and legal supports are needed to address issues of privacy, health records and the Mental Health Act under improved circle of care models amongst several providers at both the community and institutional level – before, during and after release from institutions, so;





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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Ontario Chief Coroner's Office, along with the Ministry of Solicitor-General, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Attorney-General, and the Department of Indigenous Services to include Matawa First Nations; and Nibinamik First Nation into the regional coordinating committee to implement the 63 recommendations, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Co-ordinating Committee visit Nibinamik First Nation to meet with the families, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations, and Nibinamik First Nation, be funded for Co-ordination Services to manage all the various ministries, departments and agencies involved in acute mental health and corrections, and;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that additional funding be made available to Nibinamik First Nation and the Matawa Health Co-operative to better support individuals with acute mental health, and/or addiction needs, including accommodations and supports for families and extended families.

MOVED BY: Ogamakan Michael Sugarhead, Nibinamik First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

OPPOSITION(S): None
ABSTENTION(S): None
CARRIED: Consensus (7)

Chief Executive Officer

