



CHIEFS COUNCIL

Matawa Chiefs deferred from the 36th Annual General Meeting in Neskantaga First Nation to be effective from and after 7:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on October 3, 2024

RESOLUTION #11-03-10-2024

SUPPORT FOR THE MATAWA HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE TO MOVE FORWARD ON ADVOCACY TOWARD ORAL CARE ACCESS AND PREVENTION OF ORAL DISEASES

WHEREAS the Matawa Health Co-operative (MHC) was incorporated in 2017 to provide health care services to all members within the nine (9) Matawa First Nations; and

WHEREAS the lack of dental services has been identified by Matawa First Nations members as a barrier to good health; and

WHEREAS the delivery of dental care in remote communities has been sporadic, limited and is often culturally insensitive due to lack of cultural training for oral health care providers, and:

WHEREAS the MHC would like to work to promote, educate and create more awareness about oral health while simultaneously reducing the barriers to dental care within the Matawa communities and at the Matawa Health Co-operative clinic site; and

WHEREAS First Nation members have had difficulties with Non-Insured Health Benefits to have access approval for dental services, and payment to providers; and

WHEREAS the MHC has begun to work in partnership with communities to educate, deliver oral care and empower Indigenous people to include oral health in achieving optimal health; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Matawa Health Co-operative expanding services to dental care and supports which will include, but not limited to, hiring hygienists, delivering community workshops, delivering school programs and assisting to fill the gaps to assist with necessary dental treatments for members that face barriers; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs- in-Assembly direct Matawa Health Co-operative to work in partnership with other Matawa entities, including Matawa member First Nation schools, to provide oral care services; and

FURTHER, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Indigenous Services Canada be directed to provide additional supports through the Oral Care Access and Prevention of Oral Disease funding to the Matawa Health Co-operative to assist Matawa members seeking dental services; and





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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Health Co-operative seek funding from federal and provincial health entities to further support the oral health needs of Matawa First Nations members.

MOVED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Sol Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation

OPPOSITION(S): 0
ABSTENTION(S): 0

CARRIED:

Chiefs Present:

Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation
Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Matawa Falls Frist Nation
Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation (virtual)
Chief Solomon Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation
Ogamakan Micheal Sugarhead, Nibinamik First Nation
Chief Sonny Gagnon, Aroland First Nation

Chief Executive Officer

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