



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 37th Annual General Meeting in Aroland First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 29, 2025

RESOLUTION #10-31-07-2025

SUPPORT FOR MATAWA HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE (MHC) HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Matawa Chiefs Council have been in support of the Health Transformation process outlined under the *Charter of Relationship Principles with Nishnawbe Aski Nation* (2017), signed by Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Ontario and Canada, and;

WHEREAS, the Matawa Chiefs Council passed Resolution #12-03-08-17 *Support for Matawa Health Co-operative in Planning with Charter of Relationship Principles* giving the mandate to the Matawa Health Co-operative (MHC) to participate in the planning, implementation, and piloting health options which support individual and community wellbeing, along with capital and human resource training, and;

WHEREAS, the MHC has consulted with all nine (9) Matawa communities through community engagement sessions regarding the vision of any transfer of health programs and services, immediate priorities, guidance on developing health transformation for Matawa, and the incorporation of culture, values and medicines for a Matawa-specific wholistic model, and;

WHEREAS, the draft report *Matawa Health Co-operative Health Transformation Strategic Plan 2025-2030* outlines the communities' guidance and direction, and;

WHEREAS, the next step is to consult with the communities and plan the pre-planning phase of assessing, but not limited to, community capabilities, needs, infrastructure, readiness, visioning, etc., so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly and delegates mandate the MHC to continue and exclusively lead the work on behalf of all member communities on exploring models to conduct the pre-planning and planning phases within the 2025/2026 year, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the MHC will research and develop planning pathways working with NIHB, ISC, and allied health partners, that will work for each community to ensure access to improved health outcomes and adequate health care service delivery (via OTN, case conferencing, transportation, telephone appointments) and not enter the communities into a binding process or not interfere with other First Nations community processes, and;





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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly support the MHC to seek additional funding to help pay for community-based planning and capacity building, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that community capacity building and funding be included to support ongoing community management and wellbeing.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly and delegates will receive continued updates in upcoming forums.

MOVED BY: Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Judy Desmoulin, Long Lake #58 First Nation

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

CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

