



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 #08-31-07-2025

SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR MATAWA HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE CLIENTS USING THE THUNDER BAY CLINIC SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Matawa Health Co-operative (MHC) is dedicated to providing quality and accessible health care to all clients across Matawa communities and Thunder Bay; and

WHEREAS, many clients of the MHC face significant challenges in accessing medical appointments due to a lack of reliable transportation within the city and when they travel to Thunder Bay; and

WHEREAS, transportation has been identified as a priority under Health Transformation; and

WHEREAS, transportation has been identified as one of the largest barriers preventing clients from attending scheduled medical appointments; thereby, negatively impacting their health outcomes and continuity of care; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly support the implementation and funding of a dedicated wheelchair accessible medical transportation service to assist Matawa members and their family members (travelling to) and within Thunder Bay and other medically designated centres in attending medical appointments and receiving the care they require; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the MHC seeks partnerships, funding opportunities, and operational support from all relevant health authorities and interested parties to establish and maintain this service; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that nothing in this resolution shall derogate or take away from individual First Nation initiatives, funding or proposals to address this issue; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that this initiative be prioritized in the Matawa Health Co-operative's community health initiatives for 2025 and on an ongoing basis.

MOVED BY: Chief Sonny Gagnon, Aroland First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation
OPPOSITION(S): 0





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ABSTENTION(S): 1 Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

