



# MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

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## Mushkegowuk Council 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Mamowihitowin

### Resolution No. 2019-10-06

#### Regional Strategy for Pain Management Services

**WHEREAS** it is estimated that \$60 billion dollars is spent treating pain in Canada, and in 2016-2017 NIHB spent \$494.5 million dollars on Pharmacy benefits (includes medical supplies and equipment), and;

**WHEREAS** in 2016-2017 NIHB Pharmacy expenditures in the Ontario Region totaled \$93.1 million dollars; \$70.4 million was spent on prescription drugs in comparison to the expenditures on Mental Health Counselling NIHB spent \$21.7 deposite Mental Health being a priority need for Indigenous people, and;

**WHEREAS** A report lead by the Chief of Ontario with the Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences 2015, found that NIHB and Ontario Drug Benefits prescriptions for Opioids have steadily increased since 2005, and;

**WHEREAS** the fragmented health care in the north limits equitable access to specialty services to treat and manage pain appropriately, and the nearest pain clinic is approximately 1200 kms away creating barriers for members who suffer from chronic pain and pain associated with cancer;

#### Moved by:

Chief Keith Corston  
Chapleau Cree First Nation

#### Seconded by:

Chief Mervin Cheechoo  
Moose Cree First Nation

#### Carried

Certified copy of a resolution passed  
on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

  
Jonathan Solomon, Grand Chief

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
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Moose Cree  
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Taykwa Tagamou  
Nation

Chapleau Cree  
First Nation

Missanabie Cree  
First Nation

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** Mushkegowuk Council recognizes that a patient-centred approach is fundamental to collaborative care and fully supports the delivery of a wholistic model of care under the Mushkegowuk Health Primary Care Framework and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** A pain clinic would create partnerships and networks, create appropriate pathways to managing chronic pain, alleviate the workload for Primary Care Physicians and Nurse Practitioners and utilize health resources more appropriately while minimizing the potential for opiate addictions; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** This Mamowhitowin of the Omushkegowuk directs the Mushkegowuk Council executive to collaborate with other regional agencies and service providers on developing a regional strategy to establish Pain Management Clinic services in Northern Ontario, preferably within the Mushkegowuk Region.