



Mushkegowuk Council

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Carried

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Alison Linklater, Grand Chief

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Moose Factory, ON.

Resolution No. 2022-09-17

Re-Establish Operations of Mushkegowuk Task Force for Healthier Communities

WHEREAS the increased high rates of premature death and the mental health distress within our Nation confirms that our Opioid Pandemic has intensified for many reasons that include, increased demand, supply and use of dangerous illegal drugs and alcohol, the Global COVID 19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS acknowledging that the investments and actions taken by all levels of government for our Opioid Pandemic has made some community improvements and has saved some lives, however, the real-life situation on the ground in our communities demonstrate that the Opioid Pandemic is evolving, winning the war and continuing on its destructive path; and

WHEREAS it is very clear to the Chiefs and delegates of this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk that the Global COVID 19 Pandemic intensified our Opioid Pandemic, increased our mental health distress to dangerous levels, destroying the lives of our innocent beautiful children and elders, destroying healthy families, increased criminal activity, impacting efforts to build healthier communities, and changing our Cree way of life; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs and delegates of the 2017 Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk approved the creation of a Special Mushkegowuk Task Force for Healthier Communities with a mandate to implement a regional collective campaign that responds to the pandemic caused by illegal drugs and alcohol, in collaboration with all governments, service providers and partners; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after 3 years of implementing a regional coordinated campaign against illegal drugs and alcohol, it is very clear to the Chiefs and delegates of this Mamowihitowin that our Task Force for Healthier Communities, working with Canada, Ontario and many regional organizations, made an impact, made progress, saved some lives, made changes, and need to be given the opportunity and resources to do more; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk reaffirms with the Canada and Ontario, our November 2017 Declared of State of Emergency for our serious health crisis that is caused by the Opioid Pandemic; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk, on an urgent basis, need the continued operation of the Mushkegowuk Special Task Force for Healthier Communities; and calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to provide annual funding support to re-establish operations of Mushkegowuk Task Force for Healthier Communities