



# MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

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## Mushkegowuk Council 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mamowihitowin

## Resolution No. 2021-11-11

### Support for Land-Based After Care/Wellness Framework

**WHEREAS** the Mushkegowuk Council approved the development of the Mushkegowuk Task Force for Healthier Communities in 2017 with a mandate to address issues around illicit drugs; and

**WHEREAS** Mushkegowuk Council has received approval for funding for a Land-Based Detox Program in 2018, from the Choose Life Program of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC); and

**WHEREAS** Indigenous Services Canada has not recognized our urgent need to continue with Land Based Detox and has erected systemic and institutional barriers in accessing the funding for two years while our citizens languished in addictions, opioid deaths, suicide, and mental health challenges; and

**WHEREAS** Indigenous children suffer from the effects of the Residential School Era and the Sixties scoop through their parent's traumas making them highly susceptible to chronic disease, social and mental health conditions; and

**WHEREAS** Mushkegowuk Okimawiwini Minopimatisiwinik Atoskawikamik (O.M.A) has identified the need for the development of an Aftercare & Wellness Framework as expressed by our citizens by way of the Emergency Summit recommendations; and

Attawapiskat  
First Nation

**Moved by:**  
**Margaret Coulter, Delegate  
Chapleau Cree First Nation**

Kashechewan  
First Nation

**Seconded by:**  
**Chief Robert Nakogee  
Fort Albany First Nation**

Fort Albany  
First Nation

Moose Cree  
First Nation


**Carried**

Taykwa Tagamou  
Nation

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passed on November 23, 2021

Chapleau Cree  
First Nation

Missanabie Cree  
First Nation

  
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Rebecca Friday, Deputy Grand  
Chief

November 23, 2021  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

**WHEREAS** Mushkegowuk O.M.A recognizes and developed the professional oversight requirements necessary to ensure the safety of our clients through Medical Directives and Professional Staff;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mushkegowuk Health continue with the development of the Aftercare/Wellness Framework to include programming and services for the Land-Based Detox Program; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the funding being sought by Mushkegowuk Council to support the Land Based Detox and Aftercare & Wellness Program is without prejudice to the First Nations in the Mushkegowuk area and their efforts to obtain funding for Land Based Healing and Treatment programs; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mushkegowuk Council of Chiefs continue to support Mushkegowuk O.M.A in establishing partnerships with the Timmins and District Hospital and Weeneebayko Area Health Authority in the provision of addiction treatment, aftercare and wrap-around-supports; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk mandates the Office of the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief to advocate with the Federal Government for the continued funding for the Land Based Detox and Aftercare & Wellness Program beyond March 31, 2022.