

Subject: First Nation Local Health Integration Network

Mover: Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point

Seconder: Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation

Status: Carried

Opposed:


Abstentions:

WHEREAS

1. The Province of Ontario created 14 Local Health Integration Networks in 2007, which were mandated with planning, integrating, and distributing provincial funding for all public healthcare services at a regional level;
2. LHINs are locally based associations, of the various health service providers, intended to generate enhanced community engagement.;
3. Historically, First Nation communities have not received the levels of service that were outlined in the original concept of the LHIN's, including increases to funding for existing programming that First Nations had lobbied for but did not receive service supports from;
4. The Patients First Act was announced June 2, 2016, a 50-page bill that would end the 14 Community Care Access Centres (CCAC), increase the role of the 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) and require amendments some 20 other legislative acts; and
5. First Nations health professionals have the knowledge and specifically understand the health issues their citizens are faced with as well as the challenges of funding and service models that do not work for First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly to call upon the provincial government, specifically the Ministry of Health, to engage in dialogue and consultation with Anishinabek First Nations to support the development of a First Nation LHIN, that will be responsible for the services and funding for First Nations across the province; and
2. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon the Anishinabek Health Secretariat to lead these actions and to report to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at their next convened Assembly for a status update.


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Grand Council Chief


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