



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #15-17

LOCAL CANCER SCREENING AND REGIONAL CANCER CARE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, members from Cat Lake First Nation recently completed a walk from Thunder Bay to Vancouver, B.C. to raise awareness about the devastating impacts of cancer in remote communities; and

WHEREAS, members of the walk are concerned about the systemic and financial barriers in health care for remote First Nations in terms of cancer prevention, information, diagnosis and access to treatment; and

WHEREAS, leaders from Cat Lake have called on the provincial and federal governments to establish and support a cancer care program for First Nations communities in the Sioux Lookout area, which will include a gap analysis and cancer patient data systems, as well as to address financial barriers to screening; and

WHEREAS, current cancer care programs are located in cities such as Thunder Bay, which creates financial and emotional stress on individuals from remote First Nations; and

WHEREAS, a cancer care program is needed in Sioux Lookout, which will also provide outreach to communities to support community-based screening in order to limit travel for patients; and

WHEREAS, the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre is capable of providing the Ontario Breast Screening Program, as well as other cancer screening programs, and should provide a regional service for all cancer screening and treatment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly support Cat Lake First Nation's call to improve cancer care services for patients from remote First Nations and that Chiefs in Assembly also recommend a review of processes to ensure accurate investigations and diagnoses of patients.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority to work with Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre to develop and establish a cancer care program that provides a range of services from screening to treatment, as well as mental health support and palliative care.

Dated this 17th day of September 2015 in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario.

Moved by:

Dinah Kanate
Chief Dinah Kanate, North Caribou Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Carolyn Meekis
Carolyn Meekis proxy, Deer Lake First Nation

Decision:

CARRIED

Signature of Meeting Chair:

Wally McKay
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair