



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #16-10

SUPPORT FOR EAGLE LAKE FIRST NATION'S FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HEALING LODGE

WHEREAS, there are high incidents of drug and alcohol abuse in many First Nations communities in northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, due to inadequate services, many individuals must leave their community alone when seeking treatment, without the support of other family members, resulting in relapse when the individual returns to their home community because their family does not understand what support is needed; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Lake First Nation is developing an alcohol and drug family treatment centre that will focus on the entire family and offer a culturally sensitive place to help individuals overcome their addictions with the support of their families; and

WHEREAS, the treatment centre will serve First Nations people from the Manitoba border to Thunder Bay and points north to Fort Severn, and will be located on Eagle Lake First Nation utilizing 8 acres of land and will have 10 cabins for families to stay in;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly support Eagle Lake First Nation in its vision to operate a family residential program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly call on the Federal and Provincial governments to provide financial support to Eagle Lake First Nation and to support or continue to support other First Nations in their efforts to develop land-based healing lodges/camps and community-based treatment centres.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to support the planning process, where possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Eagle Lake First Nation provide an update to the Chiefs in Assembly at the next meeting.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, this resolution should not detract from other communities in being able to seek funding and resources to build and run their own treatment centres.

Dated this 15th day of September 2016 in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario.

Moved by: _____
Chief Titus Tait, Sachigo Lake First Nation

Seconded by: Dinah Kanate
Chief Dinah Kanate, North Caribou Lake First Nation

Decision: **CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair: 
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair