



Sioux Lookout  
First Nations  
Health Authority

**SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Resolution #15-19

**SUPPORT FOR PERMANENT NURSING STATION  
AND ADDITIONAL NURSING STAFF IN POPLAR HILL FIRST NATION**

**WHEREAS**, in February 2009 the Poplar Hill First Nation nursing station was destroyed by fire and the community has been operating out of a temporary nursing station facility since 2011, which took two years to get operational; and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary facility is in poor condition (narrow hallways for stretchers and wheelchairs, and the building shakes when people walk through) making it difficult to provide adequate health care delivery in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the community understood that Health Canada would provide funding for the construction of a new permanent facility but has yet to receive confirmation from Health Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Poplar Hill First Nation is requesting that Health Canada immediately provide funds to construct a new permanent facility so it will coincide with the construction of a new school in the community in order to save costs on shipping supplies and large equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction company has partnered with the community and supporting local economic development (hiring and training community members), which can continue if construction of the health facility begins while the company is still in the community; and

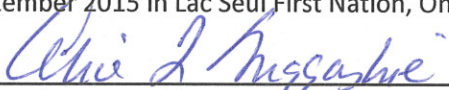
**WHEREAS**, Poplar Hill First Nation currently has two nurses, but communities of similar size have at least three nurses; and

**WHEREAS**, Poplar Hill First Nation also requires an additional nurse to assist with an increased workload due to an increase in population, need for services, and level of acuity;

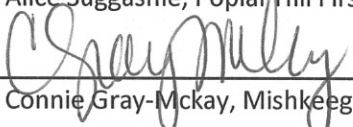
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly direct Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority to provide support and advocacy for Poplar Hill as they seek a permanent solution for a nursing station and additional nursing staff.

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

Moved by:

  
Chief Alice Suggashie, Poplar Hill First Nation

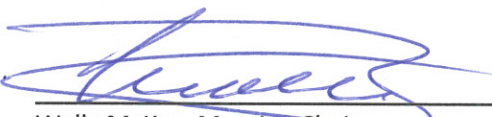
Seconded by:

  
Chief Connie Gray-Mckay, Mishkeegogamang First Nation

Decision:

**CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair:

  
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair