



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Resolution #25-06

Support for Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority to Address Health Funding Shortfalls

WHEREAS, the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) is tasked by its member First Nations to provide and coordinate vital health services and initiatives for the 33 First Nation communities; and,

WHEREAS, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) continues to fund SLFNHA and these critical health services and initiatives using outdated policies and fixed federal budgets. This has resulted in severe underfunding that puts the health and well-being of First Nations people at risk; and,

WHEREAS, SLFNHA and First Nations' leadership have consistently raised concerns about the insufficient resources for federally funded services including, but not limited to, patient transportation, mental health and addictions services, physician and specialty services, access to culturally appropriate programs, and support for community-driven healthcare services; and,

WHEREAS, technical-level meetings and discussions with ISC officials have failed to result in substantive commitments, funding increases, or policy reforms, leaving the First Nations with unresolved and growing service gaps; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support SLFNHA in its on-going efforts to engage in formal discussions with ISC to address concerns related to federally funded healthcare services and initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Sioux Lookout area Chiefs' Council on Health (CCOH), who are comprised of Tribal Council and Independent First Nation representatives, to develop a strategy and negotiation framework to address the critical health needs of the communities. Chiefs-in-Assembly also directs CCOH to advocate on behalf of Tribal Councils as part of the strategy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the CCOH to meet directly with the Minister of Indigenous Services, Mandy Gull-Masty, to address and resolve both immediate and long-term health funding and service issues affecting the communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs-in-Assembly call on Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN), the Chiefs of Ontario (COO), and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support the SLFNHA CCOH in its advocacy efforts for the health and service funding needs of SLFNHA First Nations communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Chiefs-in-Assembly direct CCOH to work with NAN to address the need for adequate funding and resources necessary to implement the proposed strategy. The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct CCOH to coordinate advocacy efforts with NAN's Chiefs' Council on Health Transformation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Chiefs-in-Assembly direct SLFNHA and CCOH to develop a strategy, in consultation with communities, to be presented to Chiefs by March 31, 2026. The strategy will address the funding shortfalls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the proposed strategy will not interfere or distract from funding initiatives currently underway by Tribal Councils and First Nation communities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to:

- Minister of ISC
- Prime Minister of Canada
- NAN
- AFN
- COO
- Tribal Councils in the SLFNHA region.

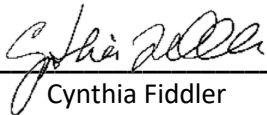
Dated this 11th day of September 2025, in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario

Moved by: Chief Archie Wabasse, Wunnumin Lake First Nation

Seconded by: Chief Lorraine Crane, Slate Falls First Nation

Decision: **CARRIED**

SLFNHA Board Chair:


Cynthia Fiddler