



Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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RESOLUTION: 08/08
TELEHEALTH/TELEMEDICINE SUPPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS Telehealth/Telemedicine facilitates access to services such as mental health treatment, chronic disease management, pandemic planning, improved community-based access to health services, capacity-building, and training opportunities for health staff servicing Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) people and communities;

WHEREAS community-based and directed Telehealth/Telemedicine programs have demonstrated success as a model for facilitating health service delivery by First Nation communities;

WHEREAS Resolution 07/40 supports the sustainability of the Keewaytinook Okimakanak (KO) Telemedicine network and First Nations Telehealth in Ontario;

WHEREAS Telemedicine services are only available to approximately half of the First Nation communities within NAN territory;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly support the development of a First Nations controlled and directed Telemedicine/Telehealth Program that meets the needs of First Nations in NAN territory;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly mandates and directs NAN Executive Council and NAN staff to utilize Telehealth/Telemedicine, whenever possible, to support health program planning and support;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly support a NAN regional Telehealth/Telemedicine Program, which shall be without prejudice to existing and ongoing initiatives with respect to First Nation Telehealth/Telemedicine programs (for example KO Telemedicine Program), and mandate and direct NAN to seek resources for sustainability, capacity-building, enhancement and expansion of telehealth/telemedicine programming.

DATED AT THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2008.

MOVED BY: Chief Joe Meekis, Keewaywin First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief David Matthews, Fort Severn First Nation

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Grand Chief Stan Beardy



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