



ATLANTIC POLICY CONGRESS
OF FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS SECRETARIAT

**APC All Chiefs Meeting
Sept 29, 2016
Dartmouth, NS**

RESOLUTION # 2016-04

Issue: Atlantic Chiefs' Health Priorities

Whereas, established in 2011, the current health priorities of the Atlantic Chiefs (mental health, addictions, elder care, and investing in children and youth) are each pursued by Atlantic First Nations and Health Canada through shared strategic action plans;

And whereas, in 2016, nine potential new/renewed priority areas were identified using an evidence based approach including information from First Nations community health plans and an extensive document review;

And whereas, APC undertook an engagement process with the Atlantic First Nations Health Directors, and the voting Chiefs of the Atlantic First Nations Health Partnership to develop the *Renewing the Atlantic Chief Health Priorities 2016 Summary Report*;

And whereas, the Atlantic First Nations Health Partnership accepts the *Renewing the Atlantic Chief Health Priorities 2016 Summary Report*;

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the Atlantic Chiefs, accept the *Renewing the Atlantic Chief Health Priorities 2016 Summary Report*;

Be it further resolved, that Mental Wellness (i.e. mental health and addictions) and Chronic Disease (including management and prevention) are approved as the two Atlantic Chiefs Health Priorities;

Be it also further resolved, that we, the Atlantic Chiefs, continue to support the pursuit of the current *Mental Health and Addictions Plan for First Nations in the Atlantic Region* (May, 2015) and we encourage the development of a strategic action plan to address the chronic disease priority in the Atlantic Region.

Be it also further resolved, that we, the Atlantic Chiefs, will pursue our collective health priorities, as described in the *Summary Report*, by ensuring culture is the integral foundation, allowing for community flexibility, supporting increased collaboration across sectors/jurisdictions, using the Aboriginal social determinants of health to frame the priorities, acknowledging nation to nation relationships and negotiations, and striving for healthy living at all stages of life;

Be it also further resolved, these priorities are placed within the context of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, and the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action*.

MOTIONED BY: Chief Rufus Copage, Sipekne'katik First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Ross Perley, Tobique First Nation
DECISION: Motion passed by consensus
DATE: September 29, 2016

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John G. Paul, Executive Director