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Notice of Motion of Agenda submitted by Council Members

All motions need to be accurate, clear as to their purpose, and accompanied by the necessary relevant background information to help inform Council decisions. All Motions being added to a council agenda need adequate time to allow Council to properly reflect on a motion by reviewing proposed changes, asking questions, seeking additional information, and understanding the rationale of motions.

The Clerk and Council Members are expected to proactively work together towards a completed motion submission for an addition to the Council Agenda.

Item:

Support Northern Therapy Practice: Masters NIHB Applications Serving Indigenous Clients

Resolution:

WHEREAS Northern Therapy Practice, with locations in Espanola and Manitoulin Island, is the only practice in our area to provide extensive trauma therapy for Indigenous children, seniors, and Indigenous individuals;

AND WHEREAS limited therapy and rehabilitation services across our region make for increased wait times to see a care provider;

AND WHEREAS Masters students in Northern Ontario are leaving our region in pursuit of more immediate job opportunities, and are unable to take on Indigenous individuals as clients without an exemption from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as per NIHB guidelines;

AND WHEREAS to be permitted to practice independently, Masters students must complete 1000 hours of DCC (Direct Client-Contact) under supervision;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous Services Canada provides exemptions to care providers who can employ Masters' students in circumstances where there are an insufficient number of legislated providers enrolled with the NIHB program in the vicinity, limiting access to services;

AND WHEREAS said exemption from the ISC requires letters of support from community partners;

AND WHEREAS under the current Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB), Northern Therapy Practice is currently unable to employ these Masters' students in their practice;

AND WHEREAS allowing Northern Therapy Practice to employ these students will help better serve the needs of clients in our community, and our region.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council supports Northern Therapy Practice in its advocacy to be granted an exemption to employ Master students at the end of degree in the practice;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A letter of support from the municipality be drafted concerning Northern Therapy Practice's employment of Masters' students.

Mover: Aidan Kallioinen

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Issue:

To employ Masters' students serving Indigenous clients, NIHB requires an exemption to provided from ISC in instances where there are a lack of providers in our region

Purpose/Rationale for the Motion:

(i.e., How does it solve the issue)

Support from the municipality strengthens Northern Therapy Practice's application to be granted an exemption.

Resources:

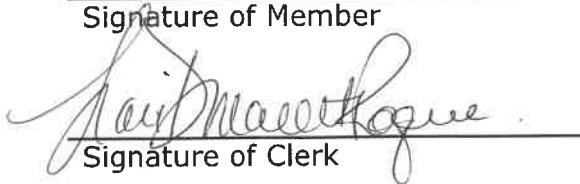
- Re: Letter from MP Carol Hughes, Re: Masters NIHB Applications
(Feb. 25 2025)



Signature of Member

Mar. 18, 2025

Date



Signature of Clerk

March 20/25

Date