

**TO:** Mayor Avis & Members of Council  
**FROM:** Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer  
**DATE:** October 7, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services Inc. Request for Letter of Support

### **BACKGROUND**

At the September 22, 2014 Council Meeting, the letter received from Calvin Morrisseau, Executive Director Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services Inc. requesting consideration of a letter of support to secure a detox facility was referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

The Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services Inc. is pursuing funding to provide the local First Nations along with Rainy River District with a detox facility and programming. As indicated in his letter, Mr. Morrisseau stated that addictions have reached epidemic proportions and the community has no alternative but to refer individuals to other areas as no detox facility is available in the immediate area.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommends that Council approve a letter of support in principle to the Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services Inc. to pursue and secure a detox facility for the Rainy River District.

<p>Council Approval of This Report Will Agree to the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee to approve a letter of support in principle to the Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services Inc. to pursue and secure a detox facility for the Rainy River District.</p>
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July 29, 2014

Mayor Roy Avis  
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Re: Letter of Support to Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services to pursue and secure a detox facility for the Fort Frances Rainy River District

Dear Mayor Avis,

I write to you today to request a letter of support to Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services in their pursuit to secure funding to provide our local First Nations along with the Fort Frances Rainy River District with detox facility and programming.

Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services offers a continuum of care that includes Pre-treatment, Outpatient Treatment, and After-care Services to member First Nations and the FFRR District through its Behavioural Health Services team.

Addictions have reached epidemic proportions and we as a community have no alternative but to refer individuals to other areas as no detox facility is available in the immediate area. We at FFTAHS are prepared, equipped, and motivated to provide this service for our geographical area. I look forward to discussing this further with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Calvin Morrisseau  
Executive Director  
Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services