Date: April 24, 2024

Resolution 2024-11: **Long Term Care Beds Advocacy**

Background:

WHEREAS NOMA recognizes the importance of serving as a major health care Hub for Northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS NOMA continues to advocate and call on the Government of the Province of Ontario to help ease the shortage of long-term care beds throughout Northwestern Ontario; and

WHEREAS NOMA acknowledges that because there are limited long term care beds, this situation is negatively affecting the availability of acute care beds throughout the region, and thus, more and more patients who should be in an appropriate Long Term Care facility, will instead, continue to be housed in acute care beds, thereby further burdening the health care sector throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the Government of the Province of Ontario, in the early 1990s, provided funding specifically for capital investments to construct new Long-Term Care facilities in Northern Ontario, and given that this type of critical infrastructure investment is once again required given the considerable additional need for these types of facilities in the intervening 30+ years.

Recommendation:

NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association requests that the Province of Ontario allocates specific capital funding – outside of the current funding model as it does not provide sufficient funding for construction in Northwestern Ontario – for the construction of new long-term care beds in the Districts of Kenora and Kiiwetinoong; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association support Sioux Lookout's motion calling on the Province of Ontario to allocate capital funding for the building for new long-term care beds in Northwestern Ontario.

Moved By: Lisa Teeple, Councillor of Emo

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