

# Minawshyn Development Corporation



A Path to Prosperity for  
Matawa First Nations



## About Us

The Minawshyn Development Corporation (MDC) is a newly formed First Nation owned and operated for-profit holding company that was created to assist Matawa First Nations capture and maximize the benefits of current and future development. MDC develops regional partnerships and strategic alliances for infrastructure and resource development for related construction. It supports local First Nations Community Development, subsidiary corporations, businesses and joint ventures.

MDC's vision is aligned with Matawa First Nations, which aims to assist the people and member First Nations to achieve prosperity and well-being through the active pursuit of economic development, business ownership, employment and training.

### Matawa First Nations Member Communities

Matawa communities consist of nine First Nations with a total membership of more than 8,000 people.

#### Road Access

- Aroland First Nation
- Constance Lake First Nation
- Ginoogaming First Nation
- Long Lake #58 First Nation

#### Remote Access

- Eabametoong First Nation
- Marten Falls First Nation
- Neskantaga First Nation
- Nibinamik First Nation
- Webequie First Nation

## Matawa First Nations

Matawa First Nations is a Tribal Council of nine Ojibway and Cree First Nations in Northern Ontario. Five of the First Nations are remote and accessible only by air or winter ice road. Matawa First Nations Management provides a wide range of professional advisory services and program delivery to support its member communities in the areas of administration and finance, health and social services, employment and training, education, communications, technical and environmental services, and economic development.



## Potential Projects for First Nation Companies and Partnerships include:

- Mining Exploration
- Construction
- Infrastructure development
- Telecommunications
- Transportation corridors (including roads and railways)
- Airlines / Airways
- Logging / Trucking
- Food and Catering
- Logistics
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Renewable Energy including transmission lines
- Housing
- Green Industries
- Environmental Monitoring
- New and emerging trends in technology



## Opportunities for First Nations

Matawa communities and their territories are rich in minerals and precious metals. Mineral exploration and mining activity is accelerating in the region, as well as other resource development projects like forestry, energy and the associated infrastructure.

There will be new opportunity for First Nation companies both in construction and maintenance, labour and in spin-off activities including opportunities to provide services, materials, equipment, labour, and knowledge, and ownership of infrastructure.

Resource development is going to impact all of the member First Nations of Matawa over the coming decades. Currently the area most well-known by the public is the Ring of Fire.

Ring of Fire (ROF) is the name given to an area of the James Bay Lowlands located in First Nation territories in Northern Ontario. The area contains nickel, copper, gold and the largest untapped deposit of chromite in the world.





## A Path to Prosperity

**Minawshyn Development Corporation will assist the nine Matawa First Nations achieve prosperity and well-being through the active pursuit of economic development, business ownership, employment and training. MDC will work with our communities to enhance the quality of life of our people.**

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