



Here are some interesting facts about the organization as it celebrates its services from 1988-2018.

FOUNDING CHIEFS

William Magiskan (Aroland), late Thomas Mattinas (Constance Lake), Solomon Atlookan (Eabametoong), Leslie O’Nabigon (Ginoogaming), Peter Moonias (Neskantaga), Marlow Wesley (Long Lake #58), Eli Moonias (Marten Falls), late Sandy Yellowhead (Nibinamik)

LONGEST SERVING

Chiefs: Eli Moonias, Marten Falls - 14 years;

Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 - 13 years

Board of Director: Charlie Okees, Eabametoong First Nation - 17 years

CEO: David Paul Achneepineskum - 20+ years

Staff Members: Celine Echum - 25 years; Dorothy Okeese - 25 years; Tom Friday - 23 years

MILESTONES

- Paid off the mortgage on a 30,000 sq. foot building that serves as the branch office in Thunder Bay
- Established student bursaries with the Bowmanville Rotary Club in 2007
- Established the Matawa Learning Centre in 2010
- Matawa First Nations signed the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewiin Unity Declaration reaffirming the commitment of the Matawa First Nations to work together with common purpose and voice to protect their lands, waters, rights and way of life in 2011
- Received ISO certification and implemented a Quality Management System in 2012
- Matawa First Nations signed the Regional Framework Agreement agreeing to participate in a community-based process of negotiation related to mineral and other related developments in the area known as the Ring of Fire in 2013
- Received federal and provincial funding commitments to install fibre-to-the home broadband internet using the first-mile approach in 2017
- Granted an 80,000 sq. foot surplus building from the City of Thunder Bay to use as the Matawa Student Education and Care Centre in 2017
- Signed a tripartite agreement with Eabametoong First Nation and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine for a Remote First Nations Residency Stream, the first of its kind in Canada in 2018



Matawa

FIRST NATIONS



The Power of Unity, The Dignity of Difference

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The word “Matawa” is an abbreviation of the Cree place name called “Mammamattawa,” which is on the historic homeland of one of our communities meaning “a place of many rivers coming together.”

It is a name that Matawa leadership and Elders decided was fitting of the organization to recognize that the rivers have been, and, continue to act as our lifeline and existence as our Nations come together.

FIRST NATIONS

- Aroland First Nation
- Constance Lake First Nation
- Eabametoong First Nation
- Ginoogaming First Nation
- Long Lake #58 First Nation
- Marten Falls First Nation
- Neskantaga First Nation
- Nibinamik First Nation
- Webequie First Nation

VISION

“Matawa First Nations will be prosperous and enriched First Nations both individually and collectively. By creating enhanced social and economic opportunities for everyone, the Matawa First Nations will reach their maximum potential and have confidence in the future.”

CORPORATIONS

- Four Rivers Inc.
- Gathering of Rivers for Community Care
- Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment & Training Services
- Matawa Education Authority
- Matawa First Nations Property Inc.
- Matawa Health Co-Operative Inc.
- Minawshyn Development Corporation
- Rapid Lynx Telecommunications



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