



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 28th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Eabametoong First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard Time on July 28, 2016

RESOLUTION #04-28-07-16

BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS our First Nations' access to broadband is essential to ensuring our people have the ability to participate in the digital economy on an equal footing with the rest of Canada; and

WHEREAS our First Nations' access to adequate bandwidth is essential to our ability to be competitive and to create and expand economic opportunities as they arise, especially in the mining sector; and

WHEREAS our Matawa Broadband Working Group has developed a business plan to connect our remote First Nations to an advanced fibre to the premise network; and

WHEREAS the delay of funding by the provincial and federal governments for our working group and lack of commitment to the capital build of the long-haul network has placed our First Nations at a disadvantage when negotiating the Ring of Fire mining projects; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to move to the next phase of the project to identify a private partner to operate the network as an interim arrangement; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly request the participation from the provincial and federal governments to work with Matawa Economic Department to fund the process to develop a private partnership and pursue capital funding.





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MOVED BY: Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED: (9)

Chief Executive Officer

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