



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Marten Falls First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on July 31, 2014*

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### **RESOLUTION #25-31-07-14**

#### **NIBINAMIK AND WEBEQUIE FIRST NATION SPORT AND RECREATION APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Chiefs recognize First Nations citizens in remote communities lack recreational facilities, support to become more active, and access to coaching and recreation development training; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Chiefs acknowledge that two-year proposals were submitted to Ontario by two Matawa First Nations communities (Nibinamik First Nation and Webequie First Nation) and reflected guidelines for the local/regional stream of Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Chiefs acknowledge the two communities aimed to work together and in with the Matawa Health and Social Services Task Group to support more than 8,000 Matawa First Nations community members, and close to 1,000 community members to move beyond the effects of prescription drug abuse/misuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Chiefs acknowledge coaching and recreation development training is identified by Nibinamik First Nation and Webequie First Nation to include community action for land use, economic development, capital improvement, employment access, and holistic wellness as part of comprehensive planning for readiness to participate in meaningful ways in expected opportunities that are promised within the Ring of Fire Framework Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Chiefs acknowledge the Ontario Sport and Recreation Fund is mandated to support the delivery of high quality initiatives and emphasizes assisting those who experience barriers to participating; and invited applications from First Nation bands; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 26th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly encourage Ontario to provide full funding to Nibinamik First Nation In Motion and Webequie First Nation Fitness-U-Trails programs; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 26th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly request a detailed response that fully and clearly explains how the proposals were reviewed; and what limitations were identified in the proposals; and





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**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 26th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly encourages Ontario to consider providing additional financial assistance that reflects the two-year budget requests in each proposal, and future funding to other Matawa First Nations.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Allen Towegishig, Long Lake #58 First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**CARRIED:** Yes

*Chief Executive Officer*

