



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 #29-28-07-16

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND MICRO-GRID PLANNING PROJECT

WHEREAS energy generation and transmission projects pose many challenges, the main issue is a clear understanding of the impacts both positive and negative which can be alleviated with research and planning that is aligned with our First Nations' interests; and

WHEREAS our First Nations have not been resourced to develop studies and plans that are community driven and engage our people in a way that supports the infrastructure pillar in the Regional Framework Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy has developed and promoted their Ontario Long-Term Energy Plan with a remote First Nations Connection Plan for transmission and planning in the Greenstone Region which are inconsistent and contradict our First Nations' Regional Framework Agreement principles; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy, Ontario Energy Board and Independent Electricity System Operators must recognize and respect our First Nations as signatories to the Premier endorsed Regional Framework Agreement and the requirement of free, prior and informed consent which can only be achieved through our First Nations' decision making protocol; and

WHEREAS Ontario is committing \$8 million to develop advanced microgrid solutions in First Nations communities to support economic growth by reducing reliance on diesel fuel and enabling stable, predictable sources of power; and

WHEREAS the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly established an Energy Planning Committee that will interface directly with the Independent Electricity System Operator for energy planning.





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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in assembly direct Matawa Economic Development to develop technical capacity in our First Nations to explore energy supply opportunities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to secure the funding for a process for the Matawa Energy Planning Committee to assess the industrial, commercial and community energy load requirements; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the work of the Matawa Energy Planning Committee will enhance and support current energy initiatives for our First Nations and will not interfere or impede these projects; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the energy planning committee to request the participation and funding coordination from the Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Ministry Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and Federal departments including Indigenous Northern Affairs Canada, FedNor to support Matawa Energy Planning Committee and our First Nations on this initiative.

MOVED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED: (9)

Chief Executive Officer

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