



# CHIEFS COUNCIL

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

## RESOLUTION # 30-28-07-16

### MATAWA FIRST NATIONS POTABLE WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

**WHEREAS** the federal government has enacted the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act to ensure residents on First Nations have health and safety protections for drinking water similar to those enjoyed by other Canadians; and

**WHEREAS** a number of Matawa First Nations currently endure unacceptable potable water systems that compromise the health and safety of their community members including Neskantaga First Nation which has been on a boil water advisory since 1995; and

**WHEREAS** Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has identified four Matawa First Nations communities within the top 25 of its priority ranking framework including Marten Falls First Nation ranked #1, Neskantaga First Nation ranked #15, Nibimamik First Nation ranked #16, and Eabametoong First Nation ranked #25; and

**WHEREAS** many of the associated potable water distribution systems also are insufficient in terms of the provision of flow rates and pressures as required by the National Fire Protection Act (NFPA); and

**WHEREAS** the federal government has committed to invest \$1.8 billion beginning in 2016/17 over five years to water and wastewater infrastructure.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly demand INAC provide the required capital investment to complete the required design and construction of the water treatment plant and distribution system modifications to provide safe potable water and fire protection for all Matawa First Nations.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**CARRIED:** (9)

  
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