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**MATAWA FIRST NATIONS MANAGEMENT TO CONVENE
30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Looking Back at our Shared Journey, Celebrating Thirty Years

THUNDER BAY, ON: Matawa First Nations Management (MFNM) today announced that the 30th Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place from July 31, August 1 & 2, 2018. The AGM provides Matawa people with the opportunity to gather as Nations, to celebrate the many success that have take place over the last year and, reflect on the challenges that continue to be faced and, to develop solutions moving forward. This year, Nibinamik First Nation is hosting the meeting. Over 100 delegates across the Matawa region are expected to attend.

During the AGM, the MFNM Board of Directors will be reviewing corporate matters along with the Matawa Chiefs Council who will be providing overall strategic direction to the organization and broad governance on collective issues. Additionally, a number of issues are expected to be discussed in the areas of health, education, language revitalization, regional framework agreement and jurisdiction.

Other events will include the *Louis Waswa Memorial Award* presentations, a Nishnawbe Aski Nation candidates forum, presentations from Women, Elders and Youth of Nibinamik First Nation and other Matawa First Nations, and *Youth Council* and *Canadian Rangers* recognition presentations. An opportunity also be taken to commemorate MFNM's 30th anniversary in celebration of the milestones that have been achieved (see attached).

David Paul Achneepineskum, MFNM CEO, stated: "The 30th AGM in Nibinamik First Nation will bring together Chiefs, Elders, Women and Youth from each of Matawa's nine First Nations who are the foundation of our community-driven agenda and approach. Through this AGM, the Peoples of the Land will assist in developing constructive actions for moving forward on priority issues and in mandating the Matawa Chiefs and its tribal council organization on taking action to strengthen their unity and resolve to protect their lands and resources for their prosperity."

Matawa First Nations host AGMs every year on a rotational basis from road-access to fly-in communities.

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