



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 31st Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Constance Lake First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on August 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION #11-01-08-2019

SIGNING OF CONNECT TO INNOVATE CONTRIBUTION FUNDING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Matawa First Nation membership communities have a right to quality telecommunications electronics, equipment and capacity building for business to support crucial services such as health, education, administration and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Aroland, Eabametoong, Marten Falls, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Webequie First Nations require adequate fibre optics, electronics and equipment to better service their telecommunications needs; and

WHEREAS, existing online connectivity options for our Aroland, Eabametoong, Marten Falls, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Webequie First Nations are inadequate and overloaded, preventing proper access to federal and provincial government services and other online applications; and

WHEREAS, Matawa Chiefs Resolution #01 – 19/11/2014 provides directives for broadband development including First Nations' ownership of the network, support for capital funding and making the project a priority with both the provincial and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, Matawa First Nations Management (MFNM) has been awarded a grant of \$37.1 million through Canada's *Connect to Innovate Program* 2019-2020 fiscal year contribution agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct Matawa First Nations Management and the Board of Directors to sign the *Connect to Innovate* Funding Agreement for the Broadband Fibre Optic Project that will connect the Matawa remote First Nations.





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MOVED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
ABSTENTIONS: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
 Chief Harvey Yesno, Eabametoong First Nation

CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

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