



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 32nd Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, Ontario to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 11, 2020

RESOLUTION #02-11-09-2020

CALL FOR EXTENSION OF THE MATAWA HUB (NIBI SERVICES)

WHEREAS Matawa First Nation communities currently hold the distinction of having the most extended Long-Term Drinking Water Advisories (LTDWA) in Canada (i.e. Neskantaga First Nation in its 25th year instituted on February 1, 1995) as well as three others (i.e. Eabametoong First Nation in its 19th year initiated on August 1, 2001, Marten Falls First Nation in its 15th year instituted on July 18, 2005, and Nibinamik First Nation in its 7th year initiated on February 5, 2013); and

WHEREAS NIBI Services has proven to be an invaluable resource to Matawa member communities by providing Overall Responsible Operator (ORO) services, mitigating emergencies, and providing assistance with all aspects of water and wastewater facilities operations; and

WHEREAS Matawa member First Nations currently have several new and existing water treatment plants and sewage treatment systems and, in most circumstances, lack adequate Operations and Maintenance funding and qualified individuals certified to the level of plant classification required under Ontario drinking water regulation; and

WHEREAS the Matawa Hub (NIBI Services) funding agreement currently terminates on March 31, 2021 and without continued supports such as NIBI services communities will not be able to lift their LTWDAs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council are requesting Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provide formal confirmation of a multi-year extension of the Matawa Hub (NIBI Services) to continue to provide its essential service oversight to Matawa member First Nations in regards to the operations of their water and wastewater facilities.

MOVED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Harvey Yesno, Eabametoong First Nation

OPPOSED: None.
ABSENTIONS: None.
CARRIED: Consensus (8)





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