



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

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

### RESOLUTION #04-11-09-2020

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MATAWA WAKA TERE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

**WHEREAS** the Matawa Chiefs Council, through *Resolution #11-30-07-15: Language as a Nation Building Tool*, have prioritized the renewal and revitalization of our languages; and

**WHEREAS** the Year 1 program of the Matawa Waka Tere pilot program in Ojibway has been successfully developed and delivered and students from the pilot program will graduate in September 2020; and

**WHEREAS** the Matawa Waka Tere method of teaching our language has proven effective, despite delays in the development and implementation of its programming, and additional work supported by the Indigenous Language Revitalization Specialists from New Zealand is required to see the project goals completed; and

**WHEREAS** continued full-time involvement of the two Indigenous Language Revitalization Specialists, and a language revitalization program administrator, from New Zealand will be essential to completing development and implementation of the Matawa Waka Tere program for all Matawa languages.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council continue to identify the renewal and revitalization of our languages as a priority for our communities; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council mandate Matawa Education to continue to work with the two current Indigenous Language Revitalization Specialists from New Zealand in the development and implementation of the Matawa Waka Tere program, including accreditation; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council mandate Matawa Education to assist in facilitating the extension of the work visas of the two current Indigenous Language Revitalization Specialists from New Zealand for the remainder of the project; and





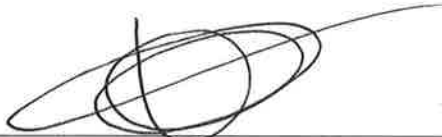
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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council mandate Matawa Education to continue to seek funding for the Matawa Waka Tere program through the Aboriginal Language Initiative (ALI) or the NIB Trust Fund (NIBTF), as well as other funding sources; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the Matawa Education Department to provide regular updates to the Matawa Chiefs Council on the Matawa Waka Tere program.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Harvey Yesno, Eabametoong First Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Judy Desmoulin, Long Lake #58 First Nation

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

  
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Chief Executive Officer

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