



## 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 #09-11-09-2020

#### MATAWA CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

**WHEREAS** Matawa member First Nations are currently serviced by three organizations that provide Child and Family Services; and

**WHEREAS** Bill C-92 at the federal level has enabled First Nations to have more control over Child and Family Services; and

**WHEREAS** there have been a number of court cases on Indigenous Child and Family Services in terms of jurisdiction and equitable services levels to provincial standards; and

**WHEREAS** First Nation communities are starting to develop policies and band representative programs; and

**WHEREAS** Matawa Awashshishewiigiihiwaywiin is growing and looking to support families to stay together and be healthy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a gathering be held with community representatives in exploring options on the creation of a Matawa Child and Family Services; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that an assessment be done on what kind of services Matawa member First Nations want to see in the area of Child and Family Services; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that a plan be developed on what kind of Child and Family Services should be developed for the Matawa First Nations; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this report would include capacity building, community education, healing, capital costs, operational costs, legal and jurisdictional issues and reestablishing Indigenous laws and customs on child and family welfare; and





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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that community representatives be appointed to Matawa Awashshishewiigiihiwaywiin Advisory Committee; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** the Matawa Child and Family Services Review will not conflict with initiatives already in progress at the community level; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that this report and progress will be presented to the Matawa First Nations Chiefs Council and the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

**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)

*Chief Executive Officer*

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