



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 33rd Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, Ontario to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 16, 2021.

RESOLUTION #17-16-09-2021

GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS OF KIIKENOMAGA KIKENJIGEWEN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES (“KKETS”)

WHEREAS the Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment and Training Services (KKETS) is an organization dedicated to prepare to educate, educate to train, train for employment and accreditation of Matawa First Nations membership and the Matawa member First Nation remain committed to providing these opportunities to our members in our communities; and

WHEREAS the Matawa member First Nations, as represented by each respective Chief at the Matawa Chiefs Council, retain ultimate control and authority over the governance of Matawa corporations including KKETS; and

WHEREAS in 2018 there was a need to restructure Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment and Training Services (KKETS) to support its on-going and future needs and, to that end, the Matawa Chiefs Council passed resolution #01-13/12/2018 (“Resolution 1”) which, among other things, put the KKETS board of directors into abeyance, directed the Matawa First Nations Management (“MFNM”) Board of Directors to assume legal and governance responsibility of KKETS, and tasked MFNM to oversee the restructuring of KKETS which will look at how other Matawa corporations would be working under the MFNM umbrella; and

WHEREAS in 2019, once certain work and reporting had been completed as required under Resolution 1, the Matawa Chiefs Council passed resolution #01-15-08-2019 (“Resolution 2”) which rescinded Resolution 1 but directed MFNM to continue working on how other Matawa corporations would be working under the MFNM umbrella in terms of structure and communications; and

WHEREAS there remains ambiguity around the intent and effect of Resolution 1 and Resolution 2, and it is in the best interests of all stakeholders to have clarity on the structure, operations, and governance of KKETS; and

WHEREAS it is advisable and cost effective for all Matawa corporations to make use of shared administration and support services; and





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WHEREAS KKETS's By-Law No.1 (the "By-Law") establishes that there is one Voting Member from each of Aroland, Constance Lake, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Neskantaga, Marten Falls, Nibinamik, and Webequie First Nation (the "KKETS First Nations") and that each Voting Member is appointed and can be removed by the Chief and Council of their respective First Nation. Voting Members elect the Board of Directors, who must also be Voting Members of KKETS; and

WHEREAS it will be necessary for the By-Law to be amended to reflect the intentions of the Matawa Chiefs in this resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that rather than remove their current KKETS Voting Members and Directors and appoint themselves as Voting Members and Directors of KKETS in accordance with the By-Law, the Matawa Chiefs wish to provide clarity and direction around KKETS governance, via this resolution, as follows:

1. KKETS finance, administration, as well as legal, accounting, and other services will be managed by MFNM;
2. The KKETS Executive Director shall report to the MFNM Chief Executive Officer;
3. The KKETS Board of Directors shall not manage the day-to-day operations, but shall be responsible for decision-making around program delivery and related policy according to the Corporation by-laws;
4. The Matawa Chiefs Council as ultimate authority over all Matawa corporations, will immediately direct that the KKETS By-laws, policies, and other documents as necessary be amended to reflect the provisions of this resolution.

MOVED BY: Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

OPPOSED: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

CARRIED: Consensus (X)



Chief Executive Officer

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