



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 #19-16-09-2021

TUITION NOMINAL ROLL FUNDING FOR MATAWA EDUCATION AND CARE CENTRE

Whereas the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) has been mandated by the Matawa Chiefs to provide secondary education and support services for Matawa students; and

Whereas the primary source of funding for the MECC education programming is student tuition, which each Matawa First Nation provides to MECC for their students; and

Whereas the transfer of student tuition to MECC has not provided a stable, reliable source of revenue for the operation of the school, and has negatively impacted the delivery of student programs and services; and

Whereas *Resolution 62* from the First Nation Youth Inquest directs Canada to “*revise current policies to provide tuition to be paid for any First Nation student who wishes to attend a First Nation school off-reserve or MLC regardless of their or their parents’ normal place of residence*”;

Whereas MECC meets the requirements to receive tuition nominal roll funding under Indigenous Service Canada’s (ISC) *Elementary and Secondary Education Program: National Program Guidelines 2019 to 2020*, this does not include additional funding for transportation, accommodation and ancillary services;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the Matawa Education Department to work with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the communities to ensure MECC receives tuition nominal roll for its students, beginning in February 2022; and

Further Be It Resolved that the Matawa Chiefs’ Spokesperson for Education and Matawa education leadership provide advocacy and support to ensure MECC receives tuition nominal roll funding for its students; and





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Finally, **Be It Resolved** that the Matawa Education Department provide regular updates to the Matawa education leadership and to the Matawa Chiefs Council.

MOVED BY: Chief Solomon Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation

OPPOSED: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

CARRIED: Consensus (X)



Chief Executive Officer

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