



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 34th Annual General Meeting in Webequie First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 26, 2022.

RESOLUTION #16-28-07-2022

MATAWA CHIEFS' COUNCIL REJECTS PROCESSES THAT ARE PROCEEDING WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF INDIGENOUS RIGHTS HOLDERS

WHEREAS, the Matawa member First Nations are the Indigenous Rights Holders in the Matawa homelands and territories, and;

WHEREAS, the Matawa Chiefs Council have been monitoring the development of processes that are now proceeding at the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Chiefs of Ontario and Assembly of First Nations without the free, prior, informed consent of our communities as the Indigenous Rights Holders, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council reject the following processes as outlined below:

1. Nishnawbe Aski Nation – Treaty Relationship Agreement with Canada discussions, as well as any other discussions that may be occurring that will impact the decision-making and authorities of the Matawa member First Nations related to our Inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, land, resources and development, and;
2. The Chiefs of Ontario and Assembly of First Nations – First Nations Economic Growth and Prosperity Table(s) that are being advanced by both of these organizations with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada, and;
3. Canada's proposed development of a National Benefit-Sharing Framework that will be conducted by Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Chief and Executive Council of Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the Regional Chief of Ontario - Chiefs of Ontario and the National Chief at the Assembly of First Nations will be advised by letter of the position taken in this resolution with respect to these processes, and;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the Regional Priorities & Jurisdiction Department to coordinate the drafting of a media statement on this issue and the position of the Matawa Chiefs Council to reject these processes at this time, and that First Nations across Ontario and Canada must be broadly informed of the significant concerns that our communities are raising.

MOVED BY: Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation





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OPPOSITION(S):

None

ABSTENTION(S):

None

CARRIED:

Consensus

Chief Executive Officer

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