



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 #21-28-07-2022

ROLL OUT OF THE MATAWA WAKA TERE LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS the Indigenous Language Revitalization Specialists from New Zealand guided the Matawa Education Department in the development of the Matawa Waka Tere project, similar to a successful program used in Aotearoa for the Maori language, and based on techniques such as relaxation, music, and total physical response (TPR) that help students grasp and retain language at a faster rate, and;

WHEREAS the Year 1 program of the Matawa Waka Tere language revitalization project in Ojibway and Oji-Cree has been developed and is ready for implementation, while the Cree program is being translated, and;

WHEREAS the Year 2 of the Matawa Waka Tere language revitalization project in Ojibway and Oji-Cree is being developed, while the Cree program will be translated from them, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Matawa Education Department, in consultation with Matawa First Nations, to develop a Matawa Wide Language Strategy, while recognizing the sacred teachings when revitalizing languages, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate Matawa Education to secure accreditation of the Matawa Waka Tere language revitalization program in order to access funds to allow the program to be sustainable indefinitely similar to post-secondary institutions, and;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to provide regular updates to the Matawa Chiefs on the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization Project.

MOVED BY: Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

OPPOSITION(S): None
ABSTENTION(S): None
CARRIED: Consensus





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