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RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs tabled at the 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Ginoogaming First Nation and carried at a Matawa Chiefs meeting at Eagle's Earth Centre in Constance Lake First Nation on September 12 – 14, 2017 to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 14, 2017

RESOLUTION #07-03-08-17

REVERSE TUITION AGREEMENTS WITH ONTARIO

WHEREAS two Matawa First Nation secondary schools, Migizi Miigwanan Secondary School and the Matawa Learning Centre, provide unique programs and services for Matawa First Nations students; and

WHEREAS tuition funding is only available to these schools for students who are identified on the community nominal roll; and

WHEREAS tuition funding is only available to the Matawa Learning Centre for students from remote, fly-in Matawa First Nations who are on their respective community nominal rolls; and

WHEREAS each school accepts Matawa First Nations students who do not reside on- reserve, and for whom no tuition funding is received, leading to significant shortfalls in revenue for the schools which impacts student programming and activities; and

WHEREAS local district school area boards and the Ontario Ministry of Education have not supported discussions to develop reverse tuition agreements for these students; and

WHEREAS *Recommendation 62* from the First Nation Youth Inquest directs Canada and Ontario to revise policies related to tuition “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,” and to “work with school boards in Northwestern Ontario to ensure that reverse tuition agreements are in place”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department, in collaboration with the Regional Advisory Committee on Education and the Chiefs’ Spokesperson for Education, to establish a process with local district school area boards and/or the Ontario Ministry of Education to develop reverse tuition agreements for students attending these secondary schools; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department, in collaboration with the Regional Advisory Committee on Education and the Chiefs’ Spokesperson for Education, to work with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to provide tuition for





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all Matawa First Nation students, including those who are resident in road-accessible communities, to attend these secondary schools; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that tuition rates for Matawa secondary school students from attending Matawa secondary schools be established that support the full cost of providing relevant, high-quality programming in these schools, and are at minimum comparable to the per-student costs associated with the provincial French-Catholic district school board, Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales, which serves students in northern Ontario.

MOVED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED (9) Yes (9) by Education and Training Omnibus Resolution #02-14-09-17 Eagle's Earth Centre, Constance Lake First Nation



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