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*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs tabled at the 29<sup>th</sup> 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*

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### RESOLUTION #21-03-08-17

#### RFA WORKING GROUP

**WHEREAS** Matawa First Nations' Chiefs signed the Regional Framework Agreement (RFA) with the Province of Ontario on March 26, 2014; and

**WHEREAS** several RFA priority areas have been identified and technical work has been done, it is clear we need more community engagement and First Nations leadership to reach substantive agreement in a number of areas; and

**WHEREAS** the Matawa First Nations' Chiefs have indicated support in principle for the establishment of Working Group to enhance the RFA process;

**THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following principles should guide the Working Group:

1. Community engagement and leadership, and continued commitment to a community driven process and support for the community representative
2. First Nations membership on the Working Group
3. Working Group shall work for all 9 Matawa First Nations
4. Chiefs Council must approve all terms of reference and negotiating positions with the province

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED** that each Matawa First Nations will appoint or delegate a community representative to the RFA Working Group. The working group will review progress to date as soon as possible, will organize meetings with communities and make recommendations and report to the Matawa Chiefs Council on next steps;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the RFA Working Group will recommend the best approaches to set priorities for discussions with Ontario on the following subjects:

1. Community Benefits Fund and other steps to improve social and economic conditions





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2. Environmental Assessment both to deal with regional issues and individual proposed projects
3. Roads and other infrastructure issues
4. Revenue sharing and financial issues

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that Matawa First Nations Regional Framework staff and Chiefs Council staff, as well as the Lead Negotiator and team shall facilitate and coordinate the work of the Working Group, with technical assistance as needed.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**CARRIED:** Yes (9)



*Chief Executive Officer*

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