



## C H I E F S C O U N C I L

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs Council passed at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Long Lake #58 to be effective from and after 9:00am Eastern Standard time on 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2013*

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### RESOLUTION #04-01-08-13

#### SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

**WHEREAS**, Matawa First Nations Chiefs signed the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewiin Unity Declaration in Webequie First Nation in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa First Nations established the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewiin (Standing Together) Regional Framework in 2013 for negotiations with Ontario; and

**WHEREAS**, Ontario has accepted the Joint Statement of the Matawa First Nations Chiefs of March 6, 2013 as the basis to proceed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa First Nations Chiefs have selected Bob Rae as their negotiator; and

**WHEREAS**, community engagement and discussions have transpired to provide the foundations for discussion with Ontario as a regional framework.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly continue to support the community driven regional negotiations process which respects local initiative and engagement with the province of Ontario; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly endorse the mandate of Bob Rae as presented on July 31, 2013; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly mandate Bob Rae and Olthius, Kleer and Townsend to conclude a settlement of the Judicial Review of the proposed Cliffs Federal Environmental Assessment approved by Chiefs and Councils, and based on:

- An Enhanced Environmental Assessment Process that is community driven
- Scientific evidence and traditional knowledge
- A body that is adjudicated with First Nation participants.





# CHIEFS COUNCIL

**MOVED BY:** Chief Peter Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Sonny Gagnon, Aroland First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**CARRIED:** Yes

*Chief Executive Officer*

