



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 27th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Aroland First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on July 30, 2015

RESOLUTION #11-30-07-15

LANGUAGE AS A NATION BUILDING TOOL

WHEREAS our languages carry the knowledge and understanding that is unique to the Matawa Peoples; and

WHEREAS the loss of our languages within the Matawa First Nations communities continues to be a critical concern; and

WHEREAS the responsibility for maintaining our languages rests in our homes and communities with parents, local institutions, Matawa citizens and leadership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly identify the renewal and revitalization of our languages as a priority for our communities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly encourage the use of discretionary funding to initiate or continue language retention and renewal initiatives in individual Matawa First Nations communities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to make it a priority to identify funding and provide support for language retention and renewal initiatives in Matawa First Nations' schools, including language immersion programs, development of curriculum and resources, and supports for parents/guardians and families; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to report on current language initiatives in Matawa First Nations at the 2016 Annual Chiefs Assembly.

MOVED BY: Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation
ABSTENTION:
CARRIED: (9)

Chief Executive Officer

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