



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 #17-30-07-15

COMMUNITY READINESS PLANNING FOR REMOTE ELECTRIFICATION FOR NESKANTAGA AND NIBINAMIK

WHEREAS the Matawa Chiefs Council passed a resolution in June 2014 for the Matawa Economic Development Department to secure funding for the Matawa First Nations to build capacity to participate in the energy sector which includes energy generation and transmission based projects; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Power Authority has developed a remote connection plan to connect the remote First Nations in northwestern Ontario to the provincial transmission grid; and

WHEREAS the Matawa First Nations were not provided with any funding to participate in the Ontario Power Authority's plan and develop their own community energy plans; and

WHEREAS in October 2014, the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs announced funding with the Remote Electrification Readiness Program that supports the development of community readiness plans for remote First Nations that are currently on diesel generators; and

WHEREAS when completed, these community readiness plans will help remote First Nations identify opportunities for job- specific training, relevant health programs, business innovation mentoring and economic development supports; and

WHEREAS the Matawa Economic Development Department has submitted an application to assist the First Nations of Neskantaga and Nibinamik complete their community readiness plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support the Matawa Economic Development Department's application to the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Remote Electrification Program.

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

Chief Executive Officer

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