

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 #20-30/07/15

MATAWA CHIEFS DIRECTIVES FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS the Matawa Economic Development Department is responsible for advisory support for the Matawa member First Nations with their respective economic development initiatives and ventures to help ensure that opportunities for community economic and business development are met; and

WHEREAS the Matawa Economic Development Department has been working directly with the member First Nations economic development staff, economic development corporations, and Matawa Economic Development Committee that was established by the Matawa Chiefs in February 2013; and

WHEREAS on August 1, 2013 at the Matawa Chiefs Assembly the Matawa Chiefs passed a resolution to appoint Matawa First Nations Management as the primary service provider for economic development and business support for their respective communities; and

WHEREAS on August 15, 2013 FedNor announced funding for the Community Futures Corporation, Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund in the amount of \$4.4 million to focus on providing economic development and business support for the Matawa First Nations with intentions to develop the Ring of Fire without the Matawa First Nations communities' approval or consent; and

WHEREAS the decision by the government to approve this project without our First Nations consent is an ineffective resource placement and has resulted in delays in our project proposals to federal and provincial agencies; and

WHEREAS The Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund project will expire in 2016;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to work with the Matawa Economic Development Committee to develop a proposal for review and approval by the Matawa Chiefs; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs do not support any government project funding for economic development or business support to any external agencies without our First Nations' written consent.

MOVED BY:	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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SECONDED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED: (9)



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