



## 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 #27-01-08-13**

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM TOURISM PLAN TO SUPPORT MEMBER FIRST NATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa members First Nations possess an abundance of human capacity, natural resources and cultural heritage. By leveraging these assets, member First Nations can develop and maintain thriving economies while preserving local culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa member First Nations Economic Development Officers have identified specific sectorial opportunities and are becoming increasingly involved in promoting tourism related initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 10 years, the Matawa First Nations Management non-profit corporation has built expertise in supporting tourism initiatives for the Native Camps Operators Alliance, a group of camp outfitters situated within the traditional territories of the Matawa member First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, some tourism activity has taken place for the Matawa member First Nations, but without clear direction and long term planning and tourism is a sustainable industry that the member First Nations would like to explore and re-integrate into their economic development portfolios.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to pursue funding for a long-term development plan for tourism and to create a tourism unit with additional human resources; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that any Matawa funding proposals do not threaten or delay any Matawa member First Nations funding for tourism and related initiatives; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** the long-term tourism plan must be developed in cooperation with the member First Nations and will engage in community consultation to enhance the effectiveness of the plan and ensure community support;

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the long-term tourism plan will be presented to the Chiefs for approval.





## CHIEFS COUNCIL

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

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

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**CARRIED:** Yes

*Chief Executive Officer*

