



CHIEFS COUNCIL

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

RESOLUTION #31-01-08-13

BRUCE MOONIAS CORONER’S INQUEST

WHEREAS, Neskantaga First Nation has been granted public interest standing in the long-delayed Coroner’s Inquest into the death in December 2006 of Bruce Moonias, a citizen and resident of Neskantaga First Nation; and

WHEREAS, Neskantaga First Nation is the only party granted public interest standing at the Inquest; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the Inquest will include the examination of the availability of and access to mental and other health services at Neskantaga First Nation for persons in crisis, and police policies and procedures for responding to First Nation citizens in crisis on reserve; and

WHEREAS, Neskantaga First Nation does not have any resources to support its meaningful participation in the Inquest as the only party granted public interest standing, and if support cannot be found the Inquest will be unable to meet a large part of its purpose and mandate; and

WHEREAS, Neskantaga First Nation has requested that the Government of Ontario through the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services allocate sufficient and dedicated funding for Neskantaga First Nation to prepare for and participate in the Coroner’s Inquest into the death of Bruce Moonias in December 2006.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 25th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly fully support the request of Neskantaga First Nation for sufficient and dedicated funding by the Government of Ontario for Neskantaga’s meaningful participation in the Coroner’s Inquest into the death in December 2006 of Bruce Moonias.

MOVED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED: Yes

Chief Executive Officer

