

# CHIEFS COUNCIL

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## **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS**

WHEREAS the Matawa member First Nations' culture and identity is deeply rooted in the land; and

WHEREAS we hold and exercise our inherent, indigenous and sovereign rights and title over our lands; and

WHEREAS sharing with each other is part of our tradition and values; and

**WHEREAS** Matawa member First Nations entered into a Framework Agreement with the Province of Ontario in March 2014; and

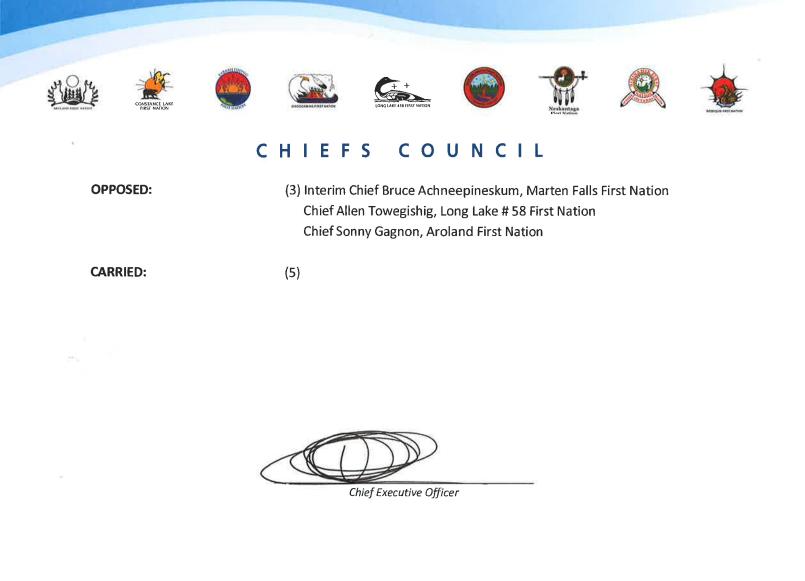
**WHEREAS** all First Nations signatories to the Framework Agreement may be impacted and have a right to share in the benefits of the resource development based on the Framework Agreement. To ensure an equitable distribution of benefits, each First Nation will each develop a model for the distribution of benefits pursuant to the impacts of development on their First Nation; and

**WHEREAS** the First Nations commonly referred to as the "remote First Nations" are closest in proximity to the proposed development and will experience the greatest impacts of major social changes and negative environmental changes due to any development based on the Framework Agreement;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** agreements negotiated pursuant to the Framework Agreement will respect and reflect the potential disproportionate impacts of developments on the remote First Nations.

MOVED BY:	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
SECONDED BY:	Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
ABSTENTIONS:	(1) Chief Elizabeth Altlookan, Eabametoong First Nation





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