



CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs Council passed at the
24th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Webequie First Nation to be effective from and after
3:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on the 2nd day of August 2012.*

RESOLUTION #09 – 08-02-12

MATAWA FIRST NATIONS BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS: there is a growing demand for reliable, secure, high speed Internet service in the Matawa schools to support the database requirements; the delivery of new programs and services; access to essential online instructional curriculum and resources; mandatory student assessment applications; and school and program reporting requirements;

AND WHEREAS: Matawa Education Department, through the First Nations Student Success Program (FNSSP), have invested into upgrading the technology to support the online demands for schools and the classroom. However, additional broadband infrastructure is required to support a private, secure and proprietary wide area networks to properly support the Matawa schools in meeting these demands;

AND WHEREAS: Matawa schools currently receive limited Internet services through the federal SchoolNet program managed by KNet Services. The current level of services under this arrangement, do not meet the demands of the existing requirements nor will it be able to meet future demands. The SchoolNet program is also scheduled to sunset in two years and new options and solutions need to be explored to support the continuity of these services to support Matawa schools;

AND WHEREAS: Matawa First Nations will not be connected through the Bell Alliant / NAN Northern Fibre Project until 2015 at the earliest;

AND WHEREAS: Matawa Education Department initiated a broadband feasibility study, which has been completed, outlining options for securing broadband connectivity for all Matawa First Nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to pursue partnership opportunities to obtain access to eLearning Ontario and other provincial online Education resources;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to develop IT policies and minimum standards for connectivity for Matawa schools, the Matawa Learning Centre, and the Matawa Education Department and to prepare a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to connect all schools and Matawa First Nation Education Authority





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offices using the Quality of Service and Service Levels required to support implementation of current and anticipated future needs of the schools;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to request participation on any initiatives by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to revise or renew the Regional Network Designation for KNet Services;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to examine the feasibility of alternate solutions in the Greenstone Area and to the Bell Alliant / NAN Northern Fibre Project for the fibre connectivity of Matawa First Nations, including the Ring of Fire development;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a full report on these options will be presented to the Chiefs.

MOVED BY: Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Harry Papah, Eabametoong First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: 0

CARRIED: Motion carried.

Chief Executive Officer

