



# CHIEFS COUNCIL

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

## RESOLUTION #32 – 08-02-12

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL NEGOTIATIONS FRAMEWORK

**WHEREAS:** The Matawa First Nation Chiefs share concerns and provide recommendations towards the Ring of Fire developments as they are occurring at an accelerated pace without First Nation’s free prior and informed consent;

**AND WHEREAS:** the First Nations have a common vision;

- “We will do whatever is necessary in order to protect our land, our water and our resources for the future generations. We agree that we must stand together in order to ensure our nation is protected.”

**AND WHEREAS:** the First Nations have a common mission:

- Protection of our land, our water and our resources
- Protection of our Rights as Peoples of the Land. We have Inherent, Aboriginal Title, Custodial and Treaty Rights
- We respect and trust the autonomy of each First Nation, respecting each other’s priorities and paths to reach our common goals
- We want to maximize opportunities for our Peoples in any developments that they consent to such as resource revenue and economic benefits
- We will achieve our goals through control and ownership of any development and activities in our territories

**AND WHEREAS:** the First Nations have common issues to resolve together:

- Resource Revenue Benefits: We recognize that First Nations who are in the immediate development area have a right to negotiate benefit agreements on resources in their territory and other area First Nations may have indirect benefits
- Economic and Employment Benefits: We recognize that all our Peoples of the nine Matawa communities can be involved in any economic and employment opportunities on any developments in our territories





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- **Impacts of Development:** We recognize that we will have similar environment and socio-economic impacts on developments happening in our territories. We respect and trust that each First Nation will have different paths to follow according to their traditions and protocols. We respect and trust that we will share our knowledge, our experience and our values with each other to build a stronger Nation.

**AND WHEREAS:** not all communities have received adequate consultation in accordance to their community protocols/policies;

**AND WHEREAS:** First Nations have not received adequate funding to be fully engaged i.e. grassroots still do not understand the mining cycle;

**AND WHEREAS:** First Nations are seeking a regional approach to support each other politically, economically, environmentally and technically;

**AND WHEREAS:** First Nations are seeking a regional approach to support individual community specific needs and visions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the governments and industry recognize the need and value for a regional approach to provide the certainty for a successful project;

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED:** the Matawa Chiefs support the Ring of Fire presentation recommending a strategy for grassroots involvement and input into an overall regional approach to a negotiations framework.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:** Chief Harry Papah, Eabametoong First Nation

**CARRIED:** Motion carried.

Chief Executive Officer

