



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 30th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Nibinamik First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on August 2, 2018

RESOLUTION #07-02-08-18

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA AND DEGREE PROGRAMS IN MATAWA INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

WHEREAS Matawa Chiefs' Resolution #11-30-07-15 – *Language as a Nation Building Tool* supports new or continuing language retention and renewal initiatives in individual Matawa First Nations communities, and;

WHEREAS Matawa Education is currently implementing a community-based language renewal and revitalization initiative in the three Matawa Indigenous Languages (Cree, Oji-Cree and Ojibway) based on the successful Maori model of *Ako Whaka Tere*, and;

WHEREAS this initiative includes the training of community-based language teachers and the formal accreditation, in partnership with Six Nations Polytechnic Institute, for 1-year certificate, 2-year diploma and 3-year degree programs in Cree, Oji-Cree and Ojibway, and;

WHEREAS it is anticipated that these accredited programs will be taught by Matawa teachers and will provide a revenue stream once the initial pilot program has been completed, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly approve and endorse the formal accreditation, in partnership with Six Nations Polytechnic Institute, for 1-year certificate, 2-year diploma and 3-year degree programs in Cree, Oji-Cree and Ojibway, and;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Education Department provide ongoing quarterly reports to the Matawa First Nations on the implementation of this initiative, and;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to provide annual reports to the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly on the status of this language retention and renewal initiative.

MOVED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
ABSTENTIONS: None
CARRIED: Yes (9)

Chief Executive Officer

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