



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

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

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### RESOLUTION #13-02-08-18

#### MINERAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION & SUPPORT OFFICER CONTINUATION

**WHEREAS** the Ontario government has fully implemented the third phase of their Modernizing the Mining Act process, including the complete shift to the online registration of mining claims, and;

**WHEREAS** the Matawa member First Nations have experienced difficulty maneuvering the newly implemented online Mining Land Administration System (MLAS) and require further training and capacity building around online mineral claims staking, and;

**WHEREAS** the Matawa member First Nations continue to experience challenges in responding to the multitude of exploration plans and permit applications within their traditional homelands, and continue to express concerns regarding the potential impacts of mineral exploration activities on their Treaty and Aboriginal Rights, and;

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) has funded the Mineral Development Information and Support Officer (MDISO) position at Matawa First Nations Management since 2014 to provide education, support and information sharing regarding mineral development and plans and permit applications to Community Communication Liaison Officers, Community lands and resource staff, First Nation Chief and Councils and other community members and personnel, and;

**WHEREAS** this position has provided technical expertise and understanding of the mining sequence, mineral development, plans and permitting, and the new Mining Act regulations, as well as experience with information flow, communications processes and community processes, so;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Matawa member First Nations support continuing the position of a Mineral Development Information and Support Officer (MDISO) at Matawa First Nations Management, and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mineral Development and Support Information Officer Position proposal include additional funding for additional capacity building and supports at the First Nation level to support the development of community capacity around the new Mining Land Administration System, and;





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**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that funding applications by Matawa First Nations Management for any mining education and training initiatives are intended to support and advance community initiatives and will not supersede any community application to the same funding authority.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>CARRIED:</b>	Yes (9)

Chief Executive Officer

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