



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs deferred at the 30th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Nibinamik First Nation and tabled at a Matawa Chiefs meeting in Thunder Bay on September 27 and 28, 2018

RESOLUTION #17-02-08-18 ¹

DIRECTION FOR RENEWED REGIONAL PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MATAWA FIRST NATIONS TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

WHEREAS the nine (9) Matawa First Nations have worked cooperatively to prepare for development in the North and to secure long-term benefits and opportunities for the communities and individual members of our First Nations, and;

WHEREAS it is the position of the Matawa Chiefs Council that decision-making related to treaty, lands, resources, resource development, jurisdiction and resource revenue sharing remain with the Matawa First Nations leadership and communities, and;

WHEREAS the Matawa Chiefs Council recognize and acknowledge the importance of the continued Matawa Chiefs Council dialogue and the technical, legal and financial resources required to support the initiatives related to community, economic and resource development that will benefit Matawa First Nations;

WHEREAS Matawa community representatives have been appointed to the Matawa Regional Framework Agreement Working Group (RFGW) and the Matawa Jurisdiction Table Working Group (MJWG) in order to support the Matawa Chiefs Council with their knowledge and experience, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council insist that Ontario continue to work within a regional process that must recognize and incorporate the work, achievements and progress to date on the Matawa Regional Framework Agreement and Matawa Jurisdiction Table, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that a regional process in collaboration with Ontario must include the Matawa Chiefs Council dialogue process and the continued participation of community member representatives in the information gathering, planning, and communications as per the Regional Framework Agreement RFGW and Matawa Jurisdiction Table MJWG processes, and;

¹ Chiefs present: Chief Wayne Moonias – Neskantaga, Chief Johnny Yellowhead – Nibinamik, Chief Celia Echum – Ginoogaming, Chief Dorothy Towedo – Aroland, Chief Elizabeth Atlookan – Eabametoong, Chief Veronica Waboose – Long Lake #58, Proxy Lawrence Baxter – Marten Falls First Nations





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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that discussions related to development in the traditional territories of the Matawa First Nations will require the fair and informed participation of the Matawa Chiefs Council that includes fully supported workplans and supporting initiatives.

MOVED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
ABSTENTIONS: N/A - tabled
CARRIED: N/A - tabled

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