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2017/2018 Chiefs Council Report

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Matawa Chiefs Council

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. Therefore, we assert our Aboriginal and Treaty rights to the land, water and resources by requiring written consent before any development activity may proceed. Failure to consult, accommodate and receive the consent of the First Nation(s) to proceed with any work or activity is an unjustified infringement upon our Aboriginal, Treaty and Custodial rights as First Nations.

MISSION

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

CURRENT MATAWA CHIEFS COUNCIL

The Matawa Chiefs Council is comprised of nine (9) First Nations Chiefs of the Matawa First Nations. The Council provides overall strategic direction to the organization and broad governance on collective issues.



Chief Dorothy Towedo
Aroland First Nation



Chief Celia Echum
Ginoogaming First Nation



Chief Wayne Moonias
Neskantaga First Nation



Chief Rick Allen
Constance Lake First Nation



Chief Veronica Waboose
Long Lake #58 First Nation



Chief Johnny Yellowhead
Nibinamik First Nation



Chief Elizabeth Atlookan
Eabametoong First Nation



Chief Bruce Achneepineskum
Marten Falls First Nation



Chief Cornelius Wabasse
Webequie First Nation



Chiefs Council Office

STAFF:

Paul Capon, Political Advisor
Dorothy Okeese, Chiefs Council Secretary
Frances Wesley, Matawa Health Cooperative (MHC) Planner
Carmen Blais, MHC Primary Care Business Plan Writer
Crystal Davis, MHC Nursing Advisor

OVERVIEW:

The Matawa First Nations Chiefs Council consists of the nine (9) First Nations Chiefs who represent the Matawa First Nations communities and provide overall direction to the organization and broad decision making on collective issues. The mandate of the Chiefs Council office is:

- To provide logistical, technical, policy and political advice to First Nations Chiefs both collectively and individually
- To support managers within Matawa First Nations Management
- To liaise with external organizations to support Matawa First Nation members

MATAWA JURISDICTION WORKING GROUP:

Working with Regional Framework Department and Chiefs Council staff, the purpose of this Committee is to provide technical support to the Matawa Chiefs Council in the areas of jurisdiction. The objectives are to:

- Analyze, review and recommend collective advice on jurisdiction issues. This includes securing a Statement of Commitment (SoC) with Ontario that will focus on land management, roads and permits

- Promote information sharing, best-practices, community engagement and communications to Matawa First Nations Leadership
- Promote Indigenous knowledge, history and language among Matawa First Nations leadership

Members of the Matawa Jurisdiction Working Group are:

- Lawrence Baxter
- Peter Moonias
- Joe Baxter
- Gordon Wabasse
- Wallace McKay
- Harvey Yesno
- Marlow Wesley
- Charles Baxter

REGIONAL FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP (RFWG):

Working with Regional Framework Department, Chiefs Council, Four Rivers and Economic Development staff, the purpose of this RFWG is to provide technical support to the Matawa Chiefs Council and Ontario in the four pillar areas of the regional framework: Environmental Assessment, Infrastructure, Socio-Economic Benefits and Resource Revenue Sharing.

The objectives are to develop options and plans for decision making on the four pillared areas. This will include all the Provincial Ministries and Federal Departments involved in and affected by mineral activities. Various sub-group for each pillar may arise. They will support the negotiations process as per the Regional Framework.

Members of the RFWG are:

- Chris Moonias
- Cindy Wesley
- Joe Baxter/Sonny Gagnon

- Gordon Wabasse
- Tom Moonias
- Terry Waboose
- Ervin Waboose
- Charlene Neegan
- Roger Oskineegish

MATAWA HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE (MHC):

Working with Matawa Chiefs Council and other Health Staff, the MHC is a legal entity which will support improved health access in each Matawa First Nation in a cultural and community appropriate manner. The MHC will:

- Assist communities in their community health plans
- Implement and deliver an Indigenous Interprofessional Primary Health Team (i.e.: physicians, nurses, health staff) support to each First Nation;
- Provide additional mental health and crisis services to First Nations through the Primary Health Teams
- Transfer federal nursing services to First Nations for a more integrated approach to health care delivery at the community level
- Work with Northern Ontario School of Medicine to secure additional Residents and full-time physicians to the Matawa First Nations

Members of the MHC (pictured at top right) are:

- Robert Baxter (President)
- Annabelle Mendowegan (Vice President)
- Sherri Taylor (Treasurer)
- Jeffery Jacob
- Lydia Couture
- Other members pending BCR appointment



CHIEFS COUNCIL OFFICE KEY PRIORITY AREAS:

Jurisdiction

- Securing a Statement of Commitment from Ontario to work with our First Nations, starting with the following areas as it pertains to jurisdiction in three initial areas:
 - Permits
 - Roads
 - Land Management
- After community engagements in each First Nation and Committee revisions in the fall of 2017, a revised Statement of Commitments was submitted to Ontario in January 2018. However, owing to the election in June 2018, further work on the Statement of Commitment was delayed.

Regional Framework Activities

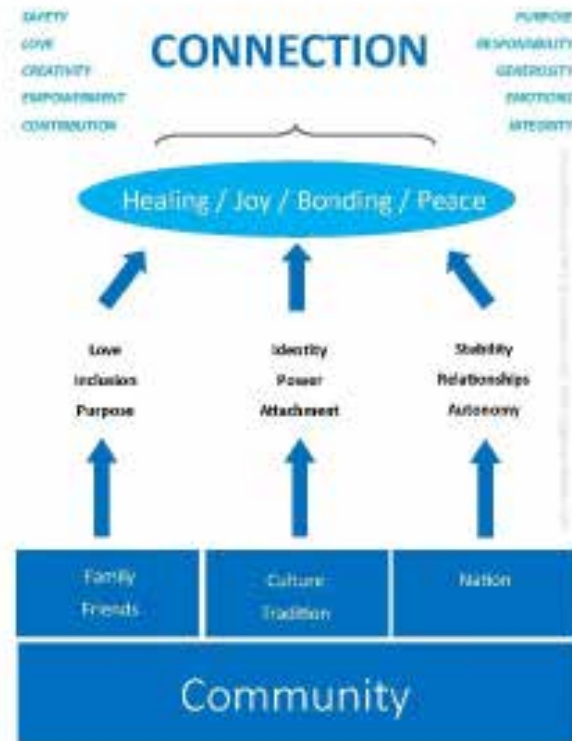
- The Regional Framework was restructured with Ontario and proposed joint working groups based on the four pillars:
 - Infrastructure
 - Environment
 - Community Wellbeing
 - Resource Revenue Sharing
- Support staff within the Regional Framework Agreement (RFA) Secretariat

Economic Development

- Promoting self-sufficiency, equity ownership and economic development opportunities for First Nations

Promote Social-Health Needs of Communities

- Support the newly established the Matawa Health Co-operative to develop community health programs and services directed by the First Nations.
- Support Matawa specific funding allocations within new funding announcements by Ontario and Canada.
- Lobby Ministers of Canada and Ontario for immediate community-based programs and health transformation
- Support proposal to Canada and Ontario to better serve Matawa First Nations members in health and social services (i.e.: Environmental Health, Long Term Care, etc.)
- Work with First Nations and Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to initiative activities under the health transformation initiative



Promote Education and Training of First Nation Members

- Support Matawa Education Department and the Matawa Learning Centre to establish a student accommodations centre in Thunder Bay
- Support Matawa Education Staff as an active participant in the Coroner's Inquest into Student Deaths in Thunder Bay including supporting the MLC's application for a Safe Sobering Site
- Work with KKETS staff to promote community training supports in the areas of adult education, apprenticeships, worker associations and need for worker retention with employers.

Promote Safe Communities

- Working with the Crime Prevention Committee in Thunder Bay
- Establish an Indigenous Peoples Court in Thunder Bay and the links to our communities and support services
- Work with Thunder Bay and Area Victims Services to establish urban support for human trafficking and anti-violence

Roots of Addiction and Connection Credit: FNHA Indigenous Wellness Team

Support Infrastructure to First Nations

- Support for First Nations Broadband Working Group and Matawa Broadband proposal
- Support community-based planning, engagement and capacity building on energy initiatives in the areas of transmission, distribution and generation (i.e. solar)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Health

- Establishment of the Remote First Nations Physician Residency Program with Eabametoong, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care--the first such program in Canada.
- A unique partnership was also created with Eabametoong First Nation, Matawa First Nations and the Northern School of Medicine at Lakehead University. This was to train physicians during their residency in Remote First Nation (two years) and then have them work in communities afterwards as part of the return of service. First Nation members approve the residents to be trained in their communities. Chief Elizabeth Atlookan has taken an active role in this initiative through the signing of a protocol, along with Matawa Chief Executive Officer David Paul Achneepineskum and Roger Stusser, NOSM CEO, and supporting local Indigenous curriculum development.
- The Chiefs also met with Ovide Mercredi who is heading up the Nishnawbe-Aski Health Transformation Initiative in December 2017, to outline how they would like to see the health system transformed for their community members.
- Successful approval of Matawa Health Co-operative applications for:
 1. Indigenous Interprofessional Primary Care Initiative
 2. Mental Health Wellness Initiative
 3. Preparatory Initiative for Nurse Transfer to First Nations
 4. Creation of Mustimuhw Electronic Medical Records for community health records

- In July 2018, the Matawa First Nations Chiefs met with Frances Wesley, Matawa Health Co-op Planner and Carmen Blais, Business Plan Developer, to go over the business plan for the Co-op and its Indigenous Inter-Professional Primary Care Team and Mental Wellness Team. They also met with Crystal Davey to learn about the nursing transfer process which will also work through the Co-op



Infrastructure

- Successful federal and provincial application to fund high speed broadband for Matawa First Nation communities
- Support to communities in the area of community wellness, financial preparedness and housing construction

Regional Framework

- Establishment of joint workplan and multi-ministerial process for technical discussions and options for decision making

Jurisdiction

- Establishment of baseline Statement of Commitments to Ontario of First Nations expectations on jurisdictional priorities based on community feedback

Economic Development

- Support for Tourism Strategy
- Support for development work on energy storage and regional energy body
- Establishment of Rapid Lynx, a firm to build and operate broadband to Matawa First Nations
- The Matawa Chiefs in 2017 lobbied both Federal and Provincial representatives to support the work of Rapid Lynx and were successful in securing over 68 million dollars for RapidLynx to proceed.
- This was done in concert with the Broadband Working group, who subsequently become the Rapid Lynx Board of Directors include:
 - o Mark Bell, Aroland First Nation
 - o Lewis Nate, Eabametoong First Nation
 - o Delia Okeese, Marten Falls First Nation
 - o Edward Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
 - o Byron Waboose, Nibinamik First Nation
 - o James Suganaqueb, Webequie First Nation
- Chiefs Dorothy Towedo (Aroland), Elizabeth Atlookan Eabametoong) and Bruce Achneepineskum (Marten Falls First Nation) collectively worked to secure an interim forestry licenses in the Ogoki Forest, which has resulted in partnerships, revenue being created and jobs being created in the old Nakina Sawmill. They are working with the Agoki Development Corporation, which consists of members: Mark Bell (Aroland), Delia Okeese (Marten Falls) and Bill Spade (Eabametoong)

Education

- Engagement with all levels of government to support the educational needs of Matawa First Nations students
- Partnerships with the City of Thunder Bay to help create Matawa Student Accommodation Centre and a Youth Safe Sobering Site



- Securing of mental health services for students at the Matawa Learning Centre
- The Matawa Chiefs have taken an active role in supporting the educational needs of the Matawa First Nations members over the last year
- Following the inspection and recommendations of Aroland Chief Dorothy Towedo and Neskantaga Chief Wayne Moonias, the Matawa First Nations Chiefs supported the further development of the Matawa Learning Centre at the former Grandview Lodge site in Thunder Bay
- On December 13, 2017, the Matawa First Nations Chiefs met with the Matawa Regional Education Committee (now the Matawa First Nations Education Authority*), Matawa Education staff, and designers to go over the capital and operating plans for the Matawa Learning Centre. This discussion was centred on making the lives of students better through wrap around supports and creating a holistic education environment. Congratulatory remarks and support to the Matawa Educational Vision by Chief Peter Collins, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Chief Alvin Fiddler and former Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day
- Additional discussions and involvement of the Chiefs occurred for those who were able to attend the Matawa Education Conference in March 2018 and at graduations for students in Matawa related programs. Regular updates on new changes to Federal Educational Initiatives were also discussed at the Matawa First Nations Chiefs meetings
- The Chiefs have also supported Matawa Education Staff as an active participant in the Coroner's Inquest into Student Deaths in Thunder Bay including supporting the Matawa Learning Centre's application for a Safe Sobering Site

- Finally, the Chiefs have worked with KKETS staff to promote community training supports in the areas of adult education, apprenticeships, worker associations and need for worker retention
- Chief Johnny Yellowhead is the Matawa Chiefs spokesperson on Education.
- Members of the Matawa First Nations Education Authority:
 - Tony Sakanee, Neskantaga - President
 - Ennis Jacob, Webequie - Vice President
 - Mary Oskineegish, Nibinamik -Treasurer
 - Sandra Moonias, Marten Falls - Secretary
 - Nancy Waswa, Eabametoong - Director
 - Kristen Bouchard, Aroland - Director
 - Sherri Taylor, Ginoogaming – Director

CHALLENGES:

Consistent Funding

- There is a need for enough funding to arrive at the right time so communities and Matawa can start initiatives early in the fiscal year
- Funding needs to be long term, not project based or initiatives will falter and staff will be lost

Communications

- Many issues being asked of communities by government are quite complex – translation and interpretation of material and ideas are required
- Capacity building and understanding of project management of these issues is major asset required
- On-going communications to community members of what is happening or not in negotiations and how much information should be confidential
- Communications within and between communities at all stages of initiatives

Multiple Ministries and Departments

- Co-ordinating between the different Ministries and Departments to achieve a whole of government (or one-window) approach is difficult but necessary.

Time Pressures

- Governments want communities to make fast decisions however, communities need time, capacity building and resources to assess their traditional territory, service needs, and future plans.
- Elections at the First Nations and Ontario level can create timing challenges.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Greater First Nation jurisdiction of First Nation traditional territories
- Bringing in the federal government into negotiations
- Increased health and social supports to First Nation members
- Increased housing to First Nations
- Increased financial capacity building for First Nations
- Increased infrastructure and communications to First Nations
- Creation of economic structures to support First Nations owned and operated by communities that build collective momentum and First Nation accomplishments

OVERVIEW OF MATAWA CHIEFS COUNCIL MEETINGS:

This past year, the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly passed 42 Resolutions. In comparison, they passed 55 last year. In addition to the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Ginoogaming First Nation, they held 5+ meetings throughout the year (they held 7+ last year). In addition to the 2017 AGM, 2 of their meetings were held in Matawa communities (Eagle's Earth – Constance Lake and Marten Falls First Nation). They passed resolutions in the following areas:

Education - 9 resolutions were passed as follows:

- Support for Partnership Between the Matawa Learning Centre and St. Joseph's Care Group
- Report on the Implementation of Inquest Recommendations
- Support for Creation of Matawa Student Education Centre
- Long-Term, Stable, Reliable and Predictable Funding for Matawa Students
- Matawa Education Department Incorporation and Transition Plan
- Reverse Tuition Agreements with Ontario
- Matawa Student Safety Plan
- Information Gathering on Matawa Students
- Expression of Interest for Matawa Safe Sobering Site/Youth Detox as Per Inquest recommendation 114

Employment and Training - 4 resolutions were passed as follows:

- Support for KKETS to Move Forward to Establish Community Based Programs for Members
- Support for Skills Advance Ontario (SAO) KKETS Pilot
- Reaffirmation of Support for Aboriginal Skills Advancement Program (ASAP) Renewal
- Support for KKETS to Obtain Training Delivery Agent to Increase Capacity for Apprenticeship Opportunities



Health and Social - 10 resolutions were passed as follows:

- Support for Matawa Health Co-Operative in Planning with Charter of Relationship Principles
- Eagle's Earth Addictions Treatment & Mental Wellness Centre – Healing Together in a Culturally-Enriched/Built Environment
- Support for Health Human Resources
- Support for Matawa Health Co-Operative in Partnerships Development
- Matawa First Nations Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse Programs Final Report – June 30, 2017 Recommendations
- Suicide Survivor Program
- Support for Matawa Nursing Lead Study on Community Nursing Information
- Support for Matawa Environmental Health Officer
- Mamow Ahamowen Data Collection on Mortality and Chronic Diseases
- Community Electronic Medical Records (cEMR) – Mustimuhw Information Solutions

Housing and Infrastructure - 5 resolutions were passed as follows:

- Support for Matawa Urban Supportive Housing Initiatives
- Modular Housing Manufacturing Project

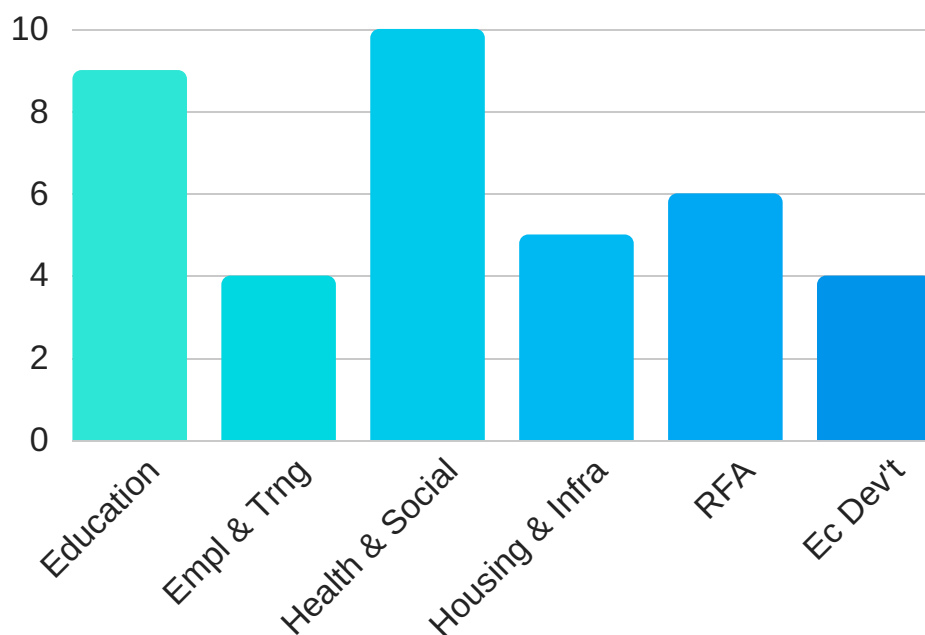
- Matawa Strategy for Lodging in the Greenstone area for economic initiatives
- Solid Waste Project and Coordination
- Increased Broadband Services in Aroland, Ginoogaming and Long Lake #58 First Nation

Regional Framework Agreement - 6 resolutions were passed as follows:

- RFA Working Group
- Unity Declaration Strategic Direction
- Regional Framework Joint Working Group's Resolution
- Matawa Jurisdiction Working Group Response to Ontario
- Joint Regional Framework Working Group 6-month Workplan and Budget Amendment
- Collaboration with Watershed Partners

Economic Development - 4 resolutions were passed as follows:

- Matawa First Nations Capital Investment Research and Planning
- Matawa First Nations Financial Literacy Training Project
- Direction to explore a Matawa Power Authority
- Exploring a Pumped Storage Renewable Energy Hydro Project





29th Annual General Meeting

August 1 - 3, 2017 - Ginoogaming First Nation

1	Acceptance of 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly Agenda	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation
01-01-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly accept the agenda as presented.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> N/A</p>			

2	Acceptance of the 2016/2017 Chiefs Council Report	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
02-01-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly accept in-principle the 2016/2017 Chiefs Council Report as presented for the 29th Matawa Chiefs Annual General Assembly.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> N/A</p>			

3	Support for Partnership Between the Matawa Learning Centre and St. Joseph's Care Group	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
03-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support this partnership with St. Joseph's Care Group and the proposal to secure funding for these critical supports and services.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>The proposal was approved for \$989,000 through Jordan's Principle Choose Life. Due to the increase of staff and the delay in the flow of funding it was difficult to begin the partnership during the first semester. The partnership with St. Joe's was underway in the second semester and will continue in the fall of 2018.</p>			

4	Report on the Implementation of Inquest Recommendations	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
04-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct MFNM and MLC to continue to work with identified First Nation organizations and governments to implement the recommendations, conditional upon the availability of human and financial resources;</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct MFNM and MLC to continue to provide updates on the implementation of the Jury Recommendations to the Matawa First Nations leadership.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Ongoing updates have been provided to the Matawa Chiefs as well as the Matawa First Nation Education Authority. Community presentations have also been conducted. While the Matawa Education department has been aggressive in pursuing funding for positions to implement community-based recommendations, the Federal and Provincial governments have yet to provide the necessary funding. The annual report to the coroner has been submitted June 2018.</p>			

5	Support for Creation of Matawa Student Education Centre	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
05-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly approve the feasibility study and related business and operational plans which have been developed for the centre, and support the creation of a Matawa First Nation student education and care centre; and</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Education Department continue to work with the City of Thunder Bay and the governments of Canada and Ontario to secure adequate funding for the construction, operations and programming associated with the education and care centre.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Officially, the City of Thunder Bay granted Matawa First Nations Management the former Grandview site on Lillie St, in January 2018. Phase One of the renovations began in February 2018 and completed in April 2018. Business Plan/Feasibility study was completed in May 2018. Phase Two will be completed by August 2018 this will allow for the MLC to be operational for the 2018/19 school year.</p>		

6	Long-Term, Stable, Reliable and Predictable Funding for Matawa Students	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
06-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department, in collaboration with the Regional Advisory Committee on Education and the Chiefs' Spokesperson for Education, to work with the Ontario Ministry of Education and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to develop a student-centred funding model and policy which will allow funding for Matawa secondary students to support their attendance at the school of their choice, regardless of their place of residence, up to and including the age of 21, and which will follow students who move between schools during the school year ; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to access resources from the Ontario Ministry of Education and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to develop a workplan and related timeline to carry out this work; and</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to provide updates to the Chiefs and to the Regional Advisory Committee on Education on a regular basis, and a report to the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly at the 2018 AGM.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>In collaboration with the Matawa First Nations Education Authority, and the Matawa Chiefs Spokesperson on Education we met regularly with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and Ministry of Education to develop a student-centred funding model and policy. The federal and provincial governments continue to state this is their primary goal but have not approved a formalized process for this to happen. This work will continue into the next school year. Regular updates have been provided by the Matawa Education Department to the Matawa First Nations Education Authority and Chief's Council.</p>		

7	Reverse Tuition Agreements with Ontario	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
07-28-07-16			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department, in collaboration with the Regional Advisory Committee on Education and the Chiefs' Spokesperson for Education, to establish a process with local district school area boards and/or the Ontario Ministry of Education to develop reverse tuition agreements for students attending these secondary schools; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department, in collaboration with the Regional Advisory Committee on Education and the Chiefs' Spokesperson for Education, to work with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to provide tuition for all Matawa First Nation students, including those who are resident in road-accessible communities, to attend these secondary schools; and</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that tuition rates for Matawa secondary school students from attending Matawa secondary schools be established that support the full cost of providing relevant, high-quality programming in these schools, and are at minimum comparable to the per-student costs associated with the provincial French-Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boréales which serves students in northern Ontario.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Tuition rates have been provided and enrolment restrictions lifted for Matawa students who reside in road-accessible communities as well as Thunder Bay since September 2017. Work continues in establishing tuition rates to match or exceed that of the French-Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boreales.</p>			

8	Support for KKETS to Move Forward to Establish Community Based Programs for Members	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
08-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support KKETS in moving forward to establish community-based programs to be implemented in each Matawa First Nations communities to prepare members for the full ASAP program.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>The Adult Learning Literacy and Essential Skills Program (ALLESPP) is one of the newest programs at KKETS. The key objective of ALLESPP is to improve the awareness of adult learning, Literacy and Essential Skills amongst the nine Matawa communities.</p> <p>The 16-week program is in development and is expected to roll out in early 2019. The program will focus on basic literacy, numeracy, life skills and cultural awareness. Programing will be delivered using the latest technology. The program will target those with an education background of less than grade nine. Expectations of the participants are move towards furthering their education, employment and personal growth.</p>			

9	Support for Skills Advance Ontario (SAO) KKETS Pilot	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
09-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly strongly endorse the proposal to fund the SkillsAdvance Ontario – Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment and Training Services Pilot (SAO-KKETS Pilot); and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly fully commit to supporting the successful implementation and delivery of the SAO-KKETS Pilot.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Effective March 2018, KKETS has been developing the SKillsAdvance Ontario workplan for a 18-month pilot program to serve the members of the Matawa First Nations who are over the age of 18 years, unemployed or underemployed, and looking to gain employability and essential skills and work experience in the construction sector. Matching participants with employer partners and provides support to both the participants and employers. SAO-KKETS Joint Planning Council will provide overall guidance and direction to the program.</p>			

10	Reaffirmation of Support for Aboriginal Skills Advancement Program (ASAP) Renewal	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
10-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs reaffirm their support for Aboriginal Skills and Advancement Program to be extended beyond March 31, 2018 from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>On April 30, 2018, Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment and Training Services entered into a 1-year and 2-month renewal agreement with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) to provide 100 Matawa First Nation members/adult learners the opportunity to acquire an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, life skills and employment readiness. The agreement end date is June 30, 2019 to accommodate student completions in the program. In this fiscal year 2018-2019, discussions on program review and program renewal are forthcoming with MAESD.</p>			

11	Support for KKETS to Obtain Training Delivery Agent to Increase Capacity for Apprenticeship Opportunities	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
11-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Matawa First Nation Chiefs in Assembly is in support of KKETS in the applications for Training Delivery Agent (TDA) to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development in various skilled trades.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>On April 19 2018, KKETS has been approved by MAESD for Training Delivery Agent status to deliver the Native Residential Constructions Workers Program in each of the 9 Matawa First Nations as well as in Thunder Bay.</p>			

12	Support for Matawa Health Co-Operative in Planning with Charter of Relationship Principles	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
12-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Canada, Ontario, and Nishnawbe-Aski Nation support Matawa First Nations and the Matawa Health Co-operative to participate in the developmental planning of this Health Transformation; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canada, Ontario and NAN support funding to individual Matawa First Nations and the Matawa Health Co-operative on planning, implementation and piloting health options which support individual and community wellbeing, along with capital, human resource training, capacity building, medical records, technology and cultural assessments and supports; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canada, Ontario and NAN support direct funding models to First Nations and the Matawa Health Co-operative for various social services and programs under NAN.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Both Matawa First Nations Chiefs and Matawa Health Cooperative Board have met with the NAN Health Transformation Team a number of times. Matawa has received some funding for communication/engagement later in the 2017/2018 fiscal year and has sought additional funding. Matawa is also a member of the Joint Action Team Table which was overseen by NAN.</p>			

13	Eagle's Earth Addictions Treatment & Mental Wellness Centre – Healing Together in a Culturally-Enriched Built-Environment	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
13-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support the Eagle's Earth Addictions Treatment & Mental Wellness Centre – Healing Together in a Culturally-Enriched Built-Environment application; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that other services will be made available for individuals and families attending this centre on their healing journey.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Proposal was submitted by Constance Lake First Nation. Unfortunately, it has not been funded to-date.</p>		

14	Support for Matawa Urban Supportive Housing Initiatives	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
14-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support the funding for urban support workers to assist those community members and their families achieve a better quality of life while on renal dialysis and/or addressing other medical illnesses; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations seek resources for transitional housing in Thunder Bay for those seeking medical treatment after their initial stay under Non-Insured Health Benefits; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support securing more funding for other housing initiatives in Thunder Bay for members who require relocation; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a priority be given to Matawa members seeking medical support in Matawa Not-For-Profit Housing, and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that direct funding be made available to Matawa Not-For-Profit Housing under the new Indigenous Housing Strategy from the Ministry of Housing.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Applications have gone forward for single housing units to the local District Social Services Administration Board. Eight units have been approved for Matawa Non-Profit Housing. Recent funding announcements were made for affordable housing, homelessness and off-reserve housing through the National Housing Strategy. Applications to these funding opportunities will be made.</p>		

15	Support for Health Human Resources	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
15-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Ministry of Children and Youth, Health Canada, Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities support a Matawa Health Human Resources fund; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that innovative funding models be developed between Matawa Education, KKETS and Matawa Health Co-op to support community members in their education and training in the areas of health, medical and social services.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Health and social staff continue as advocates for training resources, coordinate and/or deliver basic awareness and information on topics related to health and social and provide technical support & advisory for individual First Nations Training proposals.</p>		

16	Matawa Education Department Incorporation and Transition Plan	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
16-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly approve the establishment of the Matawa First Nations Education Authority; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to conduct a review of the human resource, operational and administrative needs of the new Matawa First Nations Education Authority; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department, in collaboration with Matawa Regional Advisory Committee on Education, to complete the work required for incorporation; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to develop a transition plan that will guide its transition to become a separate organization; and</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to bring the transition plan and incorporation documents back to the Matawa Chiefs for approval at the next Annual General Meeting.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>The Matawa First Nations Education Authority became incorporated in August 2017. Governing bylaws have been developed for Matawa Chiefs approval at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.</p>			

17	Support for Matawa Health Co-Operative in Partnerships Development	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation
17-03-08-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support these partnerships with the Matawa Health Co-operative and other providers which can support these severe mental health issues faced by our First Nations; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED partnerships development be initiated with Anishnawbe-Mushkiki, St. Josephs Care Group, Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre, Northern Ontario Medical School, Lakehead University, Confederation College, etc., which support capacity building, human resources, technology, medical records, training, mentoring, capital requirement for a mobile health clinic for better health care, and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that these partnerships work in co-operation with land-based healing models established by each First Nation.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>In 2017, Matawa First Nations, Eabametoong First Nation and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine signed a partnership agreement for the training of physicians in the Remote First Nation Residency Program. Other partnerships are being developed in the Matawa Health Cooperative Indigenous Interprofessional Primary Care Business Plan.</p>			

18	Modular Housing Manufacturing Project	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming Nation	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation	<u>Abstentions:</u> Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
18-28-07-16				
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct Matawa Economic Development to work with experienced architects, technicians and construction teams to develop a plan to design and build structures adaptable to different sizes based on our First Nations' needs from temporary shelters, to elegant homes of any size, through industrial complexes, medical and food grade facilities and greenhouses.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Currently, there is a possible limited partnership or joint venture in progress proposing to set up a housing manufacturing company in Thunder Bay that will include a training component on creating and installing the modular housing units. A modular house has been donated and it will be installed in one of the remote communities.</p>				

19	Enhanced Broadband Services in Aroland, Ginoogaming and Long Lake #58 First Nations	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation	Abstentions: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
19-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct Matawa Economic Development to work with Rapid Lynx Telecommunications to complete an assessment of the services in Aroland, Ginoogaming and Long Lake #58 and explore options to provide enhanced services.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Rapid Lynx Telecommunications has recently been incorporated and is working with business planners/consultants to implement the project. Expansion of this initiative to include additional communities and/or additional services will be pursued on a developmental basis. Additional applications work is being pursued on the tele-health and electronic community health records for all nine First Nations.</p>			

20	Matawa Strategy for Lodging in the Greenstone Area for Economic Initiatives	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
20-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to work with KKETS to develop a strategy to ensure that many of our First Nations peoples can take advantage of the jobs in the Greenstone area.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Agoke Development Corporation owned by Aroland, Eabametoong and Marten Falls First Nations, through its work in the Ogoki Sustainable Forest Licence, and the Nakina sawmill, have just started to created jobs in the Greenstone Area. Matawa Economic Development and KKETS are looking into housing, services and additional opportunities for members in that region.</p>		

21	RFA Working Group	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation
21-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following principles should guide the Working Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community engagement and leadership, and continued commitment to a community driven process and support for the community representative 2. First Nations membership on the Working Group 3. Working Group shall work for all 9 Matawa First Nations 4. Chiefs Council must approve all terms of reference and negotiating positions with the province <p>FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that each Matawa First Nations will appoint or delegate a community representative to the RFA Working Group. The working group will review progress to date as soon as possible, will organize meetings with communities and make recommendations and report to the Matawa Chiefs Council on next steps;</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the RFA Working Group will recommend the best approaches to set priorities for discussions with Ontario on the following subjects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Benefits Fund and other steps to improve social and economic conditions 2. Environmental Assessment both to deal with regional issues and individual proposed projects 3. Roads and other infrastructure issues 4. Revenue sharing and financial issues <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Regional Framework staff and Chiefs Council staff, as well as the Lead Negotiator and team shall facilitate and coordinate the work of the Working Group, with technical assistance as needed.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>The creation of the Regional Framework Working Group (RFWG) is complete. All nine Matawa member communities have informed of their working group member. The RFWG has been meeting regularly and presenting recommendations for consideration to the Chiefs and community members. The RFWG continues to work with the province on Joint Working Groups to support the RFA pillars and supporting terms of reference.</p>		

22	Matawa First Nations Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse Programs Final Report – June 30, 2017 Recommendations	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation
22-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly accept and support the Matawa First Nations Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse Programs Report- June 2017; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct both Provincial and Federal governments to provide resources to Matawa First Nations for the full implement of the PDAM Report recommendations which include: a Wholistic Healing Approach, Sustained and Expanded Community Designed Programs, and to address the Resource and Funding Challenges faced by First Nations.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>The Report was shared with both the provincial and federal governments and the Chiefs of Ontario and we have not seen any changes or new commitments from the governments.</p>		

23	Suicide Survivor Program	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation
23-03-08-17	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct that Matawa First Nations, Matawa Health Co-op and other organizations work to develop a Suicide Survivor Program; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED this program include components for youth and adults; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Ministry of Community and Social Services and other Ministries/Departments/Organizations support this initiative as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Matawa Health Co-operative has recently received a funding commitment for mental health teams and is in the process of developing a business plan with its Indigenous Inter-professional Primary Care Proposal. Community consultations took place in June 2018 to get youth and community feedback on program priorities. Anticipated start date is by early fall 2018.</p>		

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24	Unity Declaration Strategic Direction	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
01-14-09-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs schedule before end of 2017, a Matawa visioning and strategy gathering to include Elders, women and youth, to further develop action plans and strategies to fully implement the common vision and principles in being self-sufficient, self-governing Peoples within a healthy, thriving culture, living in our homelands that shall sustain our communities for all times; and</p> <p>THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa First Nations Chiefs continue to work together to ensure there is open dialogue and sharing of strategies amongst our First Nations to ensure unity and to stand together in order to ensure our nation is protected.</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs direct the Matawa First Nations Management to seek resources to begin the strategic planning process to discuss the application, communication and full implementation of the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewiin Unity Declaration.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>The Matawa Chiefs Council and numerous community members met in Marten Falls First Nation to attend the Special Chiefs Meeting. The meeting was largely focussed on unity and the importance of unity. The Chiefs met again in Toronto, at the PDAC Conference, and further discussed unity and decision-making challenges and potential solutions. Currently, the Regional Framework Working Group (RFGW) are exploring options that will assist with the implementation of the Unity Declaration and how we work together, through a decision-making process. The RFGW have met with a group that specializes in collaborative design processes that will be community-driven. The federal government is willing to fund the process.</p>			

25	Education and Training Omnibus Resolution	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation	Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
02-14-09-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs support the grouped Education and Training Resolutions in an Education and Training Omnibus Resolution.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> N/A</p>			

26	Health and Social Omnibus Resolution	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
03-14-09-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nation Chiefs support the grouped Health and Social Resolutions in a Health and Social Omnibus Resolution.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> N/A</p>			

27	Matawa Student Safety Plan	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
04-14-09-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs direct MFNM and MLC to continue to work with and lobby identified First Nation organizations and governments to implement the Matawa Student Safety Plan; and</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct MFNM and MLC to continue to provide updates on the implementation of the Jury Recommendations to the Matawa First Nations leadership.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Funding was received to create and implement a Student Safety Plan for Matawa youth coming to Thunder Bay for high school. Policies and procedures will continue to be updated as we transition into the Matawa Education and Care Centre. Updates have been provided to Matawa First Nations leadership, Education Authorities and community members.</p>			

28	Information Gathering on Matawa Students	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation	Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
05-14-09-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs support Matawa Education recommendation to retain Hemson Consulting to prepare Student Enrolment Projects for the School Pre-Design Study and authorize them to request statistical data for this purpose from Indigenous Affairs and Northern Affairs Canada, Health Canada and other sources; and</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Chiefs direct the Matawa Education Department to provide updates to the Chiefs and to the Regional Advisory Committee on Education on a regular basis, and develop a report to the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly at the 2018 AGM based on the information gathered.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>This work has been completed that was part of the Matawa Education and Care Study Business Plan/Feasibility Study that was completed in May 2018. This information was necessary for student enrolment projections.</p>			

29	Support for Matawa Nursing Lead Study on Community Nursing Information	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
06-14-09-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Chiefs support the request to secure development costs to prepare information on nursing in First Nations for Canada; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report be provided to the Matawa Health Co-op and the Matawa Chiefs on nursing status as a basis to proceed on nursing transfer.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Matawa received funding to do preliminary work and information gathering on determining scope of nursing transfer and basic community preparation for this initiative.</p>			

30	Support for Matawa Environmental Health Officer	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation	Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation
07-14-09-17			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs support the development of an Environmental Health Officer position(s) at Matawa First Nations through the attached proposal outline; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a report be provided to the Matawa First Nations and the Matawa Chiefs Council as a basis to proceed on Environmental Health Officer transfer.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Matawa submitted proposal for Environmental Health Officers (2) to Health Canada. Follow-up meetings with Health Canada and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit have ensured to build relationships. Awaiting contract and funding to initiate this program.</p>			

November 1 - 2, 2017 - Thunder Bay

31	Matawa First Nations Capital Investment	Chief Veronica Waboose,	Chief Celia Echum,
01-02-11-17	Research and Planning	Long Lake #58 First Nation	Ginoogaming First Nation
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs direct Matawa Economic Development to incubate a project to assist our First Nations to build capacity for new capital for community development, explore carbon credit offset to generate new revenue opportunities and explore infrastructure bonds that can be structured to raise money.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Plan to start a First Nations Power Authority that will develop our existing micro-grids and providing generation to industrial developments in our traditional territory. With the possible planned purchase agreements made with the mines and mills, the Matawa membership communities have a potential to make \$32 million annually. With the planned purchase agreements, we can use them as collateral with banks to look into other options such as building the road ourselves and creating a toll or tax for companies who use the road.</p> <p>On July 3, the new provincial government under Premier Ford announced the end of the cap-and-trade carbon tax era in Ontario. With Ontario getting out of the carbon tax business, Matawa Economic Development will need to determine implications at the federal level for exploring taking advantage of accessing carbon credits for offsets within Matawa.</p>			

32	Matawa First Nations Financial Literacy	Chief Celia Echum,	Chief Dorothy Towedo,
02-02-11-17	Training Project	Ginoogaming First Nation	Aroland First Nation
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs direct Matawa Economic Development to develop and secure funding for financial literacy training project for delivery in our First Nations.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>To date, capacity building programs such as renewable energy workshops, business support workshops, economic development conference and schools solar/wind demonstration project have been developed. In the near future, we will be providing a procurement training on how to fill our applications to different agencies but will continue to look for additional funding.</p>			

January 23 - 25, 2018 - Thunder Bay

33	Regional Framework Joint Working Groups Resolution	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
01-23-01-18	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RFWG be authorized to begin working on drafting the terms of reference documents for joint working groups for Environment, Socio-Economic (including Community Benefit Fund), Infrastructure and Revenue Sharing;</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a key purpose of the joint working group is to coordinate discussions with the province to enhance the community engagement process in order to provide the communities with more up to date information and improve their ability to make informed decisions; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that these discussions are not to be construed as negotiations, but rather as an effort to gather information to assess the possibilities of more in-depth negotiations once the community drive process has been more fully engaged. It is understood that there will be ongoing regular updates provided to the Chiefs and communities; and</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the draft terms of reference for the Regional Framework Joint Working Groups will be provided to the Chiefs for approval and further direction throughout the process.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Since the formation of the Regional Framework Working Group (RFWG), this group has been meeting regularly and presenting recommendations for consideration to the Chiefs and community members.</p> <p>Once the RFWG received direction (in this resolution) to begin to work with the province on Joint Working Groups, there have been several meetings to develop the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the RFA pillars (Environment, Socio-Economic (including Community Benefit Fund), Infrastructure and Revenue Sharing), as well as an over-arching ToR for the main Joint Work Group known as the RFJWG (Regional Framework Joint Work Group). The draft ToRs were presented the Chiefs for consideration but are still in draft form.</p> <p>The RFJWG has also met to coordinate discussions with the province where multiple ministries were invited, focusing initial discussions/information-sharing on the environmental and socio-economic pillars. The Matawa RF Department has provided ongoing regular updates of the RFWG and RFJWG meetings to both the RFWG members and the Chiefs, to be distributed to community members and others as determined by the Chiefs. The RFWG and RFJWG meetings provided opportunities to draft materials, potential strategies, draft documents and draft ToRs for the Chiefs' consideration, and to gather information on the RFA pillars to further community discussions.</p>		

34	Matawa Jurisdiction Working Group – Response to Ontario	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation	Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation
02-24-01-18	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the Matawa Jurisdiction Working Group (JWG 4 Matawa Representatives) to proceed with returning the draft Statement of Shared Commitments (January 24, 2018 draft) to the Ontario representatives of the Joint Jurisdiction Working Group (JJWG) for the consideration of a response by Ontario.</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the MJWG to proceed to the next round of discussions with the JJWG to present, discuss and receive Ontario's response to Matawa's proposed revisions and additions to the draft Statement of Shared Commitments; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Jurisdiction Working Group (MJWG) will prepare a report to the Matawa Chiefs Council on the outcomes of the Matawa/Ontario JJWG discussions and Ontario's response once completed, for the consideration and direction of the Matawa First Nations; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that community engagement and presentations continue so as to share information with community members and gather additional input; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the JWG continue to participate in community engagement as requested by each individual First Nation; and</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the JWG ensure that each First Nation representative receive the support required to keep their community fully informed including the option of bringing a community member as an observer into the meeting(s) with the Deputy Ministers.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>As directed in the resolution, the JWG (4 members) proceeded to the next Matawa/Ontario Joint Jurisdiction Working Group (JJWG) meeting held on January 30, 2018. At that time, the January 24 2018 draft Statement of Commitments was presented to Ontario for consideration and response. On February 8, 2018 Matawa legal counsel met with Ontario legal counsel to review the proposed changes and revisions, answer questions and report back to the JWG.</p> <p>On March 19, 2018 the next and most recent JJWG meeting was held. The Ontario representatives presented their response in the form of the March 19, 2018 draft Statement of Commitments. A briefing email and the Ontario March 19, 2018 draft SOC were distributed immediately at the end of day to the Matawa Chiefs Council and all 9 members of the MJWG.</p> <p>Options were prepared by the MJWG and legal counsel for a Matawa response to Ontario's March 19, 2018 draft SOC, and the options were presented to the Matawa Chiefs Council at their meeting in Marten Falls First Nation on April 4, 2018. Work has continued on the Ontario response, including a letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne on April 24, 2018 requesting a meeting with the Premier and a response to the Matawa draft SOC of January 24, 2018.</p> <p>In terms of community engagement, the MJWG continues to work to support communities and the Matawa Chiefs Council. In addition, as specifically directed to provide the option of community member observers in the JJWG meetings – this directive has also been followed for the January 30, March 19 meetings and will continue to be followed for future meetings.</p>		

35	Solid Waste Project and Coordination	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
03-25-01-18	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs approves Technical Services to seek funding for Solid Waste Coordination from INAC and to continue to develop and implement projects in all 9 Matawa communities.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Verbal confirmation was received that this proposal was successful and should be in receipt of a formal letter by mid June 2018.</p>		

36	Expression of Interest for Matawa Safe Sobering Site/Youth Detox Centre as Per Inquest Recommendation 114	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation	Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation
04-25-01-18	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs direct MFNM and MLC to continue to work with identified First Nation organizations and governments to implement the recommendation 114, including necessary protocols with Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, St. Joseph's Care Group, Thunder Bay Emergency Medical Services, Thunder Bay Police, Thunder bay District Health Unit, City of Thunder Bay, Anishnawbe-Mushkiki, Wequedong Lodge, Ka-Na-Chi-Hih Specialized Solvent Abuse Treatment Centre, and other interested partners, conditional upon the availability of human and financial resources;</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that further mental health services be sought to support the young people who need this service in addition to detox;</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs direct that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An Expression of Interest be developed to move to the next phase of securing a site and financing for a Matawa Safe-Sobering Site/Youth Detox Centre; and 2. That this is a non-binding offer, and does not in itself constitute a legally binding contract; and 3. It is an offer made in good faith to enter into negotiations with a view to then executing a legally binding contract to lease the property; and 4. On-going developments, business plans and communications processes are brought back to the Matawa Chiefs and management for the next stage of approvals; and 5. Additional engagement to Matawa First Nations on seeking wider community input. <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>While the funding was not approved by government to secure a separate Safe Sobering Site, work is being finalized to secure partial funding for a site within the new Matawa Education and Care Centre. The intent is to have a basic program and support services for this September 2018 while continuing to search for funding to broaden the services and make necessary capital improvements.</p>		

37	Mamow Ahamowen Data Collection on Mortality and Chronic Diseases	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation	Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation
05-25-01-18	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations communities support the proposed analysis and dissemination plan and give their approval for their collective data to be included in this analysis.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Project is on-going through SFNHA. Matawa Health Director is a member of the Regional Steering Committee consisting of other Indigenous organizations.</p>		

38	Community Electronic Medical Records (cEMR) – Mustimuhw Information Solutions	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation
06-25-01-18	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations communities support the use of Mustimuhw Information Solutions and resources necessary to make this technology available to First Nations communities and citizens.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Constance Lake pilot project is on-going. Discussion on-going with other Matawa FN Communities and licences bought under Matawa. Additional work is being undergone for a pilot project to include patient-record-access on the citizen health portal and to do another pilot on adding Environmental Health as part of the community health portal of Mustimuhw.</p>		

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39	Joint Regional Framework Working Group 6-Month Workplan and Budget Amendment	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation
01-05-04-18			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs support the RFJWG's workplan and budget amendment as presented.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>The Joint Regional Framework Working Group presented a 6-month extension workplan and budget amendment to the Chiefs. The amendment was passed and supported by all 9 Matawa member communities. The objectives of the 6-month extension is to complete a decision-making process amongst our first nations, complete the Terms of reference for the joint working groups and complete a joint workplan going forward after the 6-month extension. Each community will receive 50% of last years budget in two quarters: Q1 45% – Q2 45% - with 10% holdback.</p>			

40	Direction to Explore a Potential Matawa Power Authority	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation	Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation
02-05-04-18			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs direct the Matawa Economic Development to work with the Matawa Energy Planning Committee to explore a potential regional Matawa Power Authority.</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this be brought back to the Matawa Chiefs at the 30th Annual General Meeting in Nibinamik First Nation.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>An update on the Matawa Power Authority (MPA) was provided at the 30th Annual General Meeting. It contained a discussion as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPA will look into a 10-year ownership model for a combined heat and power generator that will provide free heat to key buildings, greenhouse that will be installed at our schools, solar farm / storage system and refurbishment of existing generators that will be used as a backup system • Installed in all Matawa communities, the aim will be to build capacity and train our people for future generation options in the Ring of Fire, Greenstone Gold, smelter and mills in our traditional territory 			

41	Exploring a Pumped Storage Renewable Hydro Project	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation
03-05-04-18			
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs direct the Matawa Economic Development to work with the Matawa Economic Development Committee to explore this potential project including implications on neighbouring First Nations.</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the results of this fact finding be brought back to the Chiefs for review before any advancement of the initiative.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Fact finding has included the development of a draft MOU, a preliminary environmental review by Hatch (with no fatal flaws identified) and, a plan to set up future meeting with neighbouring First Nations to provide them with updates on the potential project and to look at different possible impacts and partnerships that may be involved.</p> <p>The project continues to have potential to be Ontario's largest energy storage facility with potential to produce 600Mw. The Pumped Storage Hydropower Reservoir would be located on the north shore of Lake Superior utilizing approximately 200 acres of land on the plateau on the north shore of Lake Superior within the Traditional Matawa Territory.</p> <p>Other benefits continue to include: it being in alignment with growing system operational needs of Northwestern Ontario, is located within a 2km connection point of the critical 230kv east west transmission tie; and has a secured project site land purchase/lease option with site ownership from the Municipality of Schreiber. It also continues to be a strategic fit with provincial renewal energy and related infrastructure investment mandates.</p>			

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42	Collaboration with Watershed Partners	Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation	Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation
01-05-07-18	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa First Nations Chiefs support working with Watershed Partners to facilitate the development of the shared understanding and unity that will lead to a long-term vision, decision-making processes and moving forward to collaborate to develop the vision of a long-term community based regional process.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>N/A - passed at the time this Annual Report was printed. Further updates on this Resolution in 2018/2019 are forthcoming.</p>		

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