

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



BETWEEN THE  
**KIKENOMAGA KIKENJIGEWEN EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES**  
AND  
**DISCOVERY HOUSE**



**WHEREAS:** Discovery House wishes to create a partnership with KikenoMaga Kikenjigewen Employment & Training Services (KKETS) to bring the Discovery House Project to five (5) remote Matawa communities.

**WHEREAS:** KKETS has created the Wah-ka-ih-kun Mamo Anokiwin department which will directly support the Discovery House project.

**WHEREAS:** KKETS and Wah-ka-ih-kun Mamo Anokiwin will support the Discovery House project capacity development program. Including support for hiring and training activity for community members.

**WHEREAS:** Discovery House will submit an application to secure CMHC Proposal Development Funding (PDF) for the Co-Op to cover off future project development costs for the deployment of a Discovery House facility to the community or its surrounding area.

**WHEREAS:** Discovery House will submit an application to secure lands outside the

community for the Discovery House Co-Op from the Province of Ontario under the surplus land program as part of the Province's Fair Housing Plan.

**WHEREAS:** Discovery House will submit the application to secure for the Co-Op the Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program (AEP) as offered federally and provincially.

**AND WHEREAS:** For the life of the Discovery House project, no responsibility or liability will fall on the First Nations, KKETS, Wah-ka-ih-kun Mamo Anokiwin and the Agricultural Co-operative that will be formed to provide each community full and complete control of the project and facility while providing a partition to any risk associated to the development.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**  
KKETS and Discovery House enters into a partnership and supports the application to secure the Co-Op resources from AAFC's Local Food Infrastructure Fund.

**Signed on the territory of the Robinson Superior in the City of Thunder Bay, Ontario,  
on the 30th day of September, 2020.**

Original signed by

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Harvey Yesno  
Chief  
Eabametoong First Nation

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Joe Baxter  
President of the Board  
KKETS

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David Neegan  
Executive Director  
KKETS

Original signed by

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Patrick Casey  
Executive Director  
Discovery House

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David Paul Achneepineskum  
CEO  
Matawa First Nations

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## **SCHEDULE A JOINT PRIORITIES**

1. 3-year training for sixty four (64) youth participants ages 16-30 years in Construction Craft Worker
2. Through Discovery House project two (2) KKETS staff under Wah-ka-ih-kun Mamo Anokiwin will be hired to support the Discovery House Project.
3. The youth participants of this 3-year project will receive a training allowance of \$15.25/hr for 30 hrs during training with pay raises as training progresses. For those participants who are on Ontario Works (OW) or who's family member is on OW, the training allowance will not affect their OW agreements.
4. If there are not enough participants during the construction phase, the students who are participating from another community will be moved to a building site onto that community. (example. If Marten Fall has only 3 participants from their community, then other participants will be assigned to that community.)
5. Each community will be equipped with smart classrooms which will transfer advance communications at 100 megabytes per session; two 65-inch flip system tv's which will allow satellite-based data transfer through a computer system that will engage participants through tablets.
6. Applicants from the other Matawa communities are welcome to apply. These participants must be willing to relocate to one of the 5 remote communities (Eabametoong, Marten Falls, Webequie, Nibinamik and Neskantaga) once the construction phase begins.
7. The goal is to have 30 participants from Eabametoong and 9-10 from each of the other remotes.
8. Participants will receive their Construct Craft Worker Certificate.
9. Training will be done through smart classrooms virtually through the creation and activity of a new digital classroom/conference room in community for the following 30 months or until the Co-Op is able to establish its own facility in the area of the community.
10. Further into the project other training is schedule to take place in Ottawa, CF Borden and Orlando once COVID restrictions have been lifted.
11. Such other priorities as may be jointly agreed to SCHEDULE A JOINT AGREEMENT.