



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, Ontario to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 16, 2021.*

### RESOLUTION #18-16-09-2021

#### DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN TO DEMAND CANADA IMPLEMENT THE SEVEN YOUTH INQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO HIGH SCHOOLS ON-RESERVE

**WHEREAS** in 2016 the Matawa Education and Care Centre (formally known as the Matawa Learning Centre as one of the testifying parties) and the Matawa First Nations welcomed the recommendations in the Inquest into the Death of Seven Youth (the “Inquest”), and;

**WHEREAS** recommendations were made with respect to structural issues to achieve equity and to improve education outcomes for First Nation students, particularly, those made to Canada in Recommendations 8 which says:

- In order to achieve equity for First Nations students, provide funding for education (on and off-reserve) that is sufficient to ensure that:
  - First Nations schools on and off-reserve can provide the full range of programs and services that are available to non-Indigenous children in Ontario, including new and innovative programs and services;
  - First Nations schools on and off-reserve can provide additional programs and services required as a result of the unique circumstances and challenges faced by First Nations students, their schools and their communities;

**WHEREAS** additionally Recommendations 25 which, in iii, says:

- a high school for all children grades 9-12 in the community. This facility should be designed and built to further the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and cognitive development of the children and to prepare them for post-secondary education. It should also be designed and built to accommodate extra-curricular activities that include traditional, cultural, recreational, academic, artistic and athletic activities;

**WHEREAS** young people and parents in the Matawa First Nations continue to indicate that they continue to struggle with the choice to attend high school off-reserve for a number of reasons including the COVID-19 global pandemic, not feeling safe in the city of Thunder Bay, amongst other reasons; and





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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council demand that Canada immediately implement the Inquest recommendations related to high schools on-reserve as 6 years have passed since the Inquest and progress has been slow; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Matawa Chiefs Council direct Matawa Education & Care Centre to work with First Nations on developing an action plan to support the implementation of Inquest recommendations related to on-reserve high schools; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that this action plan be communicated to Matawa Chiefs Council prior to the end of the first semester of 2021/2022 school year.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Solomon Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation

**OPPOSED:** None.  
**ABSENTIONS:** None.  
**CARRIED:** Consensus (X)

*Chief Executive Officer*

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