



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 34th Annual General Meeting in Webequie First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 26, 2022.

RESOLUTION #11-28-07-2022

RESOURCING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the health and sustainability of the lands and waters are vital to the well-being of our people, and;

WHEREAS we are on the brink of unprecedented and irreversible changes to the environment within our traditional territories, and access to holistic and reliable environmental services are vital to informed decision making and adaptation planning, and;

WHEREAS our regional environmental services department, Four Rivers, developed by the Matawa Mineral Technical Committee in 2011 as mandated and endorsed by Matawa Chiefs, has demonstrated a commitment over the past decade in supporting our community stewardship initiatives in accordance with our community needs, including specific requests and responding to environmental emergencies, and;

WHEREAS the holistic support provided by Four Rivers to communities (such as, values mapping, hosting databases, communications, project coordination, mentorship & training, community lands & resource department administration, and research), continues to be an ongoing necessary service, and;

WHEREAS there is no core funding to support these critical environmental services, and project-based funding (typically deficient in overhead and labour) fails to address priority community needs and is destabilizing overall, and;

WHEREAS environmental funding is required at all levels to support community success and build momentum towards environmental capacity building objectives locally as well as to foster regional collaborations, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly demand that the governments of Canada and Ontario properly resource environmental services at Matawa First Nations Management and in our individual First Nations to uphold our stewardship obligations to future generations.

MOVED BY: Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation

SECONDED BY: Councillor Frederic Meeseetawageesic, Eabametoong First Nation (Proxy)





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OPPOSITION(S): None
ABSTENTION(S): None

CARRIED: Consensus

Chief Executive Officer

