



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs deferred from the 35th Annual General Meeting in Long Lake #58 First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on December 8 2023.

RESOLUTION #06-08-12-2023

MATAWA EDUCATION REGIONAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT TECHNICAL SUPPORT

WHEREAS Matawa Chiefs Resolution 2022/#28 mandated the Matawa Education Department to hire community staff and conduct community engagement activities in order to study and explore options for developing a Regional Education Agreement (REA), and;

WHEREAS Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) now requires applicants who may be eligible to receive funding under this program to demonstrate support in writing, such as but not limited to, a band council resolution, letter, or email of support from the First Nations, and;

WHEREAS Regional Education Agreements must address comprehensive funding arrangements, including:

- all federal support for identified First Nations' elementary and secondary education;
- clear and defined roles and responsibilities of the identified First Nations and First Nation education organizations, including applicable service standards;
- mutual accountability mechanism(s), with clear objectives, performance indicators and reporting expectations for both the Government of Canada and First Nation education system participants, and
- responsibilities for working with provincial education systems to manage the costs associated with on-reserve students who attend provincial schools, and for reporting from provincial school boards, divisions or authorities to First Nations and the Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Matawa First Nations Education Authority recognizes that the Matawa First Nations communities would benefit from the Matawa Education's technical support to continue the exploration of a Regional Education Agreement until revoked or replaced by Matawa Chiefs in Assembly Resolution, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly request Indigenous Services Canada to continue funding the Matawa Education Department to support Matawa First Nations' community-based REA information sessions related to education transformation and REA technical tables, as well as explore the negotiation of an REA education agreement that identifies and addresses Matawa First Nations education priorities; and



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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to provide regular updates to the Matawa First Nations' education leadership and the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly on the progress and status of support for the Matawa First Nations Regional Education Agreement(s).

MOVED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Sol Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation

OPPOSITION(S): None
ABSTENTION(S): None
CARRIED: Consensus (7)

Chief Executive Officer