



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs deferred from the 35<sup>th</sup> 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 #07-08-12-2023

#### MATAWA WAKA TERE LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION EXPANSION

**WHEREAS** Matawa Chiefs Resolution 2022/#21 mandated the Matawa Education Department to secure post-secondary accreditation for the Matawa Institute in order to access funds to allow the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization program to be sustainable similar to other post-secondary institutions and their programs, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Waka Tere Revitalization Project is currently in Phase Two of its three- year funding cycle and has expanded the program to increase the employment of community Tutor Instructors, Assistant Tutors, and Student Support, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Education Department acknowledges the need to secure and provide adequate support and resources for community delivery sites for the program, and;

**WHEREAS**, the current Matawa Waka Tere Revitalization delivery sites in Matawa First Nations and Thunder Bay are shared spaces where the delivery of the prearranged programming may be impeded by the lack of adequate capital infrastructure, so;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly recognize the need to secure sustainable, adequate funding to adequately support the Matawa Waka Tere Revitalization Project in developing, training, and delivering three language programs (Cree, Ojibway, and Oji-Cree) at the First Nation level, and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department, Matawa First Nations Management, and the Matawa Spokesperson for Education to lobby Canada and Ontario for capital funding to support the successful implementation of the Matawa Waka Tere Revitalization Project at the community level, and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly mandate the Matawa Education Department to procure adequate delivery sites in Matawa communities and in Thunder Bay to accommodate the expansion of the workforce and the enrolment of adult learners in the Matawa Waka Tere Revitalization Project, and;



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**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct Matawa Education Department provide regular updates to the Matawa First Nations' education leadership and the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

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

*Chief Executive Officer*