



## 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 3, 2023.*

### RESOLUTION #09-08-12-2023

#### CREATION OF MATAWA EMERGENCY SERVICES

**WHEREAS** evacuations of remote Matawa First Nations have been a seasonal occurrence since the 1980's due to fire and smoke, natural occurrences, climate change, etc., and;

**WHEREAS**, there are also potential for emergencies within First Nations which are near railroads; and

**WHEREAS** the evacuations have now included compromised community infrastructure such as water and wastewater including electricity, and;

**WHEREAS** Matawa First Nations populations are increasing above average national birth rates, and are experiencing more complex and challenging health issues including and not limited to disability, respiratory and other health issues, mental health and addictions, and;

**WHEREAS** the elderly population is increasing and requires special services including delivery in their languages, and;

**WHEREAS** past remote Community evacuations have experienced racism and discriminatory care especially, in regards, to nutritional meals by the host community and authorities, including unnecessary curfews, and;

**WHEREAS** smaller evacuations centers do not have enough capacity for health and social supports necessary to normalize community and family life, and;

**WHEREAS** the Auditor General has pointed out that Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) was not engaging Indigenous communities enough in emergency response, and;

**WHEREAS** Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has partnered for these services with a southern based company Investigative Solutions Network Maskwa (ISNMMaskwa) a joint venture between Missinabie Cree First Nation and Investigative Solutions Network (ISN), without a public process or involvement with northern remote First Nations, and;





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**WHEREAS** Matawa First Nations understands that Indigenous Services Canada has now opened the door for Matawa First Nations to establish its own **Matawa Emergency Services** that will serve the needs of its member communities, so;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the creation of the **Matawa Emergency Services**, and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** the **Matawa Emergency Services** will provide logistical services, and will not just be limited to accommodations, meals, security, ground, air transportation, and other health, education and social supports, and delivered in the Indigenous languages of Matawa First Nations, and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Matawa Emergency Services** be inclusive of, and integrated into Matawa First Nations Management services such as Health Co-op, Education, Training, Technical and any other divisions or services procured to Matawa membership, and;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Development GP Inc., (MDC) be tasked in taking the lead on this regional economic opportunity.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Sol Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation

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

  
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*Chief Executive Officer*

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