

2024 Message from the Matawa CEO

We gather each year at the Matawa AGM to present to our Chiefs and our communities a report on the activities of this past year. I am very proud that our Matawa programs, services, and corporations continue to of grow in a tradition of excellence, as we strive to serve our nine member First Nations and the grass roots Peoples of the Land.

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There have been so many important milestones this year, like: the Grand Opening of the Matawa Education and Care Centre in September, the welcoming of our inaugural Chief Medical Officer in December, and the amazing work by Four Rivers Environmental services which announced their significant breakthrough in the detection of blastomyces DNA in Constance Lake in February. From our Youth Delegation's participation at the United Nations in April, to the establishment of a new Urban Housing Department, our committed staff continues to find and implement new ways to support our communities and our Peoples.

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Our communities have many needs. To ensure we are effectively servicing our communities, Matawa is undertaking an independent review of all of our programs, services and corporations. Matawa has grown from a staff of approximately 80 ten years ago, to over 500 today. This unprecedented growth has prompted our Chiefs to mandate that we carry out a full comprehensive review of our services. We will assess what we are doing well and what needs improvement. We will ask our communities to participate by providing their input and wisdom so that we may understand what steps we need take to improve the work that we do, and to help us to plan to meet the future needs of our Peoples.

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The Chiefs have appointed two Chiefs and two Matawa Board of Director members to a Matawa Review Team. The Review Team, through a thorough and transparent process, has selected an organization called Mokwateh to carry out the review and report back to the Chiefs at next year's AGM. The review is a very important project for Matawa. It is crucial that our community members be involved. Mokwateh will be visiting each Matawa First Nation to gather feedback and ideas, which will be used to develop and implement recommendations to help us better serve our community members. Mokwateh will also assess all Matawa programs, services, departments and corporations. We strongly encourage leadership and community members to participate in the Matawa Review.

It has been my privilege to work with our member First Nations, and our staff, to improve the lives and outcomes of our community members. As we move forward together, Matawa programs and services will continue to support the people living in the communities, as well as those living in urban centres and municipalities like Thunder Bay and Greenstone. ·Δ·۹ L·Ϥ› ∇Ρ Γ_αCL·· ∇ ΔC_ΔΡL·b bP_α ⊲σፓ_αV^b, ∇d ⊲ΔΡ_αb_α^b, ↔⊲ፓገ ቦ▷·Ր Γ_Δ·አ⊲^b ▷ ለL∩ł·Δσ·Ϥ ∇d ▷ በ/ነ·Δσ·Ϥ Δ"ΔL bP_α bC·Ϥ^b LC·Ϥ CJ૧Δ_α·_x ΓC^{°°} bσ·ΔΓ ለJ/Γσ_α·Ϥ, LC·Ϥ ⊲ΔΡΔ ለΓΔΓԳΔ_α· ∇d ΔϽ۹Δ_α·· C·Ϥ^{°°} b ⊲ΔΡCLd^b bP_α ⊲σJ_αV^b bC·Ϥ CJ۹Δσ^b, Cd b4 bP_α ▷U_α^b bΔJC·Ϥ^b Ω_bb^b ⊲σΓΡ Δ·۹Ͻ^b ∇d ባ₂··Cσ^bx

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