



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 36th Annual General Meeting in Neskantaga First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 30, 2024

RESOLUTION #03-01-08-2024

SUPPORT FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUTH AT THE 36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEREAS, an opportunity was provided for youth to present and provide their recommendation on how the situations and the effects of intergenerational trauma can be improved for youth in all the First Nations in Matawa; and

WHEREAS, the youth who provided these recommendations included: Jimmy Makoop, Nibinamik First Nation; Billy Wabason, Aroland First Nation; Kaia Moonias, Marten Falls First Nation; Dallas Fisher, Ginoogaming First; Trayvon Wabano Wesley, Constance Lake First Nation; Bedahbun Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation; Cheyra Crow, Long Lake #58 First Nation; Jada Towegishig, Long Lake #58 First Nation; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations, in no particular order, included:

- More opportunities for jobs
- Promotion of School Attendance + traditional teaching at school
- Addressing Grief and Loss, Healing
- More Veterinary Clinics
- Daycare & preschool
- Elders-Needing long term care homes in communities
- More access to healthy food
- End poverty
- gardens-grow your own food
- Building relationships
- Address Afterschool boredom
- Community issues
- Address Mental health
- Traditional teachings
- Healing based programs
- Need to learn “why we are re where we are now”
- Need to be informed about our traditional and modern history in ways everyone can understand
- More relationship building between our communities
- Healing based program targeting 11-17 (older kids go to workshops but young people don’t)
- Social media and mental health
- Local treatment centre
- More mental health workers





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- Stay at least for a week when crisis happens
- Local councillors and natural helpers
- In-school traditional teachings (ie. medicines, hunting, fishing, trapping, ribbon skirts, regalia, dancing workshops)
- Drum socials each week, can practice dances there too
- Art, painting, hand drum making, moccasin making
- Reclaiming Indigenous Art
- After-school boredom leading to drug use
- Public youth center 24/7
- Music lessons
- Field trips
- Gym/work out equipment (Constance Lake has a Rec Centre open 24/7 with key fobs to access the building)
- Need a counsellor that is there consistently
- Look into the formation of a Matawa Youth Council in consultation with the youth
- Annual Matawa Youth Retreat
- Public Libraries
- Family healing opportunities, families to come together
- Revitalize and start speaking language, cultural revitalization
- Parenting programs
- Establish food banks
- Representation of youth at Matawa meetings
- Ensure Elders guidance is part of youth activities and these recommendations

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly accept these recommendations and mandate Matawa First Nations Management to find the means to implement them; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that a report on progress (in a measurable way be provided) at the 37th Matawa Annual General Meeting in 2025.

MOVED BY: Chief Chris Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

OPPOSITION(S): 0
ABSTENTION(S): 0
CARRIED:



 Chief Executive Officer

