



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 #04-01-08-2024

MATAWA WAKA TERE LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION

WHEREAS, Matawa Chief's Resolution 8-12-2023 mandated the Matawa Education Department to continue its work in securing post-secondary accreditation for a Matawa Post Secondary Institute in order to show the need to continue the work to access funds to allow the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization Project to continue and become sustainable, similar to other post-secondary institutions and their programs; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization Project has entered the final stages of institutional accreditation with World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC), which has accredited many similar organizations and adds credibility on a global stage to the work that the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization Project has accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization Project is entering Phase Three of its three-year funding cycle and has expanded the program to increase employment of community instructors and student support; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Education Department is working on securing a location to adequately support the growing program and ensure proper resources for community delivery sites for the program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly recognize the need to secure additional, ongoing and sustainable funding to adequately support the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization Project in continuing its three language programs (Cree, Ojibway and Oji-Cree) at the First Nation level; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations 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 ongoing implementation of the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization Project at the community level; and



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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Matawa Education Department to procure an adequate delivery site in Thunder Bay and to continue the work in Matawa communities to uphold the current accommodations, and the expansion of the workforce and the enrolment of adult learners in the Matawa Waka Tere Language Revitalization Project; and

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

MOVED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webeque First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

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

CARRIED:

Chief Executive Officer