



Matawa

FIRST NATIONS



Established in 1988 as a not-for-profit corporation, Matawa First Nations Management (Matawa) is a Tribal Council comprised of nine (9) member First Nations. As a Tribal Council, Matawa provides exceptional programs and services in a manner that respects the unique histories and priorities of each member First Nation while considering shared objectives and common interests.

The word “Matawa” is an abbreviation of the Cree word “Mammamattawa” meaning “a place of many rivers coming together” — a name the Chiefs and Elders decided was fitting of the organization to recognize that rivers have been, and continue to act as our lifeline and existence. Matawa is governed by a Board of Directors made up of members of its First Nations.

OUR PURPOSE

Matawa provides advisory services/ programs to nine member Ojibway and Cree First Nations (eight First Nations in James Bay Treaty No. 9 and one First Nation in Robinson-Superior Treaty). We are committed to quality assurance and are responsive to our communities' needs.

OUR VISION

Matawa First Nations will be prosperous and enriched First Nations both individually and collectively. By creating enhanced social and economic opportunities for everyone, the Matawa First Nations will reach their maximum potential and have confidence in the future.

OUR MISSION

We are committed to supporting each other and focusing our collective efforts on core strategic priorities. By working together as a regional community, we will use our combined knowledge and resources in order to champion the social and economic vitality of our First Nations and invest in community and people building.

OUR VALUES

Matawa First Nations Work Together.

We have opportunities to grow and reach our maximum potential as a regional group. The diversity within our regional communities is valued and a source of local and regional pride. We are proactively involved in the economic, social, cultural and political development of the Matawa territory.

Matawa First Nations are Dynamic and Sustainable Communities.

We integrate modern social and economic development practices with our traditional culture and heritage. We build capacity and economic wealth for present and future generations and are well positioned to succeed in the national economy.

Matawa First Nations Uphold Quality of Life.

We invest and protect our quality of life – socially, economically, culturally and environmentally and ensure that the Matawa First Nations are prosperous and healthy communities in which to live, work and raise a family.