



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 37th Annual General Meeting in Aroland First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 29, 2025

RESOLUTION #13-31-07-2025

MATAWA POLICING, ENFORCEMENT AND JUSTICE PLANS

WHEREAS, Matawa First Nations communities continue to see threats to their members from drugs and gangs, and;

WHEREAS, Matawa community members are seeing further threats that result in murdered and missing Indigenous Women and Girls, and;

WHEREAS, these drugs result in high rates of deaths, child apprehensions and social disruption to First Nations communities, and;

WHEREAS, Matawa families have left with little or no communications from enforcement agencies, and;

WHEREAS, issues of enforcement and communications is not what communities want in terms of community safety and wellbeing, and;

WHEREAS, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Police, Thunder Bay Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Anishinabek Police, Courts, Corrections, and various other social services cannot seem to address all the challenging issues, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Matawa First Nations Management to initiate on-going discussions, plans, services, partnerships, prevention strategies, and supports to Matawa First Nations members with the various services providers to address the rampant and complicated drug and gang crisis, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Management, with various partner organizations and governments, bring forth a strategy, supports, and communications plan to enable First Nations community members to see progress on their safety issues in communities and in urban centres.

MOVED BY: Chief Gary Quisess, Neskantaga First Nation

SECONDED BY: Proxy Walter Oskineegish, Nibinamik First Nation

OPPOSITION(S): 0

ABSTENTION(S): 0





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CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

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