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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 #05-31-07-2025

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR MATAWA EDUCATION AND CARE CENTRE RENOVATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the Matawa Education Department, through the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC), provides holistic academic, mental health, and cultural programming to secondary students from Matawa First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the MECC has undertaken several critical renovations to expand and improve its learning environment, including the addition of a gymnasium and multi-purpose space; and

WHEREAS, further renovations are needed to ensure the safety, accessibility, and functionality of the facility, including upgrades to the basement to create additional classroom space (e.g., art room) and to relocate administrative offices from the main floor to the basement, thereby maximizing the main level for student-centered academic and cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the rear parking lot, windows, and other structural components are essential to support building safety, accessibility, and long-term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, these enhancements will increase MECC's capacity to serve more students in a secure, culturally relevant, and student-focused environment that supports their academic, emotional, and physical well-being; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly support the continued renovation and infrastructure improvement of the Matawa Education and Care Centre, including funding for the basement redevelopment, relocation of administrative space, parking lot upgrades, window replacements, and other essential maintenance; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly call on all relevant federal and provincial government departments, including Indigenous Services Canada (Jordan's Principle), Seven Youth Inquest, Infrastructure Canada, Ministry of Education and other public/private partners, to prioritize and fund the necessary capital investments to complete these renovations; and





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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirm their commitment to ensuring the MECC remains a safe, culturally grounded, and accessible educational space that meets the current and future needs of Matawa youth both at the community level and in Thunder Bay.

MOVED BY: Chief Solomon Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

OPPOSITION(S): 0

ABSTENTION(S): 0

CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

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