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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 13TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

**RESOLUTION NO. 1998-08-07** 

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Kashechewan First Nation

SECONDED BY:

Fort Albany First Nation Derek Stephen, Proxy Kashechewan First Nation

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ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS

Chapleau Cree First Nation

Certified copy of a Resolution passed on August 27, 1998

Missanabie Cree First Nation SUBJECT: <u>FOREST</u> <u>FIRE</u> <u>PROTECTION INITIATIVES</u>

WHEREAS the Mushkegowuk communities have an interest in the protection of its forest industry;

WHEREAS it is necessary to train the necessary people in fire fighting to protect this resource;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources has contracted outside fire crews to fight fires in the Mushkegowuk area, taking away potential employment opportunities for our trained crews;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Chief be mandated to initiate a Mushkegowuk based training program to ensure the capability of fire protection and suppression crews to be developed prior to the next assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Council direct the Ministry of Natural Resources to give first priority in hiring to Mushkegowuk fire fighting crews;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussions between Mushkegowuk Council and the Ministry of Natural Resources occur and that a protocol be established whereby our own fire fighting crews can be contracted to fight fires in

Lawrence Martin Grand Chief

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the Mushkegowuk area and areas within the Nishnawbe Aski Nation area where required;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a report be presented at the next annual assembly regarding this initiative.