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## Mushkegowuk Council 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly

## Resolution No. 2008-11-26

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passed on November 14, 2008



Stan Loutit, Grand Chief

November 14, 2008  
Chapleau, Ontario

### Cree Language Immersion

WHEREAS First Nation Education is both an Inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Right and the Mushkegowuk Nation views First Nation Education as an investment in the future of our youth and ultimately the future of our Nation; and

WHEREAS Elders, parents and community members have expressed a concern for the loss of Cree Language among the Youth within our communities as the language of communication; and

WHEREAS recent studies have indicated that Cree Language is no longer considered as one of the Aboriginal Languages that will survive as a means of communication in the generations to come; and

WHEREAS studies have proven that instruction of children in their mother tongue can revive, maintain and preserve a language; and

WHEREAS there has been a strongly expressed interest among community members in the research, development and implementation of a Cree Language Immersion Program within their community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates in Assembly mandate the Grand Chief and the Executive to direct Omushkego Education to continue to explore

the concept of a Regional Cree Language Immersion Strategy including a First Nation Pilot Project; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Omushkego Education continue to hold the Great Moon Gathering (in February) of educators and leaders in a Mushkegowuk community to assist in the exploration of this unique and important strategy; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates mandate the Grand Chief and the Executive to have a five year commitment to this pilot project and to access financial support from Mushkegowuk Council and the First Nations, other private funding agencies including the Government of Ontario and Canada to start the Cree Language Immersion Program.