



# MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

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**Mushkegowuk Council  
26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mamowihitowin**

**Resolution No. 2011-09-13**

## **Creating and Establishing a Culturally Based Victim Services Program**

**WHEREAS** there exists a high number of victims of crime within the Western James & Hudson Bay communities that need healing and reconciliation through a culturally designed and implemented Victim Services Program; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario is mandated to provide a Victim Services Program for all citizens of Ontario and a Victim Services Program for the Omushkegowuk of the Western James and Hudson Bay does not exist; and

**WHEREAS** in 2009, the Mushkegowuk Council approached Ontario to discuss the need for a Victim Services program and the Ministry of the Attorney General has recently responded and are offering funding of \$1 million over three (3) years to create and deliver a Victim Services program for the Western James & Hudson Bay; and

**WHEREAS** the Mushkegowuk Council has recently participated in a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of the Attorney General to begin the process of establishing a

Attawapiskat  
First Nation

**Moved by:**

Josephine Williams  
Kashechewan First Nation

Kashechewan  
First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Deputy Chief Madeline Nakogee  
Fort Albany First Nation

Fort Albany  
First Nation

Moose Cree  
First Nation

Taykwa Tagamou  
Nation

**Carried**

Chapleau Cree  
First Nation

Certified copy of a resolution passed  
on September 29, 2011

Missanabie Cree  
First Nation



Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

September 29, 2011  
Moose Cree First Nation



Victim Services Program and the following are key elements for Year 1 (2011/12):

- a) Community consultations to seek direction on the design and delivery of the program
- b) Establish a Regional Advisory Group
- c) Research existing data for use in community consultations and the development of service delivery models
- d) Develop and test a Model(s) for service delivery
- e) Produce a recommended service delivery model based on consultation findings
- f) Through a request for proposal, select a regional service agency to administer and deliver the program; and

**WHEREAS** the work for the above will begin mid-October and must be completed by March 31, 2012; and

**WHEREAS** it is proposed that Year 2 (2012/13) & Year 3 (2013/14) will consist of implementation and delivery of a culturally based Victim Services program; and

**WHEREAS** it is proposed by Ontario that one third (1/3) of the total funding of \$1 Million will be expended in each of the three years; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed Victim Services program will serve five First Nations (Moose Cree, Attawapiskat, Kashechewan, Fort Albany and

Weenusk) the part of Moose Factory not under First Nation jurisdiction (Mocreebec & Local Area Services Board), and the Town of Moosonee; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** based on the needs of the victims of crime and backlog for a Victim Services Program, the delegates of this Mamowihitowin optimistically and cautiously supports the creation and implementation of a Victim Services Program for the Western James & Hudson Bay; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that based on the consultation, design of Service Delivery Model and funding requirements, Ontario will be required to allocate adequate funding to operate the Victim Services Program in year 2 and beyond; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the delegates of the Mamowihitowin mandate the Council of Chiefs to accept and approve a timely implemented culturally based Victim Services Program for the Western James & Hudson Bay.