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**Mushkegowuk Council
26th Annual Mamowihitowin**

Resolution No. 2011-09-26

Midwifery Services in Mushkegowuk First Nations

Attawapiskat
First Nation

Moved by:

Deputy Chief Gerald Mattinas
Attawapiskat First Nation

Kashechewan
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Seconded by:

Fort Albany
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Brenda Scott
Fort Albany First Nation

Moose Cree
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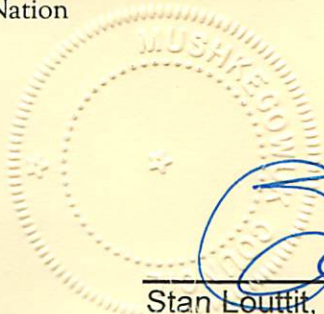
Taykwa Tagamou
Nation

Carried

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Certified copy of a resolution passed
on September 29, 2011

Missanabie Cree
First Nation



Stan Louitit, Grand Chief

September 29, 2011
Moose Cree First Nation

WHEREAS the children of the Omushkegowuk are the future of the Mushkegowuk Nation and their mothers carry an important responsibility to pass on the culture to their children; and

WHEREAS the evacuation of expectant mothers to give birth outside of their home communities creates hardship, grief and anxiety on mothers and the entire family and community structure; and

WHEREAS there are traditional practices of childbirth that are not being passed on due to the current medical arrangement of having expectant mothers spend weeks or months away from home to give birth; and

WHEREAS the knowledge of traditional midwives has almost disappeared and there is a need for training for community women to become midwives, integrating both western and traditional knowledge;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk hereby declare that the provision of midwifery services are a priority to all Mushkegowuk First Nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk gives our strong support to the proposal for the implementation of midwifery services in the James and Hudson Bay

communities and call upon the Ontario Midwifery Program and other health care funders to put in place the necessary funding to allow expectant mothers to deliver their babies in their home communities in a manner that is culturally appropriate.