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Mushkegowuk Council 32nd Annual Mamowihitowin

Resolution No. 2017-09-20

Discussion with Province on Resource Revenue Sharing

WHEREAS, we the Omushkego have been stewards and beneficiaries of our ancestral Mushkegowuk homelands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, our ancestral "ownership" of our lands was recognized and reaffirmed in the oral negotiations and agreements of Treaty 9 with Canada and Ontario (as compared with the written Treaty 9 document presently relied on by Crown governments, which includes "surrender" and "taken up" clauses that were not discussed with or agreed to by the Omushkego); and

WHEREAS, Ontario government representatives recently met with Omushkego representatives and seemed open to a serious discussion of the sharing of revenue received by the Ontario government in the form of royalties and taxes from resource development in Mushkegowuk Territory; and

WHEREAS that the proposed discussions are very limited, including at present only discussions of revenue from mining and forestry, and not the many other revenues extracted from

Attawapiskat
First Nation

Kashechewan
First Nation

Fort Albany
First Nation

Moose Cree
First Nation

Taykwa Tagamou
Nation

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Missanabie Cree
First Nation


Moved by:
Deputy Chief Earl Cheechoo
Moose Cree First Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Jason Gauthier
Missanabie Cree First Nation

Carried

Certified copy of a resolution passed
on September 21, 2017




Jonathan Solomon, Grand Chief

September 21, 2017
Taykwa Tagamou Nation

Omushkego lands by the federal and provincial governments; and

WHEREAS the proposed discussions, while limited, offer an opportunity for the Mushkegowuk First Nations, acting together, to seriously consider, and possibly productively discuss, a partial recovery by the Omushkego of resource revenues from our lands;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of the Mushkegowuk Mamowihitowin authorize and direct the Office of the Grand Chief and Mushkegowuk staff to commence discussions with provincial representatives to review and seriously explore opportunities for revenue sharing, remaining fully mindful of the need to continue obtaining the inputs and authorizations of Mushkegowuk Chiefs and Councils and communities.