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Mushkegowuk Council 35th Annual Mamowihitowin

Resolution No. 2021-11-19

Zoom Court Stations for the James Bay Coastal Communities: Moose Cree First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation and Attawapiskat First Nation

WHEREAS the COVID 19 pandemic has impacted the ability of the fly-in court system to attend in-person court sittings in the above mentioned communities; and

WHEREAS many accused people in our communities have not been able to attend court appearance due to the lack of land phone lines in their homes and limited access to reliable internet in our communities; and

WHEREAS the solicitor-client relationship has been negatively impacted because there are no in-person court appearances, lawyers have not been able to meet with their clients to review evidence and obtain instructions in the communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the above-mentioned First Nations make every effort to designate a zoom court location or station in each of their communities to assist their members to have reliable internet and access to the zoom court platform in an appropriate location to attend court.

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, this would lessen and avoid added bench warrants and remands being granted.

Attawapiskat
First Nation

Moved by:
Chief Keith Corston
Chapleau Cree First Nation

Kashechewan
First Nation

Fort Albany
First Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Robert Nakogee
Fort Albany First Nation

Moose Cree
First Nation

Carried

Taykwa Tagamou
Nation

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Certified copy of a resolution
passed on November 25, 2021

Missanabie Cree
First Nation

Rebecca Friday, Deputy Grand
Chief

November 25, 2021
Sault Ste. Marie, ON