MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

Box 370

Moose Factory, On. P0L 1W0

Tel: 705-658-4222

Fax: 705-658-4250

MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 12TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 1997-08-14

Attawapiskat First Nation

MOVED BY:

Kashechewan First Nation Chief Ignace Gull Attawapiskat First Nation

SECONDED BY:

Fort Albany First Nation

Chief Ernest Beck Moose Cree First Nation

Moose Cree First Nation

New Post First Nation

ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS

Chapleau Cree First Nation

Certified copy of a Resolution passed on August 27, 1997

Missanabie Cree First Nation

Ernie T. Sutherland
Interim Chairperson

Sullela

August 27, 1997' New Post Reserve SUBJECT: POOLING OF HOUSING CAPITAL FUNDS

WHEREAS lack of adequate housing is a critical issue in all Mushkegowuk communities, and Mushkegowuk members presently live in housing which would be considered unacceptable and intolerable by other Canadians; and

WHEREAS the present amounts of housing funding available from the federal and provincial governments are grossly inadequate to meet basic human housing needs, and fall far short of their obligations under the Treaty and their obligations to First Nation members as citizens; and

WHEREAS there is the possibility that if Mushkegowuk First Nations combine their housing capital allocations and requests, there may be benefits from better use of the funds and from combining knowledge, skills, and influence, and the possibility of increasing the total amount of housing funds available; and

WHEREAS increased housing funding to Mushkegowuk First Nations would bring increased economic development

both to the First Nations communities and to non-native northern communities by creating jobs and creating demand for materials, equipment and services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Chief and Mushkegowuk staff to coordinate examination of the concept of pooling of First Nation housing capital funds, including

- 1. Different ways and options by which it could be implemented;
- 2. The costs and benefits and advantages and disadvantages to member First Nations;
- 3. The benefits for northern development; and
- 4. The possibility of a Mushkegowuk Regional Housing Authority to administer housing capital funds and other aspects of Mushkegowuk housing.