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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 13TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 1998-08-29

Attawapiskat
First Nation

MOVED BY:

Chief Peter Archibald
New Post First Nation

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF HYDRO LEASES IN MUSHKEGOWUK TERRITORY

Kashechewan
First Nation

SECONDED BY:

Chief Ernest Beck
Moose Cree First Nation

WHEREAS in decades past numerous leases were granted to Ontario Hydro and other hydro providers in Mushkegowuk territory without any consultation or permission from Mushkegowuk First Nations; and

Fort Albany
First Nation

Moose Cree
First Nation

WHEREAS many of these long term leases are coming up for the renewal in the near future; and

New Post
First Nation

ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS

WHEREAS the dams and flooding from these leases cause destruction of First Nation hunting, trapping and fishing resources, submersion and destruction of First Nation burial grounds, erosion, impediment to traditional navigation, and other effects harmful to Mushkegowuk First Nation communities and rights;

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Certified copy of a Resolution
passed on August 27, 1998

Missanabie Cree
First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Chiefs in Assembly urge and require the provincial government and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Hydro, and other hydro resource developers to respect the Constitutional, Aboriginal and Treaty rights of the Mushkegowuk First Nations in any proposed hydro lease renewals;



Lawrence Martin
Grand Chief

August 27, 1998
Moose Factory, Ontario

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED
that in any such proposed renewals the

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appropriate First Nation be fully consulted, and that good faith discussions occur on conditions necessary for First Nations consent, which address such issues as any potential harmful effects on the First Nation, potential benefits such as revenue sharing, and redress for past grievances.