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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 15TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-08-34

Attawapiskat First Nation

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SECONDED BY:

Fort Albany First Nation

Chief Leo Friday Kashechewan First Nation

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ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS

Chapleau Cree First Nation

Certified copy of a Resolution passed on August 31, 2000

Missanabie Cree First Nation

> Lawrence Martin Grand Chief

August 31, 2000 Kashechewan, Ontario

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN ATTAWAPISKAT

WHEREAS Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Legal Services has secured funding from the Federal Department of Justice for a pilot project in Restorative Justice, including community accountability conferencing between victims and community members, in the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation territory; and

WHEREAS Attawapiskat had previously secured funding for an Elders' Court, which sat with the Ontario Court proceedings in the community and participated in sentencing of offenders;

WHEREAS termination of funding for the Attawapiskat Elders' Court has negatively affected the community's liability to take care of community social order, individual rehabilitation, and justice issues in accordance with Mushkegowuk traditions and needs; and

WHEREAS, during this 15th annual Assembly, delegates and leadership have expressed a desire to have Mushkegowuk communities seek ways and means to take care of our own people in our traditional justice processes, which are culturally sensitive and relevant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

the Mushkegowuk Assembly directs Mushkegowuk Council staff to seek funding for a Community Accountability Conferencing program in one or more Mushkegowuk communities to compensate for the loss of the Elders' Court service in Attawapiskat and other Mushkegowuk communities and to continue the improvement and expansion of Mushkegowuk self-government in justice matters.