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Mushkegowuk Council 19th Annual Assembly

Resolution No. 2004-09-25

Mushkegowuk Aboriginal Restorative Justice System

WHEREAS the existing operation of the non-native justice is completely unsatisfactory and unacceptable, and does not in fact deliver justice to Mushkegowuk communities; and

WHEREAS the problems of the existing non-native justice system in Mushkegowuk Territories include the long delays in cases (often taking several years), the separation of family members, difficulties with existing legal aid, the dehumanizing and depersonalized methods of the "system", the enormous language and customs barriers, the criminalization of what are really social problems in the form of resort to alcohol and drugs, and the difficulty of having our community leaders and service providers link into the externally-imposed system; and

WHEREAS a justice system based on our own Aboriginal concepts and customs and language and operated by the Mushkegowuk People would better serve the cause of justice in Mushkegowuk Territory;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Council move forward to establish our own

Moved by:

Chief Mike Metatawabin
Fort Albany First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Mike Carpenter
Attawapiskat First Nation

Adopted by Consensus

Certified copy of a Resolution
passed on Sept. 16, 2004

Attawapiskat
First Nation

Kashechewan
First Nation

Fort Albany
First Nation

Moose Cree
First Nation

New Post
First Nation

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Missanabie Cree
First Nation


Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

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