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Resolution No. 2007-06-10

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Certified copy of a resolution
passed on June 5, 2007


Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

June 5, 2007
Cochrane, Ontario

Enforcement of Mushkegowuk Resource Rights

WHEREAS there is ever-increasing pressure for development of the resources in our Mushkegowuk traditional territories;

WHEREAS the "duty to consult and accommodate" recognized by the courts is a useful step in protecting our rights, but is limited and inadequate;

WHEREAS the 1869 duty of adequate protection on the part of Canada, and the newly discovered historical documents about verbal treaty negotiations, show that our treaty and aboriginal rights and our sacred relations to the land are not being respected by resource development plans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mushkegowuk Council continue to explore the merits of possible court injunctions to protect the resources of our Mushkegowuk territory, and if an appropriate situation occurs, take steps to obtain and enforce an injunction;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that any such steps be consistent with, rather undermine, the decisions of individual Mushkegowuk First Nations, and in particular, that past and future resource sharing negotiations and agreements by individual First Nations be respected.