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Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

November 13, 2008 Chapleau, Ontario

Summer Science Camp Funds

WHEREAS First Nation Education is both an Inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Right and the Mushkegowuk Nation views First Nation Education as an investment in the future of our youth and ultimately the future of our Nation; and

WHEREAS the "First Nations and Inuit Science and Technology Program" of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada provides funds to run Summer Science Camps in the seven Mushkegowuk Council First Nation communities every summer; and

WHEREAS the "First Nations and Inuit Science and Technology Program" of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada provides summer science camps for the youth so that they may learn about science language and science skills, and also the chance to enhance their life skills, and spark the imagination of the youth and to keep their options open when choosing a career; and

WHEREAS the "First Nations and Inuit Science and Technology Program" of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada funds have not increased each year but have been reduced to the point that it is very difficult to run programs in each of our First Nation communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Omushkego Education, under the direction of Mushkegowuk Council expresses its strong concern to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada about short sighted decreases in funding for the important First Nations and Inuit Science and Technology Program, and Mushkegowuk Council urges Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to increase funding for this programme, which gives First Nation youth a vision of future options and a possible opening into productive science careers.