



# MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

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## Mushkegowuk Council 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mamowihitowin

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First Nation

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First Nation

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### Moved by:

Chief Norm Hardisty Jr.  
Moose Cree First Nation

### Seconded by:

Chief Derek Stephen  
Kashechewan First Nation

### Carried

Certified copy of a resolution passed  
on September 14, 2012



Stan Loutfit, Grand Chief

September 14, 2012  
Taykwa Tagamou Nation

## Resolution No. 2012-09-14

### Chief's Panel on Our Homelands

**WHEREAS** this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk included a Panel of Chiefs discussing: "Our Homelands: Is Consultation and Accommodation Enough?" which included the following key messages:

- Consultation and Accommodation can only be meaningful if they include the right of Mushkegowuk First Nations to give or withhold consent
- We need our own constitution, laws, policies and structures
- It is time we to take back control of our lands and resources
- We must be aware of and utilize court decisions upholding our rights
- We need to think and act as a government
- Consultation and ratification must happen with the Omushkegowuk citizens
- We must develop land use plans and be prepared and be prepared to co-manage our lands
- We need better ways of addressing compensation and other concerns than Impact and Benefits Agreements (IBAs)

- Agreements must not only include employment and training but also address social issues, environmental monitoring and be built on our values, priorities and principles
- There is a price to be paid by others wishing to utilize Omushkegowk resources
- We need to stay ahead of development and companies and be prepared with our positions, policies and draft agreements
- We need to develop strategies to ensure compliance with agreements
- We need regional and First Nation protocols built in unity
- We must stand united and not be divided
- We must learn from each other and our past mistakes and look for best practices
- We need to develop revenue sharing strategies to become self-sufficient at a regional and community level

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk directs the Office of the Grand Chief to take the thoughts of the Panel of Chiefs into consideration in the continuing efforts to re-establish and expand the Mushkegowuk Nation's control, protection and development of our homelands.