



# MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

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## Mushkegowuk Council 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Mamowihitowin

### Resolution No. 2019-10-25

**Moved by:**  
Deputy Chief Les Nolan, Proxy  
Missinabie Cree First Nation

### Rupert's Land Protection Pledge

Attawapiskat  
First Nation

**WHEREAS** We are the Illiliwuk / Inniniwuk; We are an ancient people united by language, culture, history, tradition, geography, and government; We are the first people to inhabit, govern, and hold sacred these lands and waters, the vast region that we call our homeland; We don't own the land, and we never did. We were placed here by our Creator to look after it. It is ours to look after and use. It is ours to leave to future generations; and

Kashechewan  
First Nation

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Mervin Cheechoo  
Moose Cree First Nation

Fort Albany  
First Nation

Moose Cree  
First Nation

**Carried**

Taykwa Tagamou  
Nation

**WHEREAS** Despite knowing that the Mushkegowuk people lived in the area that the early settlers/explorers called Rupert's Land, Her Majesty signs "The Rupert's Land Order" which transferred our Homelands to the control of Canada in June 1870; and

Chapleau Cree  
First Nation

Certified copy of a resolution passed  
on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Missinabie Cree  
First Nation

**WHEREAS** After conducting extensive research and consultations, the Mushkegowuk Council on behalf of the Mushkegowuk First Nations filed a statement of claim (lawsuit) in the Ontario Supreme Court of Justice in 2003

Jonathan Solomon, Grand Chief

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Attawapiskat First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the lawsuit asks the Court to rule that a number of federal and provincial laws violate a constitutional commitment made by Canada in the 1870 *Ruperts Land Order*, to protect the interests and well-being of Aboriginal peoples in the region

**WHEREAS** the Lawsuit has been dormant since 2005 and given the significant and strong legal grounds the Rupert's Land Order Protection Pledge presents, the Mushkegowuk Council of Chiefs have recently reopened the file and are examining the option of re-submitting the statement of claim in court; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Mamowihitown of the Omushkegowuk directs the office of the Grand Chief to conduct more engagement sessions on the Rupert's Land Protection Pledge Lawsuit with the Mushkegowuk First Nations leadership and take action as directed by the engagement sessions.