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Resolution No. 2008-11-25

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

Moved by:

Chief Andrew Solomon
Fort Albany First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jonathan Solomon
Kashechewan First Nation

Carried

Certified copy of a resolution passed on November 14, 2008

Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

November 14, 2008
Chapleau, Ontario

Mining Activities in Mushkegowuk First Nation Homelands

WHEREAS the Mushkegowuk First Nations have always maintained their right to the land including its use and protection; and

WHEREAS the Mushkegowuk First Nations' understanding of the Treaty is that their rights were not diminished or surrendered; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has allowed and continues to allow mining claims to be staked without consent throughout our homelands; and

WHEREAS the existing Mining Act is invalid and a new act needs to be developed to include the requirement of full consent of the Mushkegowuk First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk First Nations declare that they will accept no new mining activity on their homelands, including staking, exploration, advanced exploration or new mine development until there is:

1. Agreement to a new Mining Act that includes provisions for full consent of First Nations.
2. First Nation approved Land Use Plans, developed with adequate funding, which sets out which lands will be available for mining and exploration.

3. Agreement on environmental assessments and permitting requirements for all mining activities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that existing mining projects may continue only where there is full consent of the First Nations involved, and where a legitimate Impacts and Benefits Agreement exists and that these requirements are without prejudice to projects consented to by a Mushkegowuk First Nation or being developed with the consent of a Mushkegowuk First Nation.