



Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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Mining Advocacy Measures

WHEREAS Nishnawbe Aski Nation political leadership continues to advocate for member First Nations to gain equitable access to natural resources consistent with Aboriginal and Treaty rights; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario continues to fall significantly short of its ongoing constitutional, fiduciary, and other court-ordered obligations toward First Nations in the area mining, including, but not limited to the duty to consult and accommodate meaningful obligations;

WHEREAS a growing number of Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities are becoming frustrated with the way in which the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) is ignoring First Nations' rights and interests in the mining sector, including giving advice to mining companies on how to circumvent these rights and interests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby mandate Nishnawbe Aski Nation Executive Council to aggressively advocate a more positive shift in MNDM's approach to dealing with First Nation mining issues within Nishnawbe Aski territory

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby mandate Nishnawbe Aski Nation Executive Council to explore more adversarial ways of forcing the Government of Ontario to honour its constitutional, court-directed, and fiduciary obligations to Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities in the area of mining in the event that an advocacy approach does not lead to meaningful results;


FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs In Assembly hereby direct Nishnawbe Aski Nation Executive Council to provide a progress report on this matter at the next Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs Assembly.

DATED AT AROLAND FIRST NATION THIS 16th day of August 2007.


Moved By: Chief Theresa Hall, Attawapiskat First Nation

Seconded By: Chief Keith Corston, Chapleau Cree First Nation

CARRIED.



Grand Chief



Deputy Grand Chief