

**Mushkegowuk Council
22nd Annual Assembly**

Resolution No. 2007-09-28

Moved by:

Chief Andrew Solomon
Fort Albany First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jonathan Solomon
Kashechewan First Nation

Carried

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passed on September 13, 2007

Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

September 13, 2007
Attawapiskat, Ontario

**Affirmation of the Inherent and
Independent Leadership of the
Mushkegowuk People**

WHEREAS the Mushkegowuk people have since time immemorial chosen their leadership in the ways that were right for us; and

WHEREAS the laws of Canada that were imposed on us without our consent, such as the *Indian Act* and the laws of corporations, which attempted to limit our self-government structures, are not appropriate to our history, tradition and our ways; and

WHEREAS it is no longer appropriate for our collective Mushkegowuk leadership to be restricted by such corporate laws, and it is necessary to re-establish our leadership independently from Canadian laws and based solely on our history, tradition and who we are; and

WHEREAS our communities and Elders have over the years developed a draft Omushkego Constitution that truly originates with our people and our history, and parts of that draft Constitution are ready for immediate implementation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the representatives of the Omushkego Inniniwuk in Assembly hereby recognize, reassert and confirm, based solely on our inherent rights and jurisdiction, the leadership role of the assembled Chiefs of the Mushkegowuk First

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Nations, and declare that the Chiefs in Assembly shall be known as Onashowewininiwak (or the Council of Chiefs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the representatives of the Omushkego Inniniwuk in Assembly hereby recognize, reassert and confirm, based solely on our inherent rights and jurisdiction, the leadership role of the elected chief spokesperson of the Omushkego Inniniwuk , who shall be known as Kihchionashowewininiw (or Grand Chief); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we the representatives of the Omushkego Inniniwuk in assembly hereby recognize and confirm, based solely on our inherent rights and jurisdiction, the leadership role of the elected deputy chiefs spokesperson of the Omushkego Inniniwuk, who shall be known as kaochishamishkawat (or Deputy Grand Chief).