

**Mushkegowuk Council  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly**

**Resolution No. 2007-09-29**

**Moved by:**

Cory McLeod, Proxy  
Missanabie Cree First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Patricia Faries-Akiwenzie  
Moose Cree First Nation

**Carried**

Certified copy of a resolution  
passed on September 13, 2007

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Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

September 13, 2007  
Attawapiskat, Ontario

**Treaty Rights and Resource Agreements**

WHEREAS the First Nations and Mushkegowuk people of Mushkegowuk Council have historic and inherent Aboriginal rights and sacred Treaty rights, which protect our lands and our relationships with our lands; and

WHEREAS there is increasing encroachment on our Aboriginal and Treaty lands by resource development companies and by governments, seeking to extract economic benefits from our lands; and

WHEREAS we as Mushkegowuk people have the right to develop the resources in our territories, in accordance with the spirit of respect for the land; and

WHEREAS as Mushkegowuk people have the right and the ability to enter into agreements, based on free and fully informed consent, with resource development companies and governments to jointly develop resources in our territory, including minerals, forests, water power, wind power, and other resources; and

WHEREAS such resource development agreements have the potential of taking away from our Aboriginal Treaty rights to the resources, or of appearing to do so; and

WHEREAS resource development agreements freely entered into by one or more Mushkegowuk First Nations can create

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the appearance that Mushkegowuk Treaty rights are being given up;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Council reaffirms that our Mushkegowuk Aboriginal and Treaty rights to the lands and resources have existed from time immemorial and belong to us and our children into the future without end, and that any resource development agreements freely entered into between Mushkegowuk governments and outside corporations and governments are temporary and limited sharing agreements, which cannot and do not change or reduce the basic land and resource rights of our forefathers and grandchildren.