

KEEWAYTINOOK OKIMAKANAK RESOLUTION 04/02/04 #2

Keewaytinook Okimakanak Research Institute

WHEREAS Keewaytinook Okimakanak First Nations is working with different partners including university academics, businesses and government agencies, in part as a result of their successful efforts to expand telecommunications and connectivity opportunities in remote communities as well as their development of broadband technologies and applications such as KiHS, First Nation SchoolNet, Smart Communities and Telehealth; and

WHEREAS the benefits of academic and community-based research is required for planning and documentation purposes; and

WHEREAS the need to support local economic and employment initiatives and research skills development to support the First Nations communities, which are the focus of most of this research; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

the Chiefs of Keewaytinook Okimakanak support the establishment of the KO Research Institute as a new department to coordinate and manage academic research undertaken about KO, its programs and departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

KO staff continue to seek and work with appropriate partners to strengthen the development of the KO research institute; and

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KO staff research and make recommendations as to the best structure to attract partners and funding by developing and reporting at the next Chiefs' meeting on the potential partners, terms of reference, staffing requirements, funding opportunities, recommended models of governance and a sustainability strategy; and

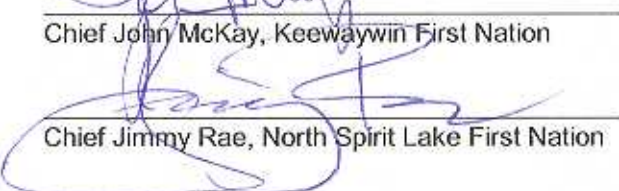
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

the Chiefs-in-Council direct all KO programs to work with the new KO Research Institute to determine appropriate budgets and directions for existing programs and future proposals to support its operation and development.

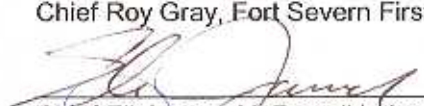
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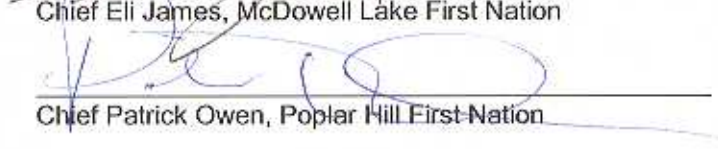

Chief Evelyn Meekis, Deer Lake First Nation


Chief John McKay, Keewaywin First Nation


Chief Jimmy Rae, North Spirit Lake First Nation

Chief Roy Gray, Fort Severn First Nation


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