



KWAYACIIWIN
Education Resource Centre
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Annual General Meeting March 27-28, 2018

RESOLUTION #09/2018

Language and Culture Resource Development Centre Proposal

WHEREAS the Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre (KERC) was established in 2002 by the Sioux Lookout District Chiefs to address academic gaps by developing a range of school support services for communities in the Sioux Lookout district; and

WHEREAS In 2011, Sioux Lookout Area Chiefs approved these two key resolutions:

- **Resolution #7/10-2011** Kwayaciiwin Immersion Model – “... district chiefs support and approve Kwayaciiwin Immersion model and the implementation of the model.”
- **Resolution #8/10-2011** Language Law and Language Institute – “... we the Chiefs recognize Aboriginal language acquisition as a priority in accessing children’s’ achievement throughout the primary grades, and that we the Chiefs direct the Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre to be a lead in the planning for a language law and the establishment of a language institute to protect, preserve and maintain our languages; and to develop long terms goals;” and

WHEREAS for 16 years (2002-2018), Kwayaciiwin’s Academic Readiness Program has grown and provides limited support due to lack of funds in the revitalization and retention of First Nations Language and Culture in the Sioux Lookout District, and responds to urgently expressed concerns and needs based on its funds as the languages and culture deteriorate at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS the KERC Academic Readiness Program has become synonymous in the Sioux Lookout area as a Centre for language and cultural resources for the countless professional, creative, inspiring and user-friendly language and culture materials that ARP has developed and implemented, as well as professional development training provided to immersion and language teachers; and

WHEREAS the KERC Academic Readiness Program had and will continue to, in meaningful partnership with First Nations, maintain its focus on the importance of reclaiming and revitalizing Anihshiniimowin/Anishinaabemowin languages in the Sioux Lookout area; and

WHEREAS to meet the language and cultural needs of students in the Sioux Lookout district a Regional Language and Culture Resource Development Centre must have access to consistent funding to address immediate needs such as recruitment and retention of professional staff.

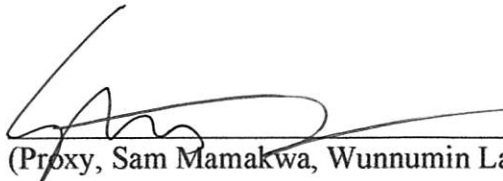
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize and accept the Academic Readiness Program as an existing Language and Cultural Support Services Centre under the Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we the Chiefs-in-Assembly approve its expansion to that of a Regional Language and Culture Resource Development Centre to support 17 band operated schools and communities effective April 1, 2018 and we support the 2018-2019 funding proposal to be submitted to Indigenous Services Canada to establish and implement the expansion.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that we the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Department of Indigenous Services Canada to provide adequate Core Operational Funding to the Regional Language and Culture Resource Development Centre and that Indigenous Services Canada provides these funds directly to Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre by April 1, 2019.


Dated this 28th day of March 2018 in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Moved by:



(Proxy, Sam Mamakwa, Wunnumin Lake)

Seconded by:



(Chief Lorraine Crane, Slate Falls)

Chairperson: