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# WHAPMAGOOSTUI FIRST NATION

## BAND MEMBERS' RESOLUTION

Chronological No.: **2011- 016**

Subject: **Regarding the Evaluation of the Economic Viability of Alternative Energy Sources for the Whapmagoostui First Nation**

PROPOSED BY:

SECONDED BY:

ACTION:

**WHEREAS** the members of the Whapmagoostui First Nation currently consumes approximately 11,500,000 kWh of nonrenewable energy per year;

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of the Whapmagoostui First Nation to develop clean and sustainable energy sources for the long- term energy needs of the community to protect the environment and avert the environmental impact of future hydro development projects on the Great Whale River;

**WHEREAS** renewable energy projects is an important economic development opportunity for the community as it will create jobs, training programs and economic development spin-offs to help ensure the communities' long-term economic growth;

**WHEREAS** Hydro-Quebec has announced that it is currently planning to renew the thermal plant power station in Whapmagoostui in 2013;

**WHEREAS** Hydro-Quebec has estimated that the necessary capital investments for this type of thermal power generator in the North will be approximately \$50 Million and that the fuel cost for the next 20 years of operation will be approximately \$100 Million, or equivalent to a Power Purchase Agreement tariff of over 1.00 \$/kWh;

**WHEREAS** this announced renewal of the thermal plan power provides the Whapmagoostui First Nation with an opportunity to negotiate a Power Purchase Agreement for renewable energy with Hydro-Quebec for the next 20 years;

**WHEREAS** the Cree Northern Plan has secured 1000 MW of renewable energy for the Cree people to Develop;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Quebec has announced the approval and adoption of the Northern Plan through which it committed itself to developing a minimum 300 MW of Wind Power and 200 MW of others renewable energy sources;

**WHEREAS**, Whapmagoostui First Nation is interested in developing sustainable and clean renewable energy sources within its category IA lands;

**WHEREAS**, the successful development of sustainable and clean energy resources can constitute an important source of new revenues for the Whapmagoostui First Nation;

**WHEREAS** it is desirable to secure funding for a pilot project to develop 10 MW of hybrid energy to determine the economic viability of developing clean and sustainable energy sources for the Whapmagoostui First Nation;

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Subject:

**Continuation**

PROPOSED BY:  
John Petagumskum

SECONDED BY:  
Sinclair Gilpin

ACTION:  
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**WHEREAS** it is desirable for the Whapmagoostui First Nation to build strategic alliances and seek partners to secure the funding and professional resources required to develop the sustainable and clean energy sources within its Category IA lands.

**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief be given a mandate to negotiate with the Grand Council of the Cree the necessary agreements required to secure a portion of the renewable energy under the Cree Northern Plan for the Whapmagoostui First Nation;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief be given the mandate to negotiate with Quebec Premiere and Hydro Quebec the necessary agreements required to secure a Power Purchasing Agreement for renewable energy for the next 20 years;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief be given a mandate to explore possible funding sources for the pre-feasibility, feasibility and the development of a comprehensive business plan, with supporting empirical research, to determine the economic viability of clean and sustainable energy sources for the Whapmagoostui First Nation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief be given a mandate to seek strategic alliances and partners to secure the funding and professional resources required to develop the sustainable and clean energy sources within the Category IA lands of the Whapmagoostui First Nation.

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