TITLE:	Support for KI Consultation Protocol and KI Watershed Declaration
SUBJECT:	Consultation / Water
MOVED BY:	Fawn Wapioke, Proxy, Iskatewizaagegan #39 Independent First Nation, ON
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DECISION:	Passed by the AFN Executive Committee

WHEREAS:

A. The citizens of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (KI) voted 96% in favour of the KI Consultation Protocol and KI Watershed Declaration on July 5, 2011 in a custom-based community referendum.

B. The two documents were brought into force by KI Chief and Council through a band council resolution, along with a spiritual ceremony and blessings. The documents have become part of KI's Indigenous laws, and KI calls on outside governments and corporations to recognize and respect them.

C. Six KI leaders, including Chief Donny Morris, were jailed in 2008 for preventing Platinex from exploring on KI's Homeland; activities the community feared could contaminate Big Trout Lake. After a massive public outcry an appeals court released the jailed KI leaders, and in 2009, the Ontario government bought out Platinex's claims.

D. The KI Water Declaration states: "We declare all waters that flow into and out of Big Trout Lake, and all lands whose waters flow those lakes, rivers, and wetlands, to be completely protected through our continued care under KI's authority, laws and protocols...no industrial uses, or other uses which disrupts, poison, or otherwise harm our relationship to these lands and waters will be permitted."

E. Activities affecting KI's lands, resources and environment must only proceed with KI's free, prior and informed consent. The consultation protocol sets out how KI consent will be given freely, where KI

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people are fully informed of the consequences prior to any decisions are made, and according to KI's own laws and decision-making processes.

F. There are companies still staking claims on KI Homelands without our KI consent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Collectively support Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (KI) by recognizing and respecting the KI Consultation Protocol and KI Watershed Declaration.

2. Commit to supporting KI in implementing and enforcing these KI Indigenous Laws, and accept our joint responsibility to protect water as the sacred source of life.

3. Call on the governments of Ontario and Canada to recognize and respect KI's Consultation Protocol and the KI Watershed Declaration.

4. Call on Ontario to begin respecting KI's Watershed Declaration by immediately giving the watershed interim protection and commencing negotiations with KI on the recognition of KI's governance of the watersheds.

5. Call on Ontario to respect KI's moratorium on all logging, mining exploration and development activity (including airborne exploration, claim staking and early exploration), energy developments, research projects and any other activities that would impact KI lands, resources and environment, unless they have been agreed to through KI's Consultation Protocol.

6. Direct the AFN and National Chief to advocate on behalf of KI and present, as appropriate, the issues of the KI Consultation Protocol, the KI Watershed Declaration, and Moratorium to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Northern Development Mines and Forestry, and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, as well as to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Development, the Minister of Environment, and to other relevant Ministers.

7. Direct the AFN and National Chief to take action to help ensure that KI's Declaration and Protocol are recognized and respected by all governments and corporations.

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