

**RESOLUTION 07/04  
NORTHERN TABLE LETTER OF POLITICAL AGREEMENT 90 DAY INTERIM  
MEASURES PROCESS**

**WHEREAS** on March 23, 2006, the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs In Assembly passed Resolution #06/09 endorsing the continuation of Northern Table exploratory discussions with the Government of Ontario;

**WHEREAS** an Interim Northern Table Chiefs Committee was also endorsed to participate and oversee this process;

**WHEREAS** from the period of March 2006 - March 2007 these discussions took place;

**WHEREAS** during this time the Government of Ontario intervened in the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) litigation in support of junior mining company Platinex;

**WHEREAS** the Matawa First Nations has initiated litigation against the Minister of Natural Resources and Aboriginal Affairs David Ramsay; and

**WHEREAS** the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs In Assembly are seeking a substantial ~ commitment from the province in order to continue the exploratory discussions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs In Assembly initiate the Northern Table through an appropriate Letter of Political Agreement to be signed by the Grand Chief; Ontario will be given ninety (90) days to meet the following commitments in the interim measures process to be initiated as the first order of business of the Northern Table:

- Ontario sign the treaty affirmation statement as presented by Nishnawbe Aski Nation;
- Ontario will revise the free entry' exploration system to include notification of proposed exploration activities to First Nations whose traditional activities may be impacted by the proposed exploration and Ontario will require such proponents to enter agreements with the affected First Nations;
- Ontario will make a commitment to a meaningful resource revenue-sharing arrangement with the First Nations of Nishnawbe Aski Nation;
- Ontario will require that development proponents enter impact benefits agreements with impacted First Nations before development activities can proceed on First Nations' traditional lands, including any lands that may be set aside as reserve lands for near bands;
- Ontario will commit to developing and implementing a land use plan based on plans already developed by First Nations; that respect community moratoriums for the NAN territory; and that will balance traditional and non-traditional activities and provide for joint implementation by Ontario and NAN First Nations; and
- Based on Minister Ramsay's commitment from June 2006, Ontario will commit to implementing the key amendments put forward by NAN as proposals to be included in Bill 11 which has now become Ontario's new *Parks Act*.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a negotiating team with representation from all Tribal Councils in Nishnawbe Aski Nation be appointed as soon as possible to commence the negotiations;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that at the end of the ninety (90) days the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs will review the progress made at the Northern Table and decide whether or not to continue participating in the bilateral process; and

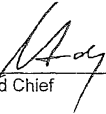
FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED these conditions are reflected in the Letter of Political Agreement.

DATED AT THUNDER BAY, THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2007.

MOVED BY: Chief Joshua Frogg, Wawakapewin First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Glenn Nolan Missanabie Cree First Nation

CARRIED.

  
Grand Chief

  
Deputy Grand Chief

*Opposed:*

<i>Chief David Charles</i>	<i>Ginoogaming First Nation</i>
<i>Chief Roger Oshkineegish</i>	<i>Nibinamik First Nation</i>
<i>Chief Eli Moonias</i>	<i>Marten Falls First Nation</i>
<i>Raymond Ferris, Proxy</i>	<i>Constance Lake First Nation</i>

*Abstentions:*

<i>Chief Darby Harper</i>	<i>Koocheching First Nation</i>
<i>Chief Glenn Nolan</i>	<i>Missanabie Cree First Nation</i>
<i>Chief Mike Wabano</i>	<i>Weenusk First Nation</i>
<i>Chief Eli James</i>	<i>McDowell Lake First Nation</i>
<i>Chief Mike Carpenter</i>	<i>Attawapiskat First Nation</i>
<i>Chief Connie Gray-McKay</i>	<i>Mishkeegogamang First Nation</i>
<i>Dennis Bluecoat, Proxy</i>	<i>Fort Severn First Nation</i>