



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date: November 29, 2011 – COUNCIL

Title: Attawapiskat

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Whereas the Northern Ontario First Nations community of Attawapiskat has declared a state of emergency based upon their ongoing housing and community infrastructure crisis, and

Whereas Chief Theresa Spence, in declaring this emergency, has described the deplorable and unsafe conditions of the community infrastructure, including the lack of adequate housing, water and sewage facilities and other fundamental services, and

Whereas, the current conditions in the community are in part attributed to the limited capacity to manage municipal infrastructure, and

Whereas the City of Vaughan has, over the years, reached out to provide assistance to communities in crisis in different parts of the world, and

Whereas the City of Vaughan has a highly skilled and experienced municipal staff.

It is therefore recommended that

1. The City of Vaughan communicate with Chief Spence and her advisors in order to determine the forms of assistance that could be provided immediately by Vaughan to alleviate the current crisis, and
2. \$10,000 be allotted by the City of Vaughan to provide such support as required, and
3. discussions be initiated between the City of Vaughan and the Attawapiskat community on developing a plan to establish a long-term program of cooperation and development between the two municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Alan Shefman