



**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN**

May 7, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

At the meeting held on April 7, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan passed Resolution 2021-064 requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision on the closure of Youth Justice Facilities in Northeastern communities.

A copy of Resolution 2021-064 is attached. Your consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Knauth", is written over a large, stylized, circular flourish.

Barbara Knauth  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs  
All Municipalities with the Province of Ontario



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

P.O. Box 177, Matachewan, Ontario P0K 1M0

DATE: April 7, 2021

RESOLUTION #: 2021-064

Moved by:

*Adam Costello*

Seconded by:

*Guy Dubé*

**WHEREAS** the MeeQuam Youth Residence in Cochrane is one of the facilities that will be closing effective April 30; and

**WHEREAS** children aged 12 to 17 from the northeastern communities will be impacted by this closure. These are children who have increased needs yet limited access to much needed set of services and support that assist them with their transition to productive and flourishing adulthood; and

**WHEREAS** with the closure of the MeeQuam Youth Residence, these vulnerable children will find themselves in a facility hundred and thousands of kilometers away from their community and their families; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youth justice facility in Cochrane, known as MeeQuam Youth Residence, as these vulnerable children need to be as close as possible to their families and communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

	COUNCILLOR	YEA	NAY	PID
CARRIED	Ms. A. Commando-Dubé Mayor			
AMENDED	Mr. N. Costello Deputy Mayor			
DEFEATED	Mr. G. Dubé Councillor			
TABLED	Ms. S. Ruck Councillor			
	Mr. A. Durand Councillor			

Certified to be a true  
copy of the original.

*Anne Commando-Dubé*  
Anne Commando-Dubé  
Mayor

*Barbara Knauth*  
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Deputy Clerk Treasurer