

# ATTAWAPISKAT RESOURCES INC.

## Community Update

ATTAWAPISKAT RESOURCES INC. was established in 2005 to represent the public business and economic interests of Attawapiskat First Nation and its members. This would be accomplished through establishment, governance and operation of competitive businesses, related to opportunities at the Victor Diamond Mine and elsewhere.

ARI has successfully worked with industry partners to create a number of community-owned enterprises that generate important revenue and provide jobs and training opportunities for our members.

ARI invests in the future of the First Nation through financial contributions to the Community Trust and donations for individual requirements.

### **ARI creates business opportunity for Attawapiskat First Nation**

Attawapiskat Resources Inc. (ARI) is pleased to tell you about another business venture that we have just finalized to benefit of Attawapiskat First Nation members. As of March 2012, ARI has taken over the ownership and operation of **ADVANCED SECURITY & INVESTIGATION SERVICES**, located in Timmins, Ontario.

This latest news is another example of how ARI is delivering on its mandate of business development as a means to improve opportunities for community members.

Because the Victor Mine is slated to close at some point in the not-too-distant future, it is critical for us to be working now on other partnerships and ventures that may become long-term sources of jobs and income for our community. Some of these opportunities will be based in Attawapiskat First Nation, some in other locations in the broader region.

## **We follow the path of other successful communities**

It is important to look at models of other First Nation communities that have pursued business development as the means to economic and other social goals. Across Canada, there are growing numbers of successes, including in Cree communities, from which we can learn:

*In Saskatchewan, the Meadow Lake Tribal Council has implemented a series of business and investment arrangements in forestry, energy, transportation, agriculture, and hospitality industries. The five Cree Nations and four Dene Nations that make up the Council are using the wealth created to improve education, employment, health and a range of other services for community members.*

*In Manitoba, Tribal Councils Investment Group combined the resources of seven Tribal Councils (including the Swampy Cree Tribal Council) to invest in business partnerships in order to own and operate businesses such as a beverage bottling plant in northern Manitoba, wholesale freight operations, a heavy construction firm, franchise operations, real estate and a health services enterprise.*

*The nine Cree communities of Northern Quebec that make up the Grand Council of the Crees have invested heavily in economic development and are now active in airline transportation, outdoor tourism adventure, communications and Web design, construction, arts and cultural businesses, and hospitality for the Eastern James Bay and Southern Hudson Bay regions.*

In each of these examples, the First Nation partners used available resources to partner with other interests in order to establish, then diversify their business holdings.

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*“I am encouraged by the progress that ARI is making in advancing our economic priorities, and through reinvesting revenues back into the community”, said Chief Theresa Spence.*

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## Background on our newest business

**ADVANCED SECURITY & INVESTIGATION SERVICES** is a privately-owned company and has been in business for 25 years. The company has a positive history of strong earnings and satisfied clients in the Timmins area. **ADVANCED SECURITY** currently employs 90 people full-time and 30 part-time, in a range of activities, including:

- **uniformed security guard services and inspection patrols**
- **municipal contracts for school crossing guard services**
- **industrial and commercial security at job sites, retail outlets, special events**
- **alarm response, property loss prevention, crowd control**



The company will keep its existing name, in recognition of its solid reputation in the region. Attawapiskat First Nation will own the company, and manage it through ARI. To ensure a successful transfer of the business operation, the previous owner Mr. Ron Short (pictured above) has agreed to continue on as an advisor. A number of experienced **ADVANCED SECURITY** staff will also remain with the company, so that we maintain important operating and training systems that have helped to make the company a success.

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*“Advanced Security & Investigation Services is a great service business for us to get involved in,” Steve Hookimaw said. “It will bring a number of benefits, including training, new jobs and revenue for the members of Attawapiskat First Nation.”*

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**After a quarter century in business, ADVANCED SECURITY is positioned for even further growth. ARI is taking over operations at a time when there are new contract opportunities opening up with resource companies, hospitals, public building operators and other First Nations communities. For Attawapiskat First Nation, this is good news!**

**ARI BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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## **Greg Koostachin**

Local Business Owner  
Honoured

### **ATTAWAPISKAT RESOURCES INC.**

**congratulates Gregory Koostachin, Founder of M. Koostachin & Sons Ltd., of Attawapiskat First Nation. On February 7, 2012 in a ceremony in Toronto, Mr. Koostachin was one of two 2012 honourees inducted into the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business ABORIGINAL BUSINESS HALL OF FAME.**

