

ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS 29th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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OF
ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

**Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation
Nelson House, Manitoba
July 18 & 19, 2017**

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29th Annual General Assembly
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JUL-17.01

RE: SUPPORT FOR PEGUIS SELKIRK 200

Moved by:

Councillor Winston Desjarlais
Proxy, Brokenhead Ojibway
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Derrick Henderson
Sagkeeng First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, *Peguis Selkirk 200* was formed on 4 August 2016 to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Peguis Selkirk Treaty that was signed on 18 July 1817; and

WHEREAS, First Nations and their Chief and Councils received prior, open and appropriate consultation on all matters relating to all aspects of *Peguis Selkirk 200*; and

WHEREAS, *Peguis Selkirk 200* has proposed to erect a monument on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislative Building dedicated to the spirit of Peguis Selkirk Treaty as represented by a figure of Chief Peguis; and

WHEREAS, the erection of the proposed monument on the grounds of the Legislative Building would be accepted and honoured by Manitoba's First Nations as a respectful and sincere demonstration of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs fully endorses and supports the *Peguis Selkirk 200* work to commemorate the Peguis Selkirk Treaty, specifically, the erection of the proposed monument on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislative Building dedicated to the spirit of the Peguis Selkirk Treaty as represented by a figure of Chief Peguis; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs do respectfully urge the Government of Manitoba to immediately approve the 23 February 2017 application from *Peguis Selkirk 200* to erect said monument in order that a formal announcement and site dedication may be made during the commemoration activities during the week of 15 to 22 July 2017.

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**RE: GRADE 11 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE – HISTORY OF
CANADA TO INCLUDE TREATIES AND THE TREATY
RELATIONSHIP**

Moved by:

Chief Derrick Henderson
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Cathy Merrick
Cross Lake Band of Indians

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopted Resolution MAR-10.04 (Mandatory Education Curriculum on Treaties for Students in All Schools in Manitoba) calling for Treaty Education to be offered to all students in Manitoba from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) as a means of ensuring that the opportunity to learn about Treaties and the Treaty relationship is extended; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopted Resolution SEPT-16.05 (Mandatory Requirement of a Manitoba High School Course On Treaties and the Treaty Relationship) calling for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to support the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba to develop a Grade 11 high school course of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship, and to lobby the Province of Manitoba to make the proposed new course a requirement for Grade 12 graduation for all students in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has been a partner in the development of the Treaty Education Initiative K-12 resources and continues to support the Treaty education training of all educators across the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action No. 62 calls upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, in consultation and collaboration with Survivors, Aboriginal peoples, and educators to among other things: “i) Make age appropriate curriculum on residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal peoples’ historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory education requirement for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students”; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has offered to include representatives from the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre in the revision of the History of Canada /Histoire du Canada curriculum in provincial schools to include components of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship; and

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**RE: GRADE 11 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE – HISTORY OF
CANADA TO INCLUDE TREATIES AND THE TREATY
RELATIONSHIP (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has agreed to establish a joint working group to discuss the Treaty Education Initiative and other matters that impact First Nations education in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre to collaborate on the revision of the Grade 11 high school course of the History of Canada /Histoire du Canada to include Treaties and the Treaty Relationship; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs work with the Province of Manitoba to advance the Treaty Education Initiative in all provincial and First Nations schools to ensure that all students increase their awareness of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship and First Nations historical and contemporary contributions to Canada; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs continue with discussions with the Province of Manitoba to address other issues that impact First Nations education in Manitoba.

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**RE: RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS RIGHTS AND SELF-
DETERMINATION DISCUSSIONS PROCESS**

Moved by:

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sheldon Kent
Black River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the *Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Discussions* Process is a federal process formally known as the *Exploratory Discussion Table on Governance* which now has over 50 formalized discussion tables across the country; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these discussion tables, among other things, is to advance talks on the Nation-to-Nation relationship; to find ways for new self-government arrangements; to find ways of closing the First Nation socio-economic gap; and, to advance reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) prefers Treaty based tables with First Nations who are direct beneficiaries of Treaties thus can make legitimate decisions, for example, in “*going beyond the Indian Act*”; and

WHEREAS, INAC requires an *Expression of Interest* by Treaty No. 5 First Nations with evidence of genuine interest and an indication of support to be part of the discussion table by entering into a framework agreement; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Treaty No. 5 and Treaty No. 5 Adhesion First Nations belonging to Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) has expressed an interest in participating on the *Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Discussions* Process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Treaty No. 5 and Treaty No. 5 Adhesion Chiefs with the support of the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby endorse the request for funding from INAC Minister Carolyn Bennett for an inaugural summit of Treaty No. 5 and Treaty No.5 Adhesion under the *Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Discussions* Process; and

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**RE: RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS RIGHTS AND SELF-
DETERMINATION DISCUSSIONS PROCESS (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Treaty No. 5 and Treaty No. 5 Adhesion Chiefs with the support of the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby express an interest to engage with INAC in the *Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Discussions* Process; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the mover and seconder of this resolution are directed to solicit and receive the engagement funding from INAC on behalf of Treaty No.5 and Treaty No. 5 Adhesions and that no other commitment or decision is made to engage in the federal process until after the inaugural summit.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF THE MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT FOR THE TREATY RELATIONS
COMMISSION OF MANITOBA (TRCM)**

Moved by:

Chief Arlen Dumas
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Karen Batson
Pine Creek First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution MAR-10.01, *Support for Renewal of Memorandum of Agreement for the TRCM supporting the renewal of the existing mandate of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM)* and its associated Memorandum of Agreement with Canada for a five-year term from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs by motion NOV-12.15 mandated the Chiefs Task Force on TRCM to enter into renewal discussions with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) beyond March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Task Force on TRCM and INAC have agreed to an extension of the TRCM on a year to year basis since March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, INAC is working internally to extend the terms of the Treaty Commissions across Canada and have recommended three to five year terms subject to Federal Cabinet approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Chiefs Task Force on TRCM recommendation to support the renewal of the TRCM for a 10 year term from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2028; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly continues to support the Chiefs Task Force on TRCM and direct the AMC Grand Chief to engage with INAC on a new agreement for TRCM to be negotiated and approved.

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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC)
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: INCLUSION OF
THE AMC GRANDMOTHERS COUNCIL**

Moved by:

Chief Karen Batson
Pine Creek First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, resolution June-14.01 of the AMC Chiefs in Assembly *Supporting action on the recommendations presented within Bringing Our Children Home: Summary Report on the Outcomes of the Open Citizens Forum and Recommendations for Leadership Consideration* recommended the development an AMC Grandmothers Council; and

WHEREAS, AMC Resolution JUN-14.02 *Support for the Ogitchitakwewak Kakikaynan* states:

- a. recognized Grandmothers, mothers, aunts, and daughters in attendance were recognized as “Ogitchitakweg” and endorsed the statement entitled *Ogitchitakwewak Kakikaynan* and the supporting Role of the Ogitchitakweg (see APPENDIX A); and
- b. established a formal AMC Grandmothers Council by encouraging and supporting Grandmothers from every community to become involved on a regional level and fulfill their Role as Ogitchitakweg, including the returning of the Grandmothers to their rightful place within the community to revitalize traditional parenting ways; and

WHEREAS, at the April 2017 AMC Special Chiefs Assembly on Child and Family Services, the Chiefs in Assembly passed resolution APR-17.01 to amend the AMC Constitution to include the Grandmothers Council, and directed the AMC Secretariat to provide the appropriate notice for an amendment to the AMC Constitution to the Chiefs for consideration at the July 2017 Annual General Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Constitution be amended as followed:

Article 5.2 of the AMC Constitution include reference to the Grandmothers Council, and new Article in the AMC Constitution that identifies the composition, role and function of the Grandmothers Council [wording to be included is underlined]:

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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC)
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THE AMC GRANDMOTHERS COUNCIL (cont'd)**

INSTRUMENTS

ARTICLE 5

- ...
2. Subsidiary committees or instruments that are necessary or required, may be established by the Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly.

The Council of Elders
Grandmothers Council

An additional Article be included:

**GRANDMOTHERS COUNCIL
Composition, Role and Function**

ARTICLE 21

1. The Grandmothers Council shall consist of Grandmothers representative of the First Nations in Manitoba.
2. The size and membership of the Grandmothers Council will be determined by the Executive Council of Chiefs, and based on the advice of the Grandmothers.
3. The Grandmothers Council will select a representative who will assist in Assemblies, Executive meetings and Special Assemblies.
4. The Grandmothers Council will be called upon to provide advice and functional guidance to the Chiefs-in-Assembly.
5. The Grandmothers Council may make recommendations to the Executive Council and to the Assembly of Chiefs-in-Assembly.

The organizational chart in the AMC Constitution at page 22 will be amended to include the Grandmothers Council

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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC)
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: CHANGE OF THE
FIRST NATIONS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE TO
WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

Moved by:

Councillor Hank Richard
Proxy, Sandy Bay Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in 1995 the AMC Chiefs Assembly created the First Nations Women's Council (FNWC) by resolution to build upon and maintain cultural respect and honour for First Nations women. FNWC members advocate and advance Manitoba First Nations women's interests and concerns at the political level to improve educational, economic, health and social status of women, girls, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the FNWC brought forward Resolution Jan-03.07 *The Development of the First Nation Women's Council, Standing Committee and Secretariat* (attached). It resolved to create, among others things, a First Nation Women's Council, a Standing Committee, and a Secretariat. Over the years, this resolution has not been able to be implemented, mainly because of the lack of elected female leadership and financial resources; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2017 at the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly, the FNWC called for a meeting to discuss moving forward the part of the Jan-03.07 resolution, and change the First Nations Women's Committee to an AMC Council, the "First Nation Women's Council." The objectives and Terms of Reference of the FNWC would not change, only its status as a Committee under the AMC Constitution from a "Chiefs Committee" to a "Council."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Constitution be amended as followed:

That the First Nations Women's Committee be changed to the Women's Council [wording to be included is underlined; wording to be removed is ~~struckout~~];

INSTRUMENTS

ARTICLE 5

...

1. Subsidiary committees or instruments that are necessary or required, may be established by the Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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FIRST NATIONS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE TO
WOMEN'S COUNCIL (cont'd)**

**CHIEFS COMMITTEES
Role, Function and Accountability**

ARTICLE 18

7. The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly through resolution, have established the following Chiefs Committees:

Self-determination and Treaties Committee
Health and Social Development Committee
Justice Committee
Child Welfare Committee
Education Committee
Housing Committee
Economic Development Committee
International Affairs Committee
First Nations Women's Committee

**FIRST NATIONS WOMEN'S COUNCIL
Composition, Role and Function**

ARTICLE 22

1. The Women's Council shall consist of elected female First Nations in Manitoba.
2. The size and membership of the Women's Council will be determined by the Executive Council of Chiefs.
3. The Women's Council will select a representative who will assist in Assemblies, Executive meetings and Special Assemblies.
4. The Women's Council will be called upon to provide advice and functional guidance to the Chiefs-in-Assembly.
5. The Women's Council may make recommendations to the Executive Council and to the Assembly of Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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