

# **ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



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**JUL-18.01**

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

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**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly is required to receive, review and approve an annual audit of the AMC Secretariat and appoint an auditor for the next fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Secretariat Inc. is required to prepare budgets, receive, administer and distribute funds, and transact business and engage in such activities that are necessary for the maintenance and management of the AMC Secretariat in order to achieve fruition of designated objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, Myers Norris Penny (MNP) has conducted the AMC audit from 2015-2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel and Finance Committee recommends that the Chiefs-in-Assembly extend the term of MNP for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly extend the appointment of MNP as the auditor for the AMC Secretariat for the fiscal year 2018-19; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Secretariat will prepare and implement a tendering process for bids for the 2019-21 fiscal years annual audits; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat provide a summary of the bids to the Chiefs-in-Assembly; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the appropriate clauses from 22.3 to 22.10 of AMC's *Financial Policies and Procedures* be amended to reflect the direction provided in this resolution.

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**JUL-18.02**

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS GOVERNANCE RENEWAL**

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**WHEREAS**, numerous attempts at Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) governance renewal have been made over the years, including: a governance review; restructuring attempts of the AMC, AMC Secretariat Inc. and AMC Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC); a model for political coordination and cooperation; and organizational strategy and review; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2012, the AMC ECC established the Chiefs Committee on Governance Renewal pursuant to Article 18.8 of the AMC Constitution with a mandate that includes: conducting a comprehensive governance review, including a review of the AMC Constitution, that promotes political unity and equal/equitable First Nation representation; developing a process for the nomination and appointment of Chiefs on the AMC ECC; and developing a process for nomination and appointment to Chiefs Committees and First Nations-mandated corporations; and

**WHEREAS**, AMC Grand Chief as a part of his Governance Renewal Strategy initiated reviews of all AMC policies, boards, committees and other decision-making bodies for consistency, efficiency and compliance with modern accountability practices; and

**WHEREAS**, while quorum was not able to be reached at three meetings of the Chiefs Committee on Governance Renewal due to scheduling conflicts, the Chiefs still discussed a number of governance options and agreed to share those discussions with Chiefs-in-Assembly and seek additional time to fully canvas the numerous governance options.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the work of the Chiefs Committee on Governance Renewal will continue and include streamlining various layers and committees and pursuing governance options that recognize First Nations' jurisdiction; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to begin drafting proposed AMC Constitutional changes for presentation to the Chiefs-in-Assembly; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that an AMC Chiefs Assembly on Governance takes place in November 2018.

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**RE: EDUCATION FUNDING MODEL FOR INDEPENDENT FIRST NATIONS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Chiefs-in-Assembly (AMC) established the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) in 1998 as a means of providing shared support services for First Nations schools to better meet the educational needs of First Nations students; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC gave the mandate to the MFNERC to provide enhanced second and third level services in Resolution JUN-12.06, which independent First Nations fully support; and

**WHEREAS**, independent First Nations request reciprocal support in their assertion and self-determination of locally-controlled First Nation governance in establishing their own education funding models and associated funding agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the MFNERC established the Manitoba First Nations School System to manage and operate schools in 10 First Nations communities in Manitoba in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, there is need to provide shared third level services for First Nations, including accreditation, certification, curriculum development, training, advocacy and other supports required by First Nations in Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, First Nations Education Directors and staff of the MFNERC have been involved in regionally-led research which will inform the increased funding requirements for First Nations education in Manitoba included in the 2018 memorandum to cabinet and the Treasury Board Submission; and

**WHEREAS**, at the March 2018, AMC Assembly on Education, certified resolution MAR-18.07 “Direct Second Level Education Services Funding to Manitoba First Nations,” the Chiefs resolved, among other things, that regional funding allocation for second level services be disbursed in full to First Nations to allow each First Nation to determine where it purchases second level services; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of independent Manitoba First Nations are now moving forward collectively to confirm and finalize an education funding model which addresses the individual and collective needs of the independent First Nations, as set out in the Federal Government's budget; and

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**WHEREAS**, our position as independent Nations is that we alone have the inherent, treaty, jurisdictional, and constitutional rights to self-determination and governance, and to enter into Funding Agreements as it relates to education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has provided a September 2018 deadline to establish a regional funding model and associated governance agreement. The independent First Nations have set a target date for completion of the Independent Education Funding Model for August 10, 2018.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC proactively and expeditiously endorse the efforts of the independent First Nations that are moving forward to establish its educational funding model and associated governance agreements that must include Independent First Nations; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC support the synergies of this initiative by moving forward to ensure strong, positive, and successful educational outcomes for our First Nations children and Independent First Nations.

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**JUL-18.04**

**RE: RESPONDING TO GREYHOUND CANADA DISCONTINUED RURAL AND  
NORTHERN ROUTES**

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**WHEREAS**, Greyhound Canada announced in July 2018 that by October 31, 2018, the company will end passenger and freight service in Western Canada citing low ridership; and

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba First Nation citizens rely on Greyhound Canada bus service for reliable inter-city and rural travel, and any disruption to this service will result in hardship for Manitoba First Nations, especially for our most vulnerable citizens living in northern communities who rely on bus service; and

**WHEREAS**, the void created by Greyhound Canada creates barriers to First Nations' Treaty right to health as Greyhound is the main transportation method for First Nations medical services patients traveling to city centers for medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, discontinuing bus service will affect quality of and access to healthcare, including transportation of essential medical supplies and medication; and

**WHEREAS**, Greyhound Canada has approached both provincial and federal governments, raising concerns over the years and advocating for a community-funding model that allows for any private carrier to bid on essential rural services; and


**WHEREAS**, Federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau will work with provinces, communities and Greyhound to find solutions, following Greyhound's withdrawal of bus service from Western Canada.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Grand Chief Dumas meet with provincial and federal government transportation Ministers to ensure any options explored to fill this service gap are informed by Manitoba First Nations and address Manitoba First Nations citizens' needs; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Secretariat and FNHSSM Secretariat continue communicating with Manitoba First Nations to ensure any emergent solutions appropriately meet our First Nations citizens' needs, especially our citizens in northern communities.

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**RE: REPLACING THE JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE TERMS OF REFERENCE OFFICIALS  
WORKING GROUP (TOROWG)**

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**WHEREAS**, in September 2008, the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada established a bilateral working group tasked with the implementation of Jordan's Principle, and only in February 2012, was the AMC invited to formally participate with the Terms of Reference Officials Working Group (TOROWG), a technical table, as well as the Joint Manitoba Canada Committee comprised of Senior Officials and Leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, at the September 2016 AMC Annual General Assembly, Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution SEPT-16.07 FIRST NATIONS DIRECTIVES FOR JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE that included a directive to "*restructure the existing intergovernmental table (TOROWG) to support a new approach for the implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba that serves the function necessary to make health, social and educational services accessible to all First Nations children regardless of residency.*" The restructuring of the TOROWG was identified as necessary because of its lack of action on Jordan's Principle over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, at the April 13, 2017, TOROWG meeting, AMC, with representatives from MKO, SCO, MFNERC and FNHSSM presented to the TOROWG that the TOROWG table should be restructured. Representatives from Canada agreed; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Political Unity Accord, the AMC has been frequently and regularly meeting with representatives from the MKO, SCO, MFNERC, and FNHSSM on a "Jordan's Principle Technical Advisory Group" (Jordan's Principle TAG). A representative from MFNERC has recently been invited and joined the meetings and a representative from the AFN Manitoba Regional Chief's Office has been invited to all the meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 20, 2018, representatives from the AMC, MKO, SCO, FNHSSM and MFNERC will meet with representatives from DISC, including FNIHB and Jordan's Principle Child First Initiative, to discuss Jordan's Principle, including a proposed First Nation independent evaluation on how it has been implemented in Manitoba First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Chiefs-in-Assembly agree to replace the TOROWG by creating a "Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable" with the full participation of MKO, SCO, FNHSSM and MFNERC, along with the participation from Canada with Manitoba as follows:



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**1. MEMBERSHIP**

**A First Nations and Governmental Technical Table**

**First Nation (9):** AMC, MKO, SCO, AFN Regional Chief's Office, FNHSSM, MFNERC, FNFAU, 1-Northern First Nation Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator, and 1 Southern First Nation Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator

**Canada (4):** Appropriate representatives from DISC: Jordan's Principle Child First Initiative, FNIHB, Education, and Child Welfare

**Manitoba (4):** Appropriate representatives from various departments: Health, Families, Indigenous Services, Education

**First Nations and Governmental Senior Officials**

**First Nation** Women's Council and AFN Manitoba Regional Chief

Canada (1): DISC Minister

Manitoba (1) Appropriate Minister from Health, Families or Education

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that the role and function of the "Jordan's Principle Equitable Roundtable" will be to ensure Manitoba First Nations involvement and control in the ongoing full implementation of Jordan's Principle that puts the needs of First Nations children first, ensures access to governmental services on reserve without discrimination, and ensures stable, long-term funding for First Nations that enhances First Nations' capacity to provide those services in a holistic manner, and will include the following:

- Oversee the implementation of Jordan's Principle that will include overseeing Jordan's Principle case conferences and what cases are being funded with anonymized reviews and the development of a dispute resolution mechanism;

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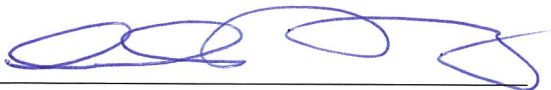
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- Identify the full investment needed for ongoing services for First Nations to fully implement Jordan's Principle, and assist in the development of a regional position for Jordan's Principle Treasury Board submissions, including the development of an inventory checklist/asset map for all Manitoba First Nations;
- Identify where federal funding policies need to be changed and aligned to be consistent with Jordan's Principle;
- Be the conduit and contact between regional activities and the National Action Committee and its Jordan's Principle Action Table;
- Work on a First Nations definition of "Prevention" and how Jordan's Principle will assist in prevention activities that will end putting children in CFS care to access services; and
- Oversee the ongoing evaluation of the full implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba.

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to work with representatives from the MKO, SCO, FNHSSM and MFNERC to design an appropriate evaluation process, and inform Canada that it will seek to perform an independent evaluation.

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**JUL-18.06**

**RE: THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA'S CANNABIS RETAIL STRATEGY AND  
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FEE**

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**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly reject the Province of Manitoba's proposed taxation of cannabis.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirm its position that the province does not have jurisdiction to unilaterally develop a strategy without consulting Manitoba First Nations, including the development of a social responsibility "fee" as recognized by section 87 of the *Indian Act*; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize that First Nations collect PST and forward it to Manitoba, and that a First Nation regional approach to PST and taxation must be developed to provide for revenue streams for First Nations, and direct the AMC Secretariat to expeditiously develop options for a First Nations taxation strategy to provide to First Nations and the AMC Chiefs Committee on Economic Development by September 30, 2018; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief's Office and Secretariat work with First Nations through the AMC Chiefs Committee on Economic Development to develop a Manitoba First Nations Cannabis Strategy; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly call on Premier Brian Pallister and the responsible Ministers to immediately meet with Chiefs to discuss the Province's position and direct the AMC Grand Chief's office to arrange the meeting.

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**JUL-18.07**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS**

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**WHEREAS,** the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), and its member First Nations purchase a large amount of electricity from Manitoba Hydro; and

**WHEREAS,** without limitation as to the initiatives of other First Nations, the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation (RRAFN) wishes to explore alternate means of procuring and generating energy, such as the construction of a wind turbine project upon the lands of the RRAFN, which will continue the energy and economic needs of the RRAFN; and

**WHEREAS,** the RRAFN is located next to the St. Joseph Wind Farm, a large wind farm in Southern Manitoba which generates in excess of 138 megawatts annually; and

**WHEREAS,** the RRAFN has conducted a preliminary feasibility study, in reliance upon regional wind data, which supports the construction of a wind turbine upon the lands of the RRAFN; and

**WHEREAS,** the RRAFN has submitted a proposal for a wind turbine to Canada and seeks, in part, funding and support from Canada for the implementation of the aforementioned wind turbine project.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the initiative of the RRAFN, and call on Canada to fully fund it; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support and encourage other First Nations to construct alternative energy projects and call on Canada to fund those as well; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** the Chiefs-in-Assembly call on Canada, Manitoba to procure power purchase agreements from Manitoba Hydro; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to follow up with Canada and Manitoba to ensure that measures are taken to implement the above.

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