

# **ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS CHIEFS ASSEMBLY**



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| APR-2019.01 | Expansion of The First Nations Family Advocate Office to Conduct Investigations |
| APR-2019.02 | Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable Conflict of Interest                       |

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**RE: EXPANSION OF THE FIRST NATIONS FAMILY ADVOCATE OFFICE  
TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Francine Meeches  
Swan Lake First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Deborah Smith  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

**WHEREAS**, AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution JUN-14.01 re “Supporting Action on the recommendations presented within the “Bringing Our Children Home: Summary Report on the Outcomes of the Open Citizens Forum and Recommendations for Leadership to consider” (Bringing our Children Home Report); and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Bringing Our Children Home report identified 10 recommendations to address many of the issues and concerns during the Open Citizens Forum held in May 2014. Recommendation #2 included the creation of the First Nations Family Advocate Office (FNFAO); and

**WHEREAS**, the FNFAO is outside of the provincial child and family services system and receives its mandate from the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past decade there has been upsurge of the provincial system failing First Nations children with a total of 546 deaths of children in care as recorded in the Southern Authority, Northern Authority and General Authority Annual General Reports from 2008-2016; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2018, the Children Advocate Office, now restructured as the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth (MACY), was legislated through the Province of Manitoba to expand its role to carry out review of services after the death of a young person if the young person received child welfare services in the year before their death; and

**WHEREAS**, the MACY has released 3 reports pertaining to deaths of First Nations children in care which includes:

1. Documenting the Decline: The dangerous space between good intention and meaningful intervention (October 19, 2018); and
2. In Need of Protection: Angel’s Story (December 13, 2018); and
3. A Place Where it feels like Home: The Story of Tina Fontaine (March 4, 2019).

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OFFICE TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS (cont'd)**

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**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2019, Grand Chief Dumas sent a letter to the MACY to begin discussion of ensuring the involvement of First Nations contribution to a joint review process of the MACY reports and a potential to move forward in developing a new relationship in which a response was not received; and

**WHEREAS**, recently Winnipeg service providers have expressed concerns regarding MACY's approach to its investigations, including the report *A Place Where it feels like Home: The Story of Tina Fontaine*, and called for her resignation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly expand the mandate of the First Nations Family Advocate Office to include investigation into deaths and critical incidents of First Nations children and youth; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to seek resources to establish an investigation team.

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**Grand Chief Arlen Dumas**

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**RE: JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE EQUITY ROUNDTABLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Larson Anderson  
Norway House First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Francine Meeches  
Swan Lake First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, by way of resolution *JUL-18.05 Replacing the Jordan's Principle Terms of Reference Official Working Group*, the Chiefs-in-Assembly agreed to replace the intergovernmental Jordan's Principle Terms of Reference Officials Working Group (TOROWG) with a Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan's Principle Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of the Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable has the full participation of its members which include the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO), the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM), the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC), Norway House Cree Nation, 1 to be determined (TBD) representative of Independent First Nations and 1 TBD representative of the Tribal Council Service Coordinators, along with the participation of Canada and Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jordan's Principle TAG of the Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable meets regularly on a bi-weekly meeting schedule to discuss a number of policies, action items and advocacy as it relates to the ongoing regional implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba and work with regional Specialized Service Providers who provide a range of clinical services offered through various organizations regionally in Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, these Specialized Service Providers include the Eagle Urban Transition Centre and the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre which are mandated by the AMC; and the Frontier School Division, the Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre, the Rehabilitation Centre for Children / Specialized Services for Children and Youth and St. Amant are mandated by the Province of Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, possible conflicts of interest to occur with AMC employees, Chiefs and Appointees with AMC activities, mandated entities and committees. The AMC Personnel Policy Manual has policies in place for conflicts of interest, but there is no AMC policy on appointments to structures created by the Chiefs-in-Assembly such as the Jordan's Principle TAG of the Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable; and

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**WHEREAS**, a potential conflict of interest is defined as an employee or director having private interests that could conflict with their public duties, which refers to circumstances where it is foreseeable that a conflict may arise in future and steps should be taken now to mitigate that future risk, and a conflict of duty will arise when a person is required to fulfill two or more roles that may actually, potentially or be perceived to be in conflict with each other; and


**WHEREAS**, the TAG is currently working on its Terms of Reference; and

**WHEREAS**, at the April 12, 2019 Jordan's Principle TAG meeting, a possible conflict of interest and conflict of duty was raised regarding one of its technicians who serves as a representative of a First Nations Provincial Territorial Organization (PTO) in addition to serving as a board member of two provincially-mandated Specialized Service Providers organizations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to work with the AMC Chiefs Committee on Governance Renewal on a draft Conflict of Interest Policy to apply to AMC appointees to the Jordan's Principle Technical Advisory Group of the Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable and other similar AMC appointments; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Secretariat be directed to bring the AMC's approach to conflict of interest to the Technical Advisory Group to include in its Terms of Reference.

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