

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

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Moved by:

Councillor Gilbert Fredette,
Proxy
Norway House Cree Nation

**RE: SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS GOVERNANCE IN DATA LINKAGE
FOR RESEARCH**

Seconded by:

Chief Nelson Houle
Ebb and Flow First Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba, both leadership and Health Directors, including AMC, all 7 Tribal Councils, and some independent First Nations, worked for several years in research partnerships; and

WHEREAS, these partnerships one of included working with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, Community Health Sciences, and Dr. Pat Martens, to develop the first and only report on the Health Status and Health Usage of Registered First Nations people in Manitoba (2002); and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, this report, and other research regarding Health Inequalities, have been undertaken only by linking the First Nations data at the Indian Status Registry (such as gender, age, residence, status number, etc. with the Manitoba Health Personal Health Identification Number (PHIN), through a secure process which ensures the confidentiality of all persons and their health information; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has been urging the MCHP and the Province for the past three years, including Grand Chief Nepinak writing to Minister Blaney, for an update of this 2002 Health Report; and

WHEREAS, in May 2015, the Manitoba Minister of Health approved the development of a new First Nations Health Report by the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, to be undertaken in concert with the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM) and the Manitoba First Nations Health Technicians Network; and

WHEREAS, the FNHSSM and Manitoba Health are working toward the development of First Nations Community Health profiles, in conjunction with the MFN Health Technicians Network of Tribal Council and independent First Nations Health Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba recognize the self-determination of First Nations, and respect the Chiefs of Manitoba essential principles for research (AMC Jan.07-01): Free Prior and Informed Consent, on a collective and individual basis; First Nations OCAP principles in research, that First Nations have Ownership, Control, Access and Possession of their/our own data, and First Nations ethical standards; and

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS GOVERNANCE IN DATA LINKAGE
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WHEREAS, FNHSSM and Manitoba Health are developing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding proceeding within FNHSSM oversight for the linkage of Indian Status Registry and MB Health PHIN numbers into an anonymized, confidential, secure data base for research, which can only be accessed by applying to and review and approval by the Manitoba First Nations Health Information Research Governance Committee (HIRGC) which Chief have mandated since 1996.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby authorize the FNHSSM Research Unit to proceed with the MOA with MB Health and provide oversight to the Linkage project for the purposes of Health Status, Health Care Usage, and related Health issues, as reviewed by FNHSSM and HIRGC.

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Moved by:

Chief Arnold Flett
Garden Hill First Nation

RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE (HOSPITAL) IN ISLAND LAKE

Seconded by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the four First Nation communities of Island Lake; Wasagamack, Red Sucker Lake, Garden Hill and St. Theresa Point have been working towards the establishment of the Primary Health Care Centre (Hospital); and

WHEREAS, in June 2003, the four First Nation communities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Manitoba, Government of Canada, and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to make improved health services available and accessible within the Island Lake region; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in June 2008, the "Island Lake Primary Health Care Centre (Hospital) – Master Service Plan (MSP)" was submitted to Manitoba Health, Burntwood Regional Health Authority, and Health Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution OCT-11.18 "*Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Support the Establishment of a Primary Care Centre (Hospital) in Island Lake*"; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the four First Nation Island Lake communities to continue to work and bring to fruition the establishment of this Primary Health Care Centre (Hospital).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the four Island Lake communities and direct both Canada (FNIHB) and Manitoba (Manitoba Health) to give priority and project identification under their respective Treasury Board(s) for the necessary resources required to support the development of a building design and construction of the Primary Health Care Centre (Hospital).

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief, AMC Secretariat and the AFN Regional Chief for Manitoba to assist the four First Nations of Island Lake by providing political and technical support to the Island Lake leadership to ensure the establishment of the Primary Health Care Centre (Hospital) as described in its MSP in the Island Lake region.

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ECC SEPT-03.15

Moved by:

Chief Nelson Houle
Ebb and Flow First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Marcel Moody
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

CARRIED

RE: MFNERC HIGH COST SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING (HCSEP)

WHEREAS, "Indigenous individuals, particularly children, have the right to all levels and forms of education of the State without discrimination" (UNDRIP Article 14.2); and,

WHEREAS, funding provided to First Nations by the Government of Canada for high cost special education has not increased to accommodate inflation, population growth or increasing need; and

WHEREAS, the rate of disability in First Nations is three times higher than in non-First Nations communities. Community based identification of special needs students has more than doubled (1550-3550) since the funding cap in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the clinician shortage in Manitoba makes it very difficult to attract and retain clinicians for First Nations schools; and

WHEREAS, Canada has more than 30,000 children in care, with 1/3 of these children from Manitoba. Of all Manitoban children in care, over 90% are of First Nations ancestry, with at least 30% (3,000) of these children meeting the criteria of having one or more disabilities or special needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly lobby the Government of Canada to increase the HCSEP funding envelope for 2016/2017 to accommodate inflation rates, increased identification of special needs, and population increases since the inception of the program; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly, lobby the Government of Canada to provide resources to the Manitoba Region for the development and delivery of First Nations student clinical supports for the aggregate of First Nations operated schools in Manitoba; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly lobby the Government of Canada to invest in a strategy to train First Nations clinicians (Psychologists, Speech Language Clinicians, Reading Clinicians, Occupational/Physical Therapists, Mental Health/Social Workers, Behavioral Specialists) to deliver student clinical supports services for First Nations operated schools in Manitoba; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support grassroots / Elders / Parents / First Nation perspective and practice for inclusion of all children.

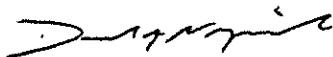
FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly request AANDC provide regional data on special education need to MFNERC Special Education Unit (SEU) for effective programming to address true need.

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Moved by:

Councillor Gilbert Fredette
Proxy
Norway House Cree Nation

**RE: FEDERAL DENTAL THERAPISTS BE RECOGNIZED AND LICENSED TO
PRACTICE IN MANITOBA**

Seconded by:

Chief Garnet Woodhouse
Pinaymootang First Nation

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Swampy Cree Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly understand the historical difficulty of recruiting and retaining dentists and that due to lack of access to dental care a dental disease crisis exists in First Nations communities; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the federally-trained dental therapists are not licensed or registered to practice dentistry in the Province of Manitoba and the provincially-trained dental therapists are allowed to work in private practice.

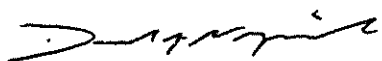
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support and approve the recognition of the federally-trained dental therapists as this recognition is critical to have provincial support for the School of Dental Therapy; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the regulation of all dental therapists will ensure that First Nations are provided care by regulated professionals who must show that they meet and maintain professionalism and practice standards; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that negotiations between the Manitoba Dental Association, the Swampy Cree Chiefs and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs commence immediately to have the federally trained dental therapists licensed and registered.

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Moved by:

Councillor Gilbert Fredette
Proxy
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Nelson Houle
Ebb and Flow First Nation

CARRIED

RE: DENTAL THERAPIST TRAINING IN MANITOBA

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Swampy Cree Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly understand that a dental health crisis exists in Swampy Cree and other First Nations territories; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to recruit and retain dentists on reserve; and

WHEREAS, the School of Dental Therapy is no longer in existence with the result that there are no more dental therapists being trained and some therapists will be retiring in the near future; and


WHEREAS, the proposal put forward by the University College of the North (UCN) to start a National School of Dental Therapy was not approved by the COPSE (Council on Post-Secondary Education), Province of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support a proposal to start a School of Dental Therapy in The Pas or Opaskwayak Cree Nation territory; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chiefs Office to assist in negotiations between UCN, Swampy Cree Tribal Council, Manitoba Dental Association, and other organizations, as later determined and these discussions commence immediately for a School of Dental Therapy to train dental therapists who will continue to provide dental service in our underserved communities.

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Moved by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Nelson Houle
Ebb and Flow First Nation

CARRIED

RE: BOYCOTTING FAS GAS PLUS OUTLETS

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Grand Chiefs office receives numerous racially based complaints from First Nations people where incidents occur in private businesses and public institutions; and

WHEREAS, recently one of the Chiefs belonging to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs advocated and intervened directly when he witnessed the racism towards a First Nation person on the premises of Fas Gas in Thompson and, subsequently an employee of the Fas Gas Plus Outlet charged the leader with Uttering Threats which he (the Chief) plans to contest; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Chiefs-in-Assembly to address the issue of racism and to protect the safety and security of our people; and

WHEREAS, racism experienced by our people from Fas Gas Plus Outlet in Thompson and the attitude displayed by its employee toward our people will not be tolerated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly boycotts Fast Gas Plus Outlet in Thompson and all Fas Gas Plus Outlets in Manitoba to demonstrate that racism will not be tolerated by the Chiefs of Manitoba and this boycott to continue until further notice; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to lobby for funding to establish a secretariat to record all complaints and assist persons to lodge official complaints to the Human Rights Tribunals.

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