

# **ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS**

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## **ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**AUGUST 28th, 29th and 30th, 1991**

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**3RD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS**  
**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**AUG.91-01**

Moved By:

Chief Sidney Garrioch  
CROSS LAKE FIRST NATION

**RE: A MODEL FOR POLITICAL COORDINATION & COOPERATION IN MANITOBA - A DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL MODEL FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS AND ITS SECRETARIAT**

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Seconded by:

Chief Harold Turner  
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST  
NATION

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is currently using the "A Model for Political Coordination & Cooperation in Manitoba" adopted in Assembly on August 11, 1988;

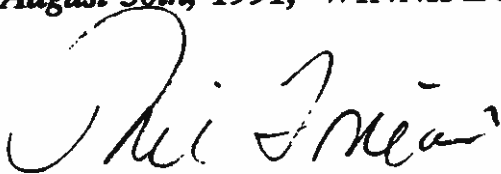
**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Executive Council have adopted by Consensus, a "revised model" on April 18, 1991;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs wish to further develop the 'revised model' as a foundation for a "Draft" Constitution;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat be directed to develop a "Draft" Constitution to be ratified at a later Assembly.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and it's Secretariat adopt the "Revised Model" on an interim basis until such time as the formal adoption of a Constitution by the Chiefs in Assembly.

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**Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief**

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION***

**AUG.91-02**

Moved By:

Chief Harold Turner  
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST  
NATION

**RE: ELECTION RULES ON PROXY VOTING FOR A.F.N.  
VICE-CHIEF, MANITOBA REGION**

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Seconded by:

Chief Vera Mitchell  
POPLAR RIVER FIRST NATION

**WHEREAS**, election rules for the Office of A.F.N. Vice-Chief for Manitoba state in section 5(3) that there shall be no proxies for the purposes of the election;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs of Manitoba at their 3rd Annual Assembly of August 28th, 1991 wish to allow proxy voting for the Office of Vice-Chief;

**WHEREAS**, proxies must be elected representatives of Manitoba First Nations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; that the election rule on proxy voting be waived for the August 29th, 1991 election of A.F.N. Vice-Chief for Manitoba.

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*Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief*

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**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**AUG.91-03**

Moved By:

Chief Sidney Garrioch  
CROSS LAKE FIRST NATION

**RE: REJECTION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL  
NON-INSURED HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTIVES**

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Seconded by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill  
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

**WHEREAS**, health is a traditional, inherent and treaty right. First Nation rights to health services derive from treaty not from Federal Policy;

**WHEREAS**, the treaty right to health services is a right to full and comprehensive health care which includes those services referred to as non-insured health services;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, Treaty rights, including the rights to health services are recognized and affirmed in Sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution of Canada and may not be abrogated by policy changes;

**WHEREAS**, Medical Services Branch of Health and Welfare Canada, as Canada's representative, is responsible and accountable to First Nations for fulfilling treaty obligations;

**WHEREAS**, the National Non-insured Program Directives, have been imposed unilaterally as policy without consultation with First Nations or consideration of treaty obligations and violate First Nation treaty rights;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that First Nations of Manitoba totally and outrightly reject implementation of the National Program Directives and revised regional program guidelines, administrative procedures and management practices;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that a process for developing the Non-Insured Program based on community needs be initiated nationally with full First Nation involvement.

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**AUG.91-4.0**

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Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: BLANKET RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, a number of resolutions had been examined by and were agreeable to the Chiefs in Assembly;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following resolutions were passed by this 'blanket resolution', except for those marked with an asterisk (\*) which would be dealt with separately:

**CARRIED**

AUG.91-04 RE: POLICING, DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL

\* AUG.91-05 RE: NORTHERN FLOOD AGREEMENT-NORWAY HOUSE FIRST NATION

AUG.91-06 RE: AMC SUPPORTS FOR MKO AND NFC POSITION ON HYDRO DEVELOPMENT

\* AUG.91-07 RE: NFC CONCERNS - E.E. HOBBS & ASSOCIATES

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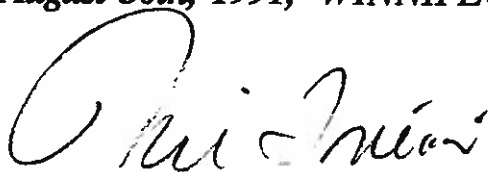
AUG.91-28 RE: SPECIFIC CLAIMS

AUG.91-29 RE: NATIVE REHABILITATION SERVICES

AUG.91-30 RE: RECOGNITION OF SELF GOVERNMENT

NOTE: The 'blanket resolutions' are numbered from AUG.91-4.1 to AUG.91-4.23 inclusive (attached).

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**AUG.91-4.1**  
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Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: POLICING, DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Report of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba recommends that the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Police Force be provided with sufficient resources so that it can increase staff training and development in modern police methods, and gradually assume full responsibility for all law enforcement duties within its geographic jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, the Report also recommends Aboriginal communities be encouraged to form regional police forces and regional police commissions following the model of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Police Force. These should be established under Aboriginal control and management;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, at an Assembly duly convened in November, 1990, supported by resolution no. NOV.90-30, the concept of Provincial Aboriginal Policing;

**WHEREAS**, the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Police Department has been mandated since 1977 and is accredited with Provincial Peace Officer status;

**WHEREAS**, the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Police Department respects each First Nation's cultural, traditional and language characteristics and utilizes these principles in strengthening the relationships in each community;

**WHEREAS**, other First Nations of Manitoba have made requests for the expanded services of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Police program;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs announced on June 27, 1991 that Indian Policing Services will be increased nationally by \$116.8 million over the next five years (approximately \$7 million available for the remainder of the 1991/92 fiscal year).

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION***

**AUG.91-4.1**

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**RE: POLICING, DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL  
cont'd...**

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba Attorney General's Department has consistently refused to increase its share of funding for the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Policing Program;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council in its efforts to acquire a level of funding:

- a) that would be par with other Police Departments in Canada, most specifically the R.C.M. Police, in the areas of salary, support staff and equipment for the members of its force;
- b) that would provide for the increased demand of additional manpower within the current force to meet current manpower demands as identified by the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council of Chiefs;
- c) that would meet the capital requirements of the D.O.T.C. Police Program as identified by the D.O.T.C. Police Administration and Council of Chiefs;
- d) that would provide expanded Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Policing upon requests, for other First Nations in conjunction with and in consultation with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Justice.
- e) that none of the monies currently identified with respect to the recent Federal announcement be allocated for R.C.M. Policing, or any other policing agency or program other than Aboriginal on-reserve policing;

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**RE: POLICING, DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL  
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Attorney Generals Department increase its financial commitment to Tribal Council Policing to a level on par with funding provided to the R.C.M.P. and in keeping with the aforementioned announcement by Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (i.e. 48% of total program costs);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the development and implementation of new First Nations Policing initiatives in Manitoba commencing in 1992/93.

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**AUG.91-4.2**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS' SUPPORTS FOR  
MANITOBA KEEWATINOWI OKIMAKANAK AND  
NORTHERN FLOOD CHIEFS POSITION ON HYDRO  
DEVELOPMENT**

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Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba Hydro is proposing to build Conawapa, a 1,390 megawatt hydro-electric development on the Lower Nelson River as part of its 25 year Development Plan;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Development Plan includes the building of a new transmission line and corridor down the east side of the Province between Lake Winnipeg and Manitoba/Ontario border. The transmission line and corridor is called Bipole III;

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Northern Flood Committee have taken the position that there be no further hydro developments until such time all outstanding agreements, land claims and grievances are settled.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Northern Flood Committee in their position that there be no further Hydro developments until all outstanding agreements, land claims, Treaty land entitlement and grievances are resolved.

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**AUG.91-4.3**

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Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: DONALD R. GOODWIN & DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN & NORTHERN AFFAIRS**

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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Donald Goodwin has for many years been Canada's representative in matters dealing with the Northern Flood Agreement and other Aboriginal claims in Manitoba and Canada;

**WHEREAS**, the same Mr. Goodwin as Assistant Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs actively participated in and encouraged the proposed buy-out of the Treaty of the Northern Flood Agreement Cree in 1990;

**WHEREAS**, the same Mr. Goodwin, now a Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister regarding certain claims including claims under the Northern Flood Agreement continues to advocate the buy-out of the Treaty of the Northern Flood Cree;

**WHEREAS**, at the same time Mr. Goodwin purports to act in a fiduciary capacity to the Northern Flood Committee Chiefs whose unequivocal position is that the Northern Flood Agreement, is a Treaty, and is not for sale;

**WHEREAS**, given these circumstances Mr. Goodwin's continuing to work on the Northern Flood Agreement file amounts to, in the opinion of the Northern Flood Agreement Cree Chiefs, flagrant conflicts of interest and breach of fiduciary obligation of Her Majesty to the Northern Flood Cree First Nations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the demand of the Northern Flood Cree First Nations that the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs remove Mr. Goodwin from any responsibility for Canada's obligations and dealings with the Northern Flood Cree Chiefs;

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**AUG.91-4.3**

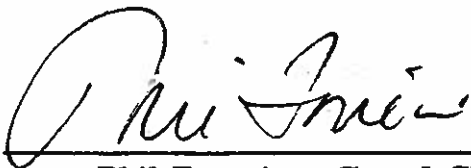
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**RE: DONALD R. GOODWIN & DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN &  
NORTHERN AFFAIRS cont'd...**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the demands of the Northern Flood Cree First Nations that the Minister of Indian Affairs and/or the Prime Minister appoint an independent administrator from outside of Government with knowledge of trust and fiduciary obligations to carry out Canada's responsibilities under the Northern Flood Agreement.

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*Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief*

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION***

**AUG.91-4.4**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: TAXATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Treaty and aboriginal rights of aboriginal people to an exemption from taxation have been denied by both provincial and federal governments;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, the aboriginal people of Manitoba are entitled to their rights and to the expression of sovereignty in terms of freedom from taxation by non-aboriginal governments and the right to tax within their own communities and lands;

**CARRIED**

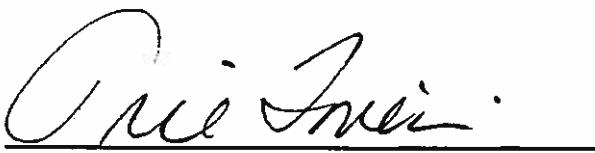
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Secretariat be authorized to enter into negotiations with the provincial and federal governments for a rebate for past taxes and an exemption, to be entrenched within legislation, from all direct taxes, however imposed on First Nations; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that if such negotiations are unsuccessful, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs present an application to the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, or such other tribunal as may be appropriate, seeking declaratory relief evidencing the said exemption from taxation; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Secretariat under the direction of the Chiefs Economic Development Committee, undertake research, negotiations, and if necessary, litigation in the appropriate Court, to establish the exemption on reserve for direct and indirect taxation, and further, to seek a declaration that exemption from all forms of taxation is alternatively an aboriginal right enjoyed by all First Nations or pursuant to the Terms of Treaties.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that all First Nations of Manitoba contribute financially to support the negotiation process.

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**AUG.91-4.5**  
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Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FIRST NATION  
CITIZENS OFF-RESERVE**

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Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has indicated it's intention to breach it's fiduciary duty to provide social services to First Nations citizens residing off-reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treaty and Aboriginal rights of Status Indians to receive social services exists regardless of place of residence;

**WHEREAS**, recipients on reserve are discriminated against compared to off reserve recipients;

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs take action to ensure that Federal Government historic Social Services expenditures for Status Indians living off-reserve continue to be expended in Manitoba, and that such expenditures be placed under the control of the First Nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in order to effect this mandate, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Executive be authorized and directed to:

1. enter into negotiations with the Federal and Provincial Governments;
2. engage such legal and other consultant assistance as may be required to:
  - 2.1 Maintain action before the Canadian Human Rights Commission and any other appropriate tribunal to remedy historical discrimination by governments in the provision of social services to First Nations citizens.

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**AUG.91-4.5**

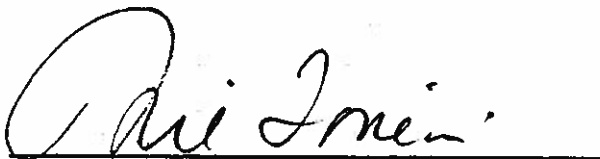
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**RE: PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FIRST NATION  
CITIZENS OFF-RESERVE cont'd...**

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- 2.2 Initiate such procedures as are deemed necessary to prevent the Federal Government from providing funds to the Province of Manitoba for purposes of providing off-reserve social services.
- 2.3 Participate in negotiations with the Federal Government with the objective of ensuring that First Nations control the expenditure of all funds for provision of social services to First Nations citizens in Manitoba.

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**AUG.91-4.6**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: TADOULE LAKE SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Tadoule Lake School is a run-down facility, a fire hazard, with a grossly inadequate heating system and insufficient space for the students; and,

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

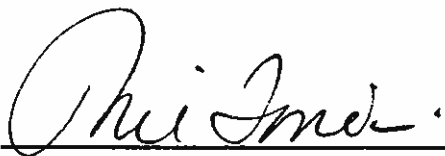
**WHEREAS**, construction on the new Tadoule Lake School has been delayed since 1980;

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs are in full support of the Fort Churchill First Nation on their urgent need to get proper education facilities for the children of their community;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Department of Indian Affairs ensure that construction of the Tadoule Lake School commence immediately.

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*Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief*

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Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING CUTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Prime Minister announced a \$320 million increase to Post-Secondary Funding nationally over the next 5 years;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, next years' national budget will be capped at \$202 Million and the budget will only increase by an additional 12 to 14 million (between 5 to 6%) each year for the next five years;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, there will be no real increase with rising costs of tuition, books and supplies, and the cost of living;

**WHEREAS**, in Manitoba, there is a decrease of 1,383,600. based on the previous year's actual expenditure;

**WHEREAS**, only the 6 A.F.A. bands in Manitoba will be funded at the same level as last year, while all other Manitoba bands get a 5.7% decrease;

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba will have approximately 600 students denied for post-secondary education with approximately 4,000 students denied nationally;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs position on post-secondary education is that it is an Aboriginal and Treaty Right and that our education is a right that can not be unilaterally abrogated by any one person, department or government;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs pursue the issue of post-secondary education funding cuts politically with the federal government with the objective of ensuring an adequate allocation of funds for post-secondary education based on needs rather than government-imposed budgetary restrictions;

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**RE: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING CUTS  
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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs become involved in a national strategy in concert with the Assembly of First Nations and other Aboriginal political organizations on this issue.

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*Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief*

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**AUG.91-4.8**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING FOR  
BILL C-31 STUDENTS**

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Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, when Bill C-31 was first passed, a statement was issued by the Minister of Indian Affairs assuring First Nations that there would be no detrimental effect on First Nations funding and that there would be additional funds provided to accommodate the needs of Bill C-31 members; and,

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada combines both regular and Bill C-31 students and expects First Nations to provide funds for both groups out of its restricted post-secondary budget;

**WHEREAS**, the numbers of Bill C-31 student applications have doubled over the previous year's count for many First Nations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Department of Indian Affairs be directed to identify Bill C-31 students separately;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Department of Indian Affairs provide adequate funds for both classifications of students.

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*Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief*

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION***

**AUG.91-4.9**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Fisher River First Nation hosted a Fishermen's Meeting on July 18, 1991 which was attended by Federal and Provincial Government representatives;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, at this meeting, the Fishermen called for a Conference to be hosted by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to address the many prominent issues affecting their industry;

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs take the lead role in organizing a Provincial Fishermen's Conference to be held in November 1991.

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**AUG.91-4.10**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: PEMBINA RIVER DIVERSION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, there are many non-Indian interests, including the different levels of government, which have been and will be manipulating or diverting various waterways across North America;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, these various water diversion projects have impacted and will have impacts on First Nations and First Nations land, livelihood, social and economic conditions;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Pembina River diversion includes the Pelican Lake Project and the Tri-Lakes development which will have an environmental and structural impact on the Swan Lake which Swan Lake First Nation borders;

**WHEREAS**, the Swan Lake First Nation is concerned about the environmental and structural impacts on: water quality; water quantity; water fowl; wildlife; fisheries; plant life; haylands and shoreline;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Manitoba has conducted reviews and studies and the findings have shown a "tunnel vision" effect towards provincial interests;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Swan Lake First Nation in halting Pembina River Diversion until there is a proper federal environmental review process;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Indian & Northern Affairs Canada Minister and the Minister of Environment immediately intervene on behalf of Swan Lake First Nation.

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**AUG.91-4.11**

**Moved By:**

**Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION**

**RE: DIALYSIS UNIT AT PINE FALLS HOSPITAL**

**WHEREAS, a very high percentage of our First Nation members have Diabetes and Type II Diabetes is prominent;**

**Seconded by:**

**Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION**

**WHEREAS, many of our First Nation members are forced to travel huge distances to obtain treatment for their Diabetic program;**

**WHEREAS, a close working relationship has existed with the Pine Falls Hospital;**

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS, the Pine Falls Hospital also has Aboriginal representation on it's board;**

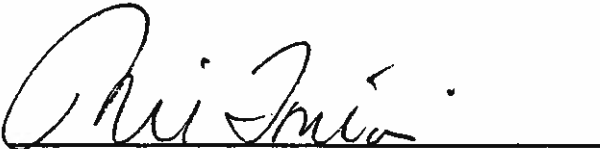
**WHEREAS, our Aboriginal Board Members have pursued and do support the Pine Falls Hospital to deal with their important Health issue;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the First Nations of Hollow Water, Little Black River and Sagkeeng First Nation in their initiative to work together with the Pine Falls Hospital in obtaining a Dialysis Unit;**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Medical Services Branch be also involved with any financial arrangement as may be needed to obtain our objective of a Dialysis Unit in Pine Falls Hospital;**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of Manitoba and Health Services Commission be also involved in whatever way necessary in obtaining our objective of a Dialysis Unit.**

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**AUG.91-4.12**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, November 17 - 23, 1991 has been declared National Addictions Awareness Week;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that addictions have had a profound negative effect in First Nations families and communities;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognize the benefits of the National Addictions Awareness Week;

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support National Addictions Awareness Week community and regional events facilitated by Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinators.

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**AUG.91-4.13**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: COORDINATED NATIONAL ACTION ON FIRST  
NATIONS HEALTH ISSUES**

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Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of First Nations and the First Nations Health Commission have been meeting with the Medical Services Branch on First Nations Health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Chiefs Health Committee feel that individual First Nations must also be involved in the discussion of critical health issues at the local, provincial and national levels; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs regard First Nations health as a priority issue;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Assembly of First Nations to give due recognition to the critical health issues affecting First Nations at the local level;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs its Secretariat to work in close conjunction with the Assembly of First Nations and the First Nations Health Commission to ensure a coordinated national effort reflective of community-identified needs on First Nations Health issues.

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**AUG.91-4.14**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: MEETING OF THE OJIBWAY NATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, part of our heritage as First Nation peoples is the bond of language and culture shared among tribal groupings - Ojibway, Cree, Dene and Dakota;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION


**WHEREAS**, First Nations of the Ojibway people have begun preparation for a meeting of their Nations;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, such a meeting of Nations of common language and culture can serve to strengthen and preserve the heritage of the Anicinabe;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports and congratulates the Ojibway people in their efforts to convene a meeting of the Ojibway Nations.

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**AUG.91-4.15**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: REVIEW OF THE MA MAWI WI CI ITATA CHILD AND  
FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY**

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Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

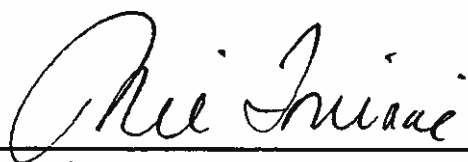
**WHEREAS, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Child and Family Services Agency is a native agency in Winnipeg which services aboriginal families within the city of Winnipeg;**

**WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Manitoba have raised concerns regarding the mandate and services of this agency;**

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a review of the agency be undertaken under the direction of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Child Welfare with the support of the First Nations Child & Family Services Agency.**

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**AUG.91-4.16**

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Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: ABORIGINAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Aboriginal people have been experiencing many problems in attempting to access funding through the Aboriginal Business Development Program;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, these problems include meeting the equity requirement of the program, ineligibility for funding inventories, the time it takes to process applications, the arbitrary reduction in maximum contributions available per project, etc.;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the National Board for the Aboriginal Economic Programs has implemented a new policy without consultation with First Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the newly introduced policy requires projects of \$250,000 and over to invest significant amounts in their projects, depending on their financial resources and project requirements, with the legal minimum of 10% being adequate only in a circumstance of real economic hardship;

**WHEREAS**, loan guarantees will be approved in the place of direct contributions to projects of \$250,000 and over;

**WHEREAS**, under the policy, the total budget for Research and Advocacy (R & A) projects has been reduced from \$800,00 to \$500,000;

**WHEREAS**, maximum funding normally available for individual Research and Advocacy projects has been reduced to \$50,000 and requires National Board or Executive Committee approval regardless of size;

**WHEREAS**, this new policy further exacerbates the existing problems;

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**RE: ABORIGINAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Economic Development rejects the new policy as being punitive of the very people it was developed to assist;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct their Secretariat to ensure that the Aboriginal Economic Programs address the problems as previously noted above and to identify and implement solutions that would make the programs accessible to First Nations members.

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**AUG.91-4.17**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: INAC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (I.N.A.C.) has introduced a new policy concerning the Regional Opportunities Program (R.O.P.) and whereby the policy of the Department is to co-manage the R.O.P. budget and person years through Provincial First Nation Advisory Committees;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Committee on Economic Development has been advised that the I.N.A.C. Economic Development Program is preparing to transfer all person years associated with the program to other directorates;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Economic Development demands that both the existing 14 person years and operational budget of the program be devolved to the First Nation Advisory Committee;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Indian & Northern Affairs Canada release the proposed reorganization plan for review by the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development.

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**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**AUG.91-4.18**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: RECOGNITION OF FORMER FIRST NATION LEADERS**

**WHEREAS**, the First Nation peoples of Manitoba have benefitted immensely from the dedication, commitment and determination of the past elected leadership;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, the commitment, dedication and determination of the past First Nations leaders have contributed to the achievements of recognition, respect and rightful place in the Canadian society;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations of Manitoba are now achieving this recognition, respect and greater participation in the Constitutional process and in Federal and Provincial discussions to improve the lives of First Nations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the past First Nation leaders be given honourable recognition by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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**AUG.91-4.19**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: MORATORIUM ON DISPOSITION OF CROWN LANDS  
IN MANITOBA**

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**WHEREAS**, one of the recommendations of the Report of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry relative to the Treaty Land Entitlement issue in Manitoba is that a moratorium be placed on dispositions of Crown lands until Treaty land entitlements are resolved;

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations of Manitoba view this recommendation as a positive and reasonable measure that should be immediately implemented by both levels of government, i.e. Manitoba and Canada, to ensure that the extent of Federal and Provincial Crown land is not further diminished thereby further reducing the extent of land that should be available for selection under Treaty land entitlement;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the government of Manitoba and Canada immediately place a moratorium on any current and proposed dispositions of Crown land within their respective jurisdictions until such time as the Treaty land entitlement issue is resolved;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the Long Plain First Nation in its effort to secure the Portage La Prairie airbase as part of its Treaty land entitlement.

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**AUG.91-4.20**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: GREEN PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government of Canada has committed to improving the social and economic conditions of First Nations

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, the federal government of Canada has announced in 1990 the implementation of the "Green Plan" over a 6 year period;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, this "Green Plan" set aside federal dollars for the provision of sewer and water to the First Nations to alleviate the special needs of First Nations in this regard;

**WHEREAS**, the total funding anticipated for Manitoba Region will be \$12.4 Million for each of the next six years;

**WHEREAS**, this funding will not address the special additional requirements of the First Nations, in particular, the need for retrofit dollars;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Minister of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada to immediately increase the funding available under the "Green Plan" to recognize the special needs of the First Nations in Manitoba.

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Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: SPECIFIC CLAIMS**

**WHEREAS**, since October 1990 the Chiefs Committee on Claims (CCC) has been attempting to work with Canada to develop ways to improve the policies and processes to deal with the legitimate land and other rights of the First Nation peoples of Canada;

**WHEREAS**, throughout this process, while giving the appearance that meaningful dialogue and real consultation with the CCC has been happening and that the federal initiatives on claims were developed in consultation with the CCC, Canada has in fact been unilaterally instituting revisions to the claims process without proper consideration of the views of the CCC;

**WHEREAS**, the latest example of Canada's unilateral action has been the establishment of the Specific Claims Commission, including the development of terms of reference of the proposed Commission and appointment of a commissioner, through Privy Council Order, an initiative taken without substantive input from the CCC although such was clearly required and called for by the CCC;

**WHEREAS**, the future progress of the process to improve the way in which the legitimate land and other rights issues of the First Nations people are dealt with will be severely jeopardized if Canada continues to ignore the recommendations of the CCC and denies that body's input into the development of substantive policy and process changes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that Canada immediately desist from taking unilateral action in relation to claim policy and process;

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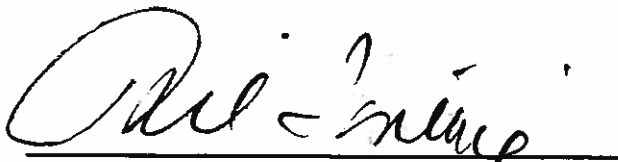
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**RE: SPECIFIC CLAIMS cont'd...**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the resolution of the Chiefs Committee on Claims passed in Quebec City of August 7, 1991 (attached) that calls for discussions with Canada in order to effect required changes to the Privy Council Order on the Specific Claims Commission;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand further initiatives in relation to claims policy and process be developed jointly by the Chiefs Committee on Claims and Canada after a process of real consultation and meaningful dialogue, taking into account and giving proper consideration of the views of the First Nations as expressed in the December 14, 1990 Submission on Claims.

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**AUG.91-4.22**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: NATIVE REHABILITATION SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Native Brotherhood Organization is a recognized federal group established in 1958, to address the needs of Native Offenders;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Native Brotherhood Organization consist of (ex) prisoners and Honourary Members including Elders and other resource people from throughout the communities;

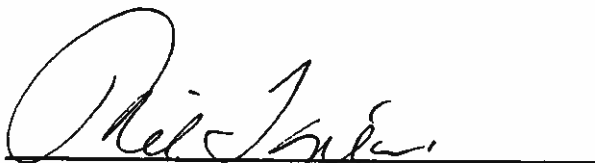
**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Native Brotherhood Organization purposes to establish a Native Offender Outreach Centre to assist Aboriginal inmates for release into the community;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for such assistance for Aboriginal inmates;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the Native Brotherhood Organization in their efforts to meet the needs of First Nations people.

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**AUG.91-4.23**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: RECOGNITION OF SELF GOVERNMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations of Manitoba have the inherent right to self government and self determination;

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, these rights to self government and self determination have not been relinquished nor abrogated;

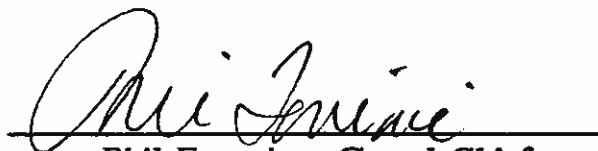
**WHEREAS**, the Premier of Manitoba, the Honourable Gary Filmon, has suggested that a definition for First Nation self government is a precondition for Manitoba's support and recognition of our right to self government;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, such a requirement for definition is in direct conflict with recommendations of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry that Manitoba take action to recognize the reality of Aboriginal self government through legislation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Premier of Manitoba initiate positive steps to give explicit recognition of First Nations self government consistent with the findings of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry.

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Moved By:

Chief Arnold Ouskan  
WAR LAKE FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Linklater  
NELSON HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**RE: NORTHERN FLOOD AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, Canada, through the Minister of Indian Affairs Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro, entered into a solemn Treaty known as the Northern Flood Agreement (N.F.A.) with the Cree First Nations of Cross Lake, Split Lake, Norway House, Nelson House and York Factory and with the Northern Flood Committee Inc. (N.F.C.);

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the main purpose of the Treaty was to mitigate and ameliorate the massive impacts of the Hydro-Electric projects on the lives, opportunities and lifestyles of the residents of these First Nations in exchange for flooding and use of their Treaty lands;

**WHEREAS**, Canada, Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro have failed utterly to live up to their commitments under the N.F.A., and have failed to adequately compensate or ameliorate the effects of Hydro projects or to implement the Agreement in any way;

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid First Nations, constituting the N.F.C., continue to suffer massive poverty and unemployment and in the loss of traditional sources of livelihood and their way of life as a direct result of both of the Hydro projects and of the failure of the parties to implement the N.F.A. Treaty;

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro have commenced plans for further Hydro developments in the north, without having mitigated, compensated, ameliorated or adequately dealt with the consequences of their previous Hydro developments, not having implemented or abided by the N.F.A. Treaty;

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro have proceeded with this work in flagrant violation of Article 9 of the N.F.A. Treaty, which expressly requires notice of intentions to prepare plans and a process of bona fide and meaningful consultations with the N.F.A. First Nations and N.F.C. before making any decisions regarding future Hydro developments;

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**RE: NORTHERN FLOOD AGREEMENT cont'd...**

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro have not only violated the N.F.A. Treaty, but have ignored both provincial and federal environmental laws in their site preparations for the Conawapa and Wuskwatim developments;

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro and Canada continue to negotiate in bad faith on implementation of the N.F.A. Treaty, as is clearly demonstrated by the publicly stated intention and preferences of the ministers representing both Canada and Manitoba to buy out the Treaty rather than implement it;

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the only way to ensure productive and speedy negotiations in good faith is to obstruct, through legal and other means, proposed Hydro developments in Manitoba until the problems relating to previous developments have been adequately resolved;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs express their solidarity and support with the First Nations of the N.F.C. in their attempt to halt further Hydro developments including road and site preparations for Conawapa and Wuskwatim until such time as Hydro and the Governments are prepared to bargain in good faith and to implement the Treaty;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call upon the Assembly of First Nations to seek intervenor status in any injunction or related proceedings by the N.F.C. First Nations to stop any further Hydro developments in Manitoba until the rights and entitlements of First Nations under their N.F.A. Treaty are respected and implemented;



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**AUG.91-05**


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**RE: NORTHERN FLOOD AGREEMENT cont'd...**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the A.M.C. bring this matter forward at the Assembly of First Nations to request the solidarity and support of A.F.N. for the N.F.C. First Nations in their dealings with Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba and the Federal Government and their attempts to implement the Treaty.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this is without prejudice to other First Nations who may have claims against impacts of hydro development.

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**AUG.91-06**

Moved By:

A/Chief Ron Evans  
NORWAY HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**RE: TAXATION-EMPLOYED TREATY BAND MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, freedom from taxation for the First Nations and their members is a right promised at the time of the Treaties and has been further recognized and affirmed by the Constitution Act, 1982, certain provisions of the Indian Act and the recent G.S.T. legislation;

Seconded by:

Chief Raymond Swan  
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding First Nations' rights to freedom from taxation and notwithstanding Canada's fiduciary obligation to First Nations, Canada continues to insist that certain Norway House First Nation members pay tax on income earned from their employment within the Community/ Reserve;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the protection and preservation of our Treaty right to be free of taxation requires solidarity of First Nations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the Norway House and First Nations struggle against unfair and unlawful taxation of First Nation's employed Treaty Band members by the Government of Canada;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any establishment or institution (including Federal Government Departments) that condones or supports these actions by the Government of Canada should be prohibited from operating any programs for First Nations people;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly hereby requests the Minister of Indian Affairs to instruct Revenue Canada to cease and desist from this breach of our Aboriginal and Treaty rights to be tax-exempt.

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**AUG.91-07**

Moved By:

Chief Dennis Pashe  
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

**RE: INTERNATIONAL MATTERS**

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations of Manitoba continue to assert their nationhood consistent with the inherent right to self-government and self-determination;

**WHEREAS**, some of the outstanding issues relative to First Nations in Manitoba goes beyond the national scope and are being considered at the international level;

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Council of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be directed to assess and develop and appropriate committee to address international issues and matters.

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*Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief*

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION***

**AUG.91-08**

Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty  
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST  
NATION

**RE: ABORIGINAL JUSTICE INQUIRY REPORT & FURTHER  
POLICE INVESTIGATIONS**

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Seconded by:

A/Chief Ron Evans  
NORWAY HOUSE FIRST  
NATION

**WHEREAS**, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry Report, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Attorney General of Manitoba;

**WHEREAS**, the Report warrants further policing investigations on both J.J. Harper and Helen Betty Osborne cases;

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Attorney General of Manitoba's department to pursue further charges to Constable Robert Cross of the J.J. Harper case and to the three participants of the Betty Osborne case.

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*Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief*

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Moved By:

Chief Dennis Pashe  
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Representative Lawrence  
Whitehead  
THE PAS FIRST NATION

**RE: CHIEFS REVIEW COMMITTEE ON M.I.A.P.**

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs established a Chiefs Review Committee on MIAP by resolution November, 1990;

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs Review Committee has provided the following recommendations to the 3rd Annual Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs:

**CARRIED**

1. that the Minister require, under Part "m", of the Contribution Agreement, an Action Plan be developed which shall include as mandatory requirements:
  - a) the by-laws establishing the Board of Directors of MIAP, MIADCO, MARA and FNV be immediately altered to provide that a majority of the board membership shall be appointed by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs;
  - b) that, subject to an opinion of the taxation impact, the corporate structures and by-laws of MIAP, MIADCO, MARA and FNV be altered as soon as possible to provide for the integration of these boards into a single board and that the majority membership of this new Board shall be appointed by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs;
2. that, should the present Boards of Directors of MIAP, MIADCO, MARA and FNV refuse to comply with this required Action Plan by a predetermined date, the Minister shall invoke remedial action under part "t" of the Contribution Agreement as follows:

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**RE: CHIEFS REVIEW COMMITTEE ON M.I.A.P.**

- a) that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, under the provisions of Part "t" of the MIAP Contribution Agreement, withhold any further funding to the Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program (MIAP) as constituted under the present Board of Directors as of August 12, 1991, and;
- b) that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, under the provisions of Part "t" of the MIAP Contribution Agreement, appoint a third party manager to conduct the present affairs of MIAP. This third party manager shall be constituted as an interim Board of Directors appointed by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and a qualified management firm selected by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and;
- c) that the AMC - appointed interim Board of Directors, as third party manager, will determine the advisability of recommencing funding to MIAP under the remaining term of the Contribution Agreement.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs accept the recommendations of the Chiefs Review Committee;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs Review Committee be mandated to proceed to ensure implementation of the recommendations.

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**Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief**