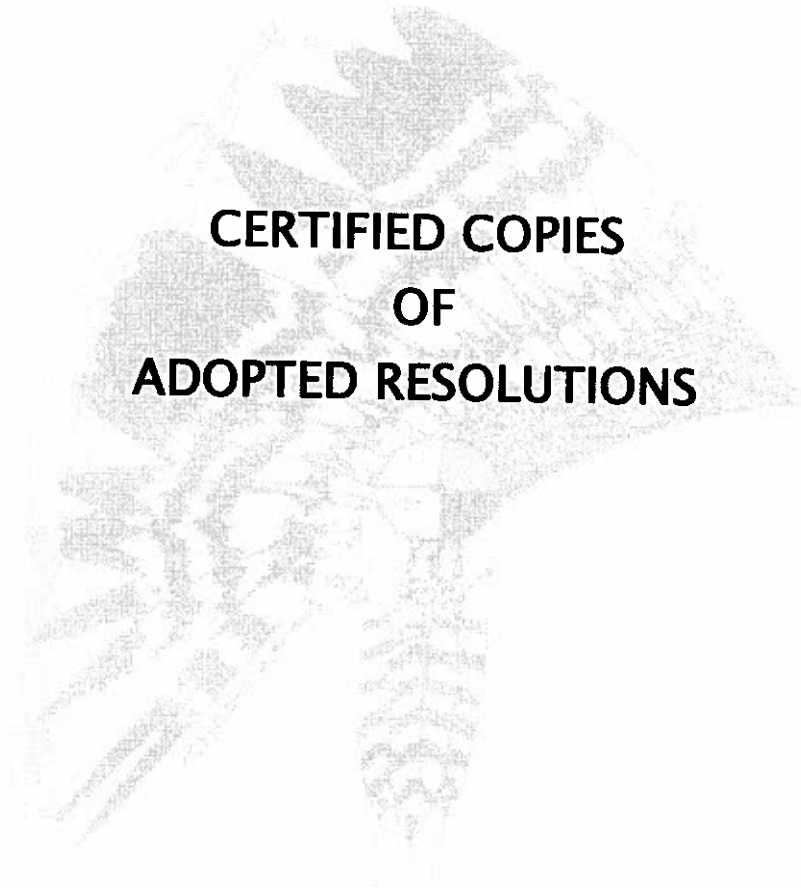


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AUG-04.01

**RE: FIRE INSURANCE LEVY FUND FOR THE MANITOBA ASSOCIATION
OF NATIVE FIRE FIGHTERS (MANFF)**

Moved by:

Headman Chris Baker
0-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba purchase Fire Insurance and submit their annual premiums through the various insurance brokers in Manitoba; and

Seconded by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

WHEREAS, the insurance companies submit 1.25% of the premiums received to the Provincial Fire Prevention Levy Fund, which is then transferred to the office of the Fire Commissioner to provide fire prevention training and public education to all Manitobans; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Nations are denied access to these services because of jurisdictional disputes between the federal and provincial governments; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters (MANFF) has been in negotiations with the Office of the Fire Commissioner to discuss how the First Nations can receive some benefit from the Fire Insurance Levy Fund; and

WHEREAS, there has been little to no movement on this issue due to provincial legislation restrictions; and

WHEREAS, further research and data collection is required to determine the amount of funds paid by First Nations to support the efforts of MANFF to access these funds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs provide political support to MANFF in obtaining the necessary approvals from the First Nations to access the information related to contributions to the Fire Insurance Levy Fund; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AMC work closely with MANFF to determine the best option for the utilization of the Levy Fund for the training, public education related to public services.

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AUG-04.02

**RE: RE-CLAIMING FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL TAXES IMPOSED
ON FIRST NATIONS**

Moved by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations signed Treaties with the Crown on a Nation to Nation basis; and

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

WHEREAS, under international law, no Nation has the power to impose taxes on another nation; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Canada's inability to tax First Nations was exemplified by the passage of s. 87 of the Indian Act which prohibited their government and its agencies from imposing any taxes on the First Nations, First Nation Citizens and First Nation Property; and

WHEREAS, despite the passing of the original Indian Act in 1876, the Government of Canada and its respective agencies have whittled away at the First Nation exemption from taxation by imposing taxes, such as PST and GST, on First Nations and First Nation Citizens and First Nation Property; and

WHEREAS, these taxes have been collected contrary to the spirit and intent of the treaties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly launch an official protest to the imposition and collection of taxes of the First Nation people with the Prime Minister's Office, the Premier's Office, and Canada Customs and Revenue Agency;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to notify the Prime Minister's Office, the Premier's Office and Canada Customs and Revenue Agencies, that the First Nations demand the return of all illegally collected taxes, such as PST and GST, to the First Nations and First Nations Citizens and First Nation property, lands and businesses.

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Moved by:

Chief David Harper
Garden Hill First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jack Wood
St. Theresa Point First Nation

Carried

RE: BIMOSEWIN (ABORIGINAL GANG) INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the emergence and proliferation of Aboriginal gang activity is a serious issue the First Nation leadership in Manitoba is deeply concerned about, particularly with respect to negative impacts and effects on the safety, security, and stability of our First Nation communities; and

WHEREAS, Aboriginal gangs provide an avenue for our youth to enter destructive lifestyles that lead to conflict with the law and paralysis of their dreams and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Bimosewin Initiative was established in November 2001 as a joint Correctional Service of Canada response to Aboriginal gangs in partnership with the Aboriginal community that is directed by a Steering Committee comprised of Corrections officials and Aboriginal community representatives, including Elders; and

WHEREAS, the mandate of Bimosewin is to "disengage Aboriginal gang members from a criminal lifestyle and to assist in their safe reintegration to the Aboriginal community", with particular emphasis on involvement from the Aboriginal community to tackle gang issues in both the Aboriginal community and within federal Institutions in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Bimosewin Initiative was designed to benefit all First Nations people in Manitoba and has implications for all Aboriginal communities seeking to understand and address Aboriginal gang issues throughout Canada; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Bimosewin Initiative is consistent with the wise counsel received from Elders and forms the basis of responding to gangs from a First Nations community perspective; and

WHEREAS, the Mercredi Report on Aboriginal gang issues described a number of historical, political and socio-economic elements and characteristics unique to incarcerated Aboriginal people and recommended that solutions to the Aboriginal gang phenomenon cannot be found by the same kind of thinking processes that brought us to the current distressing situation; and

WHEREAS, the Bimosewin Initiative and its staff work with institutional and community resources to support a wider effort to stem the tide of Aboriginal gang influence and activity, and this Initiative's longevity is now hindered by government policy, lack of vision, legalese, and the termination of the Bimosewin staff.

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RE: BIMOSEWIN (ABORIGINAL GANG) INITIATIVE (Cont'd)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the continuation of the Bimosewin Initiative under its current leadership, by calling for the federal Government to employ effective and creative measures to maintain appropriate funding for Bimosewin and to immediately reinstate its staff; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs calls for the federal government to demonstrate a long-term vision and commitment to all First Nation initiatives seeking resolutions to the elimination of gangs and their intrusion on the well-being of First Nation communities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs seek the commitment of federal Ministers to ensure greater resources are made available to building capacity within First Nation communities to address the social and economic devastation caused by the encroachment of Aboriginal gangs and their subsequent effects of crime and violence on innocent victims in our communities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs exhorts Corrections Canada to work sincerely in conjunction with the First Nations community with respect to incarcerated First Nation citizens through greater ingenuity and effort invested in developing positive relationships with the First Nations leadership of Manitoba.

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AUG-04.04

Moved by:

Proxy Charlie Boucher
Pine Creek First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jack Wood
St. Theresa Point First Nation

Carried

RE: FIRST NATIONS ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, access to health care services and programs provided to First Nation Peoples are based on rights to health arising from the Inherent right to self-determination safeguarded by the sacred Treaties & Aboriginal Rights; and

WHEREAS, Canada holds a fiduciary obligation to provide health care services to all First Nations based on the treaty relationship; and

WHEREAS, many First Nations continue to experience adverse health problems that affect them on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, many First Nations travel away from their home community for business or personal reasons within or outside the province; and

WHEREAS, First Nations who get sick while away from their home community often find themselves experiencing problems in accessing medical costs and expenses from First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; and

WHEREAS, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch refuses to provide medical costs and expenses for First Nations as they are considered on their own while off-reserve for business or personal reasons; and

WHEREAS, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch refuses to pay medical transportation costs, escort services or hospital transfers from one province to another, creating a financial burden on First Nation communities and individual First Nation citizens who are forced to pay for these services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to meet with FNIHB to ensure coverage for all medical costs and expenses incurred by treaty First Nations who seek to access or have received medical services while off-reserve and away from their home community.

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AUG-04.05

Moved by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Whitehead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Carried

**RE: FIRST NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
URBAN STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, Human Resources Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) has identified programs and services to include funding administration of off-reserve citizens living in urban centers which will be delivered through the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Strategy and Agreements (AHRDS); and

WHEREAS, First Nation peoples exercise through their governments the Inherent and Treaty Rights and responsibility to determine how they want to provide programs and services for their citizens regardless of residency; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly fully support the fact that services and programs should be available to all First Nation and Aboriginal people wherever they reside; and

WHEREAS, Treaty and Aboriginal rights will not be diminished by any urban delivery of programs and services and entities; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly have passed a number of resolutions asserting their responsibility for their First Nation citizens regardless of where they live and that their rights do not end at the reserve boundaries. The "Corbiere" decision reinforces the principle that First Nations Governments are responsible for their members, regardless of their place of residence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby direct that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs along with the Manitoba First Nations AHRDS working group prepare a regional First Nations Human Resources Development urban strategy. This "draft" strategy should be presented to the Chiefs-in-Assembly for review in early 2005.

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AUG-04.06

Moved by:

Chief Morris J. Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Archie Halkette
Barren Lands First Nation

Carried

RE: RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, residential schools have had a longstanding negative impact on First Nation people; and

WHEREAS, the federal government will not recognize the loss of language and culture in survivors claims; and

WHEREAS, the federal government will only accept claims for survivors and not for those that have been intergenerationally impacted; and

WHEREAS, existing processes such as the Baxter National Class Action Suit and the Alternative Dispute Resolution does not fully address the impacts of the residential school experience; and

WHEREAS, efforts must be made to continue to seek redress for the intergenerational impacts of this legacy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs pursue options for addressing the intergenerational impacts that stem from residential schools.

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AUG-04.07

Moved by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Headman Chris Baker
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation

Carried

RE: RESTORATION OF DAKOTA TIPI HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, in 2002, all health care services including all medical records and equipment were physically removed from Dakota Tipi First Nation by the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch ("FNIHB") and relocated to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, FNIHB unilaterally transferred the Dakota Tipi First Nation health funds to a Third Party Management ("TPM") Consultant, based on alleged questionable grounds; and

WHEREAS, the actions of FNIHB and the TPM caused the closure of the First Nation health facility; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the majority of the citizens of Dakota Tipi First Nation have had limited or no access to these services in Portage la Prairie; and

WHEREAS, it is the position of the Dakota Tipi First Nation that the death of six members may have been prevented if the health services and programs were under its First Nations control and authority; and

WHEREAS, numerous meetings and exchanges have occurred with various FNIHB region officials with the view to having health care services restored at Dakota Tipi First Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief and Council of Dakota Tipi have to-date been unsuccessful in their efforts to have health services and funding authority restored at Dakota Tipi First Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief facilitate a meeting between the Dakota Tipi First Nation and the Minister of Health, Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh, as soon as possible in order to expedite the restoration of health services and funding to the Dakota Tipi First Nation.

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AUG-04.08

RE: FIRST NATION POLITICAL RE-ORGANIZATION

Moved by:

Headman Chris Baker
O-pipon-na-piwin Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the current First Nation political organization and process results in a situation when the national assembly occurs first, followed by the provincial assembly, then followed by the regional assemblies and summits.

WHEREAS, the structure results in a top down political system where resolutions and decisions come from the AFN and the provincial and regional organizations develop policies and actions in response; and

WHEREAS, the political structure of the First Nations should work in such a way that will allow the national organization to receive direction and input from the organizations with closer ties and contact to the First Nation people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs schedule its assemblies in such a way that the AMC will be able to receive input into the issues from the regional organization and then formulate strategies and direction that will be forwarded to the national organization prior to the national assemblies.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief and the Executive Council of Chiefs notify the AFN and its executive of the position of the Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly that assemblies be timed and structured in a way that will respect the First Nation political processes in Manitoba.

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AUG-04.09

RE: LAKE QUOTAS AND CLOSURES

Moved by:

Chief Jack Wood
St. Theresa Point First Nation

WHEREAS, in previous years the quotas were adequate to provide a sustainable income for the First Nation Fishers; and

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Whitehead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Conservation Department has decreased lake quotas or shut down lakes; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the results of these closures and decreased quotas has resulted in loss of income for the First Nation Fishers; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be directed to lobby the Province of Manitoba Conservation Department to address the existing quota criteria and ensure there is no loss of income to First Nation Fishers.

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