

# **ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



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ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

**Opaskwayak Cree Nation  
August 22, 23 & 24, 2006**

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly**  
**Opaskwayak Cree Nation**  
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**AUG-06.01**

**RE: SPECIAL CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY ON POLITICAL  
REPRESENTATION AND RESTRUCTURING**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Billyjo De La Ronde,  
Pine Creek Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Pascall Bighetty,  
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, we the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs desire further review and deliberation of the current political structures and proposed representative re-organizational structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Council of Chiefs meeting of August 18, 2006 directed the establishment of a Chiefs Committee to provide direction on AMC Constitutional amendments to be presented to Chiefs-in-Assembly.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief and Executive Council of Chiefs to:

1. Schedule a Chiefs Assembly within the next four months to address political representation and organizational restructuring options; and
2. Strike a Chiefs Committee to provide review and direction to the development of representative organization for leadership decision by Chiefs-in-Assembly; and
3. To hold exploratory meetings with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations within the timeframes.

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**AUG-06.02**

**RE: WAIVER TO SOUTH BEACH CASINO**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Ovide Mercredi,  
Misipawistik Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs granted a 5-year waiver to South Beach Casino of the 27.5% of net profit contribution to the First Nation Casino Trust Fund; and

**Seconded By:**

Chief Linda Twoheart,  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba Lotteries Corporation has sought clarification of the waiver.

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly honour the 5-year waiver granted by the Executive Council of Chiefs to South Beach Casino (2005), for the purposes of clarification requested by Manitoba Lotteries Corporation.

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**AUG-06.03**

**RE: WAIVER TO ASENESKAK CASINO**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Sheldon Kent,  
Black River First Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Ovide Mercredi,  
Misipawistik Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs granted a 5-year waiver on July 14, 2004 effective April 01, 2004 to Aseneskak Casino of the 27.5% of net profit contribution to the First Nation Trust.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly honour the 5-year waiver granted by the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs to Aseneskak Casino (April 1, 2004).

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**AUG-06.04**

**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST NATIONS CASINO TRUST FUND**

**Moved By:**

Chief Robert Maytwayashing,  
Lake Manitoba First Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Ken Whitecloud,  
Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly in 1999 have directed the Chiefs Committee on Gaming to work on a number of gaming initiatives including the establishment of a Trust Fund for the distribution of anticipated First Nation Casino Profits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs Committee on Gaming has since ceased to exist, and in 2004 the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed a Resolution directing AMC to continue working with the Province of Manitoba on major gaming issues in a comprehensive way; and

**WHEREAS**, AMC and Manitoba have set-up in December 2005 a joint Gaming Steering Committee to move forward at a faster pace on future gaming initiatives consisting of two Chiefs (Chief Dennis Meeches and Chief Jerry Primrose), and two Ministers (Chomiak and Lathlin); and

**WHEREAS**, gaming related opportunities are now coming forward at a more rapid pace.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC to add 3 more Chiefs to the existing two Chief Gaming Steering Committee to resolve, finalize and implement the First Nations Casino Trust Fund as soon as possible; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the new Chiefs Committee on Gaming begin to work on all the gaming issues with the existing Gaming Steering Committee as a sub-committee.

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**AUG-06.05**

**RE: THE AMC GAMING STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE INITIAL REVENUE SHARING FUND FROM MANITOBA LOTTERIES CORPORATION GAMING PROFITS**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Dennis Meeches,  
Long Plain First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the AMC/Manitoba Joint Gaming Steering Committee established in December 2005 has presented their regular progress report to the Assembly; and

**Seconded By:**

Chief Sheldon Kent,  
Black River First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the presentation includes the dollar figures negotiated for an initial form of a revenue sharing fund (called Tier One) from the Province of Manitoba Gaming profits; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, this is to be an ongoing Fund with the 5 years dollar amounts set at a MINIMUM of \$20.5 Million dollars, or an average of \$4 Million per year; and

**WHEREAS**, further revenue sharing discussions will take place after the Market Study is completed (called Tier Two).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly approve the Tier One funding level for the first Five years as presented by the AMC Gaming Steering Committee; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the development details of the Fund be presented as soon as possible to the Assembly for final approval.

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**AUG-06.06**

**RE: FIRST NATION GAMING TRUST FUND - REVENUE SHARING**

**Moved By:**

Chief Ovide Mercredi,  
Misipawistik Cree Nation

**Seconded By:**

Councillor Garth Flett (Proxy),  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba Government is not party to the funding of the First Nation Gaming Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Nation Casinos are forced to contribute 30% of the net profits to the First Nation Gaming Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bostrom Report and Request for Proposals reflected a 90%/10% split (Operator/Trust); and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust Fund is not yet established; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Gaming Committee and Manitoba Government are working together for the establishment of a First Nation Economic Development Fund called TIER ONE Funding from net profits of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation (MLC) Casinos.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly instruct the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs specifically the Gaming Committee to negotiate the revenue sharing of all MLC revenues at 10% to the Trust Fund to be shared on an annual basis.

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**AUG-06.07**

**RE: FEDERAL CONSULTATION ON FIRST NATION MATRIMONIAL  
REAL PROPERTY**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Viola Eastman,  
Canupawakpa Dakota Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Russell Lambert,  
Poplar River First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada announced (June 20, 2006) consultation with First Nations and other interested parties on matrimonial real property and has appointed Wendy Grant-John as Ministerial Representative (MR) to facilitate this process; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event the interested parties do not reach consensus on how to resolve this issue, the MR is mandated to make a recommendation to the Minister; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of First Nations received a mandate from First Nations across Canada to participate in this consultation (AFN Resolution No. 18/2006); and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC First Nations Women's Council has expressed concerns regarding this consultation process based on an analysis of the MR's mandate.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC Grand Chief and Chief Debbie Chief, Chair of AMC First Nations Womens' Council to seek clarity from the Minister on the MR's mandate to ensure that the consultation process:

- a) is consistent with the recognition and affirmation of section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and the rights of First Nations women, including treaty, aboriginal and inherent rights as well as basic human rights, and
- b) considers the First Nations' unique relationship with the land; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC submit a proposal to access funding to hold Manitoba regional consultations on First Nations matrimonial real property.

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**RE: FUNDING INCREASES TO ADDRESS CHRONIC UNDERSTAFFING  
OF RCMP DETACHMENTS ON-RESERVE**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Deborah Chief,  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Ian Bushie,  
Hollow Water First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Report of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry (1991) cited "inappropriate levels" of RCMP staffing on-reserve as a major problem with policing in aboriginal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aboriginal Justice Implementation Commission (2001) recommended that "the Government of Manitoba initiate a process involving the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs...to review policing issues in Manitoba with the goal of a new Provincial Police Act within three years...[including] among other things...the role of the province in ensuring adequate and effective levels of policing...", yet on the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> year since the AJI was released, former AJI Commissioner A.C. Hamilton criticized the provincial government, stating that, "few of the report's hundreds of recommendations have been implemented," and that "it has long since been the government's turn to act." (Winnipeg Free Press, August 12, 2006); and

**WHEREAS**, the chronic understaffing of RCMP Detachments on-reserve was highlighted in The Fatal Inquiries Act Inquest Report (released July 19, 2006) where it was recommended that:

The RCMP through its Division "D" Executive Committee meet with the Province of Manitoba, and thereafter the Government of Canada, to immediately fund an increase in resources to provide the community of Norway House and those other northern communities which have been identified under Band A Resource Division Priority with full police resources to augment the safety of those communities and the RCMP members serving there.

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs First Nations Women's Council have expressed concern that the on-going and chronic RCMP and other policing services understaffing results in less effective protection services for women, children and elders throughout Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, some First Nations communities, such as Norway House Cree Nation, have expressed this understaffing situation forces them to expend all or beyond their Band Constable Program budget; thereby, creating a deficit or taking away funding from other vital community programs, and which allows RCMP to continue to under-resource RCMP detachments on-reserve.

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OF RCMP DETACHMENTS ON-RESERVE (cont'd)**

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support Norway House Cree Nation and other First Nation communities who are seeking implementation of the Inquest Report (2006) recommendation; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to initiate discussions, in collaboration with participating First Nations, with Federal and Provincial governments to seek increases in staffing resources for all Manitoba First Nations communities with policing units which are understaffed; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the establishment of appropriate First Nation police services for communities that do not currently have police services.

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**AUG-06.09**

**RE: INCREASED AND EXPANDED PARTICIPATION OF THE WORKING  
GROUP ON FIRST NATIONS CITIZENSHIP**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Linda Twoheart,  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief John Miswagon,  
Cross Lake Band of Indians

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the AMC First Nations Women's Council recommended collective and coordinated strategic development amongst Manitoba First Nations Provincial/Territorial Organizations (PTOs) and Tribal Council through AMC resolution JAN-06.02 entitled, "Establishment of Working Group on First Nations Citizenship"; and

**WHEREAS**, the January 2006 resolution also resolved that the PTOs and Tribal Councils "each contribute human and a portion of financial resources or secure financial resources to fund the work of this Working Group"; and

**WHEREAS**, this approach has demonstrated to be slow moving, and it is evident that this approach also limits participation in the Working Group and therefore requires an amendment of the January 2006 resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also necessary to secure funding to engage legal expertise to provide legal review and options towards the development and refinement of the draft citizenship strategy document.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the AMC First Nations Women's Council recommendation to:

- i. amend AMC resolution JAN-06.02 directing the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs; and,
- ii. direct the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs to: (a) identify participants on the Working Group; (b) lobby for funding to carry out strategic development by the Working Group; and (c) identify funding to engage legal expertise to provide legal review with options, towards the development of a Manitoba First Nations Citizenship strategy document.

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**RE: MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – NIHB**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Pascall Bighetty,  
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, First Nations recognize that the federal Crown has a fiduciary obligation to provide medical transportation services as a Treaty and Inherent Right; and

**Seconded By:**

Chief Norman Bone,  
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation

**WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2006, Norway House Cree Nation granted First Nations and Inuit Health Branch 90 days notice to terminate their contractual responsibilities to provide medical transportation services to Norway House Cree Nation members due to \$6.3 million unreconciled deficits; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of Medical Transportation Program are: ensure all eligible clients receive timely and safe access to medical services throughout Manitoba based on cost-effective policies, while ensuring culturally-appropriate principles for management of the Medical Transportation Program; and ensure that escalating program costs do not hinder the overall financial positions of First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, several First Nations communities have been incurring annual deficits resulting from the inadequate funding of the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) transportation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government continues to off-load medical transportation costs to First Nations and the provincial government; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Canada continues to unilaterally develop and implement cost-containment policies and has proposed a transfer of program and financial authorities to provincial governments.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support Norway House Cree Nation in terminating their medical transportation agreement with FNIHB due to \$6.3M of unreconciled deficit; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to develop and implement a political strategy to address the medical transportation deficits; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to meet with the Provincial Minister of Health to discuss shared concerns related to federal off-loading of health programs and services to First Nations and the provincial government; and

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**RE: MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – NIHB (cont'd)**

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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the recommendations of the Manitoba First Nations Joint Working Group on NIHB to engage in operational and policy discussions, program management reviews, service gaps and needs assessments; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the AMC Grand Chief to meet with FNIHB to ensure that FNIHB provides adequate resources for client meals, boarding/accommodations, ground/air transportation, medi-vacs, ambulance services, and private vehicle mileage.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS INTEGRATED DIABETES HEALTH  
CARE SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Linda Twoheart,  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the diabetes epidemic experienced by Manitoba First Nations has been well documented; and is projected to continue with future generations, increasing threefold between 1995 and 2015; and,

**Seconded By:**

Chief Robert Maytwayashing,  
Lake Manitoba First Nation

**WHEREAS**, access to diabetes care and treatment has emerged as a priority as evidenced by the ever increasing numbers of First Nations deaths from complications of diabetes; and,

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs by Resolution JUN-05.01 (*"Manitoba First Nations Plan of Action on Diabetes"*) supported the integration of the Diabetes Prevention Centres of Excellence with the Diabetes outreach care and treatment model and mandated the Manitoba First Nations Diabetes Committee (MFNDC) and the AFN Manitoba Regional Vice Chief office to develop a phased in joint strategy to address the diabetes epidemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs secured project development expertise to integrate the Diabetes Prevention Centres of Excellence proposal with the Diabetes outreach care and treatment model; and,

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the Manitoba First Nations Integrated Diabetes Health Care Service Delivery Model are:

- 1) To deliver diabetes health care services within the community in an efficient and effective manner.
- 2) To utilize promising practices in diabetes health care to the benefit of clients and their families in their own community setting.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly approve-in-principle the Integrated Diabetes Health Care Service Delivery Model as a framework for action to be further developed and implemented by the MFNDC; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to share all the hard copy and electronic versions of the Integrated Diabetes Health Care Service Delivery Model with the MFNDC; and

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CARE SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL (cont'd)**

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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to lobby for additional funding commitments from both the federal and provincial governments to support the development and implementation of the proposed model; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that current funding arrangements for community-based diabetes prevention programming through the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative not be affected by implementation of this initiative.

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**RE: MANAGERIAL REVIEW OF NURSING DIRECTORATE**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Norman Bone,  
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation

**WHEREAS**, nursing leadership and support is essential for the provision of quality nursing services to meet the health needs of all First Nation communities in Manitoba; and

**Seconded By:**

Councillor Oral Johnston (Proxy),  
Black River First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Nursing Services (ONS), First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), Health Canada (Ottawa) was established in December 2001; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Nursing Services in 2002 developed the Nursing Transformation Strategy to address the projected nursing shortage. The fundamental objective is to achieve and maintain an adequate supply of nursing personnel, who are appropriately educated, distributed, deployed and supported to meet the health needs of First Nations and Inuit; and

**WHEREAS**, FNIHB, Manitoba Region's stated priorities included:

- Improving working conditions
- Developing partnerships
- Improving the health of First Nations
- Analyzing the nursing knowledge and skills required
- Creating a learning environment
- Promotion of nursing as a career
- Recognition of nursing excellence
- Introducing creative recruitment and retention strategies
- Provision of leadership development opportunities; and
- Developing a resource pool team.

**WHEREAS**, the lack of leadership and support from the Nursing Directorate, FNIHB, Manitoba Region, has resulted in a 42% nursing position vacancy rate, and an increasing number of unresolved nursing issues.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly provide direction to the AMC Grand Chief to lobby and secure a commitment from the Federal Minister of Health to conduct an independent managerial review of the Nursing Directorate, Manitoba Region; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the re-establishment of the Nursing Leadership Council, draft terms of reference (2004) and provide a mandate to the Tribal Nursing Officers to move the nursing agenda forward under the guidance and direction of the Chiefs Task Force on Health; and

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**RE: MANAGERIAL REVIEW OF NURSING DIRECTORATE (cont'd)**

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**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Chiefs Task Force on Health to develop and action the Terms of Reference for the independent managerial review with Regional Director General, Health Canada, Manitoba Region.

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**RE: FNIHB HEALTH CANADA WITHHOLDING OF FIRST NATIONS  
UPSTREAM INVESTMENT FUNDS**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Linda Twoheart,  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Norman Bone,  
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2004, at a special meeting between the First Ministers and National Aboriginal Leaders, \$400 million was committed to new Upstream Investment initiatives focused on Youth Suicide, Diabetes Prevention, Early Learning Child Development (including First Nations Head Start), and Maternal Child Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the new federal government is currently undertaking a \$1 Billion fiscal restraint exercise and conducting a budget review across all federal departments; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the \$1 Billion expenditure review, FNIHB Headquarters, Ottawa, is withholding 25% of the First Nations Upstream Investment funds to prevent any possible deficits and have directed Regions to take steps to identify programs from which to withhold funds from the regional First Nations health budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2006, FNIHB, Manitoba Region instituted an initial withholding of program funds from the First Nation Upstream Investments to Maternal Child Health (MCH) of \$261,019, Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative (ADI) of \$250,029, and the National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy (NAYSPS) of \$138,257; and an unconfirmed amount from First Nations Head Start, which impacted the FNIHB budget allocations for regional activities; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 2006, AMC received correspondence from FNIHB indicating that an additional \$1,251,311 of Upstream Investment funds would be held-back impacting the MCH, ADI, NAYSPS and the First Nations Head Start Program, which will directly impact First Nation community and regional based initiatives, and it is unknown whether these funds would be released in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba First Nations require a needs-based funding formula to ensure an effective, long-term sustainable First Nation health system to address the critical and poor health status of First Nation members.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to seek a commitment from the federal ministers of Health Canada and Indian & Northern Affairs Canada for an exemption of the First Nations health budgets from the \$1 Billion budget review and a reinstatement of all funds withheld from the Upstream Investments; and

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**RE: FNIHB HEALTH CANADA WITHHOLDING OF FIRST NATIONS  
UPSTREAM INVESTMENT FUNDS (cont'd)**

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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to seek a commitment from the federal Ministers of Health Canada and Indian & Northern Affairs Canada that multi-year funding agreements be established to ensure the Upstream Investment funds are allowed to be carried over throughout the lifetime of the programs; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to organize a one day national protest to be held in Winnipeg to raise the profile of the First Nation Health Crisis and to challenge Canada and the Province to meet their Treaty and fiduciary obligations.

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**RE: NURSING SHORTAGES AND CLOSURES OF NURSING STATIONS IN NORTHERN AND ISOLATED FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Roger Ross,  
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Jeffrey Napoakesik,  
Shamattawa First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, nurses in northern and isolated communities are the vital lifeline to Primary Health Care Services; and

**WHEREAS**, nursing stations in the northern region have been closed as a result of the nursing shortage; and

**WHEREAS**, First Nation leadership are not appropriately informed or advised of impending closures and are sometimes given only 48 hours notice; and

**WHEREAS**, a distinct strategy is required to address recruitment, retention, training, support and management of the nursing program in the north.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct First Nation & Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) work jointly with First Nations to have better relations and improved communications with regards to hiring and administration of the nursing services; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct FNIHB:

- To work on a collaborative plan towards decreasing the shortage and preventing closures;
- To provide sufficient notice of nursing station closures to the respective First Nation leadership; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the efforts of MKIO on their MKIO Nursing Strategy through development of a business plan to develop models of a more responsive, appropriate, and regionally controlled nursing entity.

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**AUG-06.15**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR TRANSLATION OF HIV/AIDS HEALTH  
INFORMATION TO FIRST NATIONS**

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**Moved By:**

Councillor Garth Flett (Proxy),  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Ovide Mercredi,  
Misipawistik Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, HIV/AIDS is an escalating world-wide health epidemic which has no cure, as recognized by the August 2006 AIDS World Conference hosted by Canada in August 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, HIV/AIDS has reached First Nation citizens and communities with devastating consequences, that requires greater federal government action to provide health education to prevent the spread of this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, existing FNIHB community programs and services are not adequate to address the prevention of HIV/AIDS in First Nation communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that the Canadian HIV/AIDS Clearinghouse document containing 24 questions and answers be translated to reach more youth and adults as a part of health promotion and prevention programming.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief negotiate with appropriate government departments to:

1. Support the translation of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Clearinghouse documents into the indigenous languages; and
2. Lobby Health Canada to increase funding for HIV/AIDS prevention strategy, including translation costs.

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**RE: FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME / EFFECTS (FAS/E) FUNDING –  
HEALTH CANADA**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Deborah Chief,  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Viola Eastman,  
Canupawakpa Dakota Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations & Inuit Health Branch, Manitoba Region (FNIHB) department receives \$1,890,607 on behalf of First Nations in Manitoba to combat FASD; and,

**WHEREAS**, an Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) FAS/E Working Group was established by Resolution FEB-97.12 to develop a terms of reference, action plan and pursue the necessary follow-up on the 10-part initiative as outlined in the Press Release February 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the FAS/E Working Group receives direct funding from Health Canada and also in the body that decides which proposals are funded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Working Group receives approximately \$300,000 annually from Health Canada to administer a Working Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the FASD Working Group has no mandate to disburse or allocate funding to Manitoba First Nations on behalf of Health Canada.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC stop this proposal driven process and have Health Canada flow FASD funds directly to each First Nations in an equitable fashion so all First Nations can develop their own action plans for addressing FASD crisis in their communities.

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**AUG-06.17**

**RE: OKAWAMITHIKANI FIRST NATION FAMILY HEALING CENTRE**

**Moved By:**

Proxy Beverly Baker,  
Okawamithikani First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Okawamithikani First Nation (OFN) has conducted a needs assessment to support the development of a new Family Healing Centre initiative proposed to be established in Leaf Rapids, Manitoba; and

**Seconded By:**

Chief Linda Twoheart,  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**WHEREAS**, there is only one Family Healing Centre in Manitoba situated on the Sagkeeng First Nation which has limited capacity and long waiting lists; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Okawamithikani First Nation proposal has verified that there is a demonstrated need for another Family Healing Centre to serve primarily northern and other First Nation clientele.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support this initiative and direct the AMC Grand Chief to provide lobbying support to assist the Okawamithikani First Nation in the establishment of a Family Healing Centre.

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**AUG-06.18**

**RE: OKAWAMITHIKANI FIRST NATION HEALTH STATION**

**Moved By:**

Chief Norman Bone,  
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Okawamithikani First Nation Health Station was recently condemned due to the dilapidated and unsafe state of the physical facility; and

**Seconded By:**

Chief Pascall Bighetty,  
Mathias Colomb First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Okawamithikani First Nation has been forced to continue using the condemned facility due to a lack of other suitable facilities in the community for the communities' health needs since August of 2005; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Okawamithikani Chief and Council continue to request Health Canada and FNIHB to secure funding for a new health facility.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to provide lobbying support to assist the Okawamithikani First Nation in pursuing capital and infrastructure funding for a new Health Station for the citizens of the Okawamithikani First Nation.

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**AUG-06.19**

**RE: NORWAY HOUSE CREE NATION (NHCN) AND INDIAN & NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) SHELTER ALLOWANCE IN INCOME ASSISTANCE**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Marcel Balfour,  
Norway House Cree Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Chris Baker,  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, INAC has a fiduciary responsibility to act in the highest interests of First Nations people; and

**WHEREAS**, First Nations who enter into financial contribution agreements with INAC are contracted to deliver programs and services according to the terms set down by INAC; and

**WHEREAS**, INAC has chosen not to follow and apply its own policies in income assistance of (i) "reasonable comparability" to provincial rates and eligibility rates, and (ii) the "1997 Shelter Allowance policy"; which provides a shelter allowance to an income assistance client for any type of dwelling up to a set rate; and

**WHEREAS**, INAC has arbitrarily chosen to restrict shelter allowance to houses with Ministerial Guarantees under s. 95 of the CMHC Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the NHCN has decided to challenge the legality of INAC's Shelter Allowance Policy and to seek funding to pursue this case in court.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly give its full support to NHCN to undertake negotiations with INAC to reverse the departments arbitrary decision and work jointly to determine the criteria to be used when INAC MB Region follows provincial policy for the shelter allowance program on-reserve; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly provide support to NHCN in pursuing legal action if this issue is not resolved through negotiations.

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**RE: MANITOBA FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT INITIATIVE (FAI) REVIEW  
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**Moved By:**

Chief John Miswagon,  
Cross Lake Band of Indians

**Seconded By:**

Chief Debbie Chief,  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs Committee on the FAI Review have provided an interim update to the Chiefs-in-Assembly and will require further time to complete the comprehensive review.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that:

1. The Chiefs Review Committee will continue their work in order to complete their review within 6 months.
2. First Nation negotiators will continue to negotiate based upon the "FAI Blue Book" and further that the federal inherent right policy does not apply.
3. A Special Chiefs Assembly will be held to discuss the final report of the Chiefs Review Committee within one month of completion of the review.

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**RE: RECOGNITION OF TREATY 1 TO 11 SPOKESPERSON**

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**Moved By:**

Chief David Crate,  
Fisher River First Nation

**Seconded By:**

Councillor Garth Flett (Proxy),  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, First Nations recognize Treaties as bilateral, nation-to-nation agreements which provide political and legal confirmation of the inherent right of sovereign First Nations to self-determination and self-governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of First Nations treaty and aboriginal rights as understood by First Nations are recognized and affirmed in Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, First Nation representatives participated in the Treaties 1 to 11 Gathering at Lower Fort Garry on July 31 to August 3, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Treaty Gathering was to discuss strategies to ensure that the original spirit and intent of Treaties is recognized and enforced; and

**WHEREAS**, the delegates of the Treaties 1 to 11 Gathering have confirmed the need to protect, strengthen and implement our sacred treaties.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly officially recognize Chief Ovide Mercredi as the interim Treaty spokesperson for Treaties 1 to 11; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to maintain regular dialogue with the Treaties 1 to 11 spokesperson on furthering shared interests of treaty leadership in Manitoba.

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**RE: EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Marcel Balfour  
Norway House Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provides daily transportation for eligible students attending school who live more than 1.6 km from the school; and

**Seconded By:**

Chief Ovide Mercredi  
Misipawistik Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, INAC provides the same level of funding for all students whether they live in the south or the north; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, roads, weather conditions and fuel, operating and maintenance costs are higher in northern and isolated First Nation communities in Manitoba.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct INAC to address the education transportation issues immediately providing complete coverage of transportation costs to each community; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 1.6 km policy be terminated immediately.

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**RE: MATHIAS COLOMB (PUKATAWAGAN) INDIAN RESERVE  
HOUSING**

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**Moved By:**

Chief Pascall Bighetty,  
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Douglas Hart,  
Marcel Colomb Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, between 1952-1997, the Department of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and Manitoba Hydro spilled 300,000 gallons of fuel (the largest land oil spill in North America) which has had a negative impact on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, before 1997, the Reserve had 400 houses and after 2000, the Reserve was left with only 229 houses shared by 2,600 Band Members resulting in a severe housing shortfall and over-crowding; and

**WHEREAS**, INAC does not have a replacement housing program for Mathias Colomb and the Reserve has not constructed any houses since 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the housing shortfall and over-crowding has contributed to numerous social problems including increased violence.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs assist the Chief of Mathias Colomb and Grand Chiefs of the MKIO and SCO to secure a meeting with the Minister of INAC to address the critical housing shortfall in Mathias Colomb.

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**RE: SAGKEENG FIRST NATION LAND-DAM EROSION**

**Moved By:**

Chief Linda Twoheart,  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**Seconded By:**

Councillor Oral Johnston (Proxy),  
Black River First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Sagkeeng First Nation is situated at the mouth of the Winnipeg River; and

**WHEREAS**, Sagkeeng continues to be adversely affected by the Manitoba Hydro dams that control waterflows on the Winnipeg River and the Nelson River that control the level of Lake Winnipeg; and

**WHEREAS**, a study commissioned by Sagkeeng First Nation in 1992 determined that Sagkeeng had lost 815 acres of land due to water dam erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1992 to 2006 an additional 270 acres are estimated to have been lost due to water dam erosion at the mouth of the Winnipeg River, an area known as Traverse Bay situated on the northwest portion of the First Nation reserve lands; and

**WHEREAS**, houses located on a one mile stretch along Traverse Bay will eventually have to be moved due to the accelerated erosion that will result in an enormous cost burden for the Sagkeeng First Nation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to support and assist Sagkeeng Chief and Council to seek immediate action for appropriate remedial measures to mitigate further loss or damage to lands and infrastructure; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to assist the Sagkeeng First Nation in meeting with the responsible government and corporate parties to provide acceptable compensation to Sagkeeng First Nation.

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**RE: TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT COMMITTEE OF MANITOBA INC.  
COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING PROPOSAL**

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**Moved By:**

Councillor Garth Flett (Proxy)  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

**Seconded By:**

Chief Debbie Chief,  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement was signed by the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc. (representing 20 First Nations), Canada and Manitoba on May 29, 1997 at the Opaskwayak Cree Nation; which is intended to provide 1.1 million acres of new reserve lands to the Treaty Land Entitlement First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, as of June 2006, only 41,202 acres of the 1.1 million acres encompassed by 505 land selections made under the 1997 Manitoba TLE Framework Agreement had been set aside by Canada as new reserve lands; and

**WHEREAS**, in the November 22, 2005 report to Parliament, the Auditor General of Canada confirmed that "*Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is not moving fast enough to convert lands to reserve status under agreements with First Nations in Saskatchewan and Manitoba*"; and as well, identified several factors that are delaying the setting aside of new reserve lands by Canada including widespread bureaucratic inefficiency, limited budgets, lack of communication, failure to actively assist in the resolution of third party interests and lack of measurable targets and plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc. have also identified numerous and specific abuses of Crown authority, including unilateral interpretations of the agreement by officials of the Manitoba government, as significant additional causes of delay affecting the setting aside of new reserve lands; and

**WHEREAS**, these further delays in transferring and converting lands to reserve status by Manitoba and Canada, under the Manitoba TLE Framework Agreement, has adversely affected the "*peace and good will*" between the First Nations and Canada that is a central purpose of the Treaties and have resulted in significant social, cultural and economic impacts and losses being incurred by the 20 Manitoba Treaty Entitlement First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuing delay by Manitoba and Canada in setting aside new reserve lands under TLE Framework Agreement results in an unjustifiable infringement of the Treaty right to select and receive reserves of land, and is inconsistent with the Honour of the Crown and spirit and intent of the Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement; and



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**WHEREAS**, the TLE Framework Agreement allocated funds toward anticipated costs to be incurred by the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc. and the Entitlement First Nations in the implementation of the Agreement, and the original costing schedule for the TLE process was deemed overly optimistic because of the many unanticipated challenges, and issues with the overall land transfer and conversion process.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to immediately engage with the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs (Canada) and the Minister of Aboriginal & Northern Affairs (Manitoba), and their senior officials and offices to ensure that:

- Canada and Manitoba recognize the May 29, 1997 *Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement* as a Treaty implementation agreement; including a constitutional obligation on the part of Manitoba, as a right protected under s. 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*; and
- TLEC, Canada and Manitoba immediately initiate a ten-year review to assess and analyze the systemic challenges in light of the Auditor General's Report and current status of land transfer and conversion process; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly provide the mandate to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to support the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc. in securing funds through the "*Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc. Comprehensive Funding Proposal*" to ensure the continued assistance to the Entitlement First Nations through the implementation of the Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement.

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