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Moved by:

Chief Dennis White Bird
Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief William G. Lathlin
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: JOINT FIRST NATION - CROWN TASK
FORCE ON CLAIMS POLICY REFORM**

WHEREAS, since the unilateral development and establishment of the federal Specific Claims Policy by Canada in 1973, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) has maintained that this policy and the process is fundamentally flawed; and

WHEREAS, AMC supports the **Joint First Nation - Crown Task Force on Claims Policy Reform [JTF]** established to review the specific claims policy and process and to recommend changes to the way First Nation land rights and land claims issues are currently addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Confederacy of Nations at the **Assembly of First Nations National Land Claims Conference** November 3 & 4, 1997 reviewed and supported the progress made to date in the Working Draft, Revision #7, October 14, 1997; and

WHEREAS, for the new specific claims policy to be fully effective, the proposed Independent Claims Body must have the power to make binding decisions on claim acceptance and on claims settlements or remedies.

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**RE: JOINT FIRST NATION - CROWN TASK
FORCE ON CLAIMS POLICY REFORM
(CONT'D)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC express support for the proposed reform of the Specific Claims Policy as contained in the **Working Draft of the Joint First Nation - Crown Task Force on Claims Policy Reform** [Revision #7, October 14, 1997] and for the continuation of the Joint Task Force effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AMC make it clear that final support is contingent on the review of the completed report and recommendations of the JTF by the Chiefs-in-Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AMC direct its representatives on the JTF to continue their efforts to secure agreement on the power of the new Independent Claims Body to make binding decisions on claim acceptance and claims settlements or remedies.

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JAN-98.02

Moved by:

Chief Louis Malcolm
Ebb and Flow First Nation

**RE: EBB AND FLOW FIRST NATION - STATEMENT OF CLAIM ON
FEDERAL SHELTER ALLOWANCE POLICY**

Seconded by:

Chief James Mason
Oxford House First Nation

WHEREAS, Ebb and Flow First Nation and other First Nations utilize repayable loans to provide housing programs for their First Nation membership; and

WHEREAS, federal policy allows shelter allowance for eligible welfare recipients only for NHA approved housing; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations are often forced to assume responsibility for repayment of loans advanced for the construction of housing in the absence of shelter allowance payments for eligible welfare recipients; and

WHEREAS, federal policy must be amended to provide shelter allowance for all eligible welfare recipients resident in housing located on reserve constructed by or on behalf of First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly call for revision of federal shelter allowance policy to provide shelter allowance payments to all eligible welfare recipients resident in housing located on reserve constructed by or on behalf of the First Nation whether or not the housing is NHA approved; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the action of Ebb and Flow First Nation in their statement of claim aimed at securing shelter allowance funding for all eligible welfare recipients resident on the First Nation whether or not resident in NHA approved housing.

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JAN-98.03

Moved by:

Chief Ken Wood
St. Theresa Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Larry Monias
Garden Hill First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: AIRPORT AND AIR SAFETY

WHEREAS, there are 22 airports in northern Manitoba constructed in the early 1960s under the jurisdiction of Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to address the deteriorating conditions of the airports situated near First Nations communities; and

WHEREAS, these airports have had little improvements since construction and are not up to standard.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC and MKO call on the provincial government to upgrade all airports located near First Nation communities to include:

- the upgrading and maintenance of airstrips and facilities;
- the provision of air controllers;
- the use of instrument landing systems;
- the provision of emergency response teams.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC and MKO establish a task force that will ensure that the provincial and federal government addresses the airport and air safety needs of the First Nations, according to current legislation.

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Moved by:

Chief Fred Harper
Red Sucker Lake First Nation

**RE: CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING
CORPORATION (C.M.H.C.)**

Seconded by:

Chief Gladys Powderhorn
Sayisi Dene First Nation

WHEREAS, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) under Section 95 of the NATIONAL Housing Act provides assistance to First Nations who undertake rental housing projects on-reserves; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, under the Section 95 Housing Program, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provides the First Nation shelter allowance for occupants on social assistance; and

WHEREAS, the level of assistance from CMHC is based on the number of bedrooms in the home and INAC's level of funding is based on the number of occupants in the home; and

WHEREAS, the INAC shelter allowance payments are not compatible with the CMHC minimum rent contribution requirement which creates a deficit in the housing projects for the First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct CMHC to amend their minimum rent contribution requirement to comply with INAC's shelter allowance levels.

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JAN-98.05

Moved by:

Proxy David Spence
Nelson House First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Roland Robinson
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE FIRE
FIGHTERS (M.A.N.F.F.) FIRE AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, AMC and MKO support the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters (M.A.N.F.F.) in their effort to assist their First Nations in their Fire and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, that AMC and MKO recognize that "*Fire and Emergency Services*" are specific life and death issues that impact on First Nations lives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC appoint one of its Executive Council members to sit as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a separate funding allocation for "*Fire Services*" be distinct from capital to enhance programming requirements as well as not to impact on the regular "Base Allocation" from the First Nations funding.

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Moved by:

Chief Roy Redhead
York Factory First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gladys Powderhorn
Sayisi Dene First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ROADS

WHEREAS, the construction and maintenance of roads on crown land is the responsibility of the provincial government; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the construction and maintenance of roads on First Nation land is the responsibility of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, some First Nations in Manitoba have experienced problems in accessing their communities through winter roads; and

WHEREAS, out of desperation, the First Nations have made use of their yearly capital allocation to construct and maintain these roads; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations can not afford to continue to fund road projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that A.M.C. direct the Government of Manitoba and the Department of Indian Affairs to provide the funding needed for the construction and maintenance of winter roads; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that A.M.C. direct the Department of Indian Affairs to provide sufficient capital for all roads on reserve.

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JAN-98.07

Moved by:

Proxy David Spence
Nelson House First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Helen Cook
Bloodvein First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: I.N.A.C. FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the First Nations in Manitoba are experiencing severe housing backlog; and

WHEREAS, the A.M.C. does not accept the current I.N.A.C. five-year capital plan as presented at the A.M.C./M.K.O. Special Assembly on Housing and Capital (December 10, 1997); and

WHEREAS, the budget presented is not sufficient to meet First Nation housing needs; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent to A.M.C. that the Department of Indian Affairs is incapable of providing the funding needed to address the housing crisis faced by First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that A.M.C. direct the Grand Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak to arrange a meeting between representatives from the federal government and A.M.C. to discuss I.N.A.C.'s current five-year capital plan; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a delegation of Housing Portfolio Chiefs, the Grand Chiefs and Members of Parliament be sent to meet with Prime Minister Chretien, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Indian Affairs for the purpose of amending I.N.A.C.'s current five-year capital plan.

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JAN-98.08

Moved by:

Chief J.R. Yellowback
God's River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: I.N.A.C. MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT TENDERING
POLICY**

WHEREAS, under I.N.A.C. policy, the First Nations are required to tender out all major capital projects on-reserve; and

WHEREAS, this I.N.A.C. policy is a condition to funding for major capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba need to build on the economic benefits from these major capital projects; and

WHEREAS, I.N.A.C.'s policy prevents First Nations from benefiting on these projects; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Manitoba see this policy as a hindrance to the First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct I.N.A.C. to eliminate the tendering policy for major capital projects and allow First Nations to be the general contractors on projects in their own community.

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Moved by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Larry Monias
Garden Hill First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: PROVINCIAL INQUIRY INTO HYDRO DEVELOPMENT
IN MANITOBA**

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba through its Crown Utility Corporation Manitoba Hydro, have developed hydro electric producing facilities in Manitoba First Nation Territories for the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the development of these hydro projects has had a very devastating impact on First Nations people and land in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, this devastation has had a negative impact on the economic development and economic resources of Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba is considering further development of Manitoba Hydro projects through the Conawapa initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Province of Manitoba and the Filmon Government to convene an *Inquiry* in the impact of all past, present and future hydro development in Manitoba First Nation Territories; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct both Manitoba Grand Chiefs to begin lobbying the Federal and Provincial elected representatives to support such an *Inquiry*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Inquiry* visit and hear testimony in First Nation communities that have been or will be affected by Hydro Development.

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JAN-98.10

Moved by:

Chief Jim Prince
Brokenhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis White Bird
Rolling River First Nation

**RE: TRIBAL COUNCIL N.A.D.A.P. COORDINATORS AND
TREATMENT CENTRE DIRECTORS COMMITTEE
(N.A.D.A.P. COMMITTEE)**

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the N.A.D.A.P. Committee has been meeting on a regular basis since 1988 to address program policy issues and addiction issues; and

WHEREAS, A.M.C. recognizes and supports their efforts to address the addictions issues; and

WHEREAS, the N.A.D.A.P. Committee has developed a Terms of Reference to become more accountable and effective in their initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the N.A.D.A.P. Committee require funds to meet on a regular basis to follow through on their goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, Medical Services Branch has historically funded the cost of the N.A.D.A.P. Committee's meetings on a claim basis which impedes the N.A.D.A.P. Committee's ability to meet when they identify a need to meet and pursue their own agenda.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorse the Terms of Reference of the N.A.D.A.P. Committee; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs the Medical Services Branch to fund the N.A.D.A.P. Committee and enable the Committee to meet on a regular basis.

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JAN-98.11

Moved by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House First Nation

**RE: "AS THE BANNOCK BURNS" SUICIDE PREVENTION
THEATRE PROJECT**

Seconded by:

Chief Roland Robinson
Cross Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, the "As the Bannock Burns" Theatre Group hosted a workshop to explore the idea of developing a theatre project as a suicide prevention initiative for First Nations Youth; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, there are no suicide prevention initiatives, culturally relevant or otherwise, available for First Nations youth despite the astronomically high rates of suicides and attempted suicides amongst our youth; and

WHEREAS, there are no funds currently available, specifically for development of such initiatives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorse "As the Bannock Burns" Suicide Prevention Theatre Project so that they may effectively negotiate financial resources.

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JAN-98.12

Moved by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Louis Malcolm
Ebb & Flow First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATION REGIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

WHEREAS, for many years, populations survey have not accurately captured First Nations data; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the process of compiling health information should be done in periodic intervals so that health patterns and trends can be monitored and analyzed; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Health Survey has been instrumental in allowing First Nations to gain ownership and control of research data as it relates to health; and

WHEREAS, the roles and responsibilities of the Manitoba Regional Health Survey Steering Committee has been increasingly expanding due to additional research undertakings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba chiefs Secretariat and the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak jointly carry out a longitudinal health survey in Manitoba; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba Regional Health Survey Steering Committee seek and acquire the fiscal and human resources to carry out the survey; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health Coordinators of the seven (7) Tribal Councils and two (2) non-aligned First Nations continue to serve as the Manitoba Regional Health Survey Steering Committee and report back to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs - Chiefs Health Committee; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly approve an expanded role of the Manitoba Regional Health Survey Steering Committee as will be defined in a proposed Terms of Reference.

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JAN-98.13

Moved by:

Chief Sheldon Kent
Little Black River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Helen Cook
Bloodvein First Nation

RE: FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME/EFFECTS

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs mandates a working group (resolution Feb.97.12) to develop a Terms of Reference and strategy for prevention, resourcing, and support of/for FAS/E that will address the high rate and needs; and

WHEREAS, a working group was established, assessed First Nations needs and developed a proposal to address the many issues of FAS/E; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was reviewed and supported as a priority by the Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriate federal and provincial government departments responsible for Health and Children be directed to fully support and fund the required resources in order to carry out the initiatives as outlined in the proposal contained in Tab #3 of the binder.

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Moved by:

Chief Dennis White Bird
Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dwayne Blackbird
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OFFICERS

WHEREAS, on December 15, 1997, the Province announced that their Wildlife Conservation Officers will be allowed to carry sidearms; and

WHEREAS, this decision creates a dangerous scenario whenever an armed Wildlife Conservation Officer confronts a hunter and will only escalate tensions, mistrust and anxiety levels; and

WHEREAS, there have been confrontations in the past regarding the Hunting Rights of First Nations when these Wildlife Conservation Officers have been witnessed to be overly aggressive; and

WHEREAS, the Treaty Right to Hunt is a Constitutionally Protected Right and has been recognized and upheld in the Supreme Court of Canada on many occasions; and

WHEREAS, these Wildlife Conservation Officers are usually the instigators of these confrontations because they lack training in dealing with people, Human Rights, and especially lack of education on the Treaty Hunting Rights of First Nations; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife Conservation is not the same as Policing and Law Enforcement as it is on the streets of Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Swampy Cree Tribal Council will not allow any Wildlife Conservation Officers who carry sidearms into their Reserves or any Treaty Land Entitlement selected areas.

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**RE: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OFFICERS
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the Province start training their Wildlife Conservation Officers on the Treaty Hunting Rights of First Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the Province start training their Wildlife Conservation Officers on the Treaty Hunting Cases that have been upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the Province start recognizing and following these Supreme Court decisions on the legality of Treaty Hunting Rights; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will hold the Province responsible for any injuries or deaths of any First Nation member inflicted by a sidearm carrying Wildlife Conservation Officer; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Swampy Cree Tribal Council in their position on the Wildlife Conservation Officers carrying sidearms.

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JAN-98.15

Moved by:

Proxy Douglas Hastings
God's Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis White Bird
Rolling River First Nation

RE: F.A.I. NEGOTIATION PROCESS TO INCLUDE THE FIRST NATIONS WITH DISABILITIES PROJECT ENTITLED "DISMANTLING THE ROADBLOCKS"

WHEREAS, the A.M.C. has undertaken the Framework Agreement Initiative on behalf of the First Nations of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations with Disabilities Project has not yet been formally included within this process; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations with Disabilities Working Committee has identified the need to address the jurisdictional issues that underpin many of the current problems confronting First Nations with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the report developed by the First Nations with Disabilities Project entitled "Dismantling the Roadblocks" recommends the need for immediate action to be taken by the A.M.C.; and

WHEREAS, the problems encountered by the First Nation people with disabilities can only be addressed with the support and commitment of A.M.C.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the First Nations with Disabilities Project be brought formally under the Framework Agreement Initiative process to advise the Framework Agreement Initiative Project on the needs and issues of First Nations people with Disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Nations Disability Project be directed, with the assistance of the F.A.I., to take all the necessary steps to include the needs and issues of First Nations people with disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Nations with Disabilities and F.A.I. projects ensure that the F.A.I. project include a process to address jurisdictional and fiscal relations barriers encountered by First Nations with Disabilities.

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JAN-98.16

Moved by:

Chief Ken Wood
St. Theresa Point First Nation

**RE: SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL FOR FIRST NATION
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Seconded by:

Chief Louis Malcolm
Ebb & Flow First Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nation people with disabilities have not benefited from the current service delivery system in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the need exists for a First Nations specific delivery system that is culturally appropriate.

MOTION CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that A.M.C. direct the First Nations with Disabilities Project to begin the process of developing a service delivery model that will meet the needs of First Nation people with disabilities.

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JAN-98.17

Moved by:

Proxy Nelson Keeper
Little Grand Rapids First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Joe Owen
Paugassii First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ADULT INHALANT ABUSE TREATMENT

WHEREAS, the Council of the **Little Grand Rapids First Nation** is of the opinion the community is experiencing extensive social and medical problems as a result of some adult members using inhalants; and

WHEREAS, the Little Grand Rapids Native Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program (N.A.D.A.P.) and Brighter Futures Initiative (B.F.I.) programs are available to assist those suffering from inhalant abuse; and

WHEREAS, these programs are finding intervention fruitless when there is no treatment available for adult inhalant abusers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct Medical Services Branch to support the development of First Nations Adult Inhalant Abuse Treatment Centres.

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JAN-98.18

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Margaret Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First Nation

RE: FIRST NATION LANGUAGES

WHEREAS, the federal government in responding to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples has committed to support First Nation language programs; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly wish to ensure that such First Nation language programs are directly controlled by First Nations.

MOTION CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Education to secure federal commitments to language program funding and to ensure that these funds and programs are controlled by First Nations.

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JAN-98.19

Moved by:

Chief Jerry Knott
Wasagamack First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ken Wood
St. Theresa Point First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Medical Services Branch policies, including the National Envelope System, continue to erode the Treaty Rights of First Nations while failing to resolve health care management needs at the community level; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada must honour and respect its fiduciary relationship and treaty commitment in providing health care to all First Nations; and

WHEREAS, Medical Services Branch policies and procedures changes in Non-Insured Health Benefits restricting all aspects of Medical Transportation, air transport, interpreter and escort services; and

WHEREAS, Medical Services Branch/Federal Government give the rightful ownership to its First nations their inherent right to provide for their own care with adequate resources without inheriting their deficits; and

WHEREAS, provide First Nations with an economic base to provide for their people their rightful ownership to resources that the rest of Canadians enjoy and promote wellness in their own First Nation communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the recommendations for Medical Transportation as presented by the Island Lake Tribal Council in all aspects to allow First Nation communities to meet their health needs.

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JAN-98.20

Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: DESIGNATION OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

WHEREAS, First Nation peoples have a special relationship with the Crown by virtue of their treaties; and

WHEREAS, this special relationship has to be recognized and maintained; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing tendency to identify First Nation peoples within the term "Aboriginal peoples" thereby diminishing the treaty relationship and treaty rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that A.M.C. direct the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations to accord the First Nations the proper designation and thereby ensure the recognition and maintenance of the treaty relationship and treaty rights; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that funding for government initiatives be based on treaties and treaty rights; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. direct the National Chief of the A.F.N. to prevent First Nations peoples being included in the term "Aboriginal peoples" by not participating in fora where First Nations are included in the term "Aboriginal peoples"; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that any First Nation representation on boards, councils and other fora be based on the treaty relationship.

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Moved by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL
AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD INC.**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Regional Area Management Board Inc. (R.A.M.B.) was established on January 20, 1995 through duly executed Chief & Council and/or Tribal Council resolutions with a mandate to address the training and employment interests of Manitoba First Nations on a regional level; and

WHEREAS, the A.M.C. Executive Council of Chiefs approved a resolution on November 28, 1997, "That the A.M.C. assumes control over R.A.M.B. and have them report directly to the A.M.C. Executive Council of Chiefs with the current Secretariat remaining in place"; and

WHEREAS, the R.A.M.B. is currently being restructured and legal advise is required to ensure that R.A.M.B. adhere to the Corporations Act; and

WHEREAS, the R.A.M.B. Secretariat requires general operational direction to carry out operations effectively and efficiently to meet the training and employment needs of Manitoba First Nations members, an advisory committee shall be created; and

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AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD INC. (CONT'D)**

WHEREAS, the R.A.M.B. Advisory Committee consist of representatives from the following organizations:

- Island Lake Tribal Council
- Southeast Tribal Council
- Keewatin Tribal Council
- Interlake Reserves Tribal Council
- Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council
- West Region Tribal Council
- Swampy Cree Tribal Council
- Northern Independent First Nation
- Southern Independent First Nation
- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak

WHEREAS, the R.A.M.B. has hired a new Program Manager Debra Burka effective January 19, 1998, who will be one of four signatures for Manitoba First Nations Regional Area Management Board Inc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs approves the November 28, 1997 A.M.C. Executive Council of Chiefs resolution, and the engagement of legal services to R.A.M.B., the R.A.M.B. Advisory Committee and the signing authority to Debra Burka, Program Manager for R.A.M.B.

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JAN-98.22

Moved by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Florence McLean
Lake Manitoba First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: WILD RICE AIRBOAT DAMAGE RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the airboats used by wild rice harvesters cause great damage to the crop; and

WHEREAS, Howard Houle, as sole owner of Avro Industries Inc., in cooperation with the Parks Branch wishes to research the level of damage in the areas of Lone Island Lake, Mallard Lake, Small Whiteshell Lake and the adjoining river ways in an attempt to phase out the use of airboats in rice harvesting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support Howard Houle in his research.

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JAN-98.23

Moved by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jim Prince
Brokenhead First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: REGIONAL DIRECTOR, M.S.B.

WHEREAS, Health is a Treaty Right and Health is within the exclusive jurisdiction of First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Director, as the senior executive officer for the Department within Manitoba, represents the Government of Canada in the delivery of health services to Status Indians and First Nation communities; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Director has yet to establish a partnership with Manitoba First Nations consistent with their response to the R.C.A.P. to develop ways and means to alleviate the health conditions of Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Director has implemented measures as a result of the National Envelope Funding policy to reduce the deficit with indifference to our increasing population rates and without regard to the negative impact on our people; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Director, in carrying out the National policy, has entered various negotiation processes with providers/suppliers in an attempt to establish new agreements for the purpose of reducing expenditures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly and the Medical Services Branch establish a Joint Committee to explore all options available to resolve all issues with respect to Manitoba Region health services programs and delivery until the implementation of the F.A.I. recommendations.

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JAN-98.24

Moved by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Margaret Thomas
Pine Creek First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: FAMILY HEALING CENTRE IN THE SHAMATTAWA FIRST
NATION COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Shamattawa First Nation has been in a state of crisis for two decades as a result of solvent abuse; and

WHEREAS, the abuse of solvents in the Shamattawa First Nation community has escalated to a point where it is a social norm for many community members; and

WHEREAS, solvent abuse is a secondary effect stemming from primary issues related to family dysfunction; and

WHEREAS, the family dysfunction that exists among the members of the Shamattawa First Nation can be traced to the residential schools policy of Canada; and

WHEREAS, the state of crisis that exists in the Shamattawa First Nation community requires immediate and long term healing strategies supported by the Government of Canada and First Nations leadership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Shamattawa First Nation to acquire sufficient funds from Health Canada to purchase ten (10) treatment beds from existing solvent abuse treatment facilities as an immediate healing strategy for their members; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Shamattawa First Nation to establish a Family Healing Centre in their community as a long term healing strategy; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the A.M.C. Grand Chief and M.K.O. Grand Chief to lobby the federal government and support the Shamattawa First Nation.

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JAN-98.25

Moved by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: GAMING

WHEREAS, Section 207(1) of the Criminal Code authorizes a province to conduct and manage a lottery scheme or to licence lottery schemes; and

WHEREAS, First Nations desire to conduct and manage their own lottery schemes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lobby the federal government to amend the Criminal Code to include First Nations governments in Section 207(1).

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