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**RE: FIRST NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY ADMINISTRATION FEE INCREASE**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs - First Nations Human Resources Development Strategy (AMC-FNHRDS) sub-agreement holders has increased from 39 to 46 sub-agreement holders; and

Moved by:

Chief Garry Swampy
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Councillor David Spence
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC-FNHRDS has entered into a one-year extension agreement with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) and is responsible for monitoring and providing support to the 46 First Nations sub-agreement holders to ensure the terms and conditions of the agreement are maintained; and

WHEREAS, there will be additional administration costs associated with monitoring and providing support to the new and existing sub-agreement holders

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to effectively administer the agreement, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs approves an administration fee increase from 2% to 2.75%, to ensure that the capacity and integrity of the agreement are maintained and strengthened in preparation for the next agreement.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CHILD CARE QUALITY
PROGRAM AND FUNDING FRAMEWORK**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nation Day Care Centres receive funding from Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) now known as Human Resources Skills Development Canada (HRSCD); and

Moved by:

Chief Garry Swampy
Sagkeeng First Nation

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Child Care Working Group has developed a technical report entitled "Manitoba First Nations Childcare Quality Care Program and Funding Framework"; and

Seconded by:

Councillor David Spence,
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

WHEREAS, an executive summary from the technical report has been developed to capture the vision for First Nations childcare and its present funding arrangements; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the report further outlines funding options with a recommended option in its efforts to address inequities built into the current funding formula; and

WHEREAS, the report further addresses the process of improving daycare programs to address the health, safety and overall development of children in the centres.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly review the technical report and the Executive summary with a focus on the recommended funding option number one.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of Chiefs support recommended option number one, so the funding continues to support and enhance the First Nations day care programs.

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Summary of Resolutions

No.	SUBJECT	CARRIED	DEFEATED
JUN-04.01	First Nation Human Resources Development Strategy Administration Fee Increase		✓
JUN-04.02	Manitoba First Nations Child Care Quality Program & Funding Framework		✓
JUN-04.03	First Nations Health Renewal Strategy	✓	
JUN-04.04	Provincial Involvement in the Framework Agreement Initiative	✓	
JUN-04.05	First Nation Dental Care at Risk	✓	
JUN-04.06	-----	-----	-----
JUN-04.07	Legal Aid Proposed Legislative & Policy Changes	✓	
JUN-04.08	First Nation Candidates in Federal Elections	✓	
JUN-04.09	-----	-----	-----
JUN-04.10	-----	-----	-----
JUN-04.11	Manitoba First Nation Internet High School	✓	
JUN-04.12	Selection of the New Regional Director General of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada	✓	
JUN-04.13	Commercial Fishermen Tax Exemption	✓	
JUN-04.14	Multi-year Community Housing Plan	✓	
JUN-04.15	Gaming	✓	
JUN-04.16	Manitoba First Nations Casino Project	✓	
JUN-04.17	-----	-----	-----
JUN-04.18	Protection of Sacred Sites	✓	
JUN-04.19	Research on Bill C-31	✓	
JUN-04.20	Treaty Land Entitlement Reserve Creation Delays	✓	
JUN-04.21	Anti-Gang Strategy	✓	
JUN-04.22	Devolution of Probation Services	✓	
JUN-04.23	Devils Lake Emergency Outlet	✓	
JUN-04.24	Survival of Lake Winnipeg	✓	
JUN-04.25	First Nation Personal Care Home Licensed Process	✓	
JUN-04.26	Commercial Fishermen Planning Meeting	✓	
JUN-04.27	Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Personal Care Home	✓	
JUN-04.28	Support for First Nations Youth Urban Multi-Purpose Centre in Winnipeg	✓	

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RE: FIRST NATIONS HEALTH RENEWAL STRATEGY

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 protected by the Constitution Act, 1982; and

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

WHEREAS, the First Nations people continue to experience severe adverse health crises that are not being met in the current health care system and creating a state of emergency for all First Nation citizens; and

Moved by:

A/Chief Fred Muskego
Norway House Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Federal Government's envelope system continues to be one of the biggest barriers to improving the health status of First Nations and First Nations accessing health care, because it is a system based on cost savings and cost reduction, rather than meeting current or projected health needs of First Nations people; and

Seconded by:

Chief Larry Soldier
Swan Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, as a result of the envelope system, First Nation citizens are having difficulties in accessing Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB), and are being required to make up front payments, and in some cases, are met with arbitrary denial of service by FNIHB policies; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the three Grand Chiefs have met the FNIHB Regional Director to discuss the FNIHB funding envelope and the NIHB programs accountabilities and efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, FNIHB is continuing to cut funding to First Nations health care programs and services despite the fact that First Nations current and projected health care needs exceed the limitations of the current funding envelope; and

WHEREAS, a First Nations health lobby package has been prepared to support leadership advocacy in addressing the First Nations health budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the provision of First Nations health services are not to be derogated or abrogated while First Nations conduct a review of Health Canada's responsibilities towards First Nations Health; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs in Assembly support the First Nation Health Renewal Strategy and direct the AMC to take the following measures to resolve the health crisis created by the FNIHB funding envelope;

- that the First Nation leaders establish a position that Manitoba First Nations will not endorse any proposed potential cost saving to the FNIHB Manitoba Regional budget that will have a detrimental impact to the First Nations health programs and services; and
- to establish a First Nations Health Task Force/Commission to pursue a Manitoba First Nations driven health renewal consultation process that will identify the actual First Nation health needs and develop an implementation plan with identified resources; and
- host a Special Chiefs Assembly on Health to strategize and develop a regional plan of action that addresses and prioritizes First Nation health issues to seek the required resources from Treasury Board; and

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- call for an immediate external audit of all FNIHB operations, programs, pilot projects and evaluation studies; and
- call upon the FNIHB Regional Director to cease the implementation of the various FNIHB mental health report recommendations; and
- call upon FNIHB Regional Director to take action to revise the dental predetermination program and reduce the two year pediatric waiting list for dental surgery and identify appropriate resources to meet children's dental treatment by meeting with First Nations, dental professional and related First Nations health care professional representatives; and
- establish a First Nations Health Council to monitor and oversee the FNIHB operations and management; and
- move to establish a true partnership process with Health Canada/FNIHB to open the federal funding envelope and that such a process be based on joint decision and institutional implementation on policies including fiscal and human resources; and
- to work in the interim to ensure First Nations have a more sustained involvement in Health Canada's renewal of their authorities, and that renewal by Cabinet and Treasury Board be for a period no more than three years; and
- to work toward a joint submission with Health Canada to Treasury Board to obtain an increase to MB Regional FNIHB budget to meet the health priorities of First Nations; and
- lobby for recognition of the portability of Treaty and Constitutionally protected rights, no matter where First Nations people live; and
- call upon the Federal and Provincial Government to affirm full financial and political commitment to the Romanow Joint Working Group Process; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that all financial costs related to the Manitoba First Nations Health Renewal Strategy be funded by Health Canada and FNIHB.

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**RE: PROVINCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE FRAMEWORK
AGREEMENT INITIATIVE (FAI)**

WHEREAS, the Framework Agreement Initiative was signed in 1994 and stated "*At mutually agreed upon times and terms and on mutually agreed upon issues . . . the Province of Manitoba will be invited to participate in the Project*"; and

Moved by:

Chief Phillip Buck
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly by way of Resolution Nov.01.03 directed that the Province of Manitoba be invited to participate in negotiations, provided that the invitation and participation is pursuant to the inherent and treaty relationship and that provincial involvement be through a double bi-lateral agreement; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Canada's position in negotiations is that their internal division of powers precludes the federal government from recognizing the exercise of the broad range of First Nation jurisdiction and they require the full and active participation of the province in these negotiations; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the full spectrum of First Nation jurisdiction the Province of Manitoba may be invited to sign a companion agreement to the First Nations and Canada bilateral agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intention of First Nations in Manitoba to, in any way agree to, diminish the First Nation inherent right of self-government; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intention of First Nations in Manitoba to, in any way agree to, Canada's position with respect to the constitutional division of powers between Canada and Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate negotiations, the Province of Manitoba may concur with arrangements between Her Majesty in Right of Canada and First Nations through a tripartite agreement.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Nations ensure that the signing of a tripartite agreement is not viewed as a validation or acceptance of the Canadian constitutional division of powers.

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RE: FIRST NATION DENTAL CARE AT RISK

WHEREAS, First Nation Peoples in Manitoba have a Treaty Right to health care that require Health Canada - First Nations & Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) to provide health care services for First Nations people as a part of Canada's Treaty obligations; and

Moved by:

Chief Darren Audy
Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations & Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) has cumbersome administrative requirements and policy restrictions on dental care providers through the Dental Pre-Determination Program (DPDP); and

Seconded by:

Chief Nelson Leask
Sapotaweyak First Nation

WHEREAS, dentists in Manitoba are declining to participate in the dental program because of their frustration in dealing with the dental pre-determination program policy, which is limiting access and service for First Nations People; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the lack of accountability and inefficiency of the DPDP has caused a two (2) year waiting list for pediatric dental surgery leaving hundreds of First Nation children waiting for dental care, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba has found that 500 - 1000 First Nation Children per day in Manitoba suffer tooth pain.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct FNIHB Manitoba Regional Director Jim Wolfe to revise the DPDP to ensure accountability and efficiency in provision of Dental Care by including the dental profession and First Nation health care authorities/providers in the redesign of the DPDP.

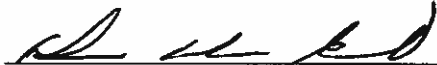
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Regional Director Jim Wolfe take action to reduce the two year Pediatric Waiting List for dental surgery by identifying resources for the immediate treatment of First Nations children by meeting with dental profession and First Nation health care representatives.

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RE: LEGAL AID PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CHANGES

WHEREAS, First Nations people have been victimized by the Manitoba Justice System since the creation of Manitoba in 1870; and

Moved by:

Councillor Lloyd Sinclair
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry (AJI) recommended that more resources be put into Legal Aid Services for First Nations peoples in November of 1991; and

Seconded by:

Councillor Tom Weenusk
Bunibonibec First Nation

WHEREAS, no action has been taken on the AJI recommendation by the Government of Manitoba since the release of that report; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Justice Department of Manitoba has commissioned the Perozzo Report, on the status of Legal Aid in Manitoba, recommending actions that can be taken to alleviate the costs associated with Legal Aid; and

WHEREAS, the recommended changes will result in a significant drop in the level of expertise of lawyers providing legal services to First Nations people; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Department of the Province of Manitoba is proposing legislative and policy changes to the Legal Aid Act which will implement the recommendations of the Perozzo report without consulting First Nations; and

WHEREAS, because of the lack of quality legal services, First Nations people are being incarcerated at a rate which is resulting in a First Nation inmate population of approximately 90%; and

WHEREAS, First Nations people will suffer the greatest impacts of these service due to an overall poverty level which puts our socio-economic status on a level equal to 63rd in the world while the rest of Canada is consistently in the top 5 level.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to notify the Minister of Justice for the Province of Manitoba that the First Nations strongly oppose any changes to the Legal Aid system which will result in further victimization of the First Nations people in Manitoba.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to notify the Minister of Justice for the Province of Manitoba of the First Nations demand for input into any changes to Legal Aid which will negatively impact the level and quality of legal services to the First Nations people of Manitoba.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to initiate an action that will result in a First Nation body that will provide legal services and representation for our First Nation people.

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RE: FIRST NATION CANDIDATES IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the upcoming federal election gives First Nations the opportunity to have a strong voice in the outcome of federal representatives; and

Moved by:

Chief Terry Nelson
Roseau River Anishinaabe
First Nation

WHEREAS, it is imperative that First Nations in Manitoba take the opportunity to have an impact on the outcome of the federal election by voting; and

Seconded by:

Councillor David Spence
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

WHEREAS, Ron Evans is running (as a liberal) in the Churchill riding in order to have First Nation representation in Canadian politics.

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse Ron Evans, in his campaign in the Churchill riding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly pledge to encourage their First Nation People to make an impact on the federal election by voting.

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RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATION INTERNET HIGH SCHOOL

Moved by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Black River First Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nation communities of Black River, Bloodvein, Manto Sipi, Shamattawa, Poplar River, Sayisi Dene, York Factory have partnered together to pilot the Manitoba First Nations Internet High School; and

Seconded By:

Chief Russell Lambert
Poplar River First Nation

WHEREAS, each community believes that the Manitoba First Nations Internet High School will improve the quality and programming for high school students in each of the partnering communities; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Black River First Nation shall serve as the project proponent and oversee the flow of funding from all funding sources to the newly created cyber high school program; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation communities of Black River, Bloodvein, Manto Sipi, Shamattawa, Poplar River, Sayisi Dene, York Factory are requesting the support of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to endorse and support the creation of the Manitoba First Nations Internet High School.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorse the creation of a Manitoba First Nations Internet High School.

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**RE: SELECTION OF THE NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
INDIAN & NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC)**

WHEREAS, the Regional director General (RDG) of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for the Manitoba Region, Roy Bird, is being reassigned to another region; and

Moved by:

Chief Alfred Everette
Berens River First Nation

WHEREAS, INAC and the office of the Regional Director General are in place to oversee the services that the Government of Canada is obliged to provide to the First Nation people; and

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations are the primary stakeholders in the services provided to them through INAC and the quality of these services are largely affected by the person who holds the office of the RDG; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Prime Minister Paul Martin has stated publicly that Canada will consult with First Nations people on key issues and decisions;

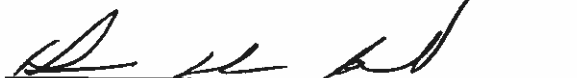
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to notify the Minister of INAC that the First Nations must be involved in the selection process for the new RDG of Indian Affairs.

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RE: COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, commercial Fishermen with Treaty status contribute to the economy by generating income and creating employment; and

WHEREAS, commercial Fishermen with Treaty status continue to rely on fishing for income and many treaty people continue to use fish as a source of food for their families; and

Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

Seconded by:

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

WHEREAS, fishing is one of the few economic opportunities available to the First Nation people which gives them a feeling of well-being and a sense of pride in contributing to society; and

WHEREAS, income earned on reserve by Treaty First Nations people has historically been exempt from taxation; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nation Fishermen within the Province of Manitoba are being taxed on income earned notwithstanding the fact that the fish caught were delivered to a packing plant located on First Nation Lands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to intervene and take immediate action to resolve the matter of income being taxed from commercial Fishermen when the fish they catch are delivered and processed on a reserve.

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RE: MULTI-YEAR COMMUNITY HOUSING PLAN

Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

WHEREAS, Department of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (DIAND) requires each First Nation to submit a multi-year Community Housing Plan by September 30, 2004 as a requirement for further funding; and

Seconded by:

Chief Larry Soldier
Swan Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, a significant amount of detail and coordination is required to complete these plans for which DIAND does not provide any additional funding; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations are forced to spend their Band Support Resources to complete these plans that in the end do not result in increased funding for First Nation Housing issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct DIAND to rescind their directive on multi-year Community Housing Plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct DIAND to engage in discussions with First Nations political organizations (Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin, Southern Chiefs Organization), prior to the development of any policies that affect First Nations.

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RE: GAMING

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) has continued the work on First Nation gaming development and issues pursuant to past AMC resolutions; and

Moved by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead First Nation

WHEREAS, the AMC met several times with Manitoba's Gaming Minister with the intent of advancing the First Nations access to the gaming industry in Manitoba, primarily as it relates to the 2 person committee review completed in October, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the AMC has concerns with the Province of Manitoba's lack of political will to allow First Nations fair and equitable access to the profitable gaming market.

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to continue working with the Province of Manitoba on major gaming issues in a comprehensive way including but not limited to:

- Future Gaming Activities (Casinos) including the Market Study RFP (request for proposal)
- Revenue Sharing with the Province of Manitoba
- A Manitoba First Nation Gaming Corporation/Authority replacing MLC (Manitoba Lotteries Corporation)
- Compensation for the 12 Gaming Proponents

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call for a special meeting with the Premier of Manitoba to discuss the outstanding gaming issues; and

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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs continue working with and lobbying the Federal Government for jurisdictional recognition of the First Nation right to gaming.

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RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CASINO PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Casino Project was to benefit all Manitoba First Nations; and

Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Swampy Cree Tribal Council are concerned with the limited progress Aseneskak Casino has made in their negotiations with the Provincial Government on substantive issues such as the Province of Manitoba honoring and respecting First Nations Treaty Rights, taxation, reimbursement of Manitoba Liquor Commission costs (liquor on the floor, etc); and

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Whitehead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Government has failed to recognize and honor our Treaties as First Nation people with regard to taxation in this project; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there has been very little done by the Manitoba Government to come to an equitable and flexible agreement with the Aseneskak Company; and

WHEREAS, the Premier and his Ministers have promised that the Aseneskak Casino would succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Aseneskak Casino continues to incur a deficit as a result of high government costs charged to the Aseneskak Casino, and the bureaucracy within Manitoba Lotteries Corporation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs fully support and mandate the Chiefs of the Swampy Cree Tribal Council and the Grand Chief of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to negotiate an equitable arrangement with the Province and Federal governments to honor and respect our Treaties and Inherent Rights to gaming by addressing and resolving the issues as they relate to the operations of Aseneskak Casino; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs seek resources for these negotiations and delegate Chiefs of the Swampy Cree Tribal Council to oversee this process with a monthly status report to be submitted to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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RE: PROTECTION OF SACRED SITES

WHEREAS, many First Nation sacred sites, burial grounds and sacred artifacts have been disturbed and sacred objects improperly removed; and

Moved by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

WHEREAS, these sites, burial grounds and artifacts are part of our culture and heritage; and

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Whitehead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the current process of repatriation does not address the theft or desecration of sacred sites, burial grounds and artifacts before those incidents occur; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, it is imperative that stringent measures be taken to ensure the protection and preservation of these sites and sacred objects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to demand the Minister of Culture and Heritage, Eric Robinson, establish a law with severe sanctions for theft or desecration of these sites, in order to protect and preserve our spiritual and cultural integrity.

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RE: RESEARCH ON BILL C-31

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada amended the Indian Act by Bill C-31 without regard for First Nation peoples concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly are concerned about the long-term effects of Bill C-31.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to research the long-term effects of Bill C-31.

Moved by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

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RE: TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT RESERVE CREATION DELAYS

WHEREAS, First Nations throughout Manitoba that have entered Treaty Land Entitlement Agreements (Agreements) are having difficulty in having their entitlement lands set aside as reserve and these difficulties are unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, these difficulties are attributed to a lack of best efforts and good faith on the parties to the Agreements, particularly Her Majesty the Queen in Right in Canada (hereinafter referred to as Canada) and Manitoba (hereinafter referred to as Manitoba); and

Moved by:

A/Chief Fred Muskego
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

WHEREAS, these difficulties subsequently cause delays that have a profound impact on the First Nation's ability to attain self-sufficiency and economic development; and

WHEREAS, these difficulties also contribute to unnecessary expenses for the First Nations in terms of property taxes that compound the First Nations ability of self-sufficiency and economic development; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, it is the fiduciary responsibility of both Canada and Manitoba, particularly in regards to the Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer Act (hereinafter referred to as the MNRTA) to use their best efforts and good faith to implement the agreements; and

WHEREAS, the delays include, but are not limited to the prolonged cancellation, expiration or accommodation of third party interests; the issue of land in severalty; municipalities or northern communities not responding to the notices of the entitlement of First Nations; lack of communications between the parties, and the lack of personnel for all parties to address issues.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs are demanding both Canada and Manitoba do everything possible to eliminate these delays with their best efforts and good faith to implement their fiduciary responsibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that Department of Indian & Northern Affairs Development hire an independent Special Focus Consultant to work on the entire Treaty Land Entitlement Reserve Conversion Process on behalf of the Province of Manitoba, Canada and the First Nation people to ensure that the Treaty Land Entitlement Conversion Process moves forward in a more efficient and timely manner; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that Canada and the Government of Manitoba allocate the appropriate and sufficient amount of human and financial resources to the reserve creation process in Manitoba immediately, to ensure capacities of all parties to implement the 1997 Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement.

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RE: ANTI-GANG STRATEGY

WHEREAS, youth make up a large percentage of First Nation population;
and

Moved by:

Chief Terrance Nelson
Roseau River Anishinaabe
First Nation

WHEREAS, illegal drugs are affecting First Nations and gangs have
targeted First Nation youth to push illegal drugs in our First Nations; and

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

WHEREAS, an anti-gang strategy should not be treated as the sole
responsibility of local First Nation governments who do not have the
financial resources to deal with gangs and illegal drugs; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Chief Phillip Buck and Chief Terry Nelson recommend
development of an anti-gang strategy together with American Indians who
have experienced the devastation of gangs and illegal drugs into the
American Indian community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
support a province wide anti-gang strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs pursue
financial resources to help First Nations to counter illegal drug sales into First
Nations; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports
the efforts of Chief Phillip Buck and Chief Terry Nelson in their work with
American Indians on development of the overall strategy.

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RE: DEVOLUTION OF PROBATION SERVICES

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenen First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Darren Audy
Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, on June 1999, MKO passed a resolution to create and support an Autonomous Probation Agency and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2000, the Aboriginal Justice Implementation Commission recommended the creation of regionally, Aboriginal controlled Probation Services to serve Aboriginal Communities and;

WHEREAS, in 2001, Manitoba Justice began formal discussions with respect to Devolution of Probation Services, and;

WHEREAS, on August 2001, AMC passed a resolution for the development of First Nation Probation Service Agencies and authorized both MKO and SCO to establish a process to ensure a Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Province of Manitoba and First Nations and;

WHEREAS, in January 2002, SCO passed a resolution to support the Devolution of Probation Initiative, a further resolution was passed to ensure adequate funding would be provided for this important initiative and;

WHEREAS, in 2002, Minister Mackintosh allocated \$500,000 per year until the end of the 2004/2005 fiscal year to support the process to develop regional Aboriginal Probation Agencies and;

WHEREAS, on May 21st, 2004, the Provincial Department of Justice unilaterally decreased the process monies by \$160,000.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly continue to support the Devolution of Probation Services Initiative and;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand Minister Gord Mackintosh provide the necessary funding for the Devolution of Probations Initiative with respect to negotiations, consultation, capacity building, transition and implementation; reinstate the original agreed upon amount and adequately resource the Devolution of Probation Services.

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RE: DEVILS LAKE EMERGENCY OUTLET

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba have lived on the land since time immemorial and enjoy our Creator given rights, values, beliefs, and way of life which includes the duty to protect the waters, rivers and lakes used by First Nations people and others, as caretakers of Mother Earth; and

Moved by:

Chief Terry Nelson
Roseau River Anishinaabe
First Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba have water and riparian rights based on our prior occupation and recognized by Treaties and the Common Law; and

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Black River First Nation

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Devils Lake Emergency Outlet being constructed in Devils Lake, North Dakota, U.S.A. poses an environmental threat to the waters that the First Nations of Manitoba use as a source of economic and nutritional livelihood, and they are greatly concerned about the potential negative impacts of the outlet, as a more thorough assessment needs to be performed to assess the release of chemical contaminants, exotic plant and animal species and/or pathogens from the land locked Devil's Lake system into the Red River Basin and eventually into Lake Winnipeg and its tributaries; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2004, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, the White Earth Band of Chippewa, and the Spirit Lake Tribe of Dakota signed a Joint Resolution in opposition to the Devils Lake Emergency Outlet.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the First Nations of Manitoba oppose the construction of the North Dakota State Devils Lake Emergency Outlet and support the call for completion of further studies as recommended by the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Devils Lake Environmental Impact Statement and by Secretary of State Colin Powell's January 20th, 2004 letter to General Robert Flowers (USACE). Furthermore, the First Nations leadership support the demand that any follow-up study should be conducted by an independent and impartial international body of scientific experts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Nations of Manitoba call on the United States State Department to reconsider the North Dakota State Project and it's potential violation of the Boundary Waters Treaty Act of 1909, in light of the concerns raised herein as well as those raised by the Tribal Governments of North Dakota and Minnesota, the State of Minnesota, the Province of Manitoba and the Federal Government of Canada, and request that all government bodies assert whatever powers are necessary to immediately halt any further construction of the Devils Lake Emergency Outlet.

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RE: SURVIVAL OF LAKE WINNIPEG

WHEREAS, the water quality of Lake Winnipeg has been deteriorating due to the constant drainage of contaminants and chemicals into the lake; and

Moved by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Black River First Nation

WHEREAS, the water quality of Lake Winnipeg is also burdened by various activity not sufficiently controlled and regulated by government, industry, city, towns, and cottages that include various mishaps like sewage spills; and

Seconded by:

Chief Russell Lambert
Poplar River First Nation

WHEREAS, the negative impact of water quality is building tremendous algae growth that is toxic and negatively affects healthy environment at the bottom of lake Winnipeg which also impacts on water life and in turn plant, animal, fowl and human life; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the water quality also affect the tourist and fishing industry of Lake Winnipeg; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs take immediate action to ensure the provincial government addresses the water quality issues of Lake Winnipeg by implementing and enforcing water quality standards towards those responsible for contaminating the rivers, sloughs, streams that drain into the lake.

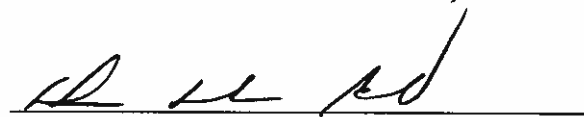
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly call upon the Water Stewardship Board, which includes First Nation representation to facilitate a dialogue amongst First Nations.

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RE: FIRST NATION PERSONAL CARE HOME LICENSING PROCESS

WHEREAS, The six (6) on-reserve personal care homes have been operating for over twenty (20) years without being licensed by the Province of Manitoba but are now required to be licensed by April, 2006 by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada; and

Moved by:

Chief Ken Chalmers
Birdtail Sioux First Nation

WHEREAS, the six on-reserve personal care homes are: Fisher River Personal Care Home, George Guimond Care Home, George Colon Memorial Care Home, Peguis Senior Centre, Dakota Oyate Lodge, and Rod McGillvary Care Home;

Seconded by:

Councillor John McKay
Fisher River Cree Nation

WHEREAS, federal and provincial assessments have been undertaken on the care homes to assess the matters of infrastructure, levels of care, and standards that have identified updating, renovations and expansions required by the six homes; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the infrastructure assessment identified approximately \$12 million worth of work to be done on the homes but failed to identify and include the costs of additional human resources required to meet provincial standards or technology upgrades that are required; and

WHEREAS, INAC verbally committed to provide the full amount for upgrading the care home facilities but is now asking for options on funding for the upgrades and informing the Manitoba First Nation Personal Care Homes Networking Group that it may take up to ten years to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, there has not been a funding increase for the operation of the care homes since the mid 1990's and the fulfillment of the requirements and conditions imposed by the federal and provincial governments will significantly increase the operational costs.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct INAC to fulfill its commitment to the on-reserve personal care homes and provide the full amount for the renovations and upgrades by seeking Treasury Board funding;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct INAC to initiate a full funding review of the operational and capital fiscal resources allocated to the six on-reserve personal care homes and provide adequate funding with annual increases to offset rising living costs.

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RE: COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN PLANNING MEETING

Moved by:

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

Seconded by:

Chief Alfred Everette
Berens River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, at the June 2004 Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Fisheries Committee meeting held in Winnipeg, a number of Manitoba Fishermen raised concerns with the AFN Regional Chief of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Fishermen have indicated they face severe financial hardship this year as a result of new Department of Fisheries and Oceans regulations; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Fishermen have also noted a significant decrease in prices for their product this year from Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation; and

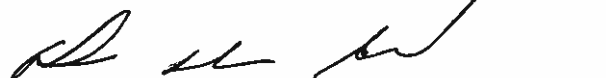
WHEREAS, Commercial Fishermen believe Manitoba Hydro's water control levels are also negatively impacting their ability to sustain their profession.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin (MKIO), and Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO) coordinate and secure funding for a Fisheries Conference for July 2004 with one representative from each Fishermen's Association to come together and develop a strategy for lobbying various Crown Corporations, and the Federal and Provincial Governments with respect to sustaining the fishing industry within our First Nations.

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RE: SAPOTAWAYAK CREE NATION PERSONAL CARE HOME

WHEREAS, the First Nations place a high value on their Elders and want to ensure that all of our Elders are provided with the best care we can give; and

Moved by:

Chief Darren Audy
Wuskwi Sipihk Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Sapotawayak Cree Nation has many Elders that are being forced to move to Personal Care Homes located in other communities; and

Seconded by:

Chief Nelson Leask,
Sapotawayak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Sapotawayak Cree Nation wants to build and establish a Personal Care Home in their community so that their Elders can be taken care of in their home community.

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly politically support the Sapotawayak Cree Nation in their objective of establishing a Personal Care Home in their community.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS YOUTH URBAN MULTI-
PURPOSE CENTRE IN WINNIPEG**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nation Youth Council and Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Youth Secretariat have developed a vision of creating a multi-purpose First Nation Youth Centre in Winnipeg; and

Moved by:

Chief Terry Nelson
Roseau River Anishinaabe
First Nation

WHEREAS, the Youth Centre would provide a much-needed focal point for many youth services and activities; and

Seconded By:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

WHEREAS, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is developing plans for Winnipeg Urban Strategy, Urban Reserve, and Government House; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, a First Nation Youth Centre should be an integral component of Assembly of Manitoba's urban strategy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Manitoba First Nations Youth Council vision of a First Nation Urban Youth Centre; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this be incorporated in Assembly of Manitoba Chief's urban strategy.

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