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**SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
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DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

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Moved by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

**RE: F.A.I. CONSULTATION STRATEGY FOR
1996/97**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following recommendations are adopted by the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. That the amount to be allocated to each community in the Province, including those that have chosen not to be involved in the F.A.I. process, will be \$50,000.00 for consultation purposes.
2. That an accountability structure be developed which outlines the accountability and responsibilities of the F.A.I. Office, Northern Office, Community Coordinators and the Chief and Councils and/or Tribal Councils, where applicable, to be brought to the July Annual Assembly for consideration and decision.
3. That the community coordinators be brought together within the month of June to examine what work can be expected to be completed (deliverables) in 1996/97, the time frames for those deliverables, and the duties of the F.A.I. and Northern Offices in order to develop an in-depth consultation strategy, to be brought to the July Annual Assembly for consideration and decision.
4. That the consultation strategy be implemented in July, upon approval by the Chiefs-in-Assembly, and that the funds identified for 1996/97 be allocated in three quarters instead of four. This would allow all issues to be dealt with prior to the release of funds and would allow for more funds to be released in three quarters instead of four.

MOTION CARRIED

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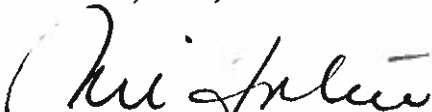
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**RE: F.A.I. CONSULTATION STRATEGY FOR
1996/97 (Continued)**

5. That the A.M.C. and F.A.I. administrators be given authority to re-work the budget to do what is necessary to bring the deficit down.

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Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS TRAINING AND
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Seconded by:

Chief James Mason
Oxford House First Nation

WHEREAS, the mandate of the Pathways Strategy has expired effective the 31st day of March 1996; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, a *Manitoba Regional Agreement on First Nations Training and Employment (Regional Agreement)* has been drafted by a First Nations working group that establishes overall principles and parameters for transferring control and authority for the funding and delivery of training and employment programs and services to Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the draft *Regional Agreement*, the Manitoba First Nations Regional Area Management Board Inc. (R.A.M.B.) requires a mandate from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (A.M.C.) to enter into a contribution agreement with Human Resources Development Canada (H.R.D.C.) under the authority of the Labour Market Innovations Program for the purpose of designing and delivering First Nations training and employment programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the 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

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS TRAINING AND
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the R.A.M.B. is comprised of A.M.C. and M.K.O. representatives and the Chairs of the 22 Manitoba First Nations Local Area Management Boards (L.A.M.B.s) which are locally mandated delivery structures for employment and training.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. approve the allocation model developed by the Manitoba First Nations R.A.M.B. Inc. and hereby mandates the Manitoba First Nations R.A.M.B. Inc. to enter into a contribution agreement with H.R.D.C. under the authority of the Labour Market Innovations Program for the purpose of designing and delivering training and employment programs and services to First Nations peoples in Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Manitoba First Nations R.A.M.B. Inc. maintain accountability and reporting to the Chiefs of Manitoba by presenting annual financial and activity reports to the Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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MAY-96.03

Moved by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REPATRIATION
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Repatriation Program (M.F.N.R.P.) is a unique and successful program that was established by Manitoba First Nations in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the 5th Annual Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopted, on October 1st, 1993, a resolution directing the A.M.C. to secure funding for the M.F.N.R.P.; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the collective efforts of member First Nations of the A.M.C., the Federal Government has, in past years, allocated funding to the M.F.N.R.P. in the amount of \$90,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the M.F.N.R.P. has experienced an increase in demand for services and in the caseload.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. support and assist the M.F.N.R.P. in its efforts to secure from the Federal Government program funding for 1996/97 adequate to effectively address the current demand for services and caseload.

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Moved by:

Chief Rod Bushie
Hollow Water First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: PROCEDURE FOR ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the current procedure for consideration of A.M.C. resolutions by the Chiefs-in-Assembly is based on the introduction of Resolutions, through the A.M.C. Resolutions Committee, on the floor of the Assembly while the Assembly is in progress; and

WHEREAS, the current procedure for consideration and approval of Resolutions by the Chiefs-in-Assembly does not allow lead time for Chiefs, Councils and First Nations communities to adequately consider the content and implications of Resolutions, or their positions on the Resolutions, before the Chiefs are required to decide whether to approve or reject Assembly Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, there is concern among First Nations and Chiefs that the current procedure may lead to decisions on Resolutions without due consideration of their meaning and impact on First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the procedure for decision-making by the Chiefs-in-Assembly, and the authority of A.M.C. Resolutions, would be improved by a process of advance consideration of Assembly Resolutions at the First Nations community level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That, whenever it is possible, and on issues that affect all First Nations in Manitoba, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopt a procedure of requiring that draft Resolutions be forwarded to the Assembly Secretariat, for review by the Resolutions Committee and advance distribution to all Chiefs and Councils, no less than four (4) weeks prior to the date of the next Chiefs' Assembly; and

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**RE: PROCEDURE FOR ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

2. That until such time as the advance submission of Resolutions is fully operational, the current procedure of Resolutions being introduced from the floor of the Chiefs-in-Assembly also be maintained; and
3. That all Resolutions will also continue to be governed by the "Chiefs-in-Assembly Rules and Procedures" for Resolutions, as described in Appendix "B" to the Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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MAY-96.05

Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Alfred Everette
Berens River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: WATERHEN FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the First Nation of Waterhen has recently experienced a troubled time; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in a loss of five homes as well as destruction and vandalism of many other homes; and

WHEREAS, the Waterhen First Nation has declared a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations people of Waterhen cannot replace all they have lost by themselves.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs stand in solidarity with the First Nations people of Waterhen; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs express their support for the people of the Waterhen First Nation by:

1. Directing the Department of Indian Affairs to deal with this situation as they would any other emergency situation, by assuming the costs associated with this emergency situation; and
2. Mandating the Department of Indian Affairs to release five housing units from the Emergency Fund under the Capital Budget to the Waterhen First Nation.

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MAY-96.06

Moved by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: REGIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE CUTS

WHEREAS, effective May 1, 1996, the Government of Manitoba has imposed reductions in Provincial social assistance coverage and rates; and

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (D.I.A.N.D.) automatically adjusts its on-reserve social assistance levels for First Nations to conform to Provincial levels, and will do so effective July 1, 1996, despite that funds for previous rates are already budgeted for and are in the Region; and

WHEREAS, D.I.A.N.D. cutbacks to programs are in contravention of commitments made by the Minister in the F.A.I. Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, First Nations members already experience levels of poverty and unemployment unparalleled in Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly have resolved that the A.M.C. is to prepare and implement a comprehensive political strategy to counter a broad range of program cutbacks and other changes that will have a discriminatory and disproportionate effect on First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs the Department of Indian Affairs not implement Provincial social assistance rates and conditions on First Nations, and further directs the Grand Chief and A.M.C. Secretariat to aggressively oppose this additional burden on First Nations people as part of the political strategy.

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Moved by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS -
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
FIRST NATIONS HEALTH ISSUES**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (A.M.C.) and Canada have in place an established, comprehensive, bilateral framework agreement and process to implement the inherent right to self-government of First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba framework process will address all aspects of health, health care and jurisdiction over health care; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of First Nations (A.F.N.) has undertaken to negotiate a national bilateral process and framework agreement for control, management and jurisdiction of First Nation health; and

WHEREAS, the A.F.N. national process on health has not been mandated by Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the A.F.N. national process on health conflicts with the A.M.C. framework initiative and is contrary to Manitoba First Nation interests; and

WHEREAS, the A.F.N. process would place a moratorium on policy, legislative or organizational change in First Nations health except those negotiated through the national process.

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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS -
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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH ISSUES (Con't)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the A.F.N. National Chief to suspend conclusion of a national bilateral health process and framework insofar as its affects First Nations in Manitoba to provide the Chiefs and First Nations adequate time to fully consider the nature and implications of the proposed National M.O.U. on Health; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that, before proceeding on this issue, the A.F.N. obtain a new and clear mandate from the Chiefs of all regions of Canada; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minister of Health Canada be advised that First Nations in Manitoba will continue to address health and health care through their existing bilateral framework agreement with Canada.

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MAY-96.08

Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First nation

**RE: FIRST NATION CONTROL OF C.M.H.C.
HOUSING PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the federal government is proceeding with the transfer of jurisdiction and management of social housing programs from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (C.M.H.C.) to provincial and territorial governments; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the transfer of jurisdiction and management of C.M.H.C. on-reserve housing programs to First Nations is consistent with the objectives of the framework agreement on self-government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. secure agreement for transferring jurisdiction and management of federal social housing programs to First Nations in Manitoba; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. secure necessary funding for planning policy and other developmental requirements for implementation of this transfer.

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MAY-96.09

Moved by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Ron Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

RE: PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION

WHEREAS, the First Nation citizens of Turtle Island entered into treaties with the British and French Nations/Crowns through their colonial representatives; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation citizens consider these treaties as international in nature and status and as such are sacred agreements between Canada and First Nation citizens; and

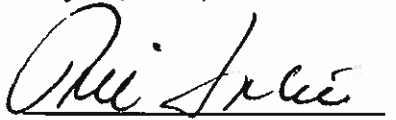
WHEREAS, the treaties were entered into between the parties with the intention of recognizing First Nations as Distinct Nations and societies, the treaties also recognized and affirmed the treaty and aboriginal rights of our First Nation citizen for time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the democratic traditions of First Nation citizens have existed and been practised since time immemorial and will continue as such.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the parliamentary representative process be reviewed and assessed in consideration of First Nation traditions and needs, the purpose being to secure a guaranteed number of seats which will allow the First Nation citizens of Canada to be proportionately and adequately represented in the House of Commons and House of Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an agenda item be placed before the First Minister and Prime Minister meeting to seek appropriate amendment to the Constitution of Canada to allow guaranteed First Nation representation in the House of Commons and Senate.

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MAY-96.10

Moved by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Gilbert Lathlin
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT

WHEREAS, nineteen of our member First Nations have outstanding rights to Treaty Reserve land for 120 years; and

WHEREAS, as members of the T.L.E. Committee, the nineteen First Nations have been negotiating T.L.E. with Canada and Manitoba for three years; and

WHEREAS, talks appear to be on the verge of collapse as of May 31, 1996; and

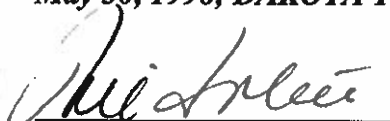
WHEREAS, Canada is not acting properly to secure Treaty Land Entitlement for our First Nations; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba is insisting upon unacceptable conditions of an Agreement in Principle which undermines or fails to respect and honour our Treaties and fails to protect First Nations' Interests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs affirm its unanimous support for the T.L.E. Committee in its negotiations; and
2. That the First Nations of the Assembly immediately take such action individually and collectively as necessary to show support for the T.L.E. Committee.

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MAY-96.11

Moved by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

RE: ADULT CARE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs - Chiefs Health Committee has mandated, via resolution dated August 1993, the First Nations of Manitoba Adult Care Initiative to complete a comprehensive research, planning and developmental process on First Nations Adult Care; and

WHEREAS, from the work that has been done to-date, and from a resounding mandate received from the delegates of the Initiative's conference held in February 1996, that there is a need for the work of the Initiative to continue; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba Adult Care Initiative is encouraging and advocating the formation of a Steering Committee which is directly representative of First Nation communities; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba Adult Care Initiative will facilitate the establishment of a northern office; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports and requests the First Nations of Manitoba Initiative to continue the work to completion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs - Chiefs Health Committee, on behalf of the First Nations of Manitoba, formally requests that Medical Services Branch contribute \$100,000.00; and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada also contribute equal funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 towards the 1996-1997 fiscal year Proposed Budget.

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Moved by:

Chief Alfred Everette
Berens River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Rod Bushie
Hollow Water First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: TELE-MEDICINE

WHEREAS, "Tele-Medicine" is the introduction of functionally inter-active video communications systems which have the potential to make it possible to provide quality clinical care, education, research and health administration as a common every day event for rural and remote First Nations communities through the use of area networks linking key sites within the medical profession; and

WHEREAS, as medical technologies have advanced, so have the opportunities to access and use state of the art communications technologies to expand and improve "face-to-face" patient care with potential applications in patient examinations, treatment, video-conferencing, etc., using images, data and audio-visual presentations from remote nursing stations to urban mainstream hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Berens River First Nation Chief & Council has identified the need to explore, research and introduce the use of fibre-optic cable, satellites, computers and audio-visual technology in the field of medicine and health care; and

WHEREAS, the Berens River First Nation is seeking financial support from Health & Welfare Canada and other funding sources for consultative, research and developmental purposes for the eventual transfer of knowledge, expertise and technology in the field of medicine and health care.

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RE: TELE-MEDICINE (Continued)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs hereby supports the "Tele-Medicine" Test Project being pursued by the Berens River First Nation; and
2. That potential funding sponsors are encouraged to provide the necessary fiscal resources for consultative, research and other related developmental activities to make this unique and innovative project a reality for the use and benefit of the Berens River First Nation.

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Moved by:

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

Seconded by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

**RE: SHAMATTAWA HYDRO-ELECTRIC
TRANSMISSION LINE**

WHEREAS, the supply of electricity provided by Manitoba Hydro through the operation of diesel powered generating units to the Shamattawa First Nation is inadequate for the needs of the community; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the serious limitations in the supply of electricity to the Shamattawa First Nation does not allow a standard of living and quality of life enjoyed by Manitoba Hydro customers which have access to the Central Transmission System; and

WHEREAS, the serious limitations in the supply of electricity prevents the installation and operation of basic services enjoyed by Manitoba Hydro customers which have access to the Central Transmission System such as underground water and sewer systems and electric heat; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba Hydro has recognized that the supply of electricity is inadequate for the needs of the Shamattawa First Nation and does not conform to standards acceptable to contemporary Canadian society; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba Hydro has rejected proposals that the Shamattawa First Nation be connected to the Manitoba Central Transmission Systems through construction of a land line transmission extension and has instead proposed that the supply of electricity to the Shamattawa First Nation be "enhanced" by increasing the basic service level from 15 amps to 60 amps through the installation of additional diesel generators; and

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**RE: SHAMATTAWA HYDRO-ELECTRIC
TRANSMISSION LINE (Continued)**


WHEREAS, the so-called "enhanced" service will not allow improved basic services or electric heat.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief and Council of the Shamattawa First Nation rejects the plans by Manitoba Hydro to "enhance" service through the installation of additional diesel generators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief and Council of the Shamattawa First Nation continue to call for a land line transmission extension between the Shamattawa First Nation and the Manitoba Central Transmission System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support Shamattawa First Nation in its negotiations with Manitoba Hydro and the Federal Department of Indian Affairs to secure the earliest possible construction of a land line transmission extension between Shamattawa First Nation community and the Manitoba Central Transmission System.

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MAY-96.14

Moved by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

**RE: ABORIGINAL CAPITAL CORPORATIONS -
RESOURCE INDUSTRIES MANDATE**

Seconded by:

Chief Ken Wood
St. Theresa Point First Nation

WHEREAS, the members of the First Nations of Manitoba are involved extensively in the fishing industry and trapping industries, which are the main economic activities of their communities; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the opportunities that presently exist to assist the expansion and maintenance of this vital economic activity are limited and not under First Nation control; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba have established under their control Aboriginal Capital Corporations that have been mandated to provide financial resources to First Nations members to enter into business opportunities, however, the fishing and trapping industries were excluded from this mandate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs instruct the Assembly Secretariat and Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Corporation (T.W.C.C.) to negotiate a change in the mandate of the Aboriginal Capital Corporation and to secure additional financial resources so that the members of the First Nations can access capital to participate in, expand and develop the fishing and trapping industries.

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Moved by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: EDUCATION SURPLUS

WHEREAS, I.N.A.C. has recently stated that a review of First Nations education audits has shown a cumulative surplus of approximately \$20 million since 1989; and

WHEREAS, First Nations have stated that this is a paper surplus caused by I.N.A.C.'s restrictive audit criteria; and

WHEREAS, fifty of sixty-one First Nations have cumulative deficits of approximately \$60 million and 37 of 61 First Nations have Remedial Management Plans which requires them to show surpluses to offset deficits; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Finance Task Group have been directed to review existing fiscal policy and to develop new funding arrangements to reflect First Nation needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I.N.A.C.'s audit criteria be amended to allow each First Nation the flexibility to allocate monies based on the community's educational needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct I.N.A.C. not to reduce current levels of education funding in the Manitoba Region.

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Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

EDUCATION SURPLUSES

Issue: INAC has recently stated that a review of First Nations audits has shown a cumulative surplus of approximately \$20 Million since 1989. This is a concern of the Manitoba First Nations Education Authorities who feel that there may be problems in accessing sufficient funding for education in future years.

The surpluses are approximately \$11.8 Million for elementary/secondary education and \$8.8 Million for post/secondary education.

However, there is a cumulative deficit of \$60.7 million among 50 of the 61 First Nations. There are currently 26 Remedial Management Plans in place with 11 Remedial Management Plans in development stages.

Reasons for Surpluses:

In reviewing this information, First Nations Education Directors have stated that the reasons for the surplus may be attributed to:

1. First Nations used to be encouraged to have deficits in the past to justify accessing additional monies. In recent years, First Nations have been directed to allocate monies to cover their deficits which in turn shows up as surpluses. Both INAC and First Nations now encourage Education Authorities to maintain surpluses.
2. Education monies being reallocated to social needs, housing, economic development, and to cover cumulative deficits or under-funded areas;
3. Education monies being deferred to cover activities to be completed in the next fiscal year;
4. Education monies showing up as surpluses as some costs fluctuate from year to year eg. Teacher salaries.
5. Education monies being classified as surpluses to cover deficits under First Nations Remedial Management Plans;
6. Education monies being reallocated under Alternative Funding Arrangements;
7. Band support funding for education purposes not being directed towards First Nations Education Authorities; and
8. Education Authorities not working closely with Chiefs and Councils in reviewing the draft audit statements prior to submission to INAC.
9. INAC policies that the auditors follow do not allow for the deferral of education monies even though this was one of the original intents under the formula for items such as educational level, purchase of buses, etc.

Education Directors' recommendations:

1. That a presentation/strategy be developed for the May Chiefs Assembly.
2. That each First Nation review their own surplus/deficit situation.
3. That we need a truer picture of education financial requirements overall.
4. That audits should reflect First Nation priorities and Chief & Council allocations.
5. That audits have to be more carefully reviewed by Chief & Council and Education Authorities prior to submission.
6. That the policy and practice of re-distributing education monies to deficits be carefully reviewed by all parties.
7. That First Nations should be allowed to defer education monies to cover certain exceptional costs every few years such as educational leave, capital expenditures, school evaluations, special purchases, etc.
8. That INAC identify which funds are designated as education monies eg. band support funding for education purposes, etc.
9. That INAC review its audit requirements in light of the move in Alternative Funding Arrangements which allows First Nations to reallocate resources as required.

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Moved by:

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

Seconded by:

Chief Peter Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: NORTH CENTRAL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the North Central Project is to provide unlimited electricity through the construction of a 138KV transmission line from the Kelsey Generating Station to the communities of Oxford House, God's Lake Narrows, God's River, Wasagamack, St. Theresa Point, Garden Hill and Red Sucker Lake; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Project is being funded 75% by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, 15% by the Province of Manitoba, and 10% by Manitoba Hydro and is estimated to cost \$120 million and risk factors of \$30 million; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba Hydro's costs to replace its infrastructure for new poles, wires, and transformers is fully covered as a project cost; and

WHEREAS, no funding has been identified for the communities to retrofit their homes to the standards required to enable them to take full advantage of the unlimited power the North Central Project will bring; and

WHEREAS, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has continually refused to provide funding over and above regional and band capital funds to fund the retrofitting costs; and

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WHEREAS, First Nation capital funds are already insufficient and totally committed for the ongoing housing requirements of the communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to identify funding to undertake the necessary inspections to determine the actual retrofitting costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada identify funding to undertake the required retrofitting and that such funds be over and above existing capital funds.

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Moved by:

Chief Peter Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

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

**RE: REDUCTION IN FIRST NATION EDUCATION
BUDGETS DUE TO APPLICATION OF NEW BAND
CLASSIFICATION INDICES**

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, a number of First Nations in Manitoba have had their Education funding affected by a change in their Band Indices; and

WHEREAS, numerous efforts have been put forth over the past 10 months by the affected First Nations to resolve the issue, including a meeting with the Minister; and

WHEREAS, after meeting with the Minister, a commitment was made to respond to Keewatin Tribal Council representatives and Grand Chief George Muswaggon on the issue in two weeks time (by May 6th, 1996); and

WHEREAS, as of May 27th, 1996, no official response has come forth from the Minister's office; and

WHEREAS, the Department has demonstrated a total disregard for the consultation process of the E.F.A.; and

WHEREAS, no First Nations were consulted in the decision to change the Band Indices which has resulted in a loss of over 3 million dollars from the education budgets of the affected First Nations; and

WHEREAS, it will undermine existing and future agreements reached with the Minister if the Department is allowed to carry out its own decisions at will with total disregard to agreements reached between First Nations and the Minister; and

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CLASSIFICATION INDICES (Continued)**

WHEREAS, the present and future impact of a reduction in Band Indices to other Programs and other First Nations is not fully known; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that all Manitoba First Nations take a strong unified stand against the Department's unacceptable actions; and


WHEREAS, the requests that the affected First Nations provide a proposal is viewed by the First Nations as a stalling tactic since the Minister has already been provided with all the necessary data which supports the need to revoke the change in Band Indices; and

WHEREAS, education has been identified as an expedited item under the Framework Agreement Initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The above preamble form part of this resolution.
2. That the issue presented in the preamble be resolved by the existing Political Overview Committee as a priority item by ensuring that the Band Classification Indices for the affected First Nations revert to the Indices prior to June 1995, and the affected First Nations be reimbursed funds lost due to the application of the new Band Classification Indices.

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MAY-96.18

Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

RE: PUBLIC TENDERING REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Regional Office of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is imposing a Public Tendering requirement on Manitoba First Nations for Capital Projects; and

WHEREAS, this practice is counterproductive to First Nations desire for local control, revenue generation, and job creation objectives to address the problem of high unemployment on reserves.

MOTION CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Manitoba Regional Office of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to remove this requirement in favour of First Nations who wish to manage and control their own Capital Projects.

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Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: PUBLIC TENDERING REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Regional Office of Health Canada is imposing a Public Tendering requirement on Manitoba First Nations for Health Programs, services and other projects; and

WHEREAS, this practice is counterproductive to First Nations desire for local control, revenue generation, and job creation objectives to address the problem of high unemployment on reserves.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Manitoba Regional Office of Health Canada remove this requirement in favour of First Nations who wish to manage and control their own Health Programs, services and other projects.

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