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**MAY-97.01
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Moved by:

Chief Andy Anderson
Fairford First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL AND
LOCAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Federal Government have a binding agreement namely the Framework Agreement Initiative which established a process to restore jurisdictions to First Nations and the development and recognition of First Nations Governments; and

WHEREAS, Capital Management is identified in the FAI as an expedited item for the purpose of transferring the management of First Nations programs and services to First Nations so as to achieve practical tangible results in a relatively short period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada is rapidly downsizing its operations in the Manitoba Region and has initiated the process of privatization of technical services such as, Engineering and Architectural Services, which will result in the loss of financial and human resources to First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs establish a Manitoba First Nations Regional and Local Capital Authority with a clear mandate and structure to secure the necessary resources to begin the process to take control of all First Nations Capital Programs in the Manitoba Region.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the process to take control of all First Nations Capital Programs in the Manitoba Region will not remove or diminish the fiduciary responsibility of the federal government to First Nations.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL AND
LOCAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY (Cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Manitoba First Nations Regional and Local Capital Authority recognize the jurisdiction of existing local capital authorities.

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MAY-97.02

Moved by:

Chief Andy Anderson
Fairford First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis White Bird
Rolling River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MORATORIUM ON THE PRIVATIZATION OF
TECHNICAL SERVICES TO FIRST NATIONS
CAPITAL PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Regional Department of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada has initiated a process of privatizing the provision of Technical Services - Engineering and Architectural, to Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will impact on all aspects of First Nations Capital Management Programs and Services; and

WHEREAS, private firms will be asked to submit public tenders for the take over of Technical Services - Engineering and Architectural; and

WHEREAS, the take over of the capital programs is a complex undertaking which requires careful planning; and

WHEREAS, the timeframe for the take over of the Technical Services - Engineering and Architectural, aspect of Capital Programs is insufficient to allow for the First Nations Capital Authority to participate in the public tendering process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Minister of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada to put a one year moratorium on the privatization of Technical Services - Engineering and Architectural of Capital Programs to allow the First Nations Capital Authority to participate in the public tendering process.

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MAY-97.03

Moved by:

Chief Andy Anderson
Fairford First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: INTERNATIONAL LOBBY AND SUPPORT GROUP

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is composed of Chiefs, duly elected as leaders to represent First Nations Peoples; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government of Canada has claimed in international fora that Canada is the best place to live while neglecting and ignoring the aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations Peoples in Canada, and;

WHEREAS, One of the major Treaty Rights ignored and neglected is Housing for First Nations Peoples of Canada, and;

WHEREAS, The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) recommends that "the Government of Canada clarify with treaty nations a modern understanding of existing treaty terms regarding housing."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs establish an International Lobby & Support Group to advocate First Nations Treaty Rights regarding housing, to raise awareness of the plight of First Nations housing in Canada and to embarrass Canada into dealing with this major and crucial issue.

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MAY-97.04

Moved by:

Chief Gladys Powderhorn
Sayisi Dene First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: SAYISI DENE FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the housing backlog at the Sayisi Dene First Nation has now reached a critical state with 85 percent of the homes needing replacement; and

WHEREAS, the social (physical and emotional) and economic conditions warrant immediate attention to this request to alleviate these problems that continue to exist in Manitoba's most northern First Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Sayisi Dene First Nation had asked for an opportunity to appear before the Federal Government's Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs has refused the request of the Sayisi Dene First Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Grand Chief to write a letter to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and the Minister of Indian Affairs supporting the Sayisi Dene First Nation's request to appear before the Committee within one month of resumption of Parliament.

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MAY-97.05

Moved by:

Chief Gladys Powderhorn
Sayisi Dene First Nation

**RE: FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR DENESULINE
GATHERING IN SAYISI DENE FIRST NATION**

Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Dene Nations of Canada will come together from July 7th - 11th, 1997 at the Sayisi Dene First Nation; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Sayisi Dene First Nation is a member of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, this is a monumental financial undertaking for the Sayisi Dene First Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs show their support through a financial contribution of \$20,000 to the Sayisi Dene First Nation for the hosting of the Denesuline Gathering on July 7th - 11th, 1997 in Tadoule Lake, Manitoba.

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MAY-97.06

Moved by:

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: SEWER AND WATER SERVICES

WHEREAS, In recent years the Department of Indian Affairs (INAC) has funded community sewer and water projects for housing development on reserves; and

WHEREAS, some First Nations have already used up all of the serviced lots available, and;

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand the First Nation sewer and water systems in order to continue much needed housing development, and;

WHEREAS, the First Nations do not have the capital needed to fund these large projects,

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs has a responsibility to ensure that additional funds are available to fund major capital projects at the First Nation level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs direct INAC to develop and implement a long range capital plan to ensure that sufficient capital is available to cover the cost of expanding sewer and water services and allow for continued housing development.

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