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MAY-97.01

Moved by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: NORTHERN ABORIGINAL HOCKEY FEDERATION

WHEREAS, First Nations and Aboriginal communities within the M.K.O. region wish to promote development of amateur hockey in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Promotion and development of amateur hockey for Aboriginal peoples may best be achieved through formation of an Aboriginal Hockey Federation with the sanction of Hockey Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the formation of the Northern Aboriginal Hockey Federation; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call upon Hockey Manitoba to fully sanction and recognize the Northern Aboriginal Hockey Federation as the official agency for promotion and development of amateur hockey for First Nation and Aboriginal communities in the MKO region.

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Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

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MAY-97.02

Moved by:

Chief Helen Cook
Bloodvein First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Florence McLean
Lake Manitoba First Nation

**RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT
GENDER EQUALITY**

WHEREAS, the A.M.C. has engaged in a process of restructuring the entire organization with the view to ensure greater effectiveness and efficiency; and

MOTION CARRIED

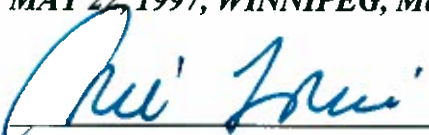
WHEREAS, the restructuring process involves a review of the existing A.M.C. decision-making and communication structures and processes in order to strengthen and maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the Assembly and its supporting Secretariat; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the A.M.C. affirmed the need for First Nations women involvement in the self-government process by establishing a Chiefs Committee called the First Nations Women's Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the First Nations Women's Committee that the Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs reflect the commitment of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to addressing women's issues and strengthening the role of women through equitable participation of First Nation women in its organization.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Amendments to the A.M.C. constitution reflect the concept of gender equality and that any constitutional amendments be reconsidered to reflect the concept of equitable participation by First Nation women.

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Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ELECTION OF GRAND CHIEF

WHEREAS, In September, 1994 the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution No. Sept-94.17 stating "that the next and succeeding elections for the position of Grand Chief include an enumeration process with voting privileges extended to all First Nations citizens in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, The proposed "Restructuring of the AMC" package now under consideration proposes new General Election Rules to replace Article 14.3 of the AMC Constitution (Recommendation No. 7); and

WHEREAS, The proposed New Election Rules are for example only and require a thorough examination prior to adoption and implementation; and

WHEREAS, The proposal to conduct an enumeration and extend voting privileges to all First Nations citizens should be fully examined and discussed by the affected First Nations citizens and communities prior to adoption and implementation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the proposed New Election Rules be taken as information at this Assembly and brought back before the Chiefs-in-Assembly, at the 10th Annual Assembly in 1998 for the purpose of considering their adoption, by amending Article 14.3 of the AMC Constitution.

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RE: ELECTION OF GRAND CHIEF (Cont'd)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proposed New Election Rules be taken to First Nations communities for review and approval prior to final adoption and implementation for the General Election which will normally be held at the 12th Annual General Assembly in the year 2000.

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MAY-97.04

Moved by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Kirkness
Fox Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: CAPPING OF BAND SUPPORT AND EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS FUNDING**

WHEREAS, The Department of Indian Affairs has unilaterally imposed a cap on Band support and employee benefits funding for First Nations; and

WHEREAS, such unilateral action by the Department of Indian Affairs is unacceptable and contrary to the fiduciary relationship that exists between Canada and First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that the Department of Indian Affairs immediately remove caps to Band support and employee benefits funding to First Nations.

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MAY-97.05

Moved by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Primrose
Nelson House First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: INAC CHANGES TO YEAR END REPORTING

WHEREAS, INAC has changed the financial year end reporting requirements of First Nations, without consultation; and

WHEREAS, First Nations are being asked to consolidate their business and economic development activities in their financial statements; and

WHEREAS, there is no legitimate need for INAC for this information; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such information could result in INAC funding being linked to success of economic development activity, which could have a negative impact on the funding for First Nation programs such as health, education and other program areas and discourage economic development activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs reject the requirement to provide INAC with consolidated financial statement or statements with more information than has been provided prior to the 1996/97 year-end.

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MAY-97.06

Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

**RE: ELECTION FOR GRAND CHIEF OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (A.M.C.)**

Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the term of office for Grand Chief is for a term of three years beginning on the date of election; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the last election for Grand Chief took place on September 14th, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the current term of office will expire September 13th, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Rules for Election of the Grand Chief for A.M.C. states that: "the election shall take place immediately following the completion of the A.M.C. agenda on the second day of the Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the dates for the next Chiefs-in-Assembly shall be set for the dates of August 26, 27 and 28, 1997; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the date for the next election of the Grand Chief be set for August 27th, 1997.

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MAY-97.07

Moved by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: PARTICIPATION OF ELDERS

WHEREAS, The Elders met to consider matters regarding the AMC Constitution, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the Framework Agreement Initiative;

WHEREAS, The Elders were only given two days to review and consider all of these matters;

WHEREAS, The time provided to the Elders is insufficient for the Elders to review, consider and then provide advice to the Chiefs regarding these matters;

WHEREAS, These matters are of great importance in the lives of First Nations peoples;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That a separate Elders Conference be held on the above matters, which would better facilitate the full participation of Elders in these matters.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That these matters be brought to the First Nations level for full review and consideration by First Nations citizens on and off-reserve.

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