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SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON EDUCATION

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SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON EDUCATION
OPASKWAYAK CREE NATION
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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

MAY-00.01

Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: CLARIFICATION ON A.M.C./F.A.I.
NEGOTIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed a resolution in January 21-23, 1997 with regard to A.M.C.'s position on negotiations; and

WHEREAS, part of that resolution provided direction to the Negotiation Team; and

WHEREAS, the Negotiation Team requires further clarification with regard to the following:

1. No provincial involvement in these agreements negotiated between the federal government and A.M.C.;
2. Local Education Administrative Bodies be respected and their delegated authority by Chief and Council be enhanced through the Education Agreement being negotiated; and
3. A comprehensive agreement that includes all existing and future components of education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that no provincial involvement be clarified to mean that the province may be invited to participate in the education process but that this participation will be limited as determined by the Chiefs Committee on Framework Agreement and further that this participation shall not include being a party to a negotiated agreement between First Nations and Canada; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the enhancement of the delegated authority of local education administrative bodies be clarified to mean the enhancement of administrative authority as determined by the local First Nation Government; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a comprehensive agreement on education include principles that will reflect all existing and future components of education and that the list provided at the January 21-23, 1997 Assembly be provided as a guide to the negotiation team.

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on May 25, 2000, THE PAS, Manitoba*


Rod Bushie, Grand Chief

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MAY-00.02

Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGES

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Languages Report has indicated a substantial decline in the First Nations languages in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Languages Strategy has indicated the need for all First Nations people in Manitoba to make a commitment to the revitalization of the First Nations languages if they are to survive; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre has been directed to hire language curriculum specialists to assist the First Nations communities to address their language needs; and

WHEREAS, the funding currently provided through the Aboriginal Languages Initiative is inadequate and will be discontinued after the next fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly make a strong statement of their intention to reclaim and reinstate the First Nations languages in their communities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly heed this call to action and support the development of a comprehensive language strategy to maintain and revitalize the First Nations languages in Manitoba; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba First Nations Language Strategy includes the following components:

- A public awareness package on the status of the First Nations languages in Manitoba;
- A position paper calling on Canada to increase financial support for the First Nations languages; and
- A local strategy to assist First Nations plan and implement community language programs.

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MAY-00.03

Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION
RESOURCE CENTRE**

WHEREAS, First Nations schools in Manitoba are lacking the human and fiscal resources to provide second and third level specialist services comparable to other schools in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, First Nations school students are lagging behind students in other Manitoba schools; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation Education Directors recommended the establishment of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre to address the quality and standards of First Nations education; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre needs long-term support for stability and long-term planning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre engage in ongoing communication and consultation with the Chiefs of Manitoba with regard to its mandate and objectives; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre be accountable to and remain under the direction and control of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly approve multi-year funding based on a five year strategic plan for the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre to ensure its continued support for First Nations schools.

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MAY-00.04

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Philip Buck
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: SPECIFIC FIRST NATION EDUCATION
INITIATIVE FUNDS UNDER GATHERING
STRENGTH**

WHEREAS, Gathering Strength - Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan was a response to the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples which identified four major themes, one being supporting strong communities, people and economies; and

WHEREAS, under the Gathering Strength Initiative, the Department of Indian Affairs had been allocated six million dollars in the fiscal year 1999/2000 of which approximately four million dollars was used to create the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre; and

WHEREAS, many First Nation communities have researched, developed, and implemented education initiative projects funded under Gathering Strength; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations education initiatives and projects funded were delayed, unfunded or funding ceased because of the creation of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs will allocate 5 million dollars to M.F.N.E.R.C. and 2.7 million dollars to specific projects under four areas in the Fiscal Year 2000/2001; and

WHEREAS, the four areas referenced are not community-based initiatives such as cultural, language, historical and curriculum development and technology development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support community-based projects and initiatives as developed by the First Nations.

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MAY-00.05

Moved by:

Chief Jerry Knott
Wasagamack First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David Harper
Garden Hill First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: NEW SCHOOL FOR WASAGAMACK
FIRST NATION**

WHEREAS, Wasagamack First Nation, its Leadership, Education Authority, and members, have great regard about teaching children and providing a safe environment conducive to learning; and

WHEREAS, Wasagamack First Nation, George Knott School has been closed since December 14, 1999; and

WHEREAS, George Knott School is contaminated with mold and poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, the staff and students cannot function due to complaints of headaches, dizziness, nausea, sore eyes and throat during school hours; and

WHEREAS, the learning, progress and advancement have recently been hampered - hindered; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership have attempted to negotiate with the government to rectify the problem about the deterioration of the school, to no avail; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2000, there was a strong indication that Wasagamack would have a new school; and

WHEREAS, Wasagamack Education Authority is faced with a lawsuit from one of the teachers regarding health problems.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Wasagamack First Nation in acquiring a new school; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that, by way of this resolution, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs of Canada is directed to commit to a new school.

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MAY-00.06

Moved by:

Chief Philip Buck
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David Harper
Garden Hill First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: FIRST NATION SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, First Nations have made great strides in the field of education in Manitoba and the delivery of education has become more complex over the recent years, therefore this has prompted the school authorities to the need to establish a networking system to enhance the effectiveness of First Nation education; and

WHEREAS, the need for an organized school trustees association is imperative in the First Nation communities in order to assist in some of the areas such as the development of a human resource data base, policy and planning, public awareness, teacher orientation and support, and curriculum awareness; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the school trustee association will be community-driven and will become part of the self-government structures in the north therefore enhancing the quality and delivery of education in our communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the school trustees in the M.K.O. region in developing a First Nation School Trustee Association of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak for the purpose of enhancing the delivery of education in the north; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the funding requirements for this initiative on behalf of First Nations in Manitoba.

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Rod Bushie, Grand Chief