

# **ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS GENERAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY**



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**RE: POLITICAL ACTION PLAN ON FIRST NATIONS HEALTH -  
DRAFT # 5**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Donovan Fontaine  
Sagkeeng First Nation

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

**Seconded by:**

Chief Norman Bone  
Keeseekoowenin First  
Nation

**WHEREAS,** there is an immediate need for strong Political action and lobbying efforts to deal with the health crisis of First Nations People in Manitoba; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS,** the recommendations of the five (5) key action plan areas on First Nations emergent Health issues creates the basis for the Political Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** First Nations have continuously approached Governments for a collaborative, collective and comprehensive plan to address the critical health status of First Nations, and no firm action has been committed; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal and Provincial Governments have not committed to the Kelowna Accord further jeopardizing the health status of First Nations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize the urgency of the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide a commitment to reaching the targets of the Kelowna Accord and to ensure governments will work with First Nations to develop a new approach with workable solutions; and

**WHEREAS,** the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly require a commitment from all levels of Government for a joint-collaborative decision-making relationship with First Nations to deal with all health issues, as detailed in the AMC "POLITICAL ACTION PLAN ON FIRST NATIONS HEALTH – DRAFT # 5".

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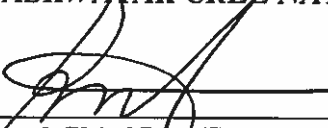
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DRAFT # 5 (cont'd)**

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly seek a commitment from the Crown Governments for definitive change that will address the health disparities and gaps in services to First Nations membership; and,

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support and endorse the AMC "POLITICAL ACTION PLAN ON FIRST NATIONS HEALTH – DRAFT # 5" as an initial step forward to resolving current outstanding issues on First Nations health;

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**MAY-08.02**

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL HEALTH SURVEY**

Moved by:

Chief Donovan Fontaine  
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Garth Flett  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, for many years, population health surveys have not accurately captured First Nations data; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended that the process of compiling health information should be done in periodic intervals so that health patterns and trends can be monitored and analyzed; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey has been instrumental in allowing First Nations to gain ownership, control, access, and possession (OCAP) of research data as it relates to health, in keeping with the principles of OCAP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey is entering Phase II of data collection in the year 2008 and invites the participation of the twenty-eight (28) First Nations who were part of the Manitoba First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey in 2002/03, in addition to seven (7) more First Nations randomly selected for a total of thirty-five First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly adopt the Manitoba First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey as the Manitoba First Nations survey-of-choice; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Health Information and Research Governance Committee [HIRGC] continue to serve as the oversight Committee of the Manitoba First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey and report back to the AMC Chiefs Task Force on Health [CTFoH]; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Manitoba First Nations self-determination in research and the principles of OCAP, the Chiefs-in-Assembly reject the on-reserve data collection of Statistics Canada's Aboriginal Peoples Survey and Aboriginal Children's Survey.

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**RE: POLITICAL DIRECTION AND ENDORSEMENT FOR “MAKING  
A DIFFERENCE: A SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL TO  
ADDRESS GAPS IN SERVICES FOR FIRST NATIONS  
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES”**

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**Moved by:**

Chief David Crate  
Fisher River Cree Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Donovan Fontaine  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that First Nations persons with disabilities and parents/care givers of First Nations children with disabilities, who live the reality of disability on a daily basis, are involved in all aspects of the negotiation and decision-making process; and

**WHEREAS**, jurisdictional disputes and difficulty in accessing culturally-appropriate health and social services have been ongoing problems impacting First Nations children and adults with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorsed the Manitoba First Nations Disability Multi-Sectoral Working Group in May 2006 to facilitate the development of a service model for First Nations persons with disabilities in Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-Sectoral Working Group developed a single delivery service model entitled “Making a Difference: Addressing Gaps in Services for First Nations Children with Disabilities and their Families” which was presented to the Chiefs-in-Assembly in November 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-Sectoral Working Group tabled the issue with the Intergovernmental Committee on Manitoba First Nations Health (ICMFNH) to develop a joint position paper seeking political support from the Grand Chiefs and Provincial and Federal Ministers to:

- a. Seek the authorities to implement “Making a Difference” under First Nations management and control; and
- b. Develop mechanisms to incorporate Jordan’s Principle into respective policies and practices to achieve a normative standard of care for services; and

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**RE: POLITICAL DIRECTION AND ENDORSEMENT FOR “MAKING A DIFFERENCE: A SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL TO ADDRESS GAPS IN SERVICES FOR FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES” (CONT’D)**

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**WHEREAS**, the work has come to a halt as the Provincial and Federal governments have initiated discussions on an administrative mechanism to implement Jordan’s Principle without First Nations at the table; and

**WHEREAS**, First Nations must be involved in all developments and negotiations that impact the livelihood of First Nation citizens.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly collectively endorse “Making a Difference” as the First Nations service delivery model to be implemented to benefit First Nations children with disabilities and their families; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly provide direction for the Grand Chief to meet with the respective Provincial and Federal Ministers to seek the jurisdictional authority for implementation of the “Making a Difference” service delivery model and negotiate long term sustainable funding commitments that support First Nations management, control, decision making, and implementation of the Jordan Principle.

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Federal and Provincial Governments involve First Nations in discussions on mechanisms for the implementation of the Jordan Principle.

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**MAY-08.04**

**RE: EDUCATION ACTION PLAN AND MANITOBA FIRST NATION  
EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE (MFNERC) MANDATE /  
AUTHORITY**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Murray Clearsky  
Waywayseecappo First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution May-00.03 supporting MFNERC's role and directing the organization to maintain lines of authority and accountability to AMC; and

**Seconded by:**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution May-06.03 directing the AMC / MFNERC / INAC Working Group and First Nation Education Directors to draft an Education Action Plan based on the potential for additional funding; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, recent national AFN/INAC discussions have focused on systems development for improving educational outcomes including high school graduation rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Nation Education Directors in Manitoba have requested that AMC and MFNERC work jointly on identifying the elements of a comprehensive First Nations education system in concert with First Nation Education Authorities at the local level.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs continue to work with the MFNERC in preparing a new Education Action Plan including local, second and third level supports to lead to the implementation of a comprehensive Manitoba First Nations education system for First Nation learners both on- and off-reserve; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the research include an examination of options on the evolution of MFNERC's mandate and authority for the consideration of the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that regular updates be provided to the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly on the continual development of a new Manitoba First Nations Education Action Plan.

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**MAY-08.05**

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATION EDUCATION RESOURCE  
CENTRE (MFNERC) AND WORKING GROUPS**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Murray Clearsky  
Waywayseecappo First Nation

**Seconded by:**

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

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has been involved in several Working Groups on Education as part of its mandate and had several First Nation Education Directors volunteering to assist in the various Working Groups; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the First Nations Education Directors' schedules and local commitments have not allowed them to attend all required meetings at the regional or national level; and

**WHEREAS**, the mandate of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre includes helping First Nations to improve the quality and relevancy of First Nations education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre has staff that could attend either as observers, alternate members or official members of Working Groups if there is difficulty in finding members to participate on the Working Groups.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Education unit be allowed to call upon the assistance of MFNERC senior staff, researchers and other specialists (pending their availability) to be involved either as researchers, observers, or participants in regional and national developments that impact on First Nations education; and

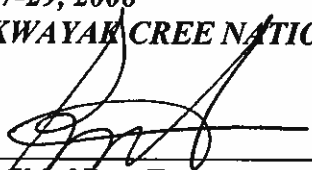
**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all documents, updates and meeting reports from meetings and gatherings be provided to AMC to circulate to other First Nations to ensure opportunities for continued input and communication.

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**MAY-08.06**

**RE: UNIFIED ELECTION CODE RESEARCH AND OPTIONS  
DEVELOPMENT**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Norman Bone  
Keeseckoowenin First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution Nov-07.02 to establish the Manitoba First Nation Leadership Council; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Dennis Meeches  
Long Plain First Nation

**WHEREAS**, one of the initiatives identified under this Leadership Council was to consider a unified election code; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, in Manitoba Thirty-Seven (37) Bands are under the Indian Act electoral system while the remaining Twenty-Seven (27) Bands use the Band Custom electoral system; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of office are anywhere from two to five years, with no defined election schedule resulting in constant turn-over in leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, this instability impedes collective and sustainable decision-making and leadership.


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC research and develop unified election code options and next steps to be brought forward to the next AMC Assembly for consideration.

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**MAY-08.07**

**RE: POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE 2008 THREE FIRES  
CONFEDERACY GATHERING**

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Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches  
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Glenn Hudson  
Peguis First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Three Fires Society is a long-standing alliance of the Anishinaabeg people dated back to 796 A.D. comprised of the three Nations of the Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi, that work together to uphold the spiritual, social and political well-being of their Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Three Fires Society has committed to meet annually to discuss and plan for implementation of a clan model system that was outlined in their declaration of August 23, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the next Three Fires Confederacy Gathering Naabidoo'aamin (Reconnecting with Our Past) will be held in the Long Plain First Nation, August 18-23, 2008.

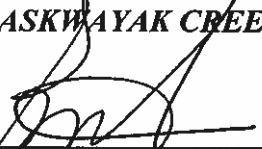
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the 2008 Three Fires Confederacy Gathering.

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**MAY-08.08**

**RE: CALL ON AUDITOR GENERAL OF CANADA TO AUDIT  
FIRST NATIONS & INUIT HEALTH BRANCH (FNIHB)  
MANITOBA REGION**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Norman Bone  
Keeseekooenen First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba First Nations have concerns with respect to Health Canada's (Manitoba Region) accountability; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Wilfred McKay  
Rolling River First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba First Nations want First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) Manitoba Region to be held accountable for its funds under the same accountability standards that First Nations are subject to; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly through Resolution #17 of March 2001 identified the need for an independent special audit on Health Canada's actual expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly through resolution MAR-01.17 directed the Government of Canada to conduct an independent special audit on Health Canada's actual expenditures in their entirety; and

**WHEREAS**, only by this action can true compliance with accountability standards, including transparency, disclosure, and redress be addressed.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC Grand Chief, Ron Evans, to lobby the Auditor General of Canada to conduct a Financial and Management Audit of FNIHB Canada, Manitoba Region.

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**MAY-08.09**

**RE: ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON  
THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Harvey Nepinak  
Skownan First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Billijo De La Ronde  
Pine Creek Anishinabe Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples around the world recognize “the urgent need to respect and promote the inherent rights of indigenous peoples which derive from their political, economic and social structures and from their cultures, spiritual traditions, histories and philosophies, especially their rights to their lands, territories and resources” (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples); and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations General Assembly adopted these principles within the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (herein “Declaration”) on September 13, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand voted against the Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the ongoing resistance of Canada to support the Declaration, the House of Commons passed a motion on April 8, 2008 to “endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples...and that Parliament and Government of Canada fully implement the standards contained therein”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration affirms Indigenous rights such as: Self-Determination (Article 3); Maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions (Article 5); Not to be subjugated to forced assimilation (Article 8).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and


**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC assert that the Government of Canada adopt the Declaration.

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**MAY-08.10**

**RE: APPROVAL OF SITE SELECTION PROCESS FOR NEW  
CASINO OWNED BY ALL MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS IN  
SOUTHWESTERN MANITOBA**

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Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone  
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky  
Waywayseecappo First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Gaming Committee has developed with the Province of Manitoba a Site Selection Process for the selection of the best site in Southwestern Manitoba for a new Casino to be owned by all Manitoba First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Executive Committee has approved the Site Selection Process on May 13, 2008 (including the Independent Chiefs Committee (3), the Site Selection Criteria, and the Terms of Reference) as presented by the Chiefs Gaming Committee and staff with one amendment - **the Terms of Reference will include the addition of a technical advisor to provide advice to the Independent Committee of 3 \*Chiefs, (\*appointed by the Grand Chief); and**

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Executive Committee moved that the Site Selection Process documents be sent out to all Manitoba First Nations as soon as possible to begin this process.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Site Selection Process as presented to the AMC Executive with the changes moved by the Executive and the addition of 1 additional Chief to the Committee to come from the north.

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**MAY-08.11**

**RE: SAYISI DENE FIRST NATION FORCED RELOCATION  
COMPENSATION NEGOTIATIONS**

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Moved by:

Chief Bernice Thorassie  
Sayisi Dene First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Kelly Linklater  
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Sayisi Dene First Nation people were forcibly relocated by the Federal Government during the period 1956 to 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolutions No.14/89 and Aug-97.07 supporting negotiations between Sayisi Dene First Nation and the Federal and Provincial governments regarding compensation for the destructive impacts of these relocations; and

**WHEREAS**, this issue was raised as a human rights violation at the August 2006 AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly to Minister of Indian Affairs Prentice who promised a response; and

**WHEREAS**, little action has been undertaken to date by governments.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to contact the Minister of Indian Affairs and the Province of Manitoba to schedule discussions that initiate negotiations for a suitable compensation package for the Sayisi Dene forced relocation impacts.

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**MAY-08.12**

**RE: COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER – FIRST NATIONS & INUIT  
HEALTH BRANCH (FNIHB)**

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Moved by:

Chief Deborah Chief  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Emery Stagg  
Dauphin River First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Program was introduced by FNIHB in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the CLO Program was initiated/instituted without proper consultation and engagement from Manitoba First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been continuous problems and concerns with the CLO Program at the local First Nation and Tribal Council level.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs push FNIHB for an evaluation of the CLO Program; and

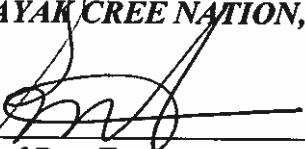
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the evaluation be conducted prior to December 2008 and results of this evaluation reported back to the Assembly by March 2009, and that these resources earmarked for the CLO Program be re-directed to the Tribal Councils and Independent First Nations.

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**RE: ASENEKAK CASINO AND THE FIRST NATIONS TRUST:  
INCOME-SHARING**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Clarence Easter  
Chemawawin Cree Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Alpheus Brass  
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, through negotiations between the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Government of Manitoba, the Manitoba First Nations Casino Project led to the opening of the Aseneskak Casino on the Opaskwayak Cree Nation and to a commitment for the creation of a First Nations Trust to receive a share of the Net Income derived from the operation of First Nation Casinos in the Province of Manitoba, which First Nations Trust is intended to benefit all of Manitoba's First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aseneskak Casino Limited Partnership is a limited partnership with six Manitoba First Nations and the Swampy Cree Tribal Council as investors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Provincial Framework Agreement between the Government of Manitoba and the Aseneskak Casino Limited Partnership, as well as the Conduct and Management Agreement between Manitoba Lotteries Corporation and the Aseneskak Casino Limited Partnership, provides for a sharing of Net Income based on 70% to the Aseneskak Casino Limited Partnership, 27.5% to the First Nations Trust and 2.5% to the First Nations Trust for gambling addiction programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly approved a five-year waiver of the First Nations Trust's 27.5% entitlement, which is set to expire on March 31, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly agree to the revised revenue sharing formula effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 based on 90% to the Operator (being Aseneskak Casino Limited Partnership), 7.5% to the First Nations Trust and 2.5% to the First Nations Trust for gambling addictions programs; and

**WHEREAS**, this revenue-sharing formula will be subject to review every five years commencing with a review at the AMC General Assembly in 2013; and

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**RE: ASENESKAK CASINO AND THE FIRST NATIONS TRUST:  
INCOME-SHARING (cont'd)**

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**WHEREAS**, South Beach Casino will not follow the 90%/10% Aseneskak split and will retain the 70%/30% split.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs instruct the Government of Manitoba and the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation to implement this change in the agreement(s) which govern the Aseneskak Casino.

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**RE: POLITICAL SUPPORT OF THE KITCHENUNMAYKOOSIB  
ININUWUG (KI)**

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Moved by:

Chief John Miswagon  
Cross Lake Band of  
Indians

Seconded by:

Chief George Nee-pin  
Fox Lake Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, Members of the KI were sentenced to jail by Justice Patrick Smith of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for contempt of Court for refusing to abide by a Court order to allow Platinex Inc. to resume mineral exploration activity in KI's sacred homelands at the same time as Justice Smith was to supervise Crown consultations regarding those activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the imprisonment of the KI leaders is a direct consequence of Ontario's failure to consult and accommodate the KI regarding mineral exploration activities on KI's homelands and is a direct consequence of Justice Smith's failure to revoke or suspend Platinex's licenses, to terminate the mineral exploration activities and to order the conduct of Crown consultations; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Supreme Court of Canada's decisions of *Haida Nation*, *Taku River* and *Mikisew*, the Court established the minimal legal standards for Crown-First Nation consultations, which standards do not include any principle that it is fair and reasonable for the Crown to conduct consultations at the same time as, or concurrent with, the activities that are the subject of the Crown consultations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the province of Ontario that has acted unlawfully and it is the Ontario Superior Court that has ignored the doctrine of the Supreme Court of Canada and yet it is the KI leadership that have been jailed as "political prisoners" for upholding the Treaty terms and for upholding the constitutional law of Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly wish to show their unequivocal political support for the Kitchenunmaykoosib Ininuwug's stance to protect their Treaty Rights, their sacred homelands and the constitutional law of Canada; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Governor General on behalf of the Queen of England has a duty to protect Treaty Rights of First Nations and to promote good governance.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief of the AMC to send a delegation (inviting the SCO & MKO Grand Chiefs to cost-share) to Kitchenunmaykoosib Ininuwug as soon as possible, to visibly demonstrate Manitoba First Nations support for the KI political prisoners; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that the Province of Ontario uphold the "Honour of the Crown" by first ordering the immediate suspension of Platinex's activities and by acknowledging KI's decision to prohibit any further exploration in KI's homelands; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that the Governor General denounce the actions of the Ontario Government.

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**RE: CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES RESTRUCTURING FOR FIRST  
NATIONS**

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Moved by:

Chief George Kemp  
Berens River First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Manitoba has devolved Child & Family Services to First Nation and Métis entities; and

Seconded by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak  
Skownan First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the intent of Child & Family Services delivered by First Nations is to implement the recommendations of the AJI to create a First Nations controlled entity; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Province is presently amending the CFS Act to place "Safety of Children First"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Child & Family Services has recently removed boards and workers from their positions without communication with Chiefs and Councils; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs established a CFS Chief Committee and we accept their recommendations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC set up a special CFS Assembly before August 2008 to review the mandate for First Nations Child & Family Services.

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**RE: INDEPENDENT MARKET STUDY ON CASINOS**

**Moved by:**

Chief George Kemp  
Berens River First Nation

**WHEREAS**, there was an initial commitment by the current NDP Government to establish five (5) First Nation Casinos in Manitoba; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Glenn Hudson  
Peguis First Nation

**WHEREAS**, this should be supported by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs Gaming Committee of Manitoba to lobby for follow-through on this initial commitment.

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC Gaming Committee to lobby Manitoba Government to follow through on the initial commitment of 5 First Nation casinos; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Gaming Committee implement an independent market study in the Interlake Region in the Selkirk area and north of 55 as possible casino sites.

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**RE: FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AMC SATELLITE OFFICE IN  
BRANDON**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Dennis Meeches  
Long Plain First Nation

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is the collective voice for all First Nations citizens in the Province of Manitoba; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Murray Clearsky  
Waywayseecappo First Nation

**WHEREAS,** there is a large First Nation population off-reserve, particularly in the City of Brandon; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS,** the First Nations citizens of Brandon have identified a need for a satellite office of AMC so that there is a First Nations-specific organization advocating for critical services and programs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs undertake a feasibility study to identify options to establish a satellite office in Brandon.

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**RE: FIRST NATION ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (FN-AHRDA)**

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Moved by:

Chief David Crate  
Fisher River Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone  
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS,**

- A. The Government of Canada, through Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC), has supported three consecutive five-year Aboriginal Human Resources Development strategies
- B. The Government of Canada considers these five year initiatives to be flagship strategies to address human resources development, training and employment issues amongst First Nations;
- C. The federal initiative is also expected to address urban and off-reserve citizenry employment and training needs, literacy, numeracy, disabled and child care needs within our respective traditional territories;
- D. First Nations have a special and unique relationship with the federal government;
- E. Two Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement Holders (FN-AHRDAs) administer five (5) year agreements in Manitoba (Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin (MKIO) and First Peoples Development Inc. (FPDI);
- F. The Government of Canada has begun its work to identify a successor strategy for the period beginning April 1, 2009 to 2014;
- G. The Chiefs-in-Assembly have not approved this initiative to be established under a pan-Aboriginal program context; and

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will provide political support to MKIO and FPDI in their efforts to pursue, negotiate and finalize a post FN-AHRDA 2009 Strategy which includes meaningful community consultation; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Grand Chief and/or Regional Chief assigned to the AHRDA portfolio report on progress of this resolution at an AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly meeting.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR MARCEL COLOMB FIRST NATION WATER  
AND WASTE WATER SYSTEM**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Andrew Colomb  
Marcel Colomb Cree Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Donovan Fontaine  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, Marcel Colomb First Nation (MCFN) reserve lands were set aside at Black Sturgeon Falls and these lands were given reserve status in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, MCFN developed a 5-year community plan for Black Sturgeon Falls in October 2000, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provided \$18.2 Million for start-up of the First Nation, and MCFN expressed concern to INAC that this amount was insufficient for reserve development; and

**WHEREAS**, INAC responded that there would be no commitment for funding beyond the \$18.2 Million, and that any funding for this matter would have to come from the INAC Manitoba Region Capital Allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2006, INAC Regional Director General committed to provide housing and infrastructure at Black Sturgeon Falls for MCFN settlement by 2008, but this commitment has since been rescinded by INAC; and

**WHEREAS**, INAC is now recommending a trucked sewer and water distribution system due to fiscal limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, this issue has resulted in a loss of approved funding for a 15-unit housing project in MCFN; and

**WHEREAS**, MCFN rejects INAC's recommendation, and has made their own recommendations to resolve this matter which include:

- (1) INAC approval of a piped sewer and water distribution system for MCFN's community at Black Sturgeon Falls as per the project team's proposal with parallel support of a housing project; and

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- (2) That INAC separate the initial allocation of \$18.2 million start-up funding it provided from the Manitoba's Regional Annual Capital Allocation retroactively to remove capital budget restrictions affecting this project; and,
- (3) INAC consideration of additional funding for future community development independent of the INAC Manitoba Region Annual Capital Allocation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the Grand Chief of AMC to meet with INAC to request completion of the above-mentioned projects in a timely manner with a special national headquarter's budget allocation.

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