

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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MANITOBA CHIEFS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTIONS

No. 20/89

Subject: Fort Churchill (Tadoule) School

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Fort Churchill Indian Band's present school facilities are in deplorable, makeshift conditions;

WHEREAS the Fort Churchill Indian Band has never had a proper school facility;

SECONDED BY:

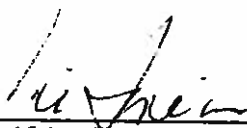
Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has promised a new school to the Fort Churchill Indian Band and the timeframe is delayed and postponed each year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Fort Churchill Indian Band in their request to have the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development fulfill their obligations for a new school to be constructed at Tadoule Lake, Manitoba no later than 1991.

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RESOLUTIONS

No. 21/89

Subject: Dene Language Instruction Program

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Fort Churchill Band wish to deliver a Dene Language Instruction Program in their school;

WHEREAS there is no established Dene Language Program in Manitoba and there are very few curriculum materials available in Manitoba pertaining to the Dene Language and culture;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS the Fort Churchill Band is requesting financial assistance for a two-day tour of Fond du Lac and Black Lake, Saskatchewan, to observe and examine the Dene Language Instruction Program available and in use at these communities;

WHEREAS curriculum development assistance is available from Native Education Branch, Provincial Department of Education, Manitoba Association of Native Languages and the Education Department of the Keewatin Tribal Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Fort Churchill Band in their desire to establish a Dene Language Program at Tadoule Lake;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Fort Churchill Band in their attempt to secure funding for this program.

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RESOLUTIONS

No. 22/89

Subject: Dene Land Claims Funding

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Dene people in Manitoba have land and resource rights to the territory under the Comprehensive Claims Negotiations of Tungavik Federation of Nunavut and the Northwest Territories Dene/Metis;

SECONDED BY:

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Pine Creek F. N.

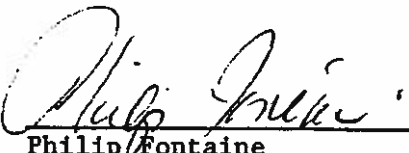
WHEREAS the Dene people in Manitoba require financial assistance to participate in the ongoing comprehensive claims negotiations and to undertake a land use study to protect their lands and resource rights;

WHEREAS the time frame attached to the Dene/Metis Land Settlement is short.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Dene people of Manitoba in their application to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for immediate financial resources required in the land claims negotiations and land use study of the Dene people of Tadoule Lake and Lac Brochet.

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No. 23/89

Subject: Lac Brochet School

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Lac Brochet First Nation has requested support from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs for the construction of a school in the community.

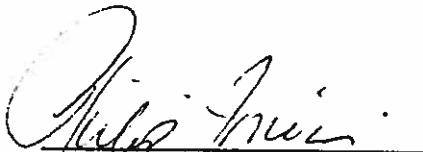
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Indian Affairs be informed to instruct his officials to plan for and have built a school at Lac Brochet on or before September, 1991.

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
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RESOLUTIONS

No. 24/89

Subject: Poplar River Airstrip

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS many Manitoba First Nations suffer from sub-standard or non-existent community infrastructure which affects the safety and development of the community;

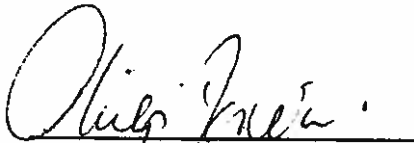
WHEREAS Poplar River First Nation, which is a "remote, special access" reserve, is currently dependent for transportation on a sub-standard unlicensed and dangerous airstrip, which is located in the centre of the community and thus both hazardous to the population and an obstacle to physical development of the community;

WHEREAS Poplar River First Nation has been attempting for many years to have the provincial and federal governments recognize this problem and allocate capital funds to both relocate and upgrade the airstrip.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support Poplar River First Nation in its efforts to have the airstrip relocated and upgraded and further urges the provincial and federal governments to proceed with this critical infrastructure project as a matter of high priority.

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No. 25/89

Subject: Effective Policing - Law Enforcement - Bootlegging

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS bootlegging of alcohol has become a serious problem in the Shoal River Indian Band community;

WHEREAS law enforcement agencies have not taken sufficient action to offer a serious deterrent to bootleggers operating in the community.

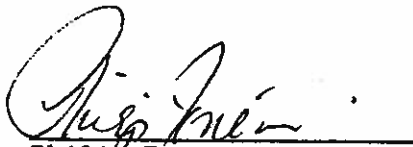
SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lend their support to Shoal River Indian Band in demanding effective policing and full enforcement of the law to resolve bootlegging problems.

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No. 26/89

Subject: Financial Assistance - Traditional Lifestyle -
Tadoule Lake

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the community of Tadoule Lake is situated at the northernmost part of Manitoba, 216 miles north of the city of Thompson;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS the community of Tadoule Lake is desirous to fulfill their commitment of self-government and self-determination with respect to local government and resources for the people;

WHEREAS the community of Tadoule Lake is committed to providing employment opportunities and substantial livelihood to all members of their Band;

WHEREAS the community of Tadoule Lake still maintain traditional lifestyle of hunting, fishing and trapping;

WHEREAS the Band members do not have the financial capability to establish themselves in commercial trapping and fishing;


WHEREAS the recent fire in northern Manitoba has further complicated and added hardship to the Dene way of life.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT both the Federal and Provincial Governments make available the financial assistance required by the Band members of Tadoule Lake to purchase the equipment they need to pursue their livelihoods;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT grants and technical support be made available to the Band members of the Fort Churchill Band from the Manitoba Region Trappers' Association.

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No. 27/89

Subject: God's River Airstrip

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the God's River Band acquired ownership of a private airstrip located on Crown land in March, 1988 under an agreement whereby the Province of Manitoba made a commitment to begin work immediately on upgrading the airstrip;

WHEREAS the existing airstrip is over 5,000 feet long and can be easily and cheaply upgraded to accommodate large transport and passenger aircraft;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS the communities in the vicinity of God's River, as well as God's River itself, require a major airstrip in the region, complete with modern air guidance systems and safety features;

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba budgetted \$350,000 to begin work on the airstrip during the summer of 1988 and subsequently in the new budget withdrew the \$350,000 for use on transportation facilities elsewhere;

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba has failed to pay the God's River Band the sum of \$200,000 owed to the Band by the Province for costs incurred by the Band as a consequence of the Province's failure to properly and legally manage Crown Lands on which the airstrip serving the community is located;

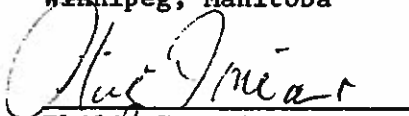
WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba agreed, in March, 1988, to reimburse the Band for additional costs incurred by the Band;

WHEREAS negotiations between the Band and the government are becoming nothing more than a stalling technique by the government.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs assist the God's River Band to recover this debt and that this will be immediately conveyed to the government and the public via the mass media.

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No. 28/89

Subject: Land Acquisition - Indian Birch First Nation

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Indian Birch Band is entitled to the benefits of Treaty No. 4 and the Band has not received the full amount of land to which it is entitled under the terms of the said Treaty, as recognized in writing by the Minister of Indian Affairs on May 14, 1984;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS the amount of land owing to the said Band by Treaty is a matter of some dispute, but is certainly no less than 3,613.71 acres, as recognized by the Specific Claims Branch and Ministerial Order;

WHEREAS the Indian Birch Band has identified land which it is interested in investigating as a possible addition to its reserve, as described in Band Council Resolution dated August 24, 1989;

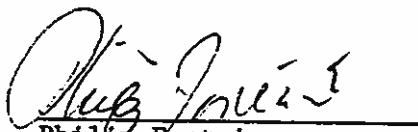
WHEREAS this land is currently administered by the Province of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs fully support the acquisition of this land as Reserve land for the Indian Birch Band;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Indian and Northern Affairs Canada act to expedite the acquisition of this land as quickly as possible, including making assertive representations to the Province of Manitoba on behalf of the Band.

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No. 29/89

Subject: Ethnographic Study Support

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Tie Creek Basin Area, located in the Whiteshell Provincial Park, contains artifacts, petroforms and sites of cultural and ceremonial significance to the First Nations peoples;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

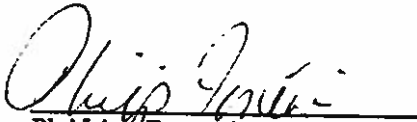
WHEREAS the Provincial Department of Natural Resources, Parks Branch, has commissioned an ethnographic study to:

- (a) Obtain a comprehensive inventory of significant ethnographic cultural sites and features of the Tie Creek Basin;
- (b) Determine inter-relationships between the sites and features;
- (c) Identify current Aboriginal perceptions regarding past, present, and future activities in the Basin.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the process of the ethnographic study, and adopts the position that there should be no development of any type of the Basin Area without the express approval of the First Nations communities for whom the Area is culturally significant.

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RESOLUTIONS

No. 30/89

Subject: Southeast T-Birds Hockey Team

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs unanimously resolved at the August, 1988 Assembly to support the Southeast T-Birds as the all-Native Junior "A" Hockey Team in Manitoba;

WHEREAS Native youth from all Manitoba First Nations have an opportunity to play on this team;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS after the first year of operation, five (5) Native players from the Southeast T-Birds were offered scholarships by United States colleges, thus enabling them to both pursue higher education and a professional hockey career;

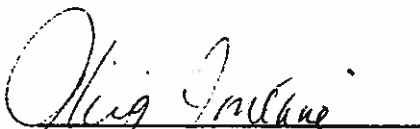
WHEREAS three T-Bird players are now being considered by the Western Hockey League teams, which may lead to the NHL;

WHEREAS the annual operating cost of the Southeast T-Birds is approximately \$120,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly endorse a request from the Southeast T-Birds and SERDC that each Tribal Council and Band strive to provide a donation to the team to help offset operating costs.

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No. 31/89

Subject: Native Harmony and Restoration Centre

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

SECONDED BY:

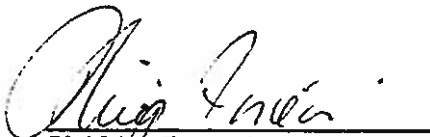
Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the establishment of the Native Harmony and Restoration Centre (NHRC) at Pineimuta Place. We believe the NHRC proposal is a legitimate attempt to incorporate native traditions and values in the delivery of justice services to aboriginal people in conflict with the law. If implemented, this Centre will serve the purposes of Native self-determination in providing effective responses to the problems of crime in aboriginal communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support a Native-administered project to develop an operational plan which would serve the process of government approval and immediate implementation of the Centre.

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RESOLUTIONS

No. 32/89

Subject: Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program Board

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program has assisted in the development of the agricultural industry for Treaty Indians since 1975 as endorsed by all Chiefs of Manitoba;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River F.N.

WHEREAS there is a need for continuation of such a program to continue developing the Indian agricultural industry in the present areas and new areas of agriculture;

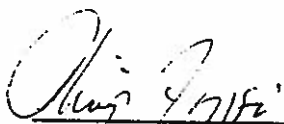
WHEREAS there is a need for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to be kept informed of all native organizations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs have representation on the Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the continuation of the Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program with representation on the Board.

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No. 33/89

Subject: WRTC Staff Position - Transfer of Control

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS Health & Welfare Canada, Medical Services Branch has implemented a policy providing for transfer of control of Federal Nursing Stations on Reserves to First Nations administration;

SECONDED BY:

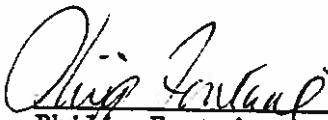
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WHEREAS the complexity of the issues, and the implications for First Nations of transfer are large and of basic concern to First Nations; and impose major new research, development and advisory services burdens on First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the West Region Tribal Council in their negotiations to obtain the resources to support a full-time tribal council staff position for a transfer of control officer or advisor.

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No. 34/89

Subject: Environmental Quality Supporting Hunting, Fishing
and Trapping

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS Manitoba First Nations have a fiduciary responsibility for environmental quality conducive to supporting the hunting, fishing and trapping rights of Aboriginal people as guaranteed by Treaty;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has a responsibility and fiduciary duty to Manitoba First Nations for assistance to them in the assertion of their rights and responsibilities as retained in Treaty and affirmed in the Canada Constitution Act, 1982.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Indian and Northern Affairs Canada support (technically, legally and financially) the Manitoba First Nations in all matters pertaining to ensuring an environmental quality conducive to supporting the hunting, fishing and trapping rights of Aboriginal people as guaranteed in Treaty.

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No. 35/89

Subject: Buffalo Point Roads

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS Buffalo Point has been lobbying to get its roads hard surfaced;

WHEREAS both the Federal and Provincial Governments have benefited significantly from Buffalo Point's economic developments;

SECONDED BY:

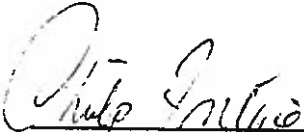
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WHEREAS there is support from Southeast Resource Development Council, the Local Government District, surrounding communities, and the Tourism Industry Association of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs are in full support of the hard surfacing of the roads to Buffalo Point First Nation.

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No. 36/89

Subject: Communication Strategy for First Nations

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS communications is funded by Secretary of State on behalf of First Nations communities;

WHEREAS First Nations have identified a lack of communication opportunities in their communities;

SECONDED BY:

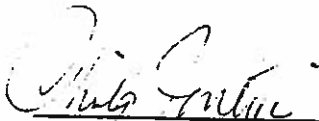
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WHEREAS First Nations are not in control and have very little input into communications policies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support First Nation communication strategies and goals as determined by each First Nation.

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No. 37/89

Subject: Conference on Bill C-31

MOVED BY:

Chief Rod Bushie
Hollow Water F. N.

WHEREAS there is a need to provide and share information with respect to Bill C-31;

WHEREAS there is a need for dialogue between those who are affected by Bill C-31, including the Chiefs of Manitoba and their constituents;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Norman Flett
Split Lake F. N.

WHEREAS there is a concern with regard to the funding of the services and needs arising from Bill C-31.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Indigenous Women's Collective hold a joint conference on Bill C-31 for the following reasons:

- (a) Educational
- (b) Information-sharing perspective
- (c) Preparation of our briefings for the Standing Committee in 1990;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Conference be held in Winnipeg no later than February, 1990;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Committee of four people - two members from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and two members from the Indigenous Women's Collective, be established to work on organizing the conference and to raise the necessary funds.

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No. 38/89

Subject: AMC Economic Development Committee

MOVED BY:

Chief Rod Bushie
Hollow Water F. N.

WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Economic Development Committee has determined that in order for the Committee to operate more efficiently and effectively, it requires the services of at least one full-time support worker/committee assistant.

SECONDED BY:

Chief Norman Flett
Split Lake F. N.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports this determination and mandating the Economic Development Committee to secure funding to hire a full-time committee assistant.

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RESOLUTIONS

No. 39/89

Subject: Regaining Control of Natural Resources

MOVED BY:

Chief Rod Bushie
Hollow Water F. N.

WHEREAS Indian people have no equity base of our own as a result of control of our resources having been taken away by the provincial and federal governments;

WHEREAS the Economic Development program funded by the federal government is totally inadequate to address the needs of the First Nations people;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Norman Flett
Split Lake F. N.

WHEREAS we need our own money to be able to participate in meaningful economic development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs set as its top economic development priority the process of regaining control over all the natural resources presently controlled by the province in the form of resource-revenue-sharing or outright control. Such resources include fur, fish, forestry, wild rice, minerals and water resources.

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No. 40/89

Subject: Tax Remission Order

MOVED BY:

Chief Wendell Sinclair
Brokenhead F. N.

WHEREAS the complex issue of the tax exemptions and immunities for First Nations by Aboriginal and Treaty Rights require clarification;

WHEREAS these rights of First Nations need to be addressed and resolved;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Robert Wavey
Fox Lake F. N.

WHEREAS it is essential that First Nations proceed with the task of economic and resource development, that the current federal taxation practices and policies act as a constraint rather than an incentive to First Nations economic and resource development.

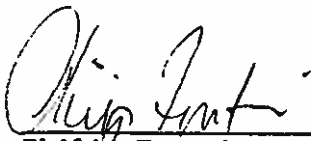
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Indian Affairs, the Minister of Finance, and the Prime Minister initiate a Remission Order to suspend forthwith all federal taxation of the following:

- (a) Indian person as defined by the existing Indian Act of Canada;
- (b) Indian Bands;
- (c) Corporations wholly owned by Indians and Indian Bands; and
- (d) Lands, resources and property owned by Indians, Indian Bands or Indian-owned corporations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Remission Order will continue unless terminated as agreed to by First Nations and Canada.

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No. 41/89

Subject: AMC Health/NADAP Committee

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognize the vital importance of addressing key health and alcohol and drug issues through a unified voice - the Health/NADAP Committee of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Norman Flett
Split Lake F. N.

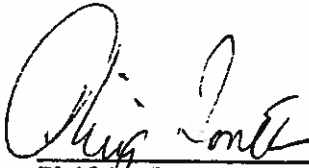
WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognizes the vital importance of maintaining an informed and active body through the Health/NADAP Committee of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said Committee meet on a quarterly fiscal basis to address current Health and NADAP issues;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the said Committee have quarterly reports prepared to be distributed to all Chiefs, Tribal Council Health Co-ordinators and Tribal Council NADAP Advisors.

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RESOLUTIONS

No. 42/89

Subject: Tribal Health Co-ordinators - Indian Health
Commission

MOVED BY:

Chief Wendell Sinclair
Brokenhead F. N.

SECONDED BY:

Chief Ron Cook
Shoal River F. N.

WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Committee on Health have been mandated to undertake to consider a number of areas regarding health:

- (a) to develop a position and strategy on policy and program framework in the area of drug and alcohol abuse;
- (b) to review and develop alternate plans and strategies for transfer of health services;
- (c) to examine and report on the full range of health services through government and non-government delivery services; and
- (d) to examine and develop the scope and nature of required mental health services.

WHEREAS a report from the Chiefs' Committee on Health was given to this Chiefs' Assembly;

WHEREAS the tribal council and political levels have health advisors (technicians);

WHEREAS the Manitoba Tribal Health Co-ordinators and P.T.O. Health Advisors have been meeting on a regular basis to deal with common health issues affecting all First Nations;

WHEREAS we have this valuable health resource at our fingertips.

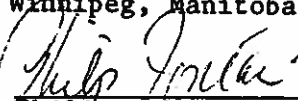
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba Tribal Health Co-ordinators and the political Health Advisors be the technical support for the AMC Chiefs' Committee on Health;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba Tribal Health Co-ordinators political Health Advisors be mandated in the development of a draft Indian Health Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the draft paper be presented to the tribal and political level for additional review.

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No. 43/89

Subject: Health, Child & Family National Bodies

MOVED BY:

Chief Norman Flett
Split Lake F. N.

WHEREAS the health, child care and child welfare concerns of First Nations require priority attention;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Assembly of First Nations have concurrent mandates to address health, child care, and child welfare issues.

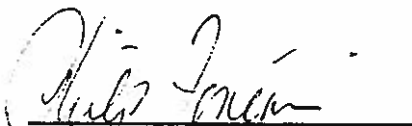
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at the national and regional levels, political and technical work be organized in such a manner as to ensure that health, child care and child issues all receive equal attention and priority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a resolution be prepared and tabled at the next AFN Confederacy of Nations meeting calling for the establishment of separate national bodies for health and child and family issues;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be mandated to develop a concept paper on a Manitoba First Nations' Health Commission for the future review and consideration of the Chiefs of Manitoba.

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RESOLUTIONS

No. 44/89

Subject: AIDS Education

MOVED BY:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River F. N.

WHEREAS the AIDS Steering Committee has been working on the AIDS issue for the last year;

WHEREAS the AIDS Steering Committee has been working very closely with Medical Services Branch;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Ron Cook
Shoal River F. N.

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs also has a responsibility for education;

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs has not implemented the Province of Manitoba's health education mandated programs;

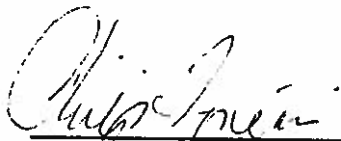
WHEREAS as of this date the Department of Indian Affairs has not lived up to their responsibility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Department of Indian Affairs be instructed to live up to its responsibility to fund health education to adequately prepare teachers and ensure the provision of teaching and student resources to effectively deliver AIDS Education (Grade 5-High School) and Health Education (K-9) in all Federal and Band-operated schools in Manitoba beginning this year and to continue in future years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Committee be struck consisting of Manitoba Education, the AIDS Steering Committee, and Indian Affairs to plan an effective strategy to implement AIDS Education (Grade 5-High School) and Health Education (K-9) this year.

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No. 45/89

Subject: Aboriginal/First Nations Mental Health Policy

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Federal Government has no Aboriginal/First Nation Mental Health Policy and funding;

WHEREAS the Federal Government has a Treaty and Aboriginal obligation to provide an Aboriginal/First Nation Mental Health Policy and funding.

SECONDED BY:

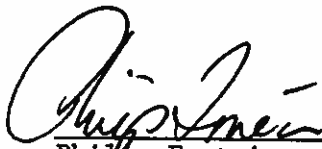
Chief Wendell Sinclair
Brokenhead F. N.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Government, in conjunction with the First Nations, develop and implement an Aboriginal/First Nation Mental Health Policy that includes funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the First Nations lobby at all levels to ensure a Mental Health Policy is implemented as soon as possible to meet the needs of the First Nations.

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No. 46/89

Subject: Health Conference

MOVED BY:

Chief Ila Bussidor
Fort Churchill F. N.

SECONDED BY:

Chief Rodney Spence
Nelson House F. N.

WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs are gravely concerned about the many health issues which plague all our First Nation members;

WHEREAS the Medical Services Branch is pursuing a method of cost-cutting initiatives in the areas of:

- (a) non-insured benefits, i.e. glasses, drugs, and medical transportation on reserve;
- (b) person-year reduction;
- (c) transfer initiatives; and
- (d) shortage of nurses;

WHEREAS the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs actively fund two or three Chiefs' Conferences per year;


WHEREAS Medical Services Branch does not actively have a formal consultative mechanism to deal with health issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that Medical Services Branch fund a major health conference in late-January or early February, 1990;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Medical Services Branch fund an annual health conference thereafter.

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No. 47/89

Subject: Community Health & Human Services Training Steering
Committee

MOVED BY:

Chief Robert Wavey
Fox Lake F. N.

WHEREAS First Nations have recognized the need to upgrade the knowledge and skill base of community health and human service workers for meaningful ongoing professional development and career pathing;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Philip Michel
Barren Lands F. N.

WHEREAS a Community Health & Human Services Training Steering Committee has been established to develop an accredited training plan to meet this need;

WHEREAS the concept of this program will be competency-based and will have several components:

- . Upgrading
- . Core Curriculum (skills common to all community health and human service workers)
- . Specialized Curriculum for each target profession
- . Transferable Credits;

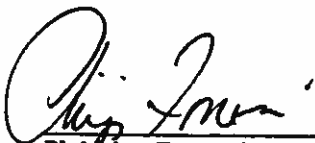
WHEREAS the Steering Committee consists of:

- . AMC Health Committee Chair - Chief Rodney Spence
- . NADAP Worker - North - TBA
- . NADAP Worker - South - Josephine Bear
- . CHR Worker - North - Norman Audy
- . CHR Worker - South - TBA
- . Health Tribal Council Co-ordinator - Vacant
- . NADAP Tribal Council Co-ordinator - Myra Hart
- . MKO Representative - Vacant
- . FNC Representative - Vacant
- . SAFN Representative - Linda Grieve
- . Yellowquill College - Shirley Myran
- . NACM - Don Roulette
- . CEIC - Larry McMahon
- . Indian Management Training Committee - Richard Gaywish

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorse this Committee to proceed with a mandate of developing an accredited Health & Human Service Worker Training Plan.



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No. 48/89

Subject: CHR - Basic and Refresher Courses

MOVED BY:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Waterhen F. N.

WHEREAS the Community Health Representative Program has been around for more than a quarter century;

WHEREAS the Community Health Representative is the indigenous health worker at the First Nations level;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Norman Flett
Split Lake F. N.

WHEREAS the Community Health Representative Program is funded by Medical Services Branch;

WHEREAS the Medical Services Branch has also provided a basic health training program and refresher course for the Community Health Representatives;


WHEREAS we, the Chiefs of Manitoba, have Community Health Representatives in our communities who have not received health refresher courses;

WHEREAS at a recent lobbying trip to Ottawa by the South-east Resource Development Council, a commitment was given by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Medical Services Branch to deal with the basic and refresher health training for Community Health Representatives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Medical Services Branch, Manitoba Region, be demanded to provide a basic and refresher course to all untrained and trained Community Health Representative as soon as possible.

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No. 49/89 =

Subject: Control of Health Service Delivery (1964 M.O.U.)

MOVED BY:

Nathan McGillivray
(Representing The Pas
First Nation)

WHEREAS four of the Swampy Cree Tribal Council Bands are serviced by Provincial Health;

WHEREAS a number of other Manitoba Bands are also serviced by Provincial Health;

SECONDED BY:

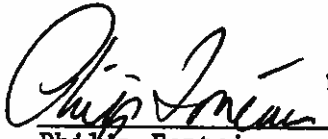
Chief Alpheus Brass
Chemawawin F. N.

WHEREAS the 1964 Federal-Provincial Memorandum is an obstacle to those provincially-serviced Bands wishing to negotiate transfer of control of health services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the efforts of provincially-serviced Bands in lobbying the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health to ensure that the 1964 Agreement does not prevent First Nations from taking control of health services delivery to their communities.

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No. 50/89

Subject: NADAP Training Funds

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS we, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, recognize the value and importance of professional development and accredited training for our Human Service Workers;

WHEREAS the funding available for accredited training for NADAP Workers is inadequate.

SECONDED BY:

Chief Rodney Spence
Nelson House F. N.

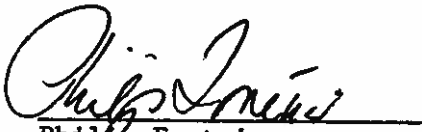
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 1989/90 fiscal year Manitoba NADAP training funds (\$230,000) be expended on:

- (a) Assessing human service training requirements;
- (b) Developing suitable curriculum;
- (c) Affiliating with a post-secondary education institute;
- (d) Gaining endorsement from relevant Native education institutes; and
- (e) Planning course delivery and timetables;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Medical Services Branch provide sufficient NADAP training funds in order to effectively cost-share in appropriate professional human service training.

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No. 51/89

Subject: Human Service Training Plan

MOVED BY:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River F.N.

WHEREAS until fiscal year 1989/90, Medical Services Branch, Manitoba Region, allocated NADAP training funds to each NADAP Project;

WHEREAS this fiscal year, Medical Services Branch, Ottawa, Headquarters, has directed Manitoba Region to develop an accredited training plan by March 31, 1990, or risk losing a future training funds;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Ron Cook
Shoal River F. N.

WHEREAS the Tribal Councils' NADAP Advisors agreed to recommend centralized funding in order to develop a relevant generic human services training plan;

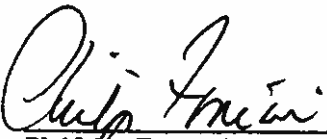
WHEREAS Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak has entered into an agreement with Medical Services Branch to pursue the development of a training plan by conducting a needs assessment and taking an inventory of training taken;

WHEREAS the NADAP Steering Training Committee developed a sub-committee to recruit and select a candidate to take on the same training plan task for all other Manitoba First Nations outside MKO and are recommending that Alvin Chartrand of Interim Management Services be contracted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs ratify the contracting of Alvin Chartrand of Interim Management Services to complete this human service training plan task.

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No. 52/89

Subject: Child & Family Services - Program/Policy Changes

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs has circulated a document entitled "Indian Child and Family Services Management Regime Discussion Paper";

WHEREAS this paper outlines the major objectives identified by Cabinet;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River F.N.

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs has outlined its explanations of these objectives and its list of options to meet these objectives;

WHEREAS the Department has indicated that it wishes this paper to be a "basis for discussion" so that a "collaborative and consensus seeking approach" can be utilized, and that there is an opportunity for all to contribute their views and positions;

WHEREAS First Nations and their child and family services agencies are now analyzing the paper and preparing their responses and positions with respect to their objectives for First Nations Child and Family Services;

WHEREAS discussion with the Department's officials has led to concerns that unilateral changes will be made to the contribution agreements of the agencies for the 1990/91 fiscal year with respect to some of the items outlined in the discussion paper;

WHEREAS this action would completely undermine the stated goal of discussion, collaboration, and consensus seeking;

WHEREAS the issues to be addressed are too critical and significant to be compressed into a four-month negotiation process.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) The Minister of Indian Affairs affirm the Federal Government's commitment to a full and equal participation and negotiation process with First Nations;
- (2) The Minister of Indian Affairs assure the First Nations of Manitoba and give his undertaking that no changes will be made to the contribution agreements of the agencies for the 1990/91 fiscal year (with the exception of the normal process of amendments to increase contribution agreements to reflect actual expenditures and cost of living increases) unless these changes have been agreed to by negotiation and consensus;

- (3) Any changes in funding levels and/or categories will be made only after the full negotiation and consensus between First Nations and the Federal Government;
- (4) This shall in no way prejudice any negotiations which may be undertaken;
- (5) Any implementation of program and/or policy changes with respect to First Nations Child and Family Services will be made only with the full participation and consensus of the First Nations involved.

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No. 53/89

Subject: Policy Funding - Family Violence/Child Sexual Abuse

MOVED BY:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead F. N.

WHEREAS the Federal Government is developing a policy on Family Violence/Child Sexual Abuse;

WHEREAS the policy does not reflect a specific component for Aboriginal/First Nations;

SECONDED BY:

Phil Dorion
(Representing The Pas
First Nation)

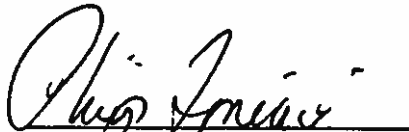
WHEREAS it is not only a moral obligation, but a Treaty and Aboriginal Right on behalf of the Federal Government to ensure there is a specific Aboriginal/First Nation component in the policy that includes funding for Family Violence/Child Sexual Abuse.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support and demand that the Federal Government honour the Treaty and Aboriginal obligations to provide a policy and funding for Family Violence/Child Sexual Abuse;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lobby at all levels to ensure that such a policy that meetings the needs of its people is implemented as soon as possible.

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No. 54/89

Subject: INAC Review on LRT - Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Process

MOVED BY:

Chief Vincent Pierre
Roseau River F. N.

WHEREAS First Nations have an inherent right to self-government which has never been relinquished and is recognized by the Treaties, the Royal Proclamation of 1763, and guaranteed under the Constitution Act, 1982;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River F. N.

WHEREAS the Indian Act was imposed on Indian First Nations and governments by Canada but remains the main vehicle through which Indian First Nations must carry on business with other governments;

WHEREAS the Indian Act contradicts and impedes Indian self-government and should be amended or replaced by new legislation based on, among other things, reaffirmation and implementation of the Treaties as may be desired by First Nations;

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has embarked on a review of Lands, Revenues & Trusts and related matters under the Indian Act, with a view to changing and updating the legal framework which applies to Indian First Nations;

WHEREAS First Nations, under the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and other regional associations, have agreed and identified their own agenda that they will pursue regardless of the Lands, Revenues & Trusts Review, which at this time remains only one option for fundamental change desired by First Nations;

WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Executive Council has initiated its own process to inform First Nations and obtain their views on the Lands, Revenues & Trusts Review and has implemented approaches to effect this with funding support from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT First Nations will not agree to any changes in the Indian Act or Lands, Revenues & Trusts policy or any new legislation or policies replacing it until they have been clearly informed and fully understand the implications arising therefrom;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs process described in the October 30, 1989 paper titled, "AMC WORKPLAN AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY ON THE MANITOBA LRT REVIEW" which process has already begun, continue to be implemented for those First Nations desiring access to this process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any actions undertaken or contemplated by First Nations in pursuance of this resolution shall not be in any way interpreted as prejudicing the right of the peoples of First Nations to self-determination or the recognition and protection of their inherent right to self-government.

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No. 55/89

Subject: Flexible Transfer Payments

MOVED BY:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River F. N.

WHEREAS the First Nations Confederacy Executive Council of Chiefs are in receipt of Indian and Northern Affairs - Manitoba Region's "Flexible Transfer Payments" enabling individual Bands to deliver programs in the areas of social development, education, community infrastructure, lands, revenues and trusts, Band Government, economic development, and capital management;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Clifford McKay
Pine Creek F. N.

WHEREAS Bands with signed, or almost-signed Alternative Funding Arrangements are exempt from this new policy, thereby forcing other Bands into signing Alternative Funding Arrangements;

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs - Manitoba Region only has limited information from Indian and Northern Affairs - Headquarters, and does not intend to start informing the Bands until December, 1989;

WHEREAS there is no mechanism in place for negotiations, nor has there been any negotiations with Bands;

WHEREAS the First Nations Confederacy Executive Council of Chiefs are aware that this new funding arrangement is to be implemented April 1, 1990.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the position of the First Nations Confederacy in opposition to officials from Indian and Northern Affairs visiting member Bands until there is consultation between the Indian leadership of Manitoba and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand negotiations take place now on this new funding arrangement prior to Bands being forced into signing these arrangements in order for funds to flow in the new fiscal year.

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RESOLUTIONS

No. 56/89

Subject: Tribal Council Investment Group of Manitoba Ltd.

MOVED BY:

Chief Rod Bushie
Hollow Water F. N.

WHEREAS the Tribal Councils have formed Tribal Council Investment Group of Manitoba Ltd.;

WHEREAS INAC Economic Development has finances available for special projects.

SECONDED BY:

Philip Dorion
(Representing The Pas
First Nation)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the formation of the Tribal Council Investment Group of Manitoba Ltd.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the application of the Investment Group to INAC for operating funds in the amount of \$105,000 for 1989/90 and \$150,000 a year for three years thereafter.

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No. 57/89

Subject: Funding - Locally-Controlled Schools

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS locally-controlled schools receive less funding per student than both Federal and Provincial schools;

WHEREAS the present funding formula used for "Indians only" is discriminatory;

WHEREAS this funding arrangement does not meet Indian community education needs.

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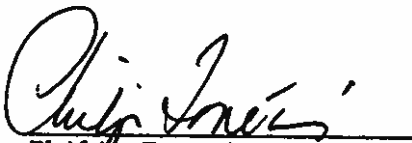
Chief Rodney Spence
Nelson House F. N.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current education funding arrangement discrepancy be addressed by the Minister and that the Minister direct that Indian schools receive equal funding per student as paid to provincial schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this issue be taken to the Canadian Human Rights Commission by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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No. 58/89

Subject: All-Weather Road System - Southeast First Nations

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS the First Nations communities located east of Lake Winnipeg continue to experience social and economic hardships due to the lack of year-round road transportation;

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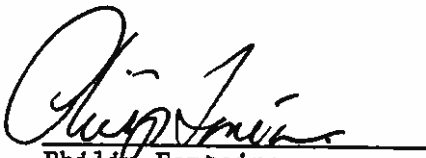
Chief Bill Traverse
Jackehad F. N.

WHEREAS the First Nations of Poplar River, Berens River, Bloodvein, Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi have for several years tried to obtain federal and provincial government commitment to begin construction of an all-weather road system east of Lake Winnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs fully support the efforts of these First Nations to have an all-weather road constructed in the region, and urges the two governments to make a commitment to construct the road within a specific time frame.

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No. 59/89

Subject: Municipal Tax Act Amendments

MOVED BY:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis F. N.

WHEREAS the Union of Manitoba Municipalities have on their agenda at present an item which discriminates and attempts to remove our Treaty right to land tax exemption for properties held in trust by Tribal Councils or Indian Bands;

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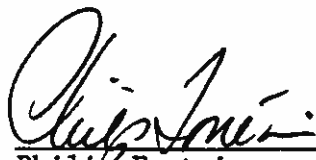
Chief Robert Wavey
Fox Lake F. N.

WHEREAS the minority Manitoba Government and the Liberal Party of Manitoba have endorsed a Private Members' Bill #79 in the Manitoba Legislature which will remove any tax exemption status of properties held in trust by Tribal Councils and Indian Bands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs condemn this action by the Union of Manitoba Municipalities and the Manitoba Government, supported by the Manitoba Liberals, as racist and discriminatory and a direct attempt at denying us our Treaty right to tax exemption, and further direct that the Manitoba Government rescind this section of the proposed Act that purports to deny First Nations of this right and keep the current section intact.

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No. 60/89

Subject: Staff Training & Resources - CFS Agencies

MOVED BY:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead F. N.

WHEREAS the Indian Child and Family Services Agencies of Manitoba continue to face growing staff training needs which have not been addressed adequately by the Department of Indian Affairs;

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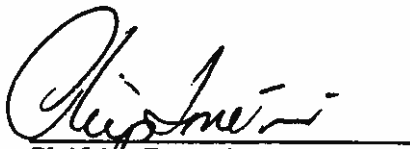
Chief Philip Michel
Barren Lands F. N.

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs continues to neglect its responsibilities to fund child welfare agency training needs, and has instead referred the agencies to training programs located in other Federal Government Departments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the position of First Nations Child and Family Service agencies that staff training resources should be provided by the Department of Indian Affairs, on an urgent basis, as part of a comprehensive and integrated child welfare funding approach based on INAC's obligations and responsibilities to fund Indian child welfare needs.

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No. 61/89

Subject: Pauingassi - Band Status

MOVED BY:

Chief Oliver Owen
Little Grand Rapids F.N.

WHEREAS the members of the Little Grand Rapids First Nation now reside in the separate communities of Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Rod Bushie
Hollow Water F. N.

WHEREAS citizens of both communities have expressed, by referendum and Band Council Resolutions, their wish to formally separate and create a new Band at Pauingassi.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the objectives of the Indian people of the Little Grand Rapids First Nation to establish a new Band on existing Reserve land at Pauingassi, and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs the Department of Indian Affairs to legally establish and recognize the Pauingassi First Nation without undue delay.

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No. 62/89

Subject: AMC Secretariat Co-ordination/Organization

MOVED BY:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead F. N.

WHEREAS the Chiefs have established the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs as a political forum to address and advance the interests of First Nations citizens on issues of common concern;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Esau Turner
Grand Rapids F. N.

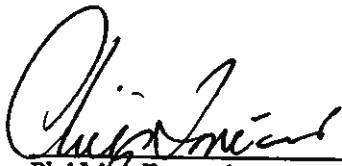
WHEREAS the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has established a Secretariat to administer the business of the Assembly, and various Chiefs' Committees with technical support to address specific major issues;

WHEREAS the Assembly, its Secretariat and its Committees can be successful in meeting its objectives only if a much higher level of organization, co-ordination and administration exists than is the current practice.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs its Committee members, its Provincial Leader and its Secretariat staff to make improvements to ensure that Assembly business and operations are conducted in the most organized, co-ordinated, and business-like manner possible, and that they shall be held accountable to the Assembly of Chiefs.

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No. 63/89

Subject: Carla Williams

MOVED BY:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River F. N.

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada allowed the removal of Indian children from Canada through their adoption policy of the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's;

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada allowed the adoption of Carla Williams outside of Canada;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis F. N.

WHEREAS these Governments did nothing to protect her best interests as a child and remove her from a harmful environment;

WHEREAS Carla Williams is seeking a public apology and monetary compensation from both the Provincial Government of Manitoba and the Federal Government of Canada.

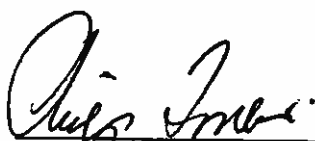
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support Carla Williams in her demand for an apology and monetary compensation by:

- (a) Writing letters to these Governments voicing their support;
- (b) Bringing this issue to the attention of the Minister of INAC;
- (c) Supporting a Royal Commission on the adoption policy of the 1950's to the present time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be mandated to request necessary financial resources to investigate all these cases and that the Federal and Provincial Governments allow access to their files in order to facilitate this investigation.

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No. 64/89

Subject: Road Construction - Little Grand Rapids

MOVED BY:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead F. N.

WHEREAS the Little Grand Rapids First Nation experiences hardship and danger due to the location of the provincial airstrip on the opposite side of Family Lake from the location of the Reserve community;

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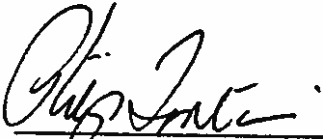
Chief Oliver Owen
Little Grand Rapids F.N.

WHEREAS despite many years of effort by the Band to have the Federal and Provincial Governments construct a road link between the community and the airstrip, the governments have not acted on this urgent need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to give high priority to constructing a road between the airstrip and Reserve community at Little Grand Rapids.

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No. 65/89

Subject: Winter Road

MOVED BY:

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba F. N.

WHEREAS a number of First Nations of Manitoba are involved in the construction of the Winter Road in their respective areas;

WHEREAS there is grave concern regarding funding of the construction of the Winter Road;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Norman Flett
Split Lake F. N.

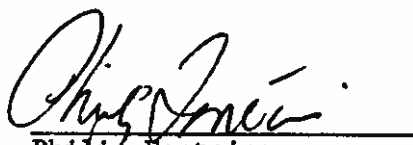
WHEREAS the communities who are involved in this project are required to and are being instructed by INAC that their own First Nations Capital must be used for this project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support these First Nations that their Capital not be used towards the construction of the Winter Road;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT INAC be instructed to find new or additional funds for funding the construction of the Winter Road.

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No. 66/89

Subject: Treaty Right to Fish - Commercial Fishing

MOVED BY:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River F. N.

WHEREAS commercial fishing on Manitoba lakes is an important economic activity and treaty right of First Nations citizens;

WHEREAS there is an increasing competition between commercial fishermen and recreational anglers for the fishery resource in Manitoba;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River F.N.

WHEREAS the Provincial Department of Natural Resources has closed a number of lakes to commercial fishing, and is under pressure from the Provincial Tourism Branch to place further limits on commercial fishing in order to reserve the resource for recreational anglers;

WHEREAS there is a threat to the Lake Winnipeg commercial fishery, as evidenced by the Red River Advisory Board proposal to the Minister of Natural Resources that an area of Lake Winnipeg at the mouth of the Red River be declared a fish sanctuary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call on the Manitoba Government to recognize and protect the treaty fishing right of Indian people, and to place the interests of Manitoba Aboriginal commercial fishermen before the interests of non-resident or resident recreational anglers.

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