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1990 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 21st, 1990

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NOV.90-01
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Moved By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATIONS

RE: RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS INQUIRY

WHEREAS, the federal government had as its' policy the assimilation through education of aboriginal children;

Seconded By:

Chief Wendell Sinclair,
BROKENHEAD FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the federal government contracted and collaborated with various religious organizations to act as agents of the government in the implementation of this policy through the use of residential schools;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the federal government having responsibility for the provision of education to aboriginal people, financially and publicly supported the religious organizations in the development and implementation of these residential schools and contracted with the religious organizations to provide this service on behalf of the federal government;

WHEREAS, these residential schools became a means of carrying out a systematic program of cultural genocide;

WHEREAS, the aboriginal children who attended these schools became the victims of physical, emotional and sexual abuse at the hands of the clergy and staff of these schools;

WHEREAS, the alleged abuse was not confined to the residential school setting but also at the community level in the interaction between community members and members of the clergy;

WHEREAS, the enforced imposition of this policy, constituted a denial of the fundamental human rights of aboriginal people;

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Phil Fontaine
Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

RE: RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS INQUIRY cont'd...

WHEREAS, the enforced placement of aboriginal children in these schools by the federal government resulted in generations of aboriginal children being deprived of their right to basic nurturing needs, denied of their right to their culture, denied of their right to be raised by their own families, subjected to various and multiple forms of abuse, neglect and maltreatment;

WHEREAS, the government of Canada with its special trust relationship to aboriginal people is liable and culpable for the denial of these rights to aboriginal children, and is liable for the victimization of the aboriginal children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the federal government immediately establish a national public and independent inquiry to fully investigate the nature, scope and extent of the physical, mental, psychological, sexual, emotional, and cultural abuse experienced by Indian people under the residential schools system.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the federal government immediately undertake in conjunction with the leadership of the First Nations in Canada to plan and implement an initiative to address the immediate and long-term needs for remedial actions including compensation and the full range of services to assist with the healing of individuals and communities of First Nations.

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that religious organizations come forward of their own accord to support such an inquiry and to support the aboriginal people in a resolutions process;

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs continue to meet with the Roman Catholic Church and other religious denominations in Manitoba to address this issue at a regional level.

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NOV. 90-02

Moved By:

Chief Louis Stevenson,
PEGUIS FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan,
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

CARRIED

RE: ABORIGINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Manitoba fully support measures that are undertaken to promote justice for First citizens of Manitoba;

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Faculty of Law have had preliminary discussions on the creation of an Aboriginal Justice Institute;

WHEREAS, this Aboriginal Justice Institute will serve as a centre for legal research, and materials on areas such as tribal courts, self-government and justice related matters;

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal Justice Institute will primarily serve the interests of First Nation peoples, with functional guidance from the Chiefs Committee on Justice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of Manitoba support the Aboriginal Justice Institute initiative.

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NOV. 90-03

Moved By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Henry Skywater
BIRDTAIL SIOUX FIRST NATION

CARRIED

RE: EDUCATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, a Framework Agreement has been drafted by the Chiefs Executive Committee and the technical working group with respect to education rights of First Nations in Manitoba;

WHEREAS, this Framework Agreement will incorporate certain principles relative to our rights to education;

WHEREAS, this Framework Agreement will clarify and reaffirm the relationship between First Nations and the Department of Indian Affairs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of Manitoba support the Framework Agreement on Education.

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NOV.90-04

Moved by:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

Seconded by:
Chief Andrew Anderson
FAIRFORD FIRST NATION

CARRIED

RE: EDUCATION CAPITAL DOLLARS


WHEREAS, the Education Administration and Education Capital Dollars were arbitrarily removed from Band Education Authority Budgets; and

WHEREAS, this arbitrary decision by INAC has resulted in the loss of dollars and increased deficits for Band Education Authorities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that INAC be directed to restore such funding for education administration and capital directly to Band Education Authorities at least to the level formerly allocated prior to the re-direction of such funds and that Band Support and Capital funding levels not be affected in any manner;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that INAC, in future, be directed to consult with Bands on all matters affecting the operation of Band budgets.

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NOV.90-05

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Whitebird
ROLLING RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: TREATY ISSUES

WHEREAS, The First Nations in Manitoba are determined to resolve a number of treaty issues that are long outstanding;

Seconded by:

Chief Peter Thorassi
FORT CHURCHILL FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to engage in formal discussions with INAC through a bilateral process;

WHEREAS, INAC wishes to engage in this process with AMC to identify a workable process;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of Manitoba endorse this initiative with guidance coming from the Chiefs Committee on Treaties and Self Determination.

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NOV. 90-06

Moved by:

Chief Andrew Anderson
FAIRFORD FIRST NATION

RE: HOUSING SUBSIDY

WHEREAS, the housing subsidy has remained constant for the past several years;

Seconded by:

Chief Wendell Sinclair
BROKENHEAD FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, there is presently a review of the current On-Reserve Housing Policy;

WHEREAS, no changes are foreseen to the present housing policy until this review is completed;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Indian Affairs be directed to immediately increase the subsidy level to enable the Bands to meet ever-increasing costs.

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NOV. 99-07

Moved By:

Chief Charlie Constant
THE PAS FIRST NATION

**RE: MANITOBA ABORIGINAL RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
(M.A.R.A.)**

Seconded By:

Chief Robert Wavey,
FOX LAKE FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, at its' Annual M.K.O. Assembly held in Cross Lake, Manitoba in August 1990, a Resolution (No. 90-09-6) was introduced and carried which called for negotiations with the Manitoba Aboriginal Resources Association (formerly Manitoba Indian Agriculture Program - M.I.A.P.) in an effort to secure for the M.K.O. First Nations their appropriate share of the funding available through M.A.R.A.;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, as evidenced by the passing of a resolution of this substance by the M.K.O., there are some serious concerns relative to M.A.R.A. which need to be addressed in order that M.A.R.A. fulfil its mandate in an effective and reasonable manner;

WHEREAS, it is of importance that programs such as M.A.R.A. operate in a manner consistent with the direction received from the Chiefs of Manitoba;

WHEREAS, The Pas Indian Band passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a special review team by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to attempt to address the serious concerns expressed by the northern First Nations concerning M.A.R.A.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs establish a special review team, made up of Chiefs from both northern and southern Manitoba, to look into M.A.R.A.'s operations with specific reference being made to those concerns expressed by the First Nations of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak.

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NOV. 90-08

Moved By:

Chief Dennis Whitebird
ROLLING RIVER FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Jack Fiddler
GARDEN HILL FIRST NATION

RE: SPECIFIC CLAIMS POLICY

WHEREAS, although the First Nations of Manitoba have participated in the Specific Claims process since 1974, we have always recognized and identified the inherent flaws in the Federal Specific Claims Policy, the most significant deficiency being the conflict of interest resulting from Canada judging claims against itself;

WHEREAS, recently there have been strong indications from Canada that it is finally prepared to seriously consider making major revisions to the specific claims policy after consultation with the First Nations of Canada;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, a Discussion Paper titled "Canada's Claims Policies: The Need for Change" has been prepared that recommends: (1) an independent mechanism for dealing with claims; (2) an independent Treaty mechanism to enable joint Canada/First Nations interpretation of Treaty and subsequent implementation of the rights and obligations under Treaty; (3) a long term commitment by Canada to major policy changes with real and substantial input from the First Nations;

WHEREAS, the Assembly of First Nations is in the process of developing a proposal and recommendations for major revisions to the claims process.

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RE: SPECIFIC CLAIMS POLICY cont'd...

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorse the discussion paper titled "Canada's Claims Policies: The Need for Change" and direct the A.M.C. Treaties & Self-Determination Committee to participate in the process to develop a national paper on the specific claims policy using the discussion paper as the basis for the Manitoba position.

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NOV. 90-09

Moved By:

Chief Wendell Sinclair
BROKENHEAD FIRST NATION

**RE: AMC SUPPORT FOR URBAN STATUS INDIAN
EQUITABLE ACCESS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Seconded By:

Chief Frank Abraham
LITTLE BLACK FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the treaty and aboriginal rights of First Nations citizens, and access to programs and services flowing from such rights, are recognized in the Constitution of Canada, other Legislation, rulings of the Supreme Court of Canada and in government policy and practice;

CARRIED


WHEREAS, such rights are inalienable and an integral part of First Nations citizenship, regardless of residency;

WHEREAS, a significant and growing population of Manitoba First Nations citizens resides off-reserve and primarily in major urban centres;

WHEREAS, federal policy generally deprives First Nations citizens of their rights to programs and services if they reside off-reserve;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the AMC calls upon the Governments of Canada and Manitoba to cease this discriminatory practise and to ensure that all First Nations citizens have equitable access to programs and services pursuant to their treaty and aboriginal rights, and to their rights as citizens of Canada and Manitoba.

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NOV. 90-10

Moved By:

Chief Peter Thorassi
FORT CHURCHILL FIRST NATION

RE: FUNDING FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AN ALL WEATHER ROAD FROM OXFORD HOUSE TO NORWAY HOUSE

Seconded By:

Chief David Crate
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, Manitoba Hydro and Northeast Community Futures are constructing a land-line from Gillam to the KTC and the ILTC areas;

WHEREAS, The community of Oxford House is looking at the possibility of an all weather road from Norway House to Oxford House;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the AMC supports the desire of the Northeast Community Future Committee to access funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments to conduct a feasibility study into the construction of an all weather road access in conjunction with the land-line.

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NOV. 90-12

Moved By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

**RE: BURIALS AND SPECIAL NEEDS - SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Seconded By:

Chief Vera Mitchell
POPLAR RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs, Manitoba Region creates policies, regulations for the administration of social development issues which includes burials, special needs and home care programs;

WHEREAS, Manitoba Region has not complied totally with provincial policies, with the result that burials, special needs and home care have been amalgamated into one budget program;

WHEREAS, the amalgamation of the Special Needs, burials and home care has caused adversity on recipients in receipt of Income Support;

WHEREAS, all Manitoba First Nations wish to eliminate the current problems being experienced by separating these programs into three distinctive programs with three distinctive budgets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support this detachment of the Special Needs, Home Care and Burials into three separate programs with each having separate budgets.

CARRIED

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NOV. 90-13

Moved By:

Chief Louis Stevenson
PEGUIS FIRST NATION

**RE: DEFICIT RELIEF FOR FIRST NATIONS
GOVERNMENTS**

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the continued under-funding of First Nation governments, programs and services perpetuates the socio-economic underdevelopment of First Nations and forces First Nations governments to accumulate significant fiscal deficits, further hampering the effective provision of services to their communities;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada as a matter of international development policy from time to time "writes off" or forgives sizeable loans to underdeveloped "Third World" nations;

WHEREAS, the policy principle of debt relief is used by the Government of Canada to overcome socio-economic disparities in underdeveloped regions and to promote the image of Canada as a progressive and caring nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs calls upon the Government of Canada to immediately apply the same principle to Canada's "Third World" by declaring a moratorium on all existing deficits of First Nations governments and institutions, by means of advancing sufficient funding to enable the retirement of deficits without reduction of future levels of programs and services.

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NOV. 90-14

Moved By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

CARRIED

RE: DISCRIMINATION IN CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

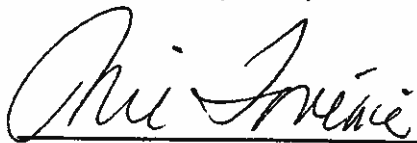
WHEREAS, Melvin Swan, a member of the Lake Manitoba First Nation, filed formal complaints with the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Human Rights Commission in February 1989, alleging discrimination against him while a member of the Canadian Armed Forces,

WHEREAS, the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Human Rights Commission have not yet ruled on this complaint, thus causing uncertainty and damage to the career prospects and integrity of Mr. Swan;

WHEREAS, Mr. Swan has appealed to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs for support in prosecuting his complaint of discrimination as an aboriginal person;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs calls upon the Canadian Human Rights Commission and the Canadian Armed Forces to expeditiously and thoroughly complete their investigation and procedures regarding the complaint of Melvin Swan.

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NOV. 90-15

Moved By:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

**RE: FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL UNDER
FIRST NATIONS JURISDICTION**

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, many of our First Nations are forced, by circumstance, to attend high schools outside their home communities;

WHEREAS, these students enter mainstream educational systems which persistently:

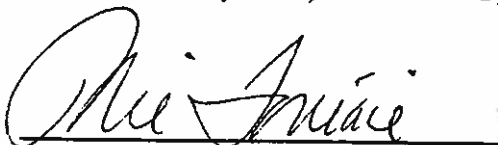
- a) demonstrate a lack of success in graduating First Nation students
- b) fail to address their unique traditions, lifestyles and cultural status as First Nation citizens;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the S.C.T.C. Annual Assembly passed resolution no. 90-12 calling for the establishment of a Regional Aboriginal High School;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak's endeavour towards the establishment of a First Nations Regional High School.

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NOV. 90-16

Moved By:

Chief Henry Skywater
BIRDTAIL SIOUX FIRST NATION

RE: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS-REGION

Seconded By:

Chief Walter Mentuck
WAYWAYSECAPPO FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, Robert Buchan, who occupies the position of A/Director of Education, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Manitoba Region, has displayed a lack of understanding on the rights of First Nations on education matters;

WHEREAS, the actions or omissions by Robert Buchan has been detrimental to the progress of Indian education in Manitoba;

WHEREAS, Robert Buchan has lost the faith and support of First Nations in Manitoba;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert Buchan be replaced forthwith and that the replacement be a First Nation citizen of Manitoba.

CARRIED

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NOV.90-17

Moved By:

Chief Louis Stevenson
PEGUIS FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Peter Thorassi
FORT CHURCHILL FIRST NATION

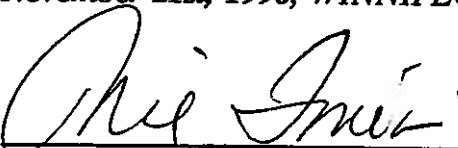
RE: PROVINCIAL LEADER

WHEREAS, the Provincial Leader of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs does not have a proper official title that is associated with his office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the leader of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be identified with the title of "Grand Chief".

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NOV. 90-18

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham
LITTLE BLACK RIVER
FIRST NATION

**RE: STRATEGIC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Seconded By:

Chief Jack Fiddler
GARDEN HILL FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the long term policy goals of the federal government are aimed at abrogating aboriginal rights, and abandoning fiscal and fiduciary responsibilities to First Nations;

WHEREAS, the achievement of a solid, self-sufficient economic base is essential to the survival of First Nations and to the establishment of aboriginal self-government;

WHEREAS, the achievement of our objectives requires strategic measures to be implemented by First Nations leadership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. commit itself to the development of a long-term, comprehensive, strategic plan to develop a strong economic base for Manitoba First Nations.

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NOV.90-19

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham
LITTLE BLACK RIVER
FIRST NATION

RE: FIRST NATIONS COLLECTIVE PURCHASING GROUPS

WHEREAS, a major economic resource of First Nations is the purchasing power of our own people;

Seconded By:

Chief Robert Bone
SIOUX VALLEY FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the existing economic power of First Nations is diverted and drain out of our communities by not investing in and supporting First Nations businesses;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the First Nations of the A.M.C. commit themselves to the principle of maximizing the investment and retention of wealth in our communities by pursuing the formation of joint investment groups and purchasing groups to direct our expenditures towards businesses owned by and employing First Nations citizens.

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NOV. 90-20

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham
LITTLE BLACK RIVER
FIRST NATION

RE: FIRST NATIONS POLITICAL PARTY

Seconded By:

Chief Robert Wavay
FOX LAKE FIRST NATION

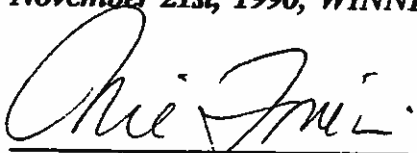
WHEREAS, the interests of First Nations are poorly served by existing mainstream political parties, whose priorities are monopolized by the non-aboriginal majority in Canadian society;

WHEREAS, political unity and solidarity are an essential means whereby First Nations can effectively advance their collective interests in the Canadian government system;

WHEREAS, the First Nations have achieved tremendous strides in recent years in political sophistication and development, both in terms of self-government and in dealing with other Canadian governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the A.M.C. endorses the concept of developing First Nation political parties at the national and provincial levels, to advance within the Canadian parliamentary system, First Nations issues and concerns, including First Nations philosophy and self determination.

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NOV.90-21

Moved By:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

**RE: TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT SELECTION IN
SASKATCHEWAN BY MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION -
MANITOBA**

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Mathias Colomb First Nation signed an adhesion to Treaty No. 6;

WHEREAS, a large portion of the traditional territory of the Mathias Colomb First Nation extends into the present day Province of Saskatchewan;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the rights guaranteed under the terms of Treaty No. 6 including the right to select reserve land, extends over all the traditional territory of the Mathias Colomb First Nation;

WHEREAS, the Mathias Colomb First Nation has indicated a desire to consider the possibility of selecting some of its outstanding Treaty land entitlement in Saskatchewan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the Mathias Colomb First Nation in any future effort to select and secure reserve land within the Province of Saskatchewan.

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NOV. 90-22

Moved By:

Chief Sam Miles
SHAMATTAWA FIRST NATION

**RE: CONSULTATION MONIES FOR HYDRO-LINE:
SHAMATTAWA FIRST NATION**

Seconded By:

Chief Peter Thorassi
FORT CHURCHILL FIRST NATION


WHEREAS, in an effort to secure increased electrical power to its reserve, the Shamattawa First Nation is currently expending its own funds to cover the cost of consulting with Manitoba Hydro relative to the extension to the proposed north east power line to Shamattawa;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Shamattawa First Nation will be requesting financial assistance from Indian Affairs to assist in covering cost of future consultation relative to this hydro line;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Shamattawa First Nation in its request for consultation funding in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

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**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
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NOV. 90-23

Moved By:

Chief Sam Miles
SHAMATTAWA FIRST NATION

**RE: FUNDING REQUEST BY SHAMATTAWA FIRST NATION
FOR HYDRO LINE**

Seconded By:

Chief Robert Wavey
FOX LAKE FIRST NATION

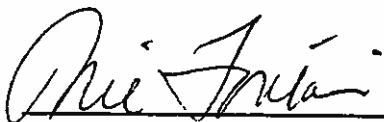
WHEREAS, the Shamattawa First Nation has completed the feasibility study for a hydro line to service its community;

WHEREAS, the Shamattawa First Nation requires a commitment from the Department of Indian Affairs to fund the hydro line;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Department of Indian Affairs to make a further commitment to fund the hydro line for the Shamattawa First Nation.

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NOV.90-24

Moved By:

Chief David Crate
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: FIRE FIGHTING EXPENSE

WHEREAS, the Fisher River First Nation has incurred expenses in acquiring equipment required for fighting fires in areas of their reserve which are not accessible by road;

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (I.N.A.C.) is responsible for fire protection on reserve;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, I.N.A.C. has a standing agreement with Manitoba to reimburse 100 percent of provincial expenditures for fighting fires on reserve;

WHEREAS, I.N.A.C. has an obligation to also reimburse First Nations 100 percent for expenditures incurred fighting fires on reserve;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I.N.A.C. reimburse Fisher River First Nation for 100 percent of expenses incurred by the Band in fighting fires on reserve.

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NOV. 90-25

Moved By:

Chief Louis Stevenson
PEGUIS FIRST NATION

RE: HARMONY AND RESTORATION CENTRE AT PINEIMUTA PLACE

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Interlake Reserves Tribal Council (I.R.T.C.) has acquired Pineimuta Place with the main objective of starting a Harmony & Restoration Centre mainly for aboriginal people;

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has agreed to pay the "per diem" for people assigned for rehabilitation;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the local Member of Parliament, Mr. Felix Holtman recommended the I.R.T.C. present its' training package of twenty-seven (27) months to the "Innovations Program of C.E.I.C.";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we the Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs ask the Federal Government to financially support this training endeavour forthwith, so this centre can start operating in April of 1991.

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NOV.90-26

Moved By:

Chief Jim Tobacco
MOOSE LAKE FIRST NATION

**RE: USE OF ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES IN LAW
ENFORCEMENT**

Seconded By:

Chief Peter Thorassi
FORT CHURCHILL FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, native leaders of the Moose Lake Community had a recent meeting with the R.C.M.P. in The Pas, Manitoba;

WHEREAS, the complexity of the issue caused the need for two native leaders to discuss the matter in their native tongue;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the R.C.M.P. took offence with the Cree discussion and told the leaders to speak in English;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be asked to take up this issue with the R.C.M.P. Commissioner for Manitoba;
2. that the Grand Chief of the A.M.C. request of the R.C.M.P. Commissioner that more native constables who speak the language of Manitoba First Nations be hired by the R.C.M.P., or alternatively, that the R.C.M.P. hire native translators to assist the R.C.M.P. in such future meeting;
3. that the Grand Chief of the A.M.C. request of the Commissioner that one of the two staff sergeant positions in The Pas detachment be designed for a native person speaking the Cree language.

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NOV. 90-27

Moved By:

Chief Jim Tobacco
MOOSE LAKE FIRST NATION

RE: REVIEW OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF M.A.R.A.
GENERAL MANAGER

Seconded By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the general membership of Manitoba Aboriginal Resources Association (formerly M.I.A.P.) is concerned that the General Manager might be abusing his personal expense account;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of M.A.R.A. refuse to take any action concerning the seriousness of the matter;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors do not disclose financial reports to the general membership as this is a practice requirement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the resolution to have the General Manager's expense account be examined by it's accountant.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that should the General Manager's personal expense account prove to be excessive spending that immediate action should be taken to correct this matter.

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NOV. 90-28

Moved By:

Chief Charles Audy
INDIAN BIRCH FIRST NATION

RE: SPECIAL CAPITAL HOUSING FUND

WHEREAS, historic and current under-funding in the I.N.A.C. capital program budget has created a critical housing shortage on Manitoba reserves;

Seconded By:

Councillor Joseph Maud
WATERHEN FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, housing burn-outs in First Nation communities create an emergency housing need in addition to the chronic housing backlog, which First Nations are unable to cope with under annual capital allocation;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Prime Minister Mulroney has recently pledged to deal with the infrastructure and socio-economic needs of aboriginal communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call upon the Department of Indian Affairs to establish a special capital housing fund for Manitoba First Nations to provide replacement housing for burn-outs and that this fund shall be in addition to the current capital housing budget.

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NOV. 90-29

Moved By:

Chief Alpheus Brass
CHEMAWAWIN FIRST NATION

**RE: NO CLAW-BACK OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR
COMPENSATED BANDS**

Seconded By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, Chemawawin and Moose Lake First Nations have sought compensation for the adverse impacts on their communities resulting from the Grand Rapids hydro-electric development;

WHEREAS, Chemawawin and Moose Lake First Nations and Manitoba Hydro have arrived at a negotiated settlement of compensation claims;

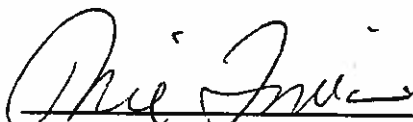
WHEREAS, resulting payments constitute compensation for past loss and cannot be regarded as income in the usual sense of that word;

WHEREAS, compensation payments therefore have no bearing on the present eligibility of an individual for social security;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of Manitoba request that both the Governments of Canada and Manitoba instruct their officials that the receipt of compensation payments by residents of Easterville and Moose Lake will not result in any reduction or alteration of individual eligibility for social security;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that neither the Chemawawin nor the Moose Lake First Nation shall not suffer any financial loss as a result of payment of compensation to individual First Nation members.

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NOV.90-30

Moved By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

RE: FIRST NATION POLICING

WHEREAS, policing on reserves is a pressing need;

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, self-policing by First Nations is an essential part of self-government;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the model of tribal policing under the direction of the First Nations of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council has not been expended as a viable option for all First Nations in Manitoba;

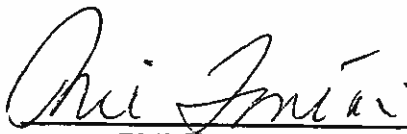
WHEREAS, the First Nations in Manitoba are committed to exercising their inherent jurisdiction for policing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. that the current services for policing under the auspices of the R.C.M.P. be continued as an interim measure where such policing services are needed and demanded by First Nations;
2. that immediate measures and steps be taken to establish an independent policing force under the jurisdiction of the First Nations in Manitoba;
3. that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs secure the resources needed to help in undertaking the development of First Nations models of self-policing;

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RE: FIRST NATION POLICING cont'd...

4. that current First Nations models of self-policing that exist in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec be studied and a report be tabled to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs within one year with recommendations on this preferred approach for self-policing for First Nations in Manitoba;
5. that the Chiefs Committee on Justice of A.M.C. be responsible for the implementation of this resolution.

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NOV.90-31

Moved By:

RE: AIR MANITOBA LIMITED

Chief Gabriel Hart
OXFORD HOUSE FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Air Manitoba Limited company provides airline services to the Oxford House First citizens;

Seconded By:

Chief Wendell Sinclair
BROKENHEAD FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the First Citizens of Oxford House utilize the airline services quite extensively due to a lack of an all-weather road;

WHEREAS, the Air Manitoba Limited Company is situated on reserve land;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Citizens of Oxford House purchase the services on reserve from Air Manitoba Limited;

WHEREAS, the First Citizens of Oxford House have been required to pay taxes on services purchased on reserve;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the efforts of the First Citizens of Oxford House to have Air Manitoba Limited discontinue taxing freight and passenger services purchased on-reserve.

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NOV. 90-32

Moved By:

Chief David Traverse
LAKE ST. MARTIN FIRST NATION

RE: FRESH WATER FISHING MATTERS

WHEREAS, the freshwater fishing industry has not worked satisfactorily for First Nation fishermen;

Seconded By:

Chief Jack Flett
ST. THERESA POINT
FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, there is a high cost of transportation of fish which is borne by the fishermen;

WHEREAS, the pricing structure of the fish has to be reviewed and reassessed to make it more equitable;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of Manitoba recommend that some form of review body or commission under the guidance of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs undertake to review the status of the Freshwater Fishing Industry in Manitoba including all concerns of First Nation fishermen.

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Nov. 90-33

Moved By:

Chief Dennis Pashe
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Louis Stevenson
PEGUIS FIRST NATION

CARRIED

**RE: CANADA MORTGAGE HOUSING CORPORATION
(C.M.H.C.)**

WHEREAS, the C.M.H.C. Section #95 Housing Program utilizes a range of current interest rates from selected lenders to determine the C.M.H.C. median rate for Social Housing Projects;

WHEREAS, the project viability and subsidies of projects are calculated using the difference between the C.M.H.C. median rate and a rate of 2 percent;

WHEREAS, local C.M.H.C. and Indian & Northern Affairs Canada branches are presently demanding from Bands applying for the program that project viability be based upon a different between a rate of 12 percent and 2 percent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that local C.M.H.C. and I.N.A.C. offices determine project viability and approve projects based upon the C.M.H.C. median rate.

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Nov. 90-34

Moved By:

Chief Dennis Pashe
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

**RE: CANADA MORTGAGE HOUSING CORPORATION -
TENDERING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the C.M.H.C. guidelines allows Bands participating in the Section #95 Program to construct their own units;

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, local C.M.H.C. offices are demanding that Bands provide evidence of tender on major components of the work;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, C.M.H.C. national guidelines require that approval of Band-built application packages be based only upon evidence of 100 percent firm fixed pricing as far as it is realistic and practical.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that local C.M.H.C. officials approve Band-built projects as per their own guidelines on the basis of total cost of the project without providing evidence of tender.

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