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Moved by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Oliver Nelson
Roseau River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT INITIATIVE
PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the F.A.I. process was designed and developed by former and current First Nation leaders over a period of time; and

WHEREAS, the F.A.I. Memorandum of Understanding and Workplan was signed on December 7, 1994 in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS, F.A.I. - M.O.U. and Workplan was based on Principles outlined in the M.O.U. under Section 5 [5.1 - 5.17]; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be second thoughts and apprehension about the F.A.I. process; and

WHEREAS, there are also some Manitoba First Nations who believe that the F.A.I. process will protect our treaties, provide a modern day interpretation of those historical and sacred agreements made by our forefathers while giving full recognition to their original spirit and intent; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First nations feel there was a breach of the F.A.I. agreement by the Minister of Indian Affairs, Ron Irwin, through his initiative to amend portions of the Indian Act, when in fact we have a specific Section [5.5] in the F.A.I. agreement that outline for Manitoba First Nations the process we are to use to amend or reject the Indian Act as it applies to First Nations in Manitoba.

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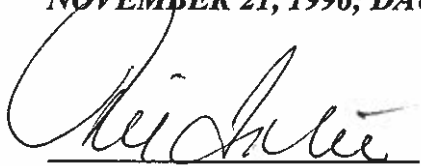
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**RE: FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT INITIATIVE
PROCESS (Continued)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs re-affirm the F.A.I. process here in Manitoba and call upon Minister Ron Irwin to ensure that any amendments of the Indian Act as it applies to First Nations in Manitoba be optional and consistent with the principles and process of the F.A.I.

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NOV-06.02

Moved by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: MEETING ON HEALTH CARE REFORMS

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has instituted a number of Health Care reforms to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, these reforms have translated into the downsizing of regional delivery services in order to cut costs; and

WHEREAS, there is a very real concern that these cost-cutting exercises are putting patients at risk; and

WHEREAS, this concern is being raised by First Nations, as well as other rural and urban communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct their health advisor to contact and invite the mayors of the rural and urban communities of Manitoba to a meeting with the First Nations Chiefs to discuss mutual concerns and opportunities for cooperative action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this meeting be arranged within the month of January 1997.

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NOV-06.03

Moved by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

RE: NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

WHEREAS, at a recent North American Indigenous Games (N.A.I.G.) council meeting in Fargo, North Dakota, the 1997 N.A.I.G. presented a financial report that indicated a \$1 million cut to their operational budget; and

WHEREAS, this is a direct result of the Federal Government's decision to cut the funds down to \$650,000; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, this will also reduce the Provincial Government of British Columbia's matching allocation and expected corporate sponsorship which will result in the original level of \$3.8 million now cut to \$1.7 million; and

WHEREAS, this will have serious impact on the successful operation of the North American Indigenous Games.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the Federal Government support First Nations Youth Initiatives and reinstate the funding to the North Indigenous Games Council.

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Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House First Nation

**RE: FIRST NATIONS HEALTH RESEARCH
TRAINING INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba are assuming control over the health care systems in their communities; and

WHEREAS, First Nations health planners need reliable and accurate health information to support community health policy and planning; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the interpretation and utilization of health research information requires the acquisition of relevant research skills by First Nations health planners; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Health Research Unit at the University of Manitoba has indicated a willingness to work collaboratively with Manitoba First Nations to develop an appropriate health research training initiative for First Nations health planners; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Health Research Unit at the University of Manitoba has secured funding from the National Health Research and Development Program at Health Canada to work in partnership with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in the development of this Training Initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs work in partnership with the Northern Health Research Unit to develop this Training Initiative; and

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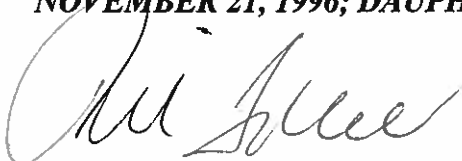
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**RE: FIRST NATIONS HEALTH RESEARCH
TRAINING INITIATIVE (Continued)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba Regional Steering Committee for the First Nations Health Survey serve as the Steering Committee for this initiative and report back to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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Moved by:

Chief J.R. Yellowback
God's River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House First Nation

RE: THOMPSON GENERAL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Keewatin Tribal Council First Nations receive health care services and treatment from the Thompson General Hospital as the nearest health care facility within the Thompson region; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Keewatin Tribal Council First Nations have been subjected to negative attitudes and behaviors from the health care staff within the Thompson General Hospital; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the leadership are concerned about the impact that these attitudes and behaviors continue to have on community members; and

WHEREAS, the Keewatin Tribal Council has requested that Medical Services Branch refer patients to the Thompson General Hospital only in critical situations and all other patients to Winnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Keewatin Tribal Council in their efforts to pursue the improvement of health service delivery provided by the Thompson General Hospital or in exploring other options such as referrals to the Norway House Hospital for the provision of health service delivery for their people.

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Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS PERSONAL
CARE HOMES**

WHEREAS, there are seven (7) independently-operated First Nations Personal Care Homes on-reserves in the Manitoba Region; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the First Nations Personal Care Homes was mandated by a resolution from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to develop standards for First Nations Personal Care Homes on-reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Personal Care Homes have collectively developed Program, Operational, and Funding Standards for Manitoba First Nations Personal Care Homes on-reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Program, Operational, and Funding Standards will ensure a consistent optimum level of services providing a holistic/wellness model of care to First Nations elders in Personal Care Homes; and

WHEREAS, these standards represent a funding base as well as an accountability mechanism for funding agencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a jurisdictional disagreement between I.N.A.C., the Province of Manitoba and Health Canada as to the funding of First Nations Personal Care Homes on-reserves.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs mandate the Manitoba First Nations Personal Care Homes Network to act in an advisory capacity on issues relating to Care Homes on-reserves; and

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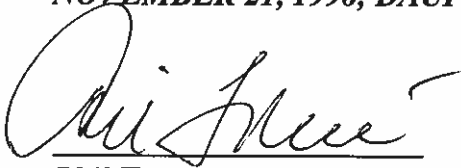
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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS PERSONAL
CARE HOMES (Continued)**

2. That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs approve the Manitoba First Nations Personal Care Homes Network's Proposed Program, Operational, and Funding Standards; and
3. That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call on the Federal Government to fund Personal Care Homes on-reserves in accordance to the provisions of the Manitoba First Nations Personal Care Homes Network's Proposed Program, Operational, and Funding Standards; and
4. That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call on the Federal Government to lift the moratorium on the development and operational funding of future First Nations Personal Care Homes.

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NOV-06.07

Moved by:

Proxy Jonathan Flett
St. Theresa Point First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

RE: EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

WHEREAS, impending Employment Insurance Policy changes will require E.I. recipients to have a total of twenty-six weeks of insured employment to qualify for regular benefits; and

WHEREAS, this new policy will come into force on January 5th, 1997; and

WHEREAS, many First Nations people have not had the opportunity to fulfill these extended insured employment requirements.

MOTION CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs raise this matter with Human Resources Development Canada in order to resolve this matter so that those negatively affected First Nations people would still qualify for E.I. benefits.

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Moved by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

RE: ELECTION OF REGIONAL CHIEFS

WHEREAS, the First Nations leaders are hard-pressed to fulfill all the duties required of them by their communities; and

WHEREAS, this is compounded by the additional responsibilities outside of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the election of Regional Chiefs would relieve individual Chiefs of much of the burden of day-to-day business of the A.M.C.; and

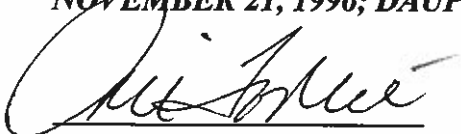
MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution SEPT-04.17 re: Election of Grand Chief which directed the next and succeeding elections for the position of Grand Chief include an enumeration process with voting privileges extended to all First Nations citizens in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs review options for the election of Regional Chiefs to fulfill the responsibilities within the Assembly in conjunction with the Grand Chief; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the options be presented to the next Chiefs Annual Assembly.

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NOV-06.09

Moved by:

Chief Norman Flett
Split Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ABORIGINAL BUSINESS

WHEREAS, Canada has implemented a policy setting aside a certain portion of federal procurement for aboriginal businesses development; and

WHEREAS, I.N.A.C. is the lead agency responsible for its implementation; and

WHEREAS, implementation of this policy in April 1996 has not yet brought any significant benefits to aboriginal businesses in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Minister of Indian Affairs to implement the aboriginal procurement policy for the benefit of the First Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Director General be directed to take positive steps to ensure the maximum participation of Manitoba Aboriginal businesses in all programs administered by I.N.A.C. and the First Nations, especially in the capital programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lend the required political support to a coalition of Manitoba aboriginal businesses to take a lead role in ensuring the implementation of the procurement policy.

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Moved by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

**RE: REDUCTION IN MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
RATES**

WHEREAS, Medical Services Branch, Health Canada is proposing an interim measure of reducing transportation costs in order to deal with their deficit; and

WHEREAS, the interim measure proposed is a decrease in the mileage rate starting from November 1996 until March 1997; and

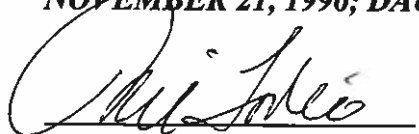
MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, Medical Transportation is an extremely necessary component of health service delivery available to First Nations members; and

WHEREAS, a decrease in the mileage rate will negatively impact on the provision of these services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the proposed reduction of Medical Transportation costs not be implemented.

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