

ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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NOV-07.02

RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Moved by:

Chief Ken Whitecloud
Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

WHEREAS, First Nation Leaders recognize a need to establish and maintain a consistent and effective First Nation voice for increased political influence and leverage; and

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, a cohesive voice will lead to more effective governance and facilitate consistent service delivery; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the proposed Manitoba First Nation Leadership Council will serve as a mechanism for concerted and strategic action focusing on improved socio-economic conditions for all First Nations in the Province through the establishment of an operational structure designed to involve First Nation Chiefs in an effective and efficient decision-making process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the establishment of a Manitoba First Nation Leadership Council under AMC; and

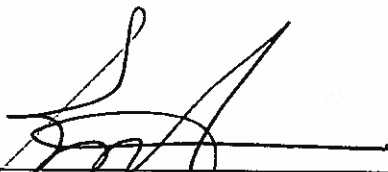
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) to secure fiscal resources for the Manitoba First Nation Leadership Council.

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NOV-07.03

RE: REMOTE AND ISOLATED COMMUNITIES

Moved by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Russell Lambert
Poplar River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution Aug-07.08 to organize a meeting of remote and isolated First Nation communities, at the Annual General Assembly of August 20 – 22, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs convened a Conference for remote and isolated First Nation communities in Manitoba in November 13 – 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of remote and isolated First Nation communities have also identified strategies and a Draft Plan of Action for addressing issues impacting their communities; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of remote and isolated First Nation communities have identified a need to continue having Assemblies and dialogue on their issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly accept and support the Draft Plan of Action as presented;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chiefs of AMC, MKIO and SCO to secure funding from federal, provincial and private sources for a round table for on-going dialogue with remote and isolated communities on continued development and implementation of a comprehensive strategic plan and individual community plans for addressing their issues.

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RE: AMC REPRESENTS URBAN FIRST NATIONS

Moved by:

Chief Billyjo De La Ronde
Pine Creek First Nation

WHEREAS, a significant and growing population of Manitoba First Nation citizens reside off reserve and vote for Chiefs and Councils; and

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation

WHEREAS, those that live off reserve can vote for their duly elected leadership (Chief and Council) but are not provided resources to represent them; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Chiefs and Councils are ultimately responsible for their citizenship both on and off reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognizes and designates the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Organization as our legal political spokesperson(s) for all First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the current federal government is failing to accept, clarify and assume responsibility with respect to First Nations people including those off reserve and is refusing to dialogue with both our national and regional First Nation political organizations; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has established a working group and is providing resources for Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) to identify and solidify their Aboriginal people membership base so that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples will represent off-reserve First Nations contravening the Corbiere decision; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to identify all First Nations living off-reserve in Manitoba and to share a listing of First Nation citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of such a listing would allow the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to work collectively with all off-reserve First Nations population on off-reserve based programs and services.

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RE: AMC REPRESENTS URBAN FIRST NATIONS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly request that each First Nation submit their off-reserve citizenship list to the AMC to create an off-reserve list so AMC can advocate and work collectively with First Nations leadership to ensure off-reserve First Nation Treaty and Dakota citizens receive off-reserve programs and services; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this First Nation list will be guided by the principles of Manitoba First Nations' ownership, control, access, possession and protection.

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NOV-07.06

RE: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JURISDICTION REPORT

Moved by:

Chief Deborah Chief
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sheldon Kent
Black River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, an Ad Hoc Committee on Jurisdiction was established to attend meetings with the Province of Manitoba to discuss smoking ban jurisdiction related to on-reserve VLT sites based on Resolution May-07-02 "Smoking Ban and Gaming", and

WHEREAS, the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Jurisdiction was presented to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the Dakota Tipi First Nation on November 27 - 29, 2007.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly accept the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Jurisdiction; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief, in cooperation with the Grand Chiefs of SCO and MKIO, along with the Ad Hoc Committee, to implement the Report Recommendations.

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RE: FEDERAL SURPLUS TO FIRST NATION DEBT

Moved by:

Chief Marcel Balfour
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution Nov.90-13 calling for deficit relief for First Nation Governments because the federal government continuously under funds First Nations (e.g. not keeping pace with population growth, cost of living, remote and isolated costs, long-term CMHC debt load and lack of shelter allowance); and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada through the Canadian Debt initiative has written off 100% of the debt of some Third World countries; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has reported a surplus of over \$10 billion in 2007 and is expected to have an even larger surplus in 2008; and

WHEREAS, First Nation communities are characterized by low socio-economic conditions despite Canada consistently placing in the top eight (8) countries on the United Nations Human Development index; and


WHEREAS, it is unconscionable for the Federal Government to continue relying on insufficient funding formulae, imposing cutbacks and a 2% ceiling on First Nation programming despite a growing First Nation population;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to have the Secretariat engage in a fiscal and policy analysis for the Manitoba Region of the federal government's funding formulae; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief enter into discussions with appropriate government officials including CMHC, to write off First Nations' debt, similar to the Canadian Debt Initiative and have the Federal Government apply part of the projected federal surplus to increase First Nation community programming.

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RE: CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Lon Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the federal government has agreed to support the establishment of the Canadian Human Rights Museum at The Forks in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Canada and American Indians in the USA have encountered numerous human rights abuses, including policies and practices of assimilation, limitation and termination of rights, and extermination of First Peoples such as the Beothuks, and

WHEREAS, the Museum must include other examples of abuses such as the forced relocation of communities, distribution of germ-infested blankets, destruction of livelihood, confinement on reserved lands through use of the Indian Pass system, imposition of restrictive federal legislation such as the Indian Act, and forced social upheaval and disintegration of societies through the forced removal, abuse and death of thousands of children through the Indian Residential School and the Child Welfare systems; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Executive Council has recommended supporting the Canadian Human Rights Museum and ensuring that First Nation perspectives on historical human rights violations are reflected and included in the Museum;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to provide fund-raising support and advice to the Canadian Human Rights Museum and the Indian Residential School Museum of Canada to ensure that the Museums reflect First Nation and American Indian experiences in Canada and the United States; and

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RE: CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canadian Human Rights Museum work in partnership with Manitoba First Nations to promote their efforts in establishing Museums in their communities along with Long Plain First Nation on the Indian Residential School Museum of Canada to develop it to full potential and share the true story of Residential Schools.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR NEW CASINO OWNED BY ALL
MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Glen Ross
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief George Neepin
Fox Lake Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee has been working with the Joint Manitoba/AMC Gaming Steering Committee (Joint Steering Committee), on the goal of attaining more revenues for all Manitoba First Nations from the Gaming Industry; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Steering Committee has recommended the development of a new First Nation owned Casino in Southwestern Manitoba (around the Brandon region), based on the results of the 2007 Market Study; and

WHEREAS, both the Joint Steering Committee and the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee recommend that this new casino be owned by all Manitoba First Nations in order to help achieve the goal of sharing gaming revenues with all First Nations in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee and direct them and the AMC Secretariat to continue to work with the Joint Steering Committee to develop a new casino in Southwestern Manitoba that will be owned by all Manitoba First Nations; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that regular progress reports from the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee be provided to the AMC Executive Committee and the Chiefs-in-Assembly on this development.

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NOV-07.11

RE: AMC COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by:

Chief Shirley Castel
Mathias Colomb First Nation

WHEREAS, First Nation leaders recognize a need to establish and maintain a consistent and effective First Nations voice for combating negative stereotypes and propaganda highlighted in mainstream media; and

Seconded by:

Chief Barry Swan
Lake Manitoba First Nation

WHEREAS, a collaborative communications effort is needed to highlight positive stories, and to provide an opportunity for accurate and effective messages directly from First Nations leaders in Manitoba;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC Communications work closely with the Communications staff from MKIO and SCO to promote collaborative and positive communications; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Communications Working Group report directly to each respective Grand Chief, and the Chiefs in Assembly of AMC, MKIO and SCO.

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RE: NCI RADIO

Moved by:

Chief Billyjo De La Ronde
Pine Creek First Nation

WHEREAS, the NCI was established to provide radio programming to First Nation and northern communities including language and cultural programming; and

Seconded by:

Chief Bernice Thorassie
Sayisi Dene First Nation

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly are concerned that NCI is not providing sufficient coverage of First Nation gatherings to ensure all First Nation communities have access to accurate information; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, NCI, as the "Voice of Aboriginal people," needs to combat negative stereotypes and misinformation perpetuated by mainstream media such as recent articles which characterize First Nation leadership as spending too much time away from their communities without recognition that First Nation leadership must attend meetings and gatherings to protect the interests of their First Nation membership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief, with the support of the SCO and MKIO Grand Chiefs, to meet with the Management and Board of NCI to ensure that accurate and timely information is provided to First Nation communities and other listeners and viewers of NCI; and

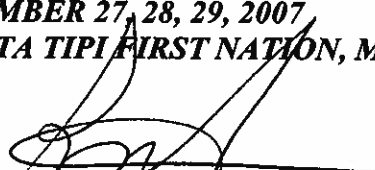
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC Grand Chief request that the Management and Board of NCI ensure that NCI provides more programming in First Nation languages, including more coverage of First Nation leadership assemblies.

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