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RE: EXTENSION OF SOUTH BEACH WAIVER

Moved by:

Chief Sheldon Kent Black River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Deborah Chief Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba (the Province) is required to grant South Beach Casino (South Beach) the benefit of any amendments it makes to the Gaming Agreement that it entered into with Aseneskak Casino (Aseneskak); and

WHEREAS, the Province amended Aseneskak's Gaming Agreement in April 2008 after accepting a recommendation from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC); and

WHEREAS, the Province set Aseneskak's annual payout to the First Nations trust at 10 percent of Aseneskak's annual net income for five years (following the end of Aseneskak's five-year waiver).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs treat South Beach as equal to Aseneskak and set the annual payment from South Beach to the First Nations Trust at 10% of the net income of South Beach beginning on October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2015.

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RE: SETTLING OUTSTANDING TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT CLAIMS UNDER THE MANITOBA TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Moved by:

Chief Nelson Genaille Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Michael Yellowback Manto Sipi Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, certain First Nations in Manitoba entered into or adhered to various Treaties, particularly Treaties No. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada between 1871 and 1910 which provided, among other obligations, that Canada would lay aside and reserve tracts of land for the exclusive use and benefit for these First Nations; and

WHEREAS, these certain First Nations did not receive the full allocation of lands as promised within the written terms of their respective Treaties with the Crown; and

WHEREAS, certain Entitlement First Nations established, authorized and directed the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee ("TLEC") of Manitoba to act as their representative in the negotiation of an agreement to address and remedy the outstanding land entitlement that they possessed under their Treaties; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Framework Agreement ("MFA") on Treaty Land Entitlement ("TLE") was signed by the TLEC, on behalf of 21 Entitlement First Nations, Canada and Manitoba on May 29, 1997, at the Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba, which was intended to provide up to a total of 1.1 million acres of Reserve land to these 21 Entitlement First Nations; and

WHEREAS, under the MFA the TLEC is mandated to assist and support its Member Entitlement First Nations in the implementation of their TLE agreements and in all aspects of the Reserve creation process; and

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RE: SETTLING OUTSTANDING TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT CLAIMS UNDER THE MANITOBA TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, 15 of these 21 Entitlement First Nations have signed their individual TLE agreements under the MFA and the total Crown land and Other land amounts they are entitled to select and acquire is 963,097 acres; and

WHEREAS, as of September 2011, Canada has set aside a total of 453,338 acres of land as Reserve for these 15 Entitlement First Nations; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Canada's Auditor General criticized Canada for its lack of progress in meeting and satisfying its obligations under all TLE agreements in Manitoba, including the slow rate of converting lands to Reserve status for the Entitlement First Nations; and,

WHEREAS, there remains a total of 509,759 acres of land selections and land acquisitions remaining to be converted to Reserve status for these 15 Entitlement First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly express its collective support to the TLEC as they continue their work and efforts to settle the outstanding Treaty land obligations owing to its member Entitlement First Nations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly calls upon Canada to continue supporting the TLEC beyond 2013 so the TLEC can continue to meet its mandate to assist and support its Member Entitlement First Nations in converting their TLE land selections and acquisitions to Reserve status under the MFA; and,

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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to work with the TLEC in their efforts to secure a new funding commitment with Canada beyond 2013.

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OCT-11.03

RE: MANTO SIPI CREE NATION RUNWAY EXTENSION

Moved by:

Chief Michael Yellowback Manto Sipi Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Arlen Dumas Mathias Colomb First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the airport runway serving the Manto Sipi Cree Nation (MSCN) was originally built by the previous owners of the God's River Lodge, and is measured at 5,000 feet in length; and

WHEREAS, when the aforementioned runway was transferred to the Province of Manitoba in 1988, the Province reduced the runway to 3,532 feet; and

WHEREAS, airlines were previously capable of transporting 9 or more passengers out of the MSCN; however, with the Canadian Aviation Regulation change on December 20, 2010, the current carrier, Perimeter Aviation is limited to operating the Metro II aircraft with no more than 9 seats; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned limitation has severely and negatively impacted the public when travelling to the MSCN, and medical patients are unable to meet appointments which further compromises their quality of health; and

WHEREAS, an Elder with a fractured arm had to wait two days to get on a scheduled flight to Thompson to receive treatment; and

WHEREAS, while Perimeter Aviation has adjusted their flight schedules since the new Canadian Aviation Regulation, the MSCN continues to face challenges and hardships since the new regulation was imposed; and

WHEREAS, the MSCN has met with Provincial Minister of Transportation in January 2011 and the Provincial Deputy Minister in February 2011 and requested an extension of the runway by an additional 400 feet to allow for Metro III service which would reduce charter costs and allow for better service to the community, however no such change to the runway has yet occurred.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Manto Sipi Cree Nation and all other affected communities in their request for an extension to their runway.

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RE: CREE NATION CHILD AND FAMILY CARING AGENCY

Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner Misipawistik Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Nelson Genaille Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency (CNCFCA) was mandated to provide services to First Nations children and families who are in need and have entered into legally binding Child and Family Services Agreements with the Province of Manitoba to provide the aforesaid care and service; and

WHEREAS, the Province has since reneged and broken their part of the Child and Family Services Agreement by appointing the Northern Authority which in turn appointed a third party administrative body to oversee the management, service delivery and mandate of the CNCFCA; and

WHEREAS, since the takeover of crucial services by third party overseen by the Northern Authority, the CNCFCA has found it increasingly difficult to meet and fulfill its mandate to meet even the minimum levels of service delivery because of the mismanagement practices of the Northern Authority; and

WHEREAS, years prior when the Swampy Cree Tribal Council (SCTC) Chiefs governed the CNCFCA, prior to the arrival of the Northern Authority, children and families were not at risk, and management was properly conducted subject to the adequate provision of funding, the CNCFCA met its mandate and provided the much needed child and family services to their First Nations' communities; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of SCTC are calling on the support of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) for the removal of the Northern Authority from the control of CNCFCA and for the Chiefs of SCTC to regain control of the CNCFCA and for the CNCFCA to regain control of its mandate for the service delivery of Child and Family Caring Services to their communities.

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RE: CREE NATION CHILD AND FAMILY CARING AGENCY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly, do hereby fully, unequivocally and explicitly support the SCTC Chiefs in regaining control and management of the CNCFCA; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that the Province restore the CNCFCA's mandate and remove the third party administration conducted by the Northern Authority; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that the Province live up to its commitment with SCTC and the legally binding Child and Family Services Agreement between the CNCFCA and the Province.

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OCT-11.05

RE: RENEWAL OF ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP)
POLICING CONTRACTS FOR FIRST NATIONS
COMMUNITITES IN MANITOBA

Moved by:

Chief George Kemp Berens River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Larry Knott Red Sucker Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba contracts the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to provide policing services to all communities in Manitoba, including First Nations; and

WHEREAS, many remote communities and other First Nations situated on the east side of Lake Winnipeg are in need of vastly improved policing services to control rampant solvent, drug and alcohol abuse which causes family breakdown and violence; and

WHEREAS, the RCMP policing contract expires in 2012 and there is a need to renew the RCMP contract for another 20 year period; and

WHEREAS, the RCMP presently refuse to recognize and enforce First Nations bylaws and Band Council Resolutions (BCR's) as enforceable laws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief and his staff to initiate discussions with the Province of Manitoba, the RCMP and the Federal government to include provisions in the new RCMP contract (2012), that obligates the RCMP to recognize, enforce and prosecute First Nations by-laws and BCR's in order to deal with local issues of pressing concern to the specific First Nation; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief and his staff support those First Nations who lack full-time policing services to negotiate the establishment of permanent RCMP detachments including the resources for proper training for local constables.

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RE: FIRST NATIONS CITIZENSHIP AND BILL C-3

Moved by:

Chief Phillip Buck Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches Swan Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations never gave up their inherent jurisdiction in the area of citizenship but Canada continues to intrude on that jurisdiction through the definition of "Indian" under the *Indian Act*; and

WHEREAS, while the 1985 amendments to the *Indian Act* were intended to remove discrimination by way of Bill C-31, it created categories of "status Indians" through sections 6(1) and 6(2) and the "second generation cut-off rule" that continues to discriminate and reduce the number of status Indians; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Registry unilaterally created an unstated paternity policy which required the father's signature on the birth form and other forms of proof of paternity. This meant if a First Nations woman entitled to 6(1) registration has a child with unestablished paternity, that child is automatically entitled to 6(2) registration. If the First Nations woman is registered under 6(2) herself, then her child is not entitled to registration. As a result, many children are either registered incorrectly, or not registered at all; and

WHEREAS, Sharon McIvor challenged the constitutionality of section 6 of the *Indian Act* and the British Columbia Court of Appeal struck down sections 6(1)(a) and 6(1)(c), and gave Canada one year to amend section 6 of the *Indian Act* by April 6, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Canada continues its policy on unstated paternity with INAC Manitoba Region having the highest number of unstated paternity cases resulting in denial of status; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2011 Bill C-3 the Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act came into force and allowed some people to apply to Canada to regain status. However, Bill C-3 continues to discriminate as it limits applications to those born before September 4, 1951, it continues with the status categories of sections 6(1) and 6(2), and it continues the "second generation cut off rule"; and

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RE: (cont'd) FIRST NATIONS CITIZENSHIP AND BILL C-3

WHEREAS, Canada has not committed any additional funding to First Nations for them to implement Bill C-3. However, Canada did appoint an "Internal Financial Impacts Working Group" to determine "the cost implications of adding approximately 45,000 individuals to the Indian registry". In a September 16, 2011 letter to AMC, Canada denied AMC's request for a copy of this report, and lowered the estimated number of individuals who will be added to the Indian registry to approximately 20,000 applications.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the Government of Canada to end the ongoing discrimination in Indian registration by removing the September 4, 1951 limitation and removing the categories of Indians created by section 6(1) and 6(2) of the *Indian Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the Government of Canada to change the unstated paternity policy currently practiced by the Indian Registry; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to meet with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to seek a commitment from Canada that it will:

- a.) provide the findings and report(s) of the Internal Financial Impacts Working Group;
- b.) provide adequate financial resources to First Nations to determine what is needed to meet the needs of additional status membership from the implementation of Bill C-3, including costs for mandatory programming such as housing, education, social services and reserve lands; and
- c.) report within one year from October 12, 2011 to the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly on Canada's financial commitment to Manitoba First Nations so that they can implement Bill C-3.

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RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CITIZENSHIP RECOGNITION LEGISLATION

Moved by:

Chief Phillip Buck Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches Swan Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly has long recognized that the *Indian Act* R.S.C, 1985, c. I-5 is based in Canada's assimilation agenda designed to terminate the legal status of First Nations people, and Manitoba First Nations have never consented to this imposition by Canada and have sought to terminate Canada's abuse of its power regarding the identity of First Nations people; and

WHEREAS, the determination of Indian status and thereby who has the right to exercise Aboriginal and Treaty rights is properly that of First Nations and not that of Canada. Such right of determination is an "existing" aboriginal and treaty right and is entrenched in Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982; and

WHEREAS, in the 1971 Wahbung – Our Tomorrows the Chiefs in Manitoba expressed the following vision:

"We are determined to remain a strong and proud and identifiable group of people ... We refuse to have our lives directed by others who do not and cannot know our ways.

...the Indian Act creates many confusing political, social, and legal situations respecting human rights. One of the most glaring issues which needs immediate attention and ratification is the clause that provides for arbitrary enfranchisement of an Indian woman who marries a person who is not registered as an Indian.

...The responsibilities for decision of membership should lie with the community themselves, and the individual concerned." and;

WHEREAS, the AMC was involved with the Framework Agreement Initiative that sought to dismantle the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. Among other areas, Canada was not willing to consider First Nations defined notions of "citizenship"; and

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RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CITIZENSHIP RECOGNITION LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2009 AMC hosted a Special First Nations Leadership Forum with regard to the *McIvor* case and proposed amendments to the *Indian Act*. This resulted in a Declaration issued by the First Nations present that declared First Nations governments have the right to determine their own citizenship and membership codes, and that the *Indian Act* and Bill C-3 will diminish and limit First Nations membership that will lead to a loss of citizenship and lands for many current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the January 29, 2010 AMC Position Paper "First Nations and Citizenship" that was presented to then Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Minister Chuck Strahl was clear that the AMC Chiefs are the Original Peoples who represent the five Nations in Manitoba – the Anishinaabe, Ininiw, Anishininiw, Dakota Oyate and Denesuline. Like Canadian citizenship, First Nations citizenship should also be allowed to be conferred through one parent and First Nation citizens should be able to remain citizens for life; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Position Paper also stated "Citizenship, from our perspective means that any person or child, who is directly descended from at least one parent of the community or is adopted by a member of the community, may be eligible for citizenship and any benefits available for citizens and including upholding the responsibilities. The determination of its peoples and citizenship rests with the Nation"; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Position Paper further stated that for any proposed changes to the *Indian Act*, Canada must:

- a) respect the Treaty relationship on a Nation to Nation basis;
- b) recognize the inherent jurisdiction of First Nations;
- c) fulfill its fiduciary obligations and live up to the honour of the Crown;
- d) be consistent with the notion of reconciliation and the duty to consult; and
- e) follow the principles of free, prior and informed consent as outlined in articles 18 and 19 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP).

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RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CITIZENSHIP RECOGNITION LEGISLATION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to pursue amendments to the *Indian Act* that will recognize individual First Nations jurisdiction in the area of citizenship by way of a proposed Manitoba "First Nations Citizenship Recognition Act" that:

- a) replaces the definition of "Indian" with a definition that is based on the original Treaty Annuity List, and as defined by each individual Manitoba First Nation;
 - and, for those First Nations that do not have a Treaty with the Crown, the definition of citizenship as defined and adopted by each individual Manitoba First Nation;
- b) only amends the *Indian Act* so far as to reflect First Nation-defined citizens and not Indians defined under the *Indian Act* (i.e. amends the definitions of "Indian", "member of a Band", "registered" and "Band", and removes section 6);
- c) temporarily maintains the application of the *Indian Act* until such time that the *Indian Act* is removed or replaced; and
- d) is optional and applicable only to Manitoba First Nations that have defined their citizenship through their own citizenship code or constitution; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to seek a commitment from the Crown that Canada will:

- a) support the Chiefs-in-Assembly's position for the development of a "First Nations Citizenship Recognition Act"; and
- b) meaningfully consult with Manitoba First Nations on the development of a "First Nations Citizenship Recognition Act" that are consistent with the principles of free, prior and informed consent; and

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- c) provide adequate resources for individual Manitoba First Nations to:
 - i. assist them in defining their own citizenship;
 - ii. develop their own citizenship codes and / or constitutions; and
 - iii. maintain their own registry to record their citizenship and report their numbers to AANDC; and
- d) report within one year from October 12, 2011 to the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly on Canada's response to the development of the proposed Manitoba "First Nations Citizenship Recognition Act".

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RE: FIRST NATIONS JURISDICTION OVER GAMING

Moved by:

Chief David Crate Fisher River Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Arlen Dumas Mathias Colomb Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have a Treaty and Inherent Right to self government including jurisdiction over gaming; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) is of the position that the Manitoba gaming legislation does not apply nor have jurisdiction over gaming activities on First Nations lands; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have invested time and money toward the pursuit of gaming on reserve to achieve an economic base and fiscal resources; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of Gaming revenue is a very important source of new revenue for First Nations that will support re-building of our Nations, our governments and our economies; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly have made it clear that they want to pursue "all opportunities" in the gaming industry, including casinos and video lottery terminals; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly had commissioned the David Innes Gaming Group to produce a report with options on how to best establish a First Nations Conduct and Management Authority, and

WHEREAS, full review and discussion has yet to take place on the three models produced within said report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC will review the David Innes Gaming Group report from a legal perspective and with a view to our customary laws and report back on the said review at the next Chiefs Assembly; and

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RE: FIRST NATIONS JURISDICTION OVER GAMING

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to send a letter to the Province of Manitoba indicating our intent to pursue our jurisdiction regarding First Nation Gaming; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC work with the Chiefs Gaming Committee to develop a plan of action and a formal position on how to move forward on 'all opportunities' in the gaming industry and that AMC will not make concessions or alterations on the united position we put forth; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC undertake a strategy to amend the Criminal Code of Canada to recognize First Nations jurisdiction with regard to gaming.

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OCT-11.09

RE: SUPPORT FOR MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS EQUAL ALLOCATION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDING

Moved by:

Chief Deborah Chief Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy War Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs mandated the Manitoba First Nations Regional Board for Family Violence Prevention (FVP Board) through resolution dated January 9, 2009 to design, control and manage the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) on behalf of the First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, during the past 2 years the FVP Board initiated a system for all Manitoba First Nations to obtain \$14K per First Nation, instead of the previous proposal based system, which resulted in more Manitoba First Nations having FVP projects; and

WHEREAS, at a recent meeting, the FVP Board was given a 'directive' by AANDC Manitoba Region Social Operational Specialist that the FVP Board vision of every First Nation in Manitoba being supported to successfully apply for a set allocation of \$14,000 every fiscal year for family violence prevention projects be halted as of 2012/2013 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs assert the right to self-determination including jurisdiction and control over a full range of processes and institutions including programs run in First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Manitoba First Nations Regional Board to continue with the set allocation for family violence prevention funding in the Manitoba Region in order to ensure all of Manitoba's First Nations provide family violence prevention projects.

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OCT-11.10

RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL BOARD FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION DATA ANALYSIS

Moved by:

Chief Deborah Chief Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy War Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs mandated the Manitoba First Nations Regional Board for Family Violence Prevention (FVP Board) through resolution dated January 9, 2009 to design, control and manage the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) on behalf of the First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations FVP Regional Board believes it imperative to devise a Manitoba First Nations FVP projects database and analysis based on the six years of AANDC receipt of Manitoba First Nations Final Reports on FVP; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs assert the OCAP principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession including regulation of collection, analysis, management and storage of data; and

WHEREAS, the FVP Board believes an essential step to preventing and reducing family violence in First Nations includes data analysis of the FVPP: Prevention Projects Final Reports.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Manitoba First Nations Regional Board to access six years of FVPP Final Reports from the Winnipeg AANDC office in order to further assist family violence prevention in First Nations in Manitoba.

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RE: PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS FORMER INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL/DAY SCHOOL SURVIVORS

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Cameron Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve

Seconded by:

Chief Nelson Houle Ebb and Flow First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the deadline for individuals to apply for the Common Experience Payment (CEP) expired on September 19, 2011 and the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) is set to expire on September 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, these deadlines were arbitrarily established under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA); and

WHEREAS, there are a number of outstanding issues pertaining to the IRSSA including, but not limited to:

- improper consideration and calculation of Common Experience Payments (CEP).
- improper consideration of the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) applications and hearings process,
- Indian Residential School day students not qualifying for compensation under the IRSSA;
- the Government of Canada not recognizing a number of Residential Schools in Manitoba under the IRSSA such as those located in Teulon and Cranberry Portage; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2011 the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs initiated legal action to have a former school in Teulon recognized as a Residential School as defined by IRSSA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to seek an extension or completely eliminate the deadline being imposed by the Government of Canada regarding the Common Experience Payment and the Independent Assessment Process; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) to lend support to the McLean Day School Class Action to seek redress for day students; and

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RE: (cont'd) PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS FORMER INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL/DAY SCHOOL SURVIVORS

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to include other institutions not yet recognized as Indian Residential Schools under the IRSSA in their court action.

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OCT-11.12

RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS' RESPONSE TO THE AIR CANADA MEMO OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Wilfred McKay Rolling River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Air Canada has recently made disparaging and stereotypical remarks in an internal memo dated September 23, 2011 with regard to our First Nation citizens displaced from their home communities due to severe flooding in the spring of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), the Southern Chiefs Organization and the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak sent a joint letter on October 4, 2011 to the President of Air Canada requesting clarification on the aforementioned remarks and requested that the President of Air Canada take action; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Vice-President of Operations for Air Canada sent a response which did not address our concerns nor was a sincere apology for the comments made about our displaced First Nation citizens; and

WHEREAS, these remarks made by Air Canada have incited business owners and citizens of Manitoba to blame First Nations for the increased crime rates and for the closure of businesses in downtown Winnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly immediately draft an opinion editorial and letter to Air Canada outlining the initiatives AMC has been undertaking to address urban issues including working with our displaced First Nation citizens; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC boycott Air Canada for six months and lobby the Assembly of First Nations to join in our protest with all First Nations in Canada; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC review its legal options with a view to bringing about a meaningful resolution.

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RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) TO TAKE LEAD ROLE IN REVITALIZING FIRST NATION LANGUAGES IN MANITOBA

Moved by:

Proxy Emile Mason Poplar River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall St. Theresa Point First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations languages and culture cannot be separated, and tell us who we are, where we are from and where we are going; and

WHEREAS, the state of First Nations languages in Manitoba is unknown, especially in urban areas, however are known to be in a serious state of decline (Manitoba First Nation Language Study, 1999); and

WHEREAS, despite thirty years of Native languages being taught in First Nations schools, we have not produced many language speakers due to inadequate/appropriate funding; and

WHEREAS, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) does not distinctly fund First Nations language programs, which are considered within existing education budgets; and

WHEREAS, Canadian Heritage Aboriginal Peoples Program does not target First Nations languages within its national programming nor its Manitoba Regional budget allocation of \$260,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) lead the process of revitalization, acquisition and preservation of First Nation languages with Manitoba First Nations and their citizens by adopting the following comprehensive strategy:

- a) Lobby the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba to fund practical First Nation language transmission programs;
- b) Obtain funding to carry out a report on the State of First Nation Languages in Manitoba to be delivered to the Chiefs Assembly by fall 2013;

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- c) Develop a strategy for the revitalization, acquisition, retention and preservation of First Nation languages, including:
 - i) Teaching methodologies of First Nations languages in the home, school, and community;
 - ii) Opportunities for strategic planning and funding for First Nations, at tribal and regional levels;
 - iii) Implement First Nation language immersion and bilingual programs;
 - iv) Provide incentives to First Nations artists, musicians, and fluent speakers to collaborate on publications, events, and online programming to support acquisition and fluency in First Nations languages;
 - v) Involve Elders in each language territory to request their guidance, and preserve their knowledge in the language through varied media; and
 - vi) Learn from other indigenous peoples (such as, but not limited to, the Maori, Hawaiian, Blackfoot) and other languages (such as, but not limited to, Hebrew, Gaelic,...) as to their successful strategies in preserving languages throughout the world.

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RE: SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL POLICING SERVICES

Moved by:

Chief David Crate Fisher River Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Cameron Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there is an expressed need for increased and greater Aboriginal policing services in many First Nations currently without policing services; and

WHEREAS, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) contract expires in 2012 and provides opportunity to negotiate enhanced services to First Nations; and

WHEREAS, AMC resolution JAN-09.13 Expansion of Dakota Ojibway Police Service (DOPS) provided political support for DOPS to expand internally and to other First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, several attempts by individual First Nations to negotiate with both the provincial and federal government have proven unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, Article 34, United Nations Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states, "Indigenous peoples have the right to promote, develop and maintain their institutional structures and their distinctive customs, spirituality, traditions, procedures, practices and, in the cases where they exist, juridical systems or customs, in accordance with international human rights standards"; and

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal Justice Implementation Committee stated, "the adoption of Aboriginal community-based policing as the favoured strategy for policing in all Aboriginal areas" and called for "the development of professional, fully trained, regional Aboriginal police forces, reporting to and serving Aboriginal communities, with a broad mandate for law enforcement and crime prevention"; and

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WHEREAS, there are existing models of successful Aboriginal policing services in Canada for review and analysis, such as Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly request the AMC Grand Chief develop a strategy to assist First Nations seeking Aboriginal policing services with proposed options for creation of a new regional Aboriginal policing service or expanding existing services; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly request the AMC Grand Chief to work with interested First Nations to negotiate and implement preferred Aboriginal policing services.

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RE: SOUTHEAST CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

Moved by:

Chief Larry Barker Hollow Water First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Crow Pauingassi First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Southeast Child and Family Services Agency (SECFSA) was mandated to provide services to First Nations children and families who are in need and have entered into legally binding Child and Family Services Agreements with the Province of Manitoba to provide the aforesaid care and service; and

WHEREAS, the Province has since reneged and broken their part of the Child and Family Services Agreement by appointing the Southern Authority which in turn appointed a third party administrative body to oversee the management, service delivery and mandate of the Southeast Child and Family Services Agency (SECFSA); and

WHEREAS, since the takeover of crucial services by third party entities as overseen by the Southern Authority, the First Nations of the Southeast region have no control of Child and Family Services contrary to the recommendations of the AJI Inquiry; and

WHEREAS, there has been questionable management decisions made without the input of SERDC leadership that impacts the children and communities; and

WHEREAS, since the takeover of Southeast Child and Family Services by the Southern Authority, there has been no governance training for a new board or management entity that could include community representation; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Chiefs of the Southeast Resource Development Council (SERDC) are calling on the support of the AMC for the SECFSA to gain control of its mandate for the service delivery of Child and Family Services to their communities; and

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RE: SOUTHEAST CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly, do hereby support the SERDC Chiefs in regaining control and management of the SECFSA; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that the Province restore the SECFSA's mandate and remove the third party administration as conducted by the Southern Authority; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that the Province honour its commitment to the SERDC and enforce the legally binding Child and Family Services Agreement that exists between the SECFSA and the Province.

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RE: AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION IN WASAGAMACK FIRST NATION

Moved by:

Chief Alex McDougall Wasagamack First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Arlen Dumas Mathias Colomb First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Wasagamack First Nation is a remote and isolated First Nation in Northern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the nearest airport for the citizens of the Wasagamack First Nation is twelve kilometers by boat; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Wasagamack First Nations have identified this as an urgent health and safety issue; and

WHEREAS, the Wasagamack First Nation has been negotiating and soliciting both Manitoba and Canada for over thirty-five years for their own airport.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief and his staff to support the Wasagamack First Nation in their efforts to expedite completion of a project brief for a Treasury Board submission and project identification at Manitoba and Canada; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed airport construction project of the Wasagamack First Nation does not impact or impede the joint airport ownership initiative between the St. Theresa Point First Nation and the Wasagamack First Nation that was established in September 1998.

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RE: INCREASED FUNDING FOR BAND CONSTABLE PROGRAM

Moved by:

Proxy Richard Hart Bunibonibee Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall St. Theresa Point First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Assembly of First Nations Resolution No. 24/2007 Band Constable Program in Manitoba stated the Federal Government's First Nation Policing Policy (1991) intent was to phase out the Band Constable Program and replace, where possible, with a professional police service under the First Nation Police Policy; and

WHEREAS, The First Nation Policing Policy has not been practical or fully implemented and adhered to throughout Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Band Constable Program has not received any increase to funding in over 20 years forcing the financial burden and running deficit to be placed with the First Nations in order to maintain a public safety service that is expected by First Nation Citizens; and

WHEREAS, First Nations have expressed to the federal government the ongoing concern from Band Constables who face serious safety issues with minimal training, capacity and funding; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Ombudsman Owen's Inquest Report, February 2010 recommended: "the Province continue to work with the Federal government and First Nations to address deficiencies regarding recruitment, retention, standards and training of community policing services"; and

WHEREAS, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) response to Manitoba Justice stated, "Though this recommendation is directed to the Province, I can affirm that the RCMP is committed to the community policing philosophy. Although the RCMP is no longer directly involved in the delivery of Band Constable training, we will consider all requests for assistance from Public Safety Canada and Manitoba Justice regarding this training.

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RE: INCREASED FUNDING FOR BAND CONSTABLE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Justice Response stated, "the Department, in consultation with the RCMP, remains committed to the philosophy of community policing and, in particular, the delivery of policing services to remote Aboriginal communities. The issues regarding recruitment, retention and standards are within the purview of the First Nations Band Councils and Public Safety Canada".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand the federal government lift the funding freeze from the Band Constable Program Funding; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that funding be available to adequately resource the Band Constable Program, with suitable salaries, increased training and capacity development opportunities, sufficient equipment, and to reinstate those First Nations that have been phased out.

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RE: AMC SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE (HOSPITAL) IN ISLAND LAKE

Moved by:

Chief Alex McDougall Wasagamack First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall St. Theresa Point First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, since the mid 1990s the four First Nation communities of the Island Lake region, namely, Garden Hill, Wasagamack, Red Sucker and St. Theresa Point, has been working towards the establishment of a Primary Health Care Center (Hospital); and

WHEREAS, in June 23, 2000, the four First Nations communities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Manitoba and the Government of Canada, and the Assembly of First Nations to make improved health services available and accessible within the Island Lake First Nations; and

WHEREAS, in June 2008, a Master Service Plan – Island Lake Primary Health Care Center (Hospital), was submitted to Manitoba Health, Burntwood Regional Health Authority and Health Canada; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Wasagamack and St. Theresa Point First Nations to continue to move on the establishment of the Primary Health Care Center (Hospital).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support Wasagamack and St. Theresa Point First Nations and direct both Canada (FNIHB) and Manitoba (Manitoba Health) to give it a priority and identify the necessary resources required to support the development of a building design and function plan for the proposed Primary Health Care Center; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief and the AMC Secretariat to assist Wasagamack and St. Theresa Point First Nations by providing political and technical support to the First Nation leadership to ensure the establishment of a Primary Health Care Center (Hospital) in the Island Lake area.

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RE: SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST NATIONS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Moved by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy War Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Phillip Buck Mosakahiken Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Nations Women's Committee (FNWC) was established via AMC Resolution OCT-97.07 Indigenous Women's Collective of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the FNWC is mandated to pursue issues of women's rights of equality and citizenship and strives to ensure positive changes are being advocated at the political level; and

WHEREAS, there is only a small travel budget for meetings, and no core funding; therefore the FNWC is currently supported by other program staff within the AMC; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent and expressed need for increased funding to support the political advocacy and education work of the FNWC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support and acknowledge the work of the FNWC and direct the AMC to advocate for long term and sustainable funding from the federal and provincial governments.

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RE: ONGOING SUPPORT FOR MISSING AND MURDERED WOMEN

Moved by:

Chief Shirley Neepin Fox Lake Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches Swan Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states:

- 1. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities in the implementation of this Declaration.
- 2. States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, AMC Resolution JUL-10.05 Federal Funding to Address the Missing and Murdered Women Issues called for the First Nations Women's Committee to take the lead and partner with organizations to secure resources and address the issue of missing and murdered women; and

WHEREAS, the announcement by the Government of Canada to invest \$10 million over two years was specific to improve community safety and to ensure that the justice system and law enforcement agencies can better respond to cases of missing and murdered Aboriginal women; and

WHEREAS, funding has not been identified to support regional First Nations women's initiatives or to support families of missing and murdered women; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba has the third highest number of cases (79) of missing and murdered women in Canada and more murder cases than the national average at 81% (Sisters in Spirit, 2010).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to priorize the work of the FNWC and negotiate immediately to secure long term federal and provincial funding for missing and murdered First Nation citizens for advocacy and education initiatives including support for the families to find missing loved ones.

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RE: SUPPORT FOR CHIEFS REPRESENTATION ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FIRST PEOPLES DEVELOPMENT INC. (FPDI)

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Cameron Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve

Seconded by:

Proxy Gary McLean Lake Manitoba Treaty 2 First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs whose First Nations are members of the First Peoples Development Inc. (FPDI) are concerned that there is a lack of Chiefs leadership on the FPDI Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, there is fundamental concern about the timelines of funding to First Nations from Service Canada through FPDI; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs do not have oversight over the funding nor a direct link to Service Canada regarding FPDI.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Chiefs appointment to positions on the FPDI Board of Directors.

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RE: SUPPORT FOR NORTHLANDS DIALYSIS UNIT AND HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

Moved by:

Chief Peter Watt God's Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Joe Antsanen Northlands Denesuline First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Northlands Denesuline First Nation is very concerned about the inadequate or nonexistent care for our Elderly people to enable them to remain in the community; and

WHEREAS, our Elderly have to move far away from their home and family to access services, into Thompson or other Personal Care Homes where no one speaks the Dene language, and therefore, the community has lost connection to many of their Elders who have since passed on.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly support Northlands Denesuline as a priority for a dialysis unit in their community and increased resources in their Home & Community Care program, including more nurses and equipment.

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