

UNITY ASSEMBLY
October 6, 7, 8, 1987

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the current Manitoba Regional Advisory Board mandate is no longer effective for the NAADAP program; and

WHEREAS the current mandate for the Manitoba Regional Advisory Board does not recognize the authority of the First Nations Chiefs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of Manitoba ^① dissolve the current mandated structure of the Regional Advisory Board and ^② establish an ad hoc committee to develop a secretariat to best meet the needs of First Nation members in the area of NAADAP issues.

Moved: Chief Henry Bird

Seconded: Chief Dennis Whitebird

Carried

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**RESOLUTION: Concerning the Indian Affairs New Band/New Reserve
Criteria**

Whereas it has come to our attention that Indian Affairs is implementing a new policy with respect to the creation of new Bands and new Reserves;

And whereas such matters are rights of fundamental importance to the First Nations of Canada located within Manitoba;

And whereas this new policy apparently has been put in place without any consultation with the First Nations, but with extreme prejudice to our rights and interests;

Now, therefore, it is resolved that the All-Chiefs' Assembly of Manitoba rejects totally this new policy, refuses to provide Band compliance with its unilaterally prescribed conditions, and demands that senior officials of Indian Affairs meet immediately with representatives of the Chiefs to reach mutually acceptable understandings in this regard.

Moved by: Chief Jim Tobacco

Seconded by: Chief Eric Chubb

Carried

**DO HEREBY RESOLVE;
DÉCIDE, PAR LES PRÉSENTES:**

WHEREAS: The Oxford House Band is nearing completion of construction on the Personal Care Home and Residence.

WHEREAS: We were instructed to and did make formal application to Special Arda for funding for Furnishings and Operating Start-Up.

WHEREAS: We were notified that this request was within Special Arda's area of involvement and we were assigned Project No. 7180-311761 and Mr. Stanley Bear was assigned as our Project Officer.

WHEREAS: We have recently been notified that Special Arda has no funds available, our application is being deferred from one Committee Meeting to another and we have been told to try and obtain funding elsewhere at this late date.

WHEREAS: We couriered a letter with all pertinent data to Mr. Bernard Valcour on Oct. 7, 1987 requesting a funding commitment as follows:

Furnishing, Equipment, Pre operating and Operation Start-Up funds in the amount of \$269,796.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Oxford House Band hereby request the assistance of the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs to assist us in expediting our request to the Minister of State for Indian and Northern Development.

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Moved: Chief Eric Chubb

Seconded: Chief Billy Harper

Carried

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	A. Capital \$	B. Revenue - Revenu \$			
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RESOLUTION - FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS for a number of years there has been recurrent flooding at Rapids #12 at Koostatak, Manitoba; and

WHEREAS said flooding results, to some extent, from drainage control management interventions effected by the Government of Manitoba upstream of Rapids #12; and

WHEREAS correspondence between the Fisher River Band, the Hon. Bill Uruskiw, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Manitoba and Terry Sergeant, NDP-MP, indicates that a new bridge was scheduled for design in 1982/83, with construction in 1983/84; and

WHEREAS the bridge has not been constructed notwithstanding assurances by Indian Affairs; nor has flooding been abated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of the Indian First Nations in Conference assembled give our support to the Fisher River Band in its efforts to secure the support and action of both the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba in a common project in joint undertaking to design and construct the bridge at Rapids #12 at Koostatak, Manitoba.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governments of Manitoba and Canada give this project immediate attention in order to fulfill the promises of the past and put an end to the problems created by the flooding of the rapids.

Moved: Chief Wesley Hart

Seconded: Chief Raymond Swan

Carried

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:
DÉCIDE, PAR LES PRÉSENTES:

WHEREAS, the First Nations people of Manitoba have certain undeniable rights to hunt and fish in Manitoba, and

HEREAS, these rights were recognized through the Treaties and reaffirmed by the Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer Act (1930) and the Constitution Act (1982), and

WHEREAS, through these instruments the First Nations people were guaranteed the right to hunt and fish for food at all seasons of the year on lands to which they have the right of access, and

WHEREAS, the continuing recognition, understanding and maintenance of these rights by both levels of government are important to the First Nations people in that we must be assured of continued access to the fish and game resources in order to maintain our way of life, and

WHEREAS, the exercising of these rights reflect the special and unique position of the First Nations people in Manitoba, and

WHEREAS, it is clear to us through the continuing actions of both levels of government that there presently exists a certain level of misunderstanding of the nature and scope of these special rights by the field staff charged with responsibility of enforcement of wildlife regulations, with the result being that some First Nations people are not being allowed to exercise their rights without fear of interference by field staff who are not fully apprised of these rights, and

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DO HEREBY RESOLVE:
DECIDE, PAR LES PRESENTES:

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of all concerned that the Provincial and Federal field staff involved attain a greater recognition of the rights of the First Nations people to hunt and fish so that they can enjoy undisturbed exercising of these rights without fear of interference.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of Manitoba initiate discussions with both levels of government in order that an agreed upon process can be put in place with the objective of working to a resolution of recognition of First Nations hunting and fishing rights, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a further objective be of educating the wild-life field staff of the Federal and Provincial governments as to the nature and scope of the rights of the First Nations people to hunt and fish in Manitoba.

Moved: Chief Dennis Pashe
 Seconded: Chief Ken Courchene

Carried

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MANITOBA ALL CHIEFS' ASSEMBLYRESOLUTION

- WHEREAS: THE CHIEFS OF MANITOBA HAVE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS A "STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL UNITY";
- WHEREAS: THE CHIEFS OF MANITOBA HAVE INDICATED BY CONSENSUS THEIR DESIRE TO ESTABLISH COMMON EFFORTS ON COMMON ISSUES;
- WHEREAS: THE CHIEFS OF MANITOBA HAVE DECIDED BY CONSENSUS THAT REGULAR CHIEFS' ASSEMBLIES SHALL BE CONVENED TO ADDRESS A RANGE OF COMMON ISSUES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVISING COMMON STRATEGIES AND ESTABLISHING MECHANISMS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION ON THOSE COMMON ISSUES;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THE CHIEFS OF MANITOBA HAVE CONSIDERED AND COLLECTIVELY PROVIDE THEIR POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING ONGOING COMMON FRONTS, NAMELY:

1. THE JOINT STRATEGIES BEING PURSUED BY INDIAN CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES RESPECTING NEGOTIATIONS ON CHILD WELFARE AND RELATED ISSUES.
2. THE JOINT STRATEGIES BEING PURSUED BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND FIRST NATIONS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES AND, MORE PARTICULARLY, THE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES BEING CONSIDERED IN RELATION TO THE DRIE CONSULTATION PROCESS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT THE CHIEFS OF MANITOBA CALL FOR A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY OF CHIEFS TO BE CONVENED BEFORE THE END OF 1987 TO MORE FULLY ADDRESS ISSUES AND STRATEGIES REGARDING TREATIES IN MANITOBA, AND INHERENT ABORIGINAL RIGHTS OF FIRST NATIONS INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THIS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON TREATIES AND SELF-DETERMINATION, A CO-ORDINATING BODY BE ESTABLISHED TO ORGANIZE THE ASSEMBLY AND TO UNDERTAKE PREPARATORY WORK AND RESEARCH ON THE ISSUES.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THE CHIEFS OF MANITOBA HEREBY RESOLVE TO CONVENE REGULAR CHIEFS' ASSEMBLIES TO CONSIDER COMMON CONCERNS AND COLLECTIVE ACTION TO BE IMPLEMENTED EITHER BY EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS OF FIRST NATIONS, AND/OR BY NEW MECHANISMS AND PROCESSES ESTABLISHED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE ASSEMBLY.

MOVED BY: Chief Rod Bushie
SECONDED BY: Chief Patricia Turner

PASSED

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PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL UNITY

The Chief of Manitoba in considering the future of their political relationship and the need to harness the spirit of a unified political movement for Manitoba First Nations declare the following principles:

1. We accept that each First Nation has the inherent right by virtue of its aboriginal title or treaty, to self determination such that its autonomy and sovereignty cannot be hampered by the decisions of other First Nations.
2. We accept that each First Nation may select its spokespersons and leaders in accordance with the wishes, culture and traditions of the people of that First Nation.
3. We state that any organization or entity formed to act on behalf of the First Nations of Manitoba shall do so only with the fullest of respect for and acknowledgment of the political and legal sovereignty of each First Nation.
4. We acknowledge and accept the need for the First Nations of Manitoba, on certain issues of common concern and from time to time, to act in concert and in a coordinated manner to promote and protect the best interests of the Indian people of Manitoba when such interests are threatened by Canadian society or its institutions.
5. We accept that there is a need to identify, prioritize and seek an agreement on those issues that require collective action and that such decisions shall occur by consensus at regularly convened forums of the First Nations of Manitoba.
6. We accept that the duties, responsibilities and contributions involved in our future collective efforts shall be shared on an equitable basis between the First Nations and their various institutions.
7. We state that any future collective effort undertaken by First Nations shall respect and enhance the political and legal equality of our people regardless of Nationhood, age, gender and place of residence.
8. Finally we state that any future collective actions on the part of First Nations shall never derogate or deny our inherent aboriginal and treaty rights.
9. Any organization or entity formed to act on behalf of the First Nations of Manitoba shall not affiliate itself with any other Provincial or Territorial organization or national Indian organization without the consent of each and every First Nation of Manitoba.

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INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

**500 - 259 Portage Avenue
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Telephone: 945-3707

October 5th, 1987

The Indigenous Women's Collective of Manitoba, Inc. is a non-profit umbrella organization which serves as the political voice for Manitoba's Native women. For the past two years the Collective has been operating on the dedication, commitment and voluntary support of Native women. The workload is overwhelming and cannot be managed by volunteer labour alone.

On September 10, 1987, the I.W.C. approached the province for core funding. This money will be used to finance three staff positions (Director, Researcher and an Administrative Assistant) who will undertake initiatives in the area of constitutional issues and economic development. It is the intent of the Collective to carry through this Mandate at all levels of government and with Native political organizations. Our purpose is to work in conjunction with other Native organizations toward the common goal of self-determination and self-government. As Native women we want Native people to present a united front so that those who hold positions of power over our lives can no longer manipulate and dominate us. We believe Native people need a louder voice and that as women we can contribute to that voice, to bring the goals and objectives of Native people to the forum. In the Spirit of Unity and in the recognition of the role that Native women play in the struggle, we ask for your support.

You can address your letter of support to Doris Young, President, Indigenous Women's Collective, 500-259 Portage Avenue and forward a copy to:

cc: Premier Howard Pawley
Room 204 Legislative Building


Hon. Jay Cowan, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs
Room 304 Legislative Building

Hon. Maureen Hemphill, Minister Responsible for Community Services
Room 302 Legislative Building

Hon. Muriel Smith, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women
Room 343 Legislative Building

If you require further information please contact Margaret Bennett-Chan, Acting Co-ordinator, at 943-3707.

In Solidarity,


Doris Young
President

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WHEREAS the Indigenous Women's Collective of Manitoba is a recognized provincial body representing Aboriginal women of Manitoba working together for the primary purpose of acting on matters of common concern and dealing with issues affecting our legal, political, social and economic rights,

AND WHEREAS the objectives of the Indigenous Women's Collective are the recognized objectives for the Aboriginal women of Manitoba,

TO WIT:

- . Working towards alleviating the sexual, social and racial discrimination which Indigenous women and their children encounter,
- . Is the voice for Indigenous women and children in Manitoba,
- . To develop and maintain a communication system amongst local, provincial and national Indigenous women's groups,
- . To be recognized as having the right to be active and equal participants in political, social, economic and legal systems affecting the status of Indigenous women at all times,
- . To support Indigenous women in achieving equality for all Native people within the context of the larger Canadian society.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we support the I.W.C.'s mandate and their initiative of obtaining core funding for their organization from the Province of Manitoba.

Endorsed by: _____

Affiliation: _____

OCT. 6-8/87

Moved: Chief Ken Courchene

Seconded: Chief Raymond Swan

Tabled and to be referred to Bands for consideration

RESOLUTION OF THE MANITOBA

ALL CHIEFS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 1987

WHEREAS, there is a backlog of new housing units, housing repairs and renovations on most reserves in Manitoba, and

WHEREAS, the housing conditions on most reserves are generally inadequate, and

WHEREAS, the Housing Program provided by the Department of Indian Affairs is incapable of solving the housing crisis at the present time and does not provide equitable repair programs as are available through CMHC to the rest of the Province, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Repairs Program available through CMHC does not apply on Indian Reserves, and

WHEREAS, there are many Emergency Repairs required on many reserves which adversely affect the health and safety of the residents, and

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Emergency Repair Program be also made available to Manitoba Reserves immediately.

APPROVED, DATE: _____

Moved: Chief Louis Stevenson

Seconded: Chief Harry Desjarlais

PROPOSED BY: PEGUIS BAND

Carried