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6TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
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SEPT-94.01

Moved by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, at a meeting with the A.M.C. Child and Family Chiefs Committee and the Minister of D.I.A.N.D. in Ottawa, June 8, 1994, the Minister has stated that the Manitoba Chiefs will determine which items will be fast tracked with the Dismantling Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Child Welfare Tripartite agreements signed fifteen years ago, establishing First Nations Child and Family Service Agencies; Manitoba Chiefs understood that provincial legislation would be an interim measure; and

WHEREAS, First Nations communities in Manitoba have had over 15 years experience delivering services to band members but, are restricted by Provincial law to exercise First Nation practises in caring for their children; and

WHEREAS, during the Dismantling process each First Nation community will be respected and supported in their right to develop services, and take over complete jurisdiction based on their own expectations, and time frames.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs fast track First Nations Child and Family Services within the Dismantling Initiative.

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SEPT-94.02

Moved by:

Chief Ernie Bussidor
Sayisi Dene First Nation

**RE: NON-CONFIDENCE IN THE REGIONAL
DIRECTOR GENERAL
INAC, MANITOBA REGION**

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

WHEREAS, the Regional Director General of the Manitoba Region has failed to provide proper direction to the Manitoba INAC office in meeting its obligations to First Nations in Manitoba; and

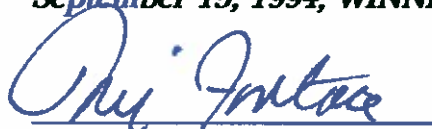
MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Regional Director General was allowed a sufficient period of time to learn and understand INAC's obligations and duties to First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the First Nation in Manitoba generally have lost any confidence in the Regional Director's ability to manage and direct the INAC office with the view of meeting the obligations in a treaty, fiduciary, social and financial sense.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the office of the Minister of Indian Affairs Canada address and provide remedial action to the vote of non-confidence by Manitoba Chiefs in the Regional Director General.

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Moved by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Philip Buck
Mosakahiken First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
EDUCATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
AND THE DISMANTLING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Education Framework Agreement provides for a community-driven process which has identified First Nations educational needs and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Education Framework Agreement process has an existing working structure in place, including a Chiefs Committee and Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Education Framework Agreement process has been targeted as a fast-track item in the Framework Agreement on the Dismantling of INAC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1. A member of the Chiefs Committee on Education and an Education Technician be involved in the INAC Dismantling process. This involvement would include:
 - a) A representative of the Chiefs Committee on Education and the Chairperson of the Education Framework Agreement Steering Committee being part of the negotiating team of the Dismantling process;

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**RE: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
EDUCATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
AND THE DISMANTLING PROCESS (Con't)**

- b) The existing Education Framework Agreement Steering Committee receiving the mandate to act as the Education Working Group as outlined in the Dismantling workplan.

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Moved by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Orville Smoke
Dakota Plains First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: SUPPORT FOR D.O.T.C. HEALING
CENTRE**

WHEREAS, Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services (DOCFS) has invested, over the past year and one-half, considerable time and financial resources for the development of a Healing Centre to meet the needs of the member communities and other First Nations; and


WHEREAS, the Dakota Ojibway Chiefs have already purchased land for the Healing Centre, and prepared a complete set of architectural drawings and specifications, as well as the Healing Centre treatment program, staffing patterns, and operating budget at cost to the agency; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly, at the March 1993 meeting of the Assembly of First Nations, passed a resolution in support of the Healing Centre proposed by the Chiefs of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has not yet committed any funds for the construction of the Healing Centre, or for the delivery of treatment programs, as requested by the DOTC Chiefs on March 30, 1993.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the DOCFS submission to the Government of Canada to identify funds to be provided for the construction and operation of a culturally-based Healing Centre for First Nations people.

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Moved by:

Chief Ralph Caribou
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: SUPPORT FOR BLACK STURGEON FIRST
NATION**

WHEREAS, the members of the Mathias Colomb Band residing in Lynn Lake, also known as Black Sturgeon First Nations people are the original inhabitants of the land in and around Lynn Lake; and

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the building of the town in Lynn Lake, the First Nations people had their traditional territory disrupted and were relegated to the sidelines as Tent Village People; and

WHEREAS, the ceding of the lands and the encroachment of industry has caused undue hardships and destroyed their way of life; and

WHEREAS, 5,750 acres of new reserve land at Hughes Lake has been set aside since 1991 for the use of Black Sturgeon First Nations people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs fully support to the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation in dealing with the displaced First Nations people of Lynn Lake in their struggle for justice and recognition of their rights; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs fully support the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation and the Black Sturgeon First Nation in their struggle to urge the Government of Canada to provide funding for the creation of a reserve at Hughes Lake.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR BLACK STURGEON FIRST
NATION (Con't)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorse and grant the Black Sturgeon First Nation full membership in the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will full privileges to vote and attend all Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs meetings.

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SEPT-94.07

Moved by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Waterhen First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: A.M.C. REVIEW

WHEREAS, the A.M.C. Review Committee was mandated by the Chiefs-in-Assembly to review, assess and suggest recommendations toward improvement and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the A.M.C. Review Committee presented recommendations as a result of various meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly adopt the recommendations contained in the A.M.C. Review Committee Report.

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Moved by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Geordie Little
Garden Hill First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: CROSS LAKE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT

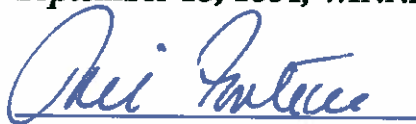
WHEREAS, pursuant to the Indian Act, Indian Mining Regulations have been enacted which have never been used, for which no administrative structure or capability exists, and which are inappropriate to the principles of self-government by First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Lake First Nation is engaged in the development of mineral resources on lands selected or designated as reserve lands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs hereby call upon the Minister of Indian Affairs for the repeal of the mining regulations or the exemption of Manitoba First Nations from said regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the Minister of Indian Affairs assist the Cross Lake First Nation in developing and implementing its own regulatory framework to govern mineral explorations and developments.

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SEPT-94.09

Moved by:

Councillor Karl Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Bill Traverse
Jackhead First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: REPRESENTATION ON BOARD OF THE
MANITOBA INDIAN CULTURAL
EDUCATION CENTRE INC.**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Indian Cultural Education Centre Inc. is established to promote and educate the First Nations peoples and general public in Manitoba by resolution of the Manitoba Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Indian Cultural Education Centre Inc. has not had an active board in place in recent time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs appoint board members with equal representation from Northern and Southern communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief and the Executive Council meet with the Director of the Manitoba Indian Cultural Education Centre Inc. to establish the board structure.

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SEPT-94.10

Moved by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis White Bird
Rolling River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: FISCAL AND HIRING ACCOUNTABILITY


WHEREAS, the A.M.C. is embarking on an historic course of action with the dismantling of the Department of Indian Affairs and the greater recognition of native self-government; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the A.M.C. not only act above reproach but also to appear to be above reproach.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- i) that all hiring and firing of A.M.C. staff, contracted individuals, consultants, lawyers and advisors be done by an independent reviewable body appointed by the Chiefs-in-Assembly or by a Finance Committee appointed by and responsible to the Chiefs-in-Assembly and to the Executive Council;
- ii) that all finances of the A.M.C. be reviewed by a Finance Committee appointed by and responsible to the Chiefs-in-Assembly and to the Executive Council; and
- iii) that no sole individual, regardless of position within the A.M.C., shall have the authority to hire or fire staff/independent contractors or to enter into contracts binding the A.M.C. or to spend money unless it is approved by the Finance Committee appointed by and responsible to the Chiefs-in-Assembly and to the Executive Council.

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SEPT-94.11

Moved by:

Councillor Karl Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Lorne Cochrane
Fisher River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: SCHOOL RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly have passed Resolution #1 on September 29th, 1993; and

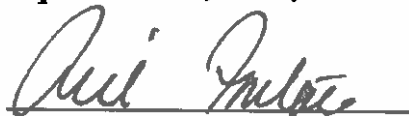
WHEREAS, Resolution #1 titled, "Capital Allocation Policy," directed the Manitoba Regional office of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to change this policy by removing the requirement for First Nations to contribute to the cost of a new school and that the Federal Government resume their duty of being 100% responsible for the provision of new schools to First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Regional office of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada have continued to require that First Nations pay 50% of repairs and renovations to their existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has the responsibility for the provision of school facilities for First Nations including necessary repairs and renovations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba Regional office of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada be directed to cover 100% of the costs for repairs and renovations of school facilities and live up to their responsibility of maintaining school facilities.

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Moved by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Waterhen First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: LOUISIANA-PACIFIC

WHEREAS, Louisiana-Pacific, a multi-national corporation has approached the Provincial Government to establish a Wafer Board Plant near Minitonas, Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana-Pacific has been previously fined \$11.1 million for violating the U.S. Clean Air Environment Law; and

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government has entered into an arrangement that will grant cutting rights to Louisiana-Pacific within First Nation Traditional Territories of Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation, Sapotaweyak First Nation, Pine Creek First Nation and Waterhen First Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government has accommodated Louisiana-Pacific by holding Environmental Hearings on the proposed Wafer Board Plant; and

WHEREAS, there are still outstanding Treaty Land Claims within the proposed cutting area; and

WHEREAS, S.C.T.C. has made presentations objecting to the establishment of the proposed Wafer Board Plant and has proceeded with legal action to halt any developments that are currently underway.

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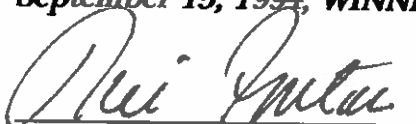
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RE: LOUISIANA-PACIFIC (Con't)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. undertake to proceed with the following:

1. Demand that the Federal Government, as our trustee, undertake an environmental assessment immediately to review the impacts on the establishment of the Wafer Board Plant by Louisiana-Pacific;
2. Assert and support that First Nations have never relinquished our Treaty Rights and our Traditional Territories through any legislation or Act of Parliament;
3. Demand that the Federal and Provincial Governments resolve any and all outstanding Treaty Land Claims;
4. Demand that the Federal and Provincial Governments adopt a policy that states that no new developments can take place in First Nations Traditional Territories without their full consultation and approval.
5. Provide human and financial support to Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation, Sapotaweyak Cree Nation, Pine Creek First Nation and Waterhen First Nation to legal costs that would result from this undertaking.

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SEPT-94.13

Moved by:

Councillor Karl Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jim Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES
INTERNATIONAL POW WOW**

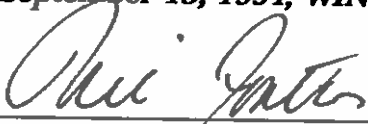
WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Peoples International Pow Wow Inc. was conceived to promote the unique and distinct culture of Manitoba First Nations peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Pow Wow is a First Nations peoples social event whereby all family members may participate, men, women, youth and elders; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has designated 1994 to be the "International Year of the Family."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the "Manitoba First Nations Peoples International Pow Wow Inc."

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SEPT-94.14

Moved by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Helen Cook
Bloodvein First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: FIRST NATION YOUTH AND
SELF-GOVERNMENT**

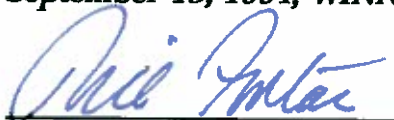
WHEREAS, the Chiefs recognize the issues and needs of First Nation youth both on and off-reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs support the development by First Nations of new programs to effectively address these issues; and

WHEREAS, addressing the needs of First Nation youth is a basic goal of self-government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat develop a strategy on First Nation youth and a plan of action for addressing this through the dismantling/self-government process.

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SEPT-94.15

Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: FIRST NATIONS JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Canada have never given up their right to exercise jurisdiction in First Nations communities; and

WHEREAS, the Provincial and Federal Governments have not always respected First Nations jurisdiction over First Nations territories; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby declare and reaffirm their intent to exercise such jurisdiction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governments of Canada and Manitoba recognize the inherent right of First Nations in Manitoba to exercise jurisdiction with all the powers consistent with the inherent right of self-government.

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SEPT-94.16

Moved by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Waterhen First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: GENERAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS

WHEREAS, approximately \$3,000,000.00 in General Insurance Premiums are paid out annually by Manitoba First Nations and other associated organizations; and

WHEREAS, premiums are growing each year and will continue to grow as a direct result of First Nations gaining control over resources and self-government; and

WHEREAS, the insurance industry offers numerous social and economic opportunities to First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the development of a viable First Nations owned, managed and controlled insurance brokerage will stimulate job creation and, as well, create an awareness of the need for protecting First Nations property and assets; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study is required to determine the maximum participation by First Nations in the development and growth of a First Nations Insurance Brokerage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs request that Tribal Council Investment Group play a leadership role and sponsor a feasibility study.

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SEPT-94.17

Moved by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ELECTION OF GRAND CHIEF

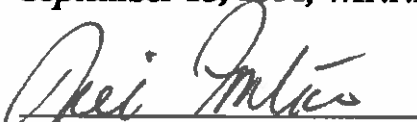
WHEREAS, the position of Grand Chief is currently selected by First Nations Chiefs/official proxies in Manitoba through a voting process; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba have expressed the concern that the position of Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs must be reflective of, representative of, and responsive to the concerns and aspirations of First Nations peoples in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby declare their intent to include the First Nations citizens of Manitoba in future elections of the position of Grand Chief for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 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.

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Moved by:

Chief James Tanner
Gamblers First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: REVISION OF THE PRIVATE HOME
PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has not fulfilled its fiduciary obligations for Treaty Rights to education; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development implements guidelines which restrict education under the private home placement program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development will not provide private home placement program funding for grade nine secondary education because it does not fall under its confining guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's restrictive private home placement program guidelines limit First Nations' parental choice in selecting the school best suited for their children's learning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the West Region Tribal Council have demanded that the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development fund the private home placement for grade nine students; and

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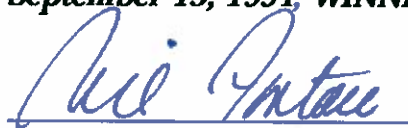
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**RE: REVISION OF THE PRIVATE HOME
PLACEMENT PROGRAM (Con't)**

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of West Region Tribal Council have demanded that the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's restrictive guidelines be revised to accommodate enhanced educational opportunities for First Nations students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the West Region Tribal Council in their demand for the revision of the private home placement guidelines to include the grade nine program.

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Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Prairie Provinces Water Board has planned and implemented a project to regulate the water flow of some river systems; and

WHEREAS, this project has serious implications for the traditional lifestyles of the First Nations of this province, as well as the First Nations of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs establish a Water Resource Committee to deal with this issue with the following terms of reference:

1. To obtain and review the document that has been prepared for this project and to determine the projected dates for each area or zone;
2. To identify how many First Nation communities are located along the targeted rivers and lakes;
3. To analyze the potential impact of the disrupted water flow and its effect on traditional livelihoods such as fishing, trapping and hunting, etc.;
4. To analyze which First Nation lands will be flooded or drained, as a result of either damming rivers or channelling;

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WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE (Con't)**

5. To determine the extent of the reversal of natural water flow and to analyze the potential impact on wildlife;
6. To identify what professional expertise will be required;
7. To identify budgetary requirements to enable this committee to do its work; and
8. To develop a plan of action to deal with this issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Water Resource Committee provide regular updates to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs through the Chiefs Executive Committee.

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Moved by:

Chief Joe Guy Wood
St. Theresa Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: PROVINCIAL TAXATION - TOBACCO

WHEREAS, representatives of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (the "AMC") have negotiated with the Province of Manitoba (the "Province") respecting the taxation of tobacco sold on reserves; and

WHEREAS, the AMC has taken the position that First Nation Citizens should be able to purchase tobacco, tax free, on reserves without being required to purchase marked cigarettes or being subject to a quota; and

WHEREAS, the Province has offered First Nations agreements under which First Nations are required to tax their own people which tax will be collected by the Province on behalf of First Nations and transferred to First Nations on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20 First Nations have refused to sign tobacco tax agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Province has proposed an alternative to the tobacco agreement, in which First Nation Citizens would purchase marked tobacco products on reserves, subject to a quota regarding the volume of tax-free tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of the AMC requires direction as to whether it should proceed with negotiations on tobacco and explore the use of marked tobacco products subject to a quota without abandoning the AMC's current position.

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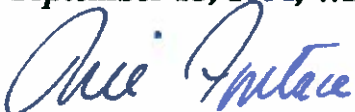
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**RE: PROVINCIAL TAXATION - TOBACCO
(Con't)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC be authorized to continue to negotiate the recognition of the tax immunity of First Nations respecting tobacco tax with the Province and explore, as one of several options, the purchase by First Nation Citizens of marked tobacco products, subject to a quota on volume of tobacco, free of provincial taxation, without the AMC abandoning its current position.

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Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: SOLVENT ABUSE TREATMENT
SELECTION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Health Canada, Medical Services Branch (MSB), is in the process of selecting three (3) permanent treatment programs for solvent abuse; and

WHEREAS, a Solvent Abuse Treatment Selection Committee has been appointed to assist in determining who will receive the solvent abuse treatment funds; and

WHEREAS, MSB Regional offices were given the task of nominating individuals to the Solvent Abuse Treatment Selection Committee; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba Region has appointed an individual, a previous member of the National Solvent Abuse Working Group, to the Solvent Abuse Treatment Selection Committee; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of this individual is in conflict with the recommendation of the National Solvent Abuse Working Group which recommended that no member of the National Solvent Abuse Working Group will participate in the selection process for the solvent abuse treatment funds; and

WHEREAS, there was no consultation in this appointment with Manitoba First Nations.

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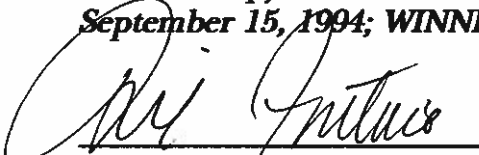
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**RE: SOLVENT ABUSE TREATMENT
SELECTION COMMITTEE (Con't)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recommend that the MKO Grand Chief be appointed a member of the Solvent Abuse Treatment Centre Selection Committee with the AMC Grand Chief as the alternate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Health Canada, Medical Services Branch, remove that individual from the Solvent Abuse Treatment Selection Committee immediately in respect of this resolution.

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Moved by:

Chief Florence McLean
Lake Manitoba First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Helen Cook
Bloodvein First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: PROVINCIAL TAXATION - GASOLINE/
MOTIVE FUEL**

WHEREAS, representatives of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (the "AMC") have negotiated with the Province of Manitoba (the "Province") respecting the taxation of gasoline/motive fuel sold on reserves; and

WHEREAS, the AMC has proposed that the tax immunity of First Nations be recognized as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the Province is willing to negotiate with the AMC to explore the proposed method of recognizing the tax immunity of First Nations as one of several options.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC be authorized to negotiate with the Province, as a proposed system for the recognition of the tax immunity of First Nations under which:

- a) First Nation Citizens could purchase gasoline/ motive fuel free of provincial taxation on reserves;
- b) First Nation Citizens purchasing tax free gasoline/motive fuel would not be required to provide their treaty number, or other identification or signature sample unless the purchase of gasoline/motive fuel exceeded an agreed amount;
- c) retailers on a reserve would be able to purchase gasoline from wholesalers at a price which did not include provincial tax levied on consumers;
- d) retailers on reserves would receive training as to the operation of the system and inventory control as required by the Province and as jointly administered by the Department of Finance and the AMC;

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MOTIVE FUEL (Con't)

- e) retailers on reserves would collect taxes proposed by the Province from Non-First Nation Citizens only;
- f) retailers on reserve would remit the provincial taxes collected from Non-First Nation Citizens to the Province on a regular basis;
- g) First Nation Government acting alone or with other First Nations would train an individual to audit and report in respect of the collection of taxes from Non-First Nation Citizens on reserves, which reports would be provided to the relevant First Nation Government and the Department of Finance;
- h) First Nation Government would enact bylaws pursuant to Section 83 of the Indian Act (Canada), as part of the overall agreement, which bylaws would regulate and license retailers on reserves requiring them to conduct business in accordance with the wishes of the First Nation Government and to remit taxes from Non-First Nation Citizens to the Province;
- i) the First Nations, who so wish, could impose their own taxation in respect of fuel.

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Moved by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ABORIGINAL BUSINESS CANADA

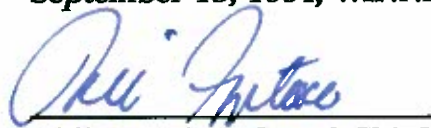
WHEREAS, the federal Aboriginal Business Canada (A.B.C.) is the lead government agency controlling financial resources for First Nations' economic developments; and

WHEREAS, the economic development needs of First Nations in Manitoba are not being adequately addressed by A.B.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the A.M.C. have expressed their intention to dismantle federal structures affecting First Nations, and to transfer control of programs, funds and jurisdictions from the Federal Government to First Nations' governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Economic Development shall, in conjunction with First Nations and their respective agencies, immediately undertake to pursue the transfer to First Nations of all functions and resources of Aboriginal Business Canada that pertain to First Nations in Manitoba and thereby eliminate duplication and overlap in the delivery and administration of economic development programs and services.

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Moved by:

Chief Helen Cook
Bloodvein First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY
PROGRAMMING**

WHEREAS, on March 25, 1991, the Government of Canada, represented by the Minister of Forestry, and the Province of Manitoba, represented by the Minister of Natural Resources, entered into a 5-year Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA) to undertake programs of forest resource development to address the long-term potential and strategic issues facing the forest sector; and

WHEREAS, the Canada - Manitoba FRDA included a provision for the development of First Nations forest lands in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$30 million was allocated to the Canada - Manitoba FRDA by federal and provincial sources and approximately \$1.4 million out of this total allocation was allocated to the development of Manitoba First Nations forest lands; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has a fiduciary and statutory responsibility related to First Nations forest lands; and

WHEREAS, the Canada - Manitoba FRDA has represented the only source of forest programming for First Nations forest lands in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor General's 1992 Annual Report verified that the Department of Indian Affairs has mismanaged First Nations forest lands resulting in lands that are essentially depleted of forest resources.

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**RE: FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY
PROGRAMMING (Con't)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the development of a successor program to replace the First Nations Forest Lands component of the Canada-Manitoba FRDA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a successor program must be designed and delivered by First Nations, include increased resources, be consistent with First Nations self-government, and recognize the fiduciary obligations of the Federal Government.

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Moved by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION

WHEREAS, many First Nations citizens in Manitoba have been forced to pay provincial and federal taxes on income, goods and services; and

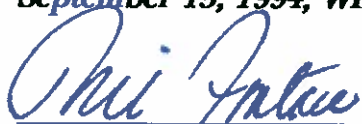
WHEREAS, First Nations citizens should be exempt from such forms of taxation regardless of residence by virtue of the Treaties that were signed between First Nations and the Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS, our First Nations ancestors have prepaid for any and all such taxes through sharing of the rich resources of this country with the non-Native citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat to work towards ensuring that no First Nations citizen, regardless of residency and/or site of purchase, should be taxed; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada recognize and respect First Nations citizens exemption from taxation.

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Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: PLAN TO PROTEST THE G-7
CONFERENCE ON THE UKRAINE**

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada is hosting a G-7 Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba on the Ukraine in the near future to determine ways to assist in the development of the economy of the Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation communities across Canada and within Manitoba, both urban and on-reserve, are experiencing extremely high unemployment, a shortage of adequate housing and other sub-standard social and economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has been reluctant and unable to devise a comprehensive plan to develop the economies of the First Nation communities as is evident by the sub-standard living conditions and related problems; and

WHEREAS, the past five consecutive annual Canadian Human Rights Commission reports have highlighted the fact that First Nations people are worse off than the rest of Canadians in relation to standard of living and quality of life.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the plan to protest the G-7 Conference on the Ukraine and to expose Canada for their double standard and hypocritical conduct; and

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**RE: PLAN TO PROTEST THE G-7
CONFERENCE ON THE UKRAINE (Con't)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the Canadian Government solve its own problems first before attempting to solve similar problems in other parts of the world; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. Secretariat plan and coordinate this protest.

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Moved by:

Chief Norman Traverse
Lake St. Martin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Florence McLean
Lake Manitoba First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: ANISHINABE CHILD AND FAMILY
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Government continues to unilaterally impose its policies upon First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the A.M.C. has declared that Child and Family Services fall under the jurisdiction of First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba is imposing the appointment of a manager to be placed at Anishinabe Child and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Anishinabe Child and Family Services intend to appoint their own person to work with the Executive Director.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support Anishinabe Child and Family Services Chiefs in appointing their own third party manager to work with the Anishinabe Child and Family Services Executive Coordinator.

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SEPT-94.28

Moved by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Alan Ross
Norway House First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POLICIES AND
PRACTICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Chiefs have decided to proceed with the process of dismantling the Department of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Financial Policies and practices of the Department of Indian Affairs are a day-to-day source of hardship and distress in First Nation communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an immediate priority in the dismantling process include the review of financial policies and practices which impact on the daily lives of First Nation citizens; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this review include the formulation of a strategy which will relieve our communities of the burden of current financial policies and practices as quickly as possible.

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Moved by:

Chief Ernie Bussidor
Sayisi Dene First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: FIRE DAMAGE IN THE TRADITIONAL
TERRITORY OF SAYISI DENE FIRST
NATION**

WHEREAS, fires have destroyed the forest and habitat over much of the traditional territory of the Sayisi Dene; and

WHEREAS, natural regeneration of the forest ecosystem in Sayisi Dene territory will take decades; and

WHEREAS, this loss of natural resources represents a major economic disaster for the Sayisi Dene First Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognize and declare the Sayisi Dene situation to be a social economic and environmental disaster of major proportions; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call upon federal and provincial governments to take immediate steps to put in place disaster relief measures to ensure the continued health, safety and development of Sayisi Dene First Nation; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the A.M.C. Secretariat coordinate with the M.K.O. Natural Resources Secretariat in support of this issue.

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SEPT-94.30

Moved by:

Chief Hubert Kematch
Sapotaweyak First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
OF PULP AND PAPER OPERATIONS AT
PINE FALLS**

WHEREAS, the pulp and paper mill at Pine Falls has repeatedly violated environmental standards and reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, Sagkeeng First Nation citizens have suffered health, safety and economic impacts from operation of the mill and forest harvesting practices; and

WHEREAS, the mill operations and harvesting practices have never been subject to thorough environmental assessment, monitoring or regulation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call for a full environmental review of the Pine Falls mill and forest operations.

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Moved by:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: RENEWING EDUCATION: NEW
DIRECTIONS - A BLUEPRINT FOR
ACTION**

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has recently developed Renewing Education: New Directions - A Blueprint for Action which will impact on the future of First Nations education in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Blueprint outlines six priority areas including:

- Essential Learning;
- Educational Standards and Evaluation;
- School Effectiveness;
- Parental and Community Involvement;
- Distance Education and Technology;
- Teacher Education; and

WHEREAS, this six priority areas may conflict with First Nations educational priorities identified under the Education Framework Agreement with respect to changes required including jurisdiction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through the Chiefs Committee on Education, assess the potential impacts and develop a plan of action for addressing the identified issues.

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Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Alan Ross
Norway House First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: BUSINESS PRACTICES OF THE
FIBERWEST LTD.**

WHEREAS, Fiberwest Ltd. was the supplier of tank components for the sewer and water projects under the Northern Food Capital Reconstruction Authority; and

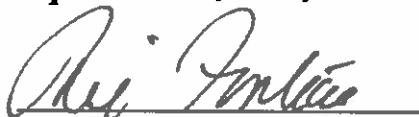
WHEREAS, the tanks supplied by Fiberwest Ltd. collapsed within several years of installation; and

WHEREAS, Fiberwest Ltd. has denied liability for the failure of its project and refused to replace the tanks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs encourage the Fiberwest Ltd. to acknowledge its liability and live up to its obligations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event the Fiberwest Ltd. continues to deny its legal liability, that each First Nation discontinue their business relationship until such time as the issue is resolved.

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