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Moved by:

Proxy Mike Muswagon,
Norway House First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Oral Johnston
Little Black River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: FNIHB - HEALTH BENEFITS CONSENT PROCESS

WHEREAS, the mandate of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is to “promote, preserve, and protect Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nations people in Manitoba”; and

WHEREAS, in August 2002, the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) of Health Canada has unilaterally imposed a Client Consent form for First Nations to access Non-Insured Health Benefits, primarily to address abuse and misuse of drug prescriptions by providers and clients; and

WHEREAS, Health Canada claims to have been violating the federal Privacy Act and other legislation by not having a consent form in place for the collection of First Nations personal information; and

WHEREAS, Health Canada’s FNIHB Client Consent process forces First Nations to adhere to a disclosure process that allows Health Canada to distribute personal health records of First Nations peoples at its discretion; and

WHEREAS, The FNIHB Client Consent form creates denial of health services to First Nations peoples by withholding services to First Nations who do not sign the consent form and will require First Nations to make payment themselves and request reimbursement from FNIHB and reimbursement will still require compliance to sign the consent form; and

WHEREAS, Health Canada’s FNIHB Client Consent process compromises Treaty Rights to Health care and violates individual and human rights of First Nations peoples.

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**RE: FNIHB - HEALTH BENEFITS CONSENT PROCESS
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly maintain the national position passed at the 2002 Assembly of First Nations Annual Assembly that the FNIHB Client Consent process be brought to an immediate halt and to establish a working relationship between First Nations and Canada's representatives to review the issues and achieve an acceptable alternative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that Health Canada respect the First Nation/Crown relationship and does not manipulate the client consent form solely as an administrative cost saving measure and to seek assurances that FNIHB will not collect information without the informed knowledge and consent of First Nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat and the First Nation health technicians to develop a strategy and explore alternative approaches to issues of privacy and addressing prescription abuse that is acceptable for the First Nations in Manitoba for presentation to the Health Conference scheduled for November 5-7, 2002.

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Moved by:

Chief Katherine Whitecloud,
Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Turner,
Grand Rapids First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: GATHERING STRENGTH INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, the federal government responded to the Final Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in January 1998 with its *Gathering Strength* policy framework and an *Agenda for Action with First Nations*; and

WHEREAS, *Gathering Strength* expressed a strong spirit of a Federal-First Nation working partnership in the areas of policy development, social and program review between the First Nations and federal government; and

WHEREAS, initiatives based on the four *Gathering Strength* themes of “renewing the partnership; strengthening Aboriginal governance; developing a new fiscal relationship; and supporting strong communities, people and economies” has the potential for strengthening First Nations communities and peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has re-committed itself to an active plan of “creation and sharing of opportunity” with “Aboriginal peoples” in the Speech from the Throne of January 2001, and in the federal Budget of December 2001; and

WHEREAS, these Federal-First Nation partnerships are just beginning to demonstrate positive renewal and change within federal government policies and programs, and within First Nations governments and communities, such that some First Nations are reporting improved socio-economic conditions through First Nations culturally based and holistic innovations; and

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RE: GATHERING STRENGTH INITIATIVES cont'd

WHEREAS, funding under *Gathering Strength* has been provided each year to the Manitoba Region and the mandate for the *Gathering Strength* initiatives was announced to run from 1998-2003, and it is unclear what funding may be available for these initiatives beyond March 2003.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call upon the federal government to honour the spirit of partnership and continue to provide the financial resources as embodied in the policy under Gathering Strength;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that these financial resources form part of the regional A-Based budget as an integral part of the First Nations economies.

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Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner,
Grand Rapids First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Meeches,
Long Plain First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: TENDERING POLICY

WHEREAS, the Marcel Colomb Chief and Council have a community plan which is hindered by the INAC Tendering Policy; and

WHEREAS, the INAC Tendering Policy restricts the Marcel Colomb First Nation from entering into partnership arrangements with certain contractors to assist in its community development; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That AMC lobby INAC to allow First Nations to enter into partnership arrangements with companies that maximize benefits to the community and its people, while developing its First Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That AMC negotiate with the Federal Government of Canada for changes to the Tendering Policy of INAC to accommodate potential partnership arrangements between First Nations and the private sector.

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**RE: BILL C-60 - DRAFT SPECIFIC CLAIMS ACT
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the First Nations of Manitoba do not support Bill C-60 draft legislation in its present regressive form and seek a return of the federal government to a collaborative and constructive spirit of partnership for a resolution of specific claims based on the JTF Model; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the First Nations of Manitoba demand that Canada make the necessary financial resources available to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in order that :


- (1) the detailed analysis of Bill C-60 and required consultation with the First Nations of Manitoba can take place by October 2002 to develop a strategy position, and
- (2) to enable Manitoba First Nations to fully inform our citizens and to participate in all significant forums considering the Bill, including any conducted by the existing Indian Claims Commission or by any Parliamentary Committees.
- (3) If there is no significant progress in major revisions of Bill C-60, First Nations have no choice but to demand the Bill be withdrawn.

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Moved by:

Chief Larry Soldier,
Swan Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Meeches,
Long Plain First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: BILL C-60 - DRAFT SPECIFIC CLAIMS ACT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2002, Canada introduced Bill C-60, at the House of Commons "An Act to establish the Canadian Centre for the Independent Resolution of First Nations Specific Claims to provide for the filing, registration and resolution of specific claims and to make related amendments to other Acts", Short Title is cited as the "Specific Claims Resolution Act" that establishes two structures with a commission and a tribunal; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations have long called for the creation of an Independent Claims Body that is fair, transparent and removed from the control and influence of Canada; and in November 1998, after 1½ years of intensive discussion, the Joint First Nation - Canada Task Force on Specific Claims Policy Reform [JTF] released its report outlining a jointly developed model for an independent body for the resolution of outstanding specific claims in Canada; and

WHEREAS, Canada did not respond to the JTF Report until the Spring of 2000 and released a unilaterally developed report by federal officials that replaced the JTF Model, that addressed Canada's own policy concerns whereby Canada retains its domination over the specific claims process; and

WHEREAS, a technical and legal review of Bill C-60 by the AFN and AMC identified significant deficiencies in the Draft Bill that concludes Bill C-60 does not retain the basic elements of the JTF and is not supportable in its present form and that substantial change is required in the draft Bill.

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Moved by:

Chief Larry Soldier,
Swan Lake First Nation

**RE: INAC RENEWAL OF TREASURY BOARD
AUTHORITIES**

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Meeches,
Long Plain First Nation

WHEREAS, DIAND is making submissions this fall to Cabinet and to federal central agencies including the Treasury Board for funding authorities on social and education policies, which will have program and funding implications for First Nations, and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations have not been fully involved in the design, consultation, evaluation or developing proposals arising from these DIAND initiatives, and

WHEREAS, AMC is participating in a plan with the Assembly of First Nations and other regional political organizations to present a composite plan of priorities and recommendations in the identified social and education areas by mid-September 2002.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That DIAND act according to the Crown's fiduciary responsibility to ensure that First Nations are fully consulted and involved in drafting policy proposals going forward from DIAND to Cabinet and Treasury Board regarding these initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any policies affecting First Nations must recognize the unique Treaty and Inherent rights of First Nations, and therefore, must be specific to First Nations, and not be under the umbrella of "Aboriginal Policies".

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Moved by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo,
Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Phillip Buck,
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: DEVELOPMENT OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING ON THE TREATY COMMISSION
PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly, by Resolution March 2001, mandated the establishment of a Treaty Commission Process (TCP) in Manitoba and a report of the proposed process is to be presented to the Chiefs-in-Assembly for review and ratification; and

WHEREAS, a facilitated meeting took place on July 11, 2002 between federal representatives, the AMC Grand Chief and Co-Chair Chiefs on Self-Determination and Treaties where an understanding was reached for the development of a senior Steering Committee and the development of a Joint Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the TCP structure and process; and

WHEREAS, the Federal DIAND Minister informed the AMC Grand Chief Dennis White Bird that a level of provincial involvement is a condition to the formal establishment of a Treaty Commission Process; and

WHEREAS, the Federal DIAND Minister and the Provincial Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs have agreed to support the development of a TCP in Manitoba and the province is an observer status at the pre-development stage; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Grand Chief and Co-Chair, Chiefs on Self-Determination and Treaties, develop an MOU on the Treaty Commission Process in Manitoba on a bilateral Nation-to-Nation basis and the MOU would define the nature of provincial involvement on a Government-to-Government basis that does not derogate, abrogate or infringe on First Nation Sovereign Inherent, Treaty and Aboriginal Rights; and

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**RE: DEVELOPMENT OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING ON THE TREATY COMMISSION
PROCESS cont'd**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That a proposed MOU document be presented to the next Chiefs-in-Assembly (November 2002) for review and ratification to formalize the institution of a Treaty Commission Process.

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SEPT-02.07

Moved by:

Proxy Charley P. Owen
Pauingassi First Nation

**RE: PAUINGASSI FIRST NATION - SCHOOL
EMERGENCY**

Seconded by:

Proxy Louis Young
Bloodvein First Nation

WHEREAS, the Pauingassi First Nation recently lost its school by fire due to an electrical fire on Sunday, September 1, 2002 at 3:30 a.m.; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Pauingassi First Nation needs financial aid to utilize certain existing buildings so as to not jeopardize their student's school year; and

WHEREAS, the Pauingassi First Nation needs immediate financial aid to rebuild a new school.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chiefs in Assembly provide political support to Pauingassi in having INAC provide an immediate plan of action and interim steps to be taken by INAC in addressing this matter; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly provide political support to Pauingassi in lobbying INAC for assurances of priority to secure resources for construction of a new school and renovations of existing buildings in the interim; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly lobby INAC to identify new funds as not to effect current budget allocations for the construction of schools in other First Nations.

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SEPT-02.08

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches,
Long Plain First Nation

**RE: PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF MANITO
AHBEE**

Seconded by:

Chief Larry Soldier,
Swan Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, there is grave concern to the continued protection and preservation of a sacred site of the Anishinabe people referred to as "Manito Ahbee" (where the Creator sits), also known as the petroforms in the Whiteshell Provincial Park; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, there is a great and serious danger of continued major desecration and potential disappearance of this sacred site; and

WHEREAS, it may be appropriate that a First Nation be afforded the responsibility to preserve and protect the site for future generations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs move immediately, together with Manitoba Natural Resources, to establish appropriate measures, which will provide for the protection and preservation of this sacred site.

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Moved by:

Proxy Ted Woodhouse,
Pinaymootang First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Roger Ross,
Manto Sipi First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: TENANCY PROFILE FORM

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) - Manitoba Region signed a Statement of Understanding with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, on behalf of First Nations, to work in partnership to review and restructure the social assistance program in Manitoba Region; and

WHEREAS, in contravention of this partnership agreement, DIAND - Manitoba Region has unilaterally imposed a new Tenancy Profile Form on First Nations delivering social assistance under comprehensive funding arrangements, with a deadline date of August 30, 2002, and to be applied retroactively to 2001-02; and

WHEREAS, the Tenancy Profile Form requires the disclosure of personal information, without their knowledge and consent, of all tenants residing with the social assistance recipient; and

WHEREAS, this Tenancy Profile Form violates basic human rights of privacy and informed consent; and

WHEREAS, First Nations and their representatives in the AMC-DIAND Joint Social Assistance Initiative have proposed reasonable alternatives to this Tenancy Profile Form, which were to be considered by DIAND and First Nations representatives in cooperation, yet were disregarded by the August 9th letter from DIAND - Manitoba Region.

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RE: TENANCY PROFILE FORM cont'd

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Chief to meet with the Regional Director General, DIAND-Manitoba Region to:

- (1) have DIAND - Manitoba Region withdraw the deadline for submission of the Tenancy Profile Form; and
- (2) demand that the DIAND-Manitoba Region representatives return to the AMC-DIAND Joint Social Assistance Initiative table to develop a mutually agreeable policy.

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Moved by:

Chief Tina Leveque,
Brokenhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Sally Beardy,
Tataskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: SUPPORT AEHHS IN SECURING TRAINING DOLLARS
FOR FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE
WORKERS TO TRAIN IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICE WORKERS DIPLOMA PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Aboriginal Education for Health & Human Services (AEHHS) was established in 1989 as a result of a directive from the Medical Services Branch and is mandated by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Health Committee to develop and deliver a training program for Manitoba First Nations Health & Human Services Workers; and

WHEREAS, AEHHS has developed and delivers the Community Health & Human Service Workers (CHHSW) diploma program; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, AEHHS has trained 91 health and human service workers through nine training groups in the Community Health & Human Service Workers diploma program; and

WHEREAS, Health and Human Service workers are employed by First Nations and do not have access to post-secondary training dollars; and

WHEREAS, in Manitoba First Nations, the health crisis is still evident and growing resulting in increased demands for professional development and training needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support AEHHS (Aboriginal Education for Health and Human Services) in continuing to deliver a health and human services training program to encompass the relevant needs of First Nation communities; and

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WORKERS TO TRAIN IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize and maintain a focus on the need to provide current training to our First Nation health and human service workers as expeditiously as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the AMC, MKO and SCO Grand Chiefs to further lobby both provincial and federal governments to secure and enhance training dollars for First Nations Health and Human Services workers in Manitoba.

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Moved by:

Headman Chris Baker,
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Meeches,
Long Plain First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: SUPPORT FOR MANITOBA FIRST NATION ADOPTEES

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly, by resolution Nov.-01.04, has supported First Nation communities to secure adequate funding for repatriation programs from both levels of government and has educated Crown governments on the devastating effects that government genocidal policies continue to have on First Nation families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has expressed disappointment to both levels of Crown government on their decision to terminate repatriation funding for First Nations, thereby demonstrating complete disregard for the suffering experienced by First Nation adoptees and families, directly attributable to Crown government policies; and

WHEREAS, many First Nations adoptees have expressed the severity of their adoption experience that has resulted in their inability to lead balanced, stable lives; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba adoptees have begun a formal process to organize themselves within a number of forums to seek reconciliation, resolution and restitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly promote the continuation of culturally appropriate First Nation post-adoption support services under First Nation child and family service structures; and

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cont'd**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly demonstrate firm support toward Manitoba First Nation adoptees in their pursuit of reconciliation, resolution and restitution; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Manitoba First Nations Chiefs walk in solidarity with First Nations adoptees during their September 2002 "Walk" and Rally.

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SEPT-02.12

Moved by:

Chief Katherine Whitecloud,
Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Seconded by:

Headman Chris Baker,
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: VETERAN'S STRATEGY WORKSHOP

WHEREAS, the First Nation Veterans have had longstanding grievances relating to their treatment during and after World War I, World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has responded by offering the approximately 1,800 living Veterans or surviving spouse a maximum of \$20,000 each; and

WHEREAS, a National Gathering of First Nation Veterans will be held on October 3, 2002 in Winnipeg to discuss the options for the acceptance or rejection of the compensation package; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the First Nation Veterans in their efforts at attaining the most equitable compensation package.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs shall organize and coordinate a one-day Assembly for Manitoba First Nation Veterans on October 2, 2002 to determine a plan of action; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the attendance of surviving veterans and/or spouses to the proposed Assembly of October 2, 2002 and the National Gathering of First Nation Veterans on October 3, 2002.

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Chief Goliath Harper,
Red Sucker Lake First Nation

**RE: WINTER ROAD FREIGHT SUBSIDY TO ISLAND
LAKE REGION**

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall,
St. Theresa Point First Nation

WHEREAS, Norwin Construction Company has been constructing the winter road from Hollow Water to Island Lake region for the past twenty (20) years; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, 2001/02 has been an extremely difficult winter road season due to warm weather and as a result the winter road was completed in mid-February; and

WHEREAS, due to warm weather, the winter road was not at its usual standard capacity for hauling materials and supplies to Island Lake region and in the initial phase of opening of the winter roads, various weight loads were hauled depending on the condition of the road (for instance: normal weight load (full load) capacity is 80,000 lbs, half loads were 40,000 lbs, in this case, there were some loads, starting at 20,000 lbs and increased as the conditions improved; and

WHEREAS, the Island Lake and Red Sucker Lake First Nation were assessed the full rate charges regardless of the weight loads (ie: \$2,600 - \$3,400) and in some cases charges were increased due to risk factors; and

WHEREAS, the Red Sucker Lake First Nation is experiencing the most difficult situation in that their winter road was not "officially open" and the freight charges assessed were extremely high, for example, gasoline at 180,000 litres was assessed at \$35,000 above normal costs for delivery from Garden Hill to Red Sucker Lake, and today First Nation members pay \$1.47 per litre.

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**RE: WINTER ROAD FREIGHT SUBSIDY TO ISLAND
LAKE REGION cont'd**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Island Lake and Red Sucker Lake First Nation are requesting support from the Chiefs in Assembly and direct the Grand Chief to work with the Grand Chiefs of MKO and SCO to assist the Island Lake Chiefs in their negotiations with INAC and the Province for a freight subsidy.

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Moved by:

Chief David McDougall,
St. Theresa Point First Nation

**RE: WINTER ROAD FUNDING FOR NORWIN AND
NORWAY HOUSE**

Seconded by:

Proxy Mike Muswagon,
Norway House First Nation

WHEREAS, an alternate winter route has been constructed between Norway House and Island Lake the past two seasons and funded by Federal and Provincial Governments; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the Island Lake region have been informed by the Department of Transportation that the government will only fund one route, either Norwin or Norway House route; and

WHEREAS, the Island Lake Chiefs continue to support both the Norwin and Norway House routes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Island Lake Chiefs in their negotiation with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to fund the construction and maintenance of both Norwin and Norway House routes and direct the Grand Chief to assist in these negotiations.

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Moved by:

Chief Russell Harper,
Garden Hill First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Nancy Whiteway,
Berens River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: CAPITAL ALLOCATION OF WINTER ROAD FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations serviced by winter road system, estimated at 22 First Nations, have been assessed the winter road funds through their capital allocation for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, some First Nations have utilized their existing capital and infrastructure funds above and beyond the winter road funds to offset the increased high cost of winter road construction business; and

WHEREAS, the practice of utilizing existing capital funds have caused shortfalls and debt loads for First Nations in other capital projects such as housing and community road maintenance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Assembly expand the previous Resolution #AUG-01.16 passed at the Dakota Tipi Assembly to include all Manitoba First Nation serviced by winter roads system and direct INAC and the Province to provide the winter road funds from sources other than First Nation Capital Allocation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the AMC, MKO and SCO Grand Chiefs be directed to establish a Winter Road Negotiation Team immediately to address this issue and for the Grand Chiefs to take an active role in this initiative.

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Moved by:

Proxy Ted Woodhouse,
Pinaymootang First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sam Murdock,
Fisher River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE HENRY TRAVERSE FISHING
CHALLENGE COURT CASE**

WHEREAS, First Nations and the Imperial Crown entered into Treaties based on the inherent sovereign rights of First Nations as secured by the parties to the Treaties, as long as the sun shines, the grasses grow and the rivers flow; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations inherent sovereign rights to natural resources have not been surrendered or extinguished and continue to survive and are fundamental to the First Nation's self determination, livelihood and self sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Crown as represented by Canada takes the legal position that the First Nations do not possess existing Treaty rights to fish for commercial purposes and are subject to Provincial laws when selling fish and causes First Nations to continue to be charged in the exercise of their inherent, sovereign and treaty right to "market or sell fish"; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2000, Henry Traverse of Treaty No. 5 Anishinnabe Nation of the Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation, in exercising the inherent sovereign treaty and birthrights to market and sell fish, was charged in the Treaty No. 6 territory with an offence of "marketing fish except with any licence or any provisions of the Fisheries Regulations, of The Fisheries Act (Saskatchewan), S. S. 1994 c. F-16.1, s. 13, or the Fisheries Act (Canada) or its regulations"; and

WHEREAS, the constitutional court challenge of this case will impact First Nation's inherent sovereign treaty rights over fishing matters; and

WHEREAS, the trial date is set to March 4-5-6, 2003 that allows time for case development, legal strategy action including oral evidence testimony, all of which hinges on securing immediate legal financial support and that the cost of this court challenge will amount to approximately twenty-thousand dollars at the trial stage; and

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WHEREAS, the funds will be disbursed through the AMC Legal Defence Fund pending availability of funds and bi-monthly reporting will be made to the AMC Chiefs Executive Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly secure and provide financial support in the initial amount of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for legal fees only to assist the *Henry Traverse Fishing Challenge Court Case* on the constitutionality and provincial law, policy or practice, towards the legal research case development, litigation strategy and oral evidence testimony documentation pending availability of funds approved by the AMC Chiefs Executive Committee; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly provide political support to in the form of a supporting letter to engage a financial contribution from First Nations to the *Henry Traverse Fishing Challenge Court Case*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Henry Traverse Fishing Challenge Court Case* financial funding support will be made payable to the account of the AMC Legal Defence Fund in trust and that Legal Counsel will provide invoices for legal fees in the amount available pertaining to the *Henry Traverse Fishing Challenge Court Case* fund and bi-monthly reporting for the review and approval of the AMC Chiefs Executive Committee.

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Moved by:

Proxy Louis Young,
Bloodvein First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo,
Rolling River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: TREATY IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has signed the Manitoba Framework Agreement Initiative (MFAI) with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the MFAI contemplates its implementation based on the original Spirit and Intent of the Treaties and on the Inherent Right of Self-Determination; and

WHEREAS, it is the view of the First Nations leadership, Canada has the Constitutional and legal obligation to implement s.35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982, that "recognizes and affirms Treaty and Aboriginal Rights"; and

WHEREAS, Canada to date, has ignored the implementation of the Inherent and Treaty Rights of First Nations.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the strategy ensures the Treaties continue to be international agreements and does not have the effect of domesticating Treaties.

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SEPT-02.18

Moved by:

Chief Philip Buck,
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

**RE: SPLIT M.A.N.F.F. AND FORM M.K.O. AND S.C.O. FIRE
SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS**

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Turner,
Grand Rapids First Nation

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters (MANFF) was formed to provide emergency services relating to Fire Safety and Community Emergency Measures to the First Nations of Manitoba; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, since its inception, MANFF has experienced internal conflicts which has prevented it from meeting its mandate; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations require an effective organization to aggressively promote Fire Safety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Swampy Cree Tribal Council Resolution 98-04 and direct AMC to dissolve MANFF by September 30, 2002; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to provide MKO and SCO with 50% each of the current MANFF budget by October 1, 2002 to form their offices; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that Technical Committees of Fire Chiefs and Fire Safety Officers within SCO and MKO be established to form the role of the new Fire Safety Organizations.

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Moved by:

Chief Phillip Buck,
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo,
Rolling River First Nation

**RE: FIRST NATIONS GOVERNANCE ACT (FNGA) LEGAL
ACTION**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs have rejected and continue to lobby against the proposed First Nations Governance Act by resolution May-01-01; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Nations Governance Act was introduced in the House of Commons on June 14th, 2002 and referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs provided a statement at the Annual Assembly of First Nations on July 2002 of their non-participation in the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs due to the fact participation may lead to legitimizing and condoning the intent and purpose of the First Nations Governance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs have reviewed the First Nations Governance Act and are of the view it will diminish the Inherent and Treaty Rights of First Nation peoples and that it contravenes the Spirit and Intent of Treaties; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of FNGA will set a standard on First Nations Governance in the future which does not respect our inherent rights, sovereignty, customs, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will require an escalation of their protest against the First Nations Governance Act.

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**RE: FIRST NATIONS GOVERNANCE ACT (FNGA) LEGAL
ACTION cont'd**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs hereby reaffirm their opposition to the First Nations Governance Act and their conviction not to legitimize the proposed legislation by participating in the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs hearings; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs organize the launching of a court action against the Government of Canada for breach of fiduciary duty and for the infringement on the First Nations Sovereign, Inherent and Treaty Rights as it relates to FNGA including identifying the party or parties to the court action; and

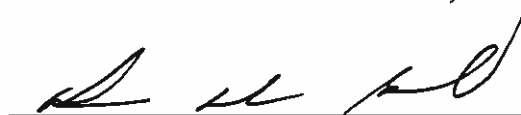
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to call upon the technical help of Tribal Councils and other organizations to plan ways to escalate the protest against the enactment of the First Nations Governance Act, and to present their recommendations to the AMC Executive Council as an urgent priority for implementation.

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Moved by:

Chief Phillip Buck,
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Joe Hyslop,
Northlands First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: PROVINCIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
WITH MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Government of Manitoba has begun to address dilapidated roads near many First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the economic development benefits of road development and maintenance rarely flows to the surrounding First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the primary users of these roads are First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government in Saskatchewan contracts out directly to Northern Saskatchewan First Nations for the development and maintenance of northern Saskatchewan roads.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs through the Grand Chief meet with the Government of Manitoba to establish a true partnership with First Nations in the business of developing new roads and maintaining of existing roads, so that the economies of these First Nations may benefit firstly from these resources.

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Moved by:

Proxy Stan Myron,
Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation

**RE: DAKOTA PLAINS WAHPETON FIRST NATION HEALTH
AND SAFETY ISSUES**

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Meeches,
Long Plain First Nation

WHEREAS, the Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation has and is experiencing severe hardship brought on by flooding, which has negative impacts on the Health and Safety of the Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nations citizens; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the flooding conditions have created emergency situations and intolerable living conditions across all segments of First Nation operations including, but not limited to:

- 1) Mould infestation - Health Conditions
- 2) Housing Unit Conditions - Safety
- 3) Community Infrastructure - Septic Tanks Instability
- 4) Education - Nominal Roll impacted by Forced Relocation; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have provided for the corrective measures to address the affected areas identified above including the identification of the associated costs; and

WHEREAS, certain inspections have indicated that there is a threat to Health and Safety of Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation citizens, should certain corrective measures not be taken immediately.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs politically supports the Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation in ensuring that the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Regional office take the necessary remedial action required in resolving this emergency situation, in order to maintain and provide for the health and safety of Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation citizens; and

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**RE: DAKOTA PLAINS WAHPETON FIRST NATION HEALTH
AND SAFETY ISSUES**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs instruct the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Manitoba Region, to:

- (1) provide ALL necessary financial resources in resolving this emergency situation; and
- (2) reconcile all the Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation financial expenditures in their attempt to resolve this emergency situation.

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Moved by:

Chief Phillip Buck,
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall,
St. Theresa Point First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: TRAP-LINE PROGRAMS IN THE EDUCATION
CURRICULUM**

WHEREAS, the current education curriculum teaches the fundamental values of Euro-Canadian society and commerce; and

WHEREAS, our custom of respect of the land and the language of the ways have to be ingrained into the current education system; and

WHEREAS, outdoor/indoor sport should incorporate the trap-line program into the curricula.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) to examine the implementation of the trap-line program into the Manitoba school curriculum.

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Moved by:

Chief David McDougall,
St. Theresa Point First Nation

**RE: WASAGAMACK FIRST NATION ESTABLISHMENT
OF A TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Seconded by:

Chief Russell Harper,
Garden Hill First Nation

WHEREAS, the Wasagamack First Nation is requesting the support of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government is planning major transportation infrastructure for the eastern portion of the Island Lake region, specifically an airport to replace the St. Theresa Point airstrip; and

WHEREAS, the Wasagamack First Nation is initiating a process to establish a Transportation Authority to improve the transportation network for participating Island Lake First Nations; and

WHEREAS, this Transportation Authority process will establish an operating structure to steer an economic resource and infrastructure development.

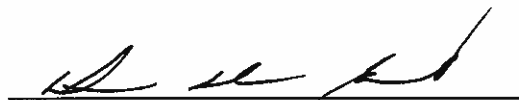
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly provide political support to Wasagamack First Nation Initiative to begin the process of establishing a Transportation Authority.

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