

ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS

ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

□ HEAD OFFICE: BROKENHEAD OJIBWAY NATION
SCANTERBURY, MANITOBA R0E 1W0
TELEPHONE: (204) 766-2411 FAX: (204) 766-2443

**CERTIFIED COPIES
OF
ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
SEPTEMBER 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 1992**

FORT GARRY PLACE

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Sept.22/92-04	Litigation Costs Associated with the Death of J.J. Harper
Sept.24/92-06	Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program
Sept.23/92-10	First Nations Child and Family Services Agencies Task Force Review
Sept.24/92-17	Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
Sept.24/92-18	Meeting of Treaty First Nations Constitution of Canada
Sept.24/92-19	Denesuline Traditional Territory Dispute with Canada and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut
Sept.24/92-20	Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation Northern Aboriginal Fisheries
Sept.24/92-25	Resolutions Arising during the 4th Annual Assembly

Sept.22/92-01 Re: First Nations Proclamation of National Addictions Awareness Week
Sept.22/92-02 Re: Coordinated Action on Gasoline Taxation
Sept.22/92-03 Re: Fetal Syndrome/Effects
Sept.22/92-05 Re: Tourism
Sept.22/92-06 Re: Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program
Sept.22/92-07 Re: Berens River Personal Care Home
Sept.22/92-08 Re: Manitoba Hydro Development Conference
Sept.22/92-09 Re: Retrofitting of Houses for Sewer and Water Projects
Sept.22/92-11 Re: Education Funding
Sept.23/92-12 Re: Archival Files of First Nations Provincial Organizations
Sept.23/92-13 Re: First Nation Jurisdiction over Comprehensive Child and Family Services
Sept.23/92-14 Re: Support for Keewatin Tribal Council Like Skills Training Initiatives
Sept.24/92-15 Re: Justice for First Nations Veterans
Sept.24/92-16 Re: Fairford First Nation Personal Care Home
Sept.24/92-21 Re: Convening Annual Assemblies in First Nation Territory
Sept.24/92-22 Re: Aboriginal Education for Health & Human Services (Manitoba) Incorporated
Sept.24/92-23 Re: Shamattawa First Nation
Sept.24/92-24 Re: Provincial Taxation of First Nations
Sept.24/92-26 Re: Additional Funding for Consultation Re: JWG Process
Sept.24/92-27 Re: Reaffirmation of Support for December 1990 Submission on Claims

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.22/92-04
Page 1 of 2**

Moved By:

Chief Jack Flett
St. Theresa Point First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

CARRIED

**RE: LITIGATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
THE DEATH OF J.J. HARPER**

WHEREAS, Harry Wood and the leaders of Island Lake Tribal Council First Nations have expended great effort and financial resources in pursuing a ruling from the Law Enforcement Review Agency regarding the conduct of Constable Robert Cross in the shooting death of J.J. Harper;

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Review Board has ruled that Constable Cross used excessive force in the shooting;

WHEREAS, this ruling may be appealed requiring further litigation;

WHEREAS, the death of J.J. Harper has been a major catalyst to the creation of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and scrutiny of the treatment of Aboriginal people in the justice system;

WHEREAS, the results of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Law Enforcement Review Agency ruling benefit all Manitoba First Nation citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat solicit contributions to defray the litigation and hearing expenses incurred by the First Nations of Island Lake Tribal Council in relation to the shooting death of J.J. Harper;

.../2

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.22/92-04
Page 2 of 2**

**RE: LITIGATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
THE DEATH OF J.J. HARPER cont'd**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that all First Nations of Manitoba contribute to this common initiative for First Nations justice.

***Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
September 22, 1992; WINNIPEG, Manitoba***



Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.24/92-06
Page 1 of 2**

Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Jerry Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

CARRIED

OPPOSED:

Chief Ed Anderson
Fairford First Nation

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba First Nation

Chief Robert Bone
Sioux Valley First Nation

Chief Lloyd Cameron
Swan Lake First Nation

**RE: MANITOBA INDIAN AGRICULTURAL
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, the Swampy Cree Tribal Council and the Opasquiak Cree Nation in 1990 and 1991 passed resolutions calling for greater control by and accountability to the elected First Nations leadership of the Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program (MIAP) and as a result of these resolutions a Chiefs Review Committee on MIAP was formed by the AMC; and

WHEREAS, by resolution during the 1991 General Assembly, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) approved the Interim Recommendations of the Chiefs Review Committee (CRC) on the MIAP calling for action to ensure that a majority of the Boards of Directors of each of the Manitoba Indian Agricultural Development Corporation (MIADCO) and the affiliates of these corporations be appointed by the AMC; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of MIAP and its affiliated corporations have not complied with the requests and recommendations of AMC; and

WHEREAS, Canada provides the majority of the funding to MIAP, MARA and the affiliate companies through the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC); and

WHEREAS, these Interim Recommendations were directed to the Manitoba Region of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for action under the powers provided INAC under the terms and conditions of the various Contribution Agreements; and

.../2

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.24/92-06
Page 2 of 2**

**RE: MANITOBA INDIAN AGRICULTURAL
PROGRAM cont'd**

WHEREAS, INAC has not responded during the past year in any way to the specific AMC Interim Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the funding arrangements between the Department of Indian Affairs and MIAP is ending March 31, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba feel that the present sectoral program for agriculture should be changed in structure and scope to make it more accessible to all First Nations in Manitoba;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the present contribution agreements with MIAP and its affiliated corporations not be renewed by INAC and that the existing programs, institutions and assets be replaced by an incorporated into a new "agricultural" program which will be directly accountable to Manitoba First Nations and that this program be funded under a new arrangement with the Department of Indian Affairs Regional Opportunities Program (ROP); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this new program shall be representative of all regions of Manitoba and this new program will continue to develop the present agricultural sectors as well as expand the program to cover additional sectors such as Wild Rice Development, Trapping and Trapline Tourism, Fishing, Sod Farming, Aquaculture, Forestry

*Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
September 22, 1992; WINNIPEG, Manitoba*



Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

SEPT.23/92-10

Moved By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

**RE: FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY
SERVICES AGENCIES TASK FORCE
REVIEW**

Seconded By:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, resolution was ratified at the Chiefs Assembly on Health and Child and Family September 2, 1992 authorizing the Child and Family Chiefs Committee to proceed with plans on the Task Force and to present implementation plans and proposed final Terms of Reference for ratification at the Fourth Annual Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs;

CARRIED

OPPOSED:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs Assembly endorse the implementation of the Task Force and related mechanisms as presented by the Chiefs Committee on Child and Family Services;

ABSENTIONS:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayiak First Nation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a final report on the Task Force will be presented to the Assembly of Chiefs on completion of this initiative.

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Chief Lorne Cochrane
Fisher River First Nation

Chief David Traverse
Lake St. Martin First Nation

Chief Raymond Swan
Lake Manitoba First Nation

*Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
September 22, 1992; WINNIPEG, Manitoba*



Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

SEPT.24/92-17

Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Louis J. Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

CARRIED

**RE: CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF
MANITOBA CHIEFS**

WHEREAS, a draft Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has been introduced at the 4th Annual Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs;

WHEREAS, the draft Constitution is consistent with the original mandate and purpose of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs;

WHEREAS, pending further refinement and ratification by the Chiefs, the draft Constitution may serve as the working Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs;

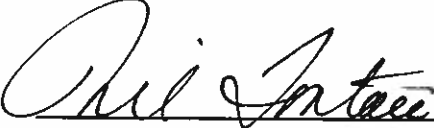
WHEREAS, refinement of the document will require further discussion and consideration by First Nations in Manitoba;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat, under the direction of the Executive Council of Chiefs, undertake a consultative process on the draft Constitution;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a further draft of the Constitution be introduced to the Chiefs in Assembly at the next A.M.C. General Assembly;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that in interim, the draft Constitution will serve as the working Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

*Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
September 22, 1992; WINNIPEG, Manitoba*



Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

SEPT.24/92-18

Moved By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

CARRIED

**RE: MEETING OF TREATY FIRST NATIONS
CONSTITUTION OF CANADA**

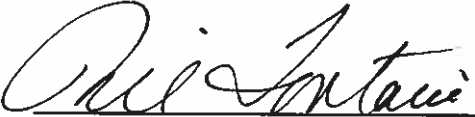
WHEREAS, the Treaty Nations have vested interests and concerns with the Constitutional package as presented;

WHEREAS, the Treaty Nations desire to meet separate and apart to discuss the Constitutional package as it pertains to the Treaties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Assembly mandate Grand Chief Phil Fontaine to seek the concurrence of the Sovereign Treaty Nations Council of Canada to meet in Manitoba and that he be further directed to seek the concurrence of the office of the National Chief to obtain resourcing for this meeting within the budget from the Office of the Prime Minister;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and that this Assembly unequivocally states that this meeting is set apart for pragmatic reasons and in no way are we breaking or fracturing our relationship with other member First Nations in Canada.

*Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
September 22, 1992; WINNIPEG, Manitoba*


Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.24/92-19
Page 1 of 2**

Moved By:

Chief Tom Nepetaypo
Fox Lake First Nation

**RE: DENESULINE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY
DISPUTE WITH CANADA AND THE
TUNGAVIK FEDERATION OF NUNAVUT**

Seconded By:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Waterhen First Nation

WHEREAS, The Fort Churchill and the Northlands Denesuline First Nations of Manitoba have traditionally used, occupied and inhabited some 50,000 km² of lands in the southwest Keewatin District of the Northwest Territories; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is seeking to impose a boundary which would incorporate these traditional Denesuline territories within the proposed Settlement Area of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut Land Claim; and

WHEREAS, the government of Canada has recognized the inherent right of self government for First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the inherent right to self government includes the right of First Nations to determine the boundaries of traditional territories on a First Nation to First Nation basis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will not support the proposed Settlement Area for the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut Land Claim for so long as the Settlement Area is based on boundaries imposed by the government of Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs the Manitoba Vice Chief and the National Chief to take all necessary steps to ensure that the boundary between Nunavut and

.../2

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.24/92-19
Page 2 of 2**

**RE: DENESULINE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY
DISPUTE WITH CANADA AND THE
TUNGAVIK FEDERATION OF NUNAVUT
cont'd**

Denesuline Nene is determined by negotiation between the Denesuline and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs the Manitoba Vice Chief and the National Chief to take all necessary steps to ensure that the proposed Tungavik Federation of Nunavut Land Claim will not be implemented by an Act of the House of Commons until such time as the boundary between Nunavut and Denesuline Nene is determined by negotiation between the Denesuline and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut.

*Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
September 22, 1992; WINNIPEG, Manitoba*


Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.24/92-20
Page 1 of 2**

Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

**RE: FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING
CORPORATION NORTHERN ABORIGINAL
FISHERIES**

Seconded By:

Counsellor Lawrence Whitehead
Opasquiak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, The Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC) was established in 1969 as a Federal Government institution to market fish for commercial fishermen; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the FFMC has not benefitted Treaty and other commercial fishermen in Manitoba particularly in the north, due to inadequate policies and programs, transportation issues and the high costs incurred in the fishery; and

WHEREAS, policies establishing the FFMC as the principal marketing body for commercially-caught fish have effectively prevented the development of alternative and independent markets for the direct sale and marketing of fish by fishermen and fishermen's organizations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs Canada to introduce major changes within FFMC which will allow the commercial fishermen to market their fish directly to whatever markets which can be promoted and developed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the

.../2


**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.24/92-20
Page 2 of 2**

**RE: FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING
CORPORATION NORTHERN ABORIGINAL
FISHERIES cont'd**

province of Manitoba provide resources to the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to host a conference for aboriginal commercial fishermen to examine options and directions for the future of the commercial fishery.

***Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
September 22, 1992; WINNIPEG, Manitoba***



Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.24/92-25
Page 1 of 2**

Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Dennis White Bird
Rolling River First Nation

**RE: RESOLUTIONS ARISING DURING THE
4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, time has not permitted for the discussion and decision of Resolutions #01, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 (inclusive) attached;

CARRIED

Sept.22/92-01	Re: First Nations Proclamation of National Addictions Awareness Week
Sept.22/92-02	Re: Coordinated Action on Gasoline Taxation
Sept.22/92-03	Re: Fetal Syndrome/Effects
Sept.22/92-05	Re: Tourism
Sept. 22/92-06	Re: Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program
Sept.22/92-07	Re: Berens River Personal Care Home
Sept.22/92-08	Re: Manitoba Hydro Development Conference
Sept.22/92-09	Re: Retrofitting of Houses for Sewer and Water Projects
Sept.22/92-11	Re: Education Funding
Sept.23/92-12	Re: Archival Files of First Nations Provincial Organizations
Sept.23/92-13	Re: First Nation Jurisdiction over Comprehensive Child and Family Services
Sept.23/92-14	Re: Support for Keewatin Tribal Council Like Skills Training Initiatives
Sept.24/92-15	Re: Justice for First Nations Veterans
Sept 24/92-16	Re: Fairford First Nation Personal Care Home
Sept.24/92-21	Re: Convening Annual Assemblies in First Nation Territory
Sept.24/92-22	Re: Aboriginal Education for Health & Human Services (Manitoba) Incorporated
Sept.24/92-23	Re: Shamattawa First Nation
Sept.24/92-24	Re: Provincial Taxation of First Nations

**4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**SEPT.24/92-25
Page 2 of 2**

**RE: RESOLUTIONS ARISING DURING THE
4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY cont'd**

Sept.24/92-26 Re: Additional Funding for Consultation Re: JWG Process

Sept.24/92-27 Re: Reaffirmation of Support for December 1990 Submission on
Claims

BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolutions numbered above and introduced to the 4th Annual Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be referred to the Executive Council of Chiefs for decision and action.

***Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
September 22, 1992; WINNIPEG, Manitoba***



Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-01

**RE: FIRST NATIONS PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS
WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** the effects of all types of addictions destroys the balance of life and health of First Nation individuals, families, and communities;
- WHEREAS,** there is a growing circle of people who have chosen to combat addictions;
- WHEREAS,** the circle celebrates and honours those individuals who have chosen to live an addictions free lifestyle;
- WHEREAS,** the circle observes and promotes the strengths of the First Nations;
- WHEREAS,** it is deemed to be in the best interest of all to heighten awareness and understanding of the problems and programs connected with issues of addictions;
- WHEREAS,** November 15 to 21, 1992 is set aside to encourage people to "Join The Circle" and "Keep The Circle Strong";
- THEREFORE I,** Grand Chief Phil Fontaine on behalf of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs do hereby proclaim November 15 - 22, 1992 as:

NATIONAL ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK

and call all the First Nations members to "Join the Circle" in striving towards an addictions free lifestyle.

MOVED BY: Chief Wendell Sinclair, Brokenhead First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Frank Abraham, Little Black River First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-02

RE: COORDINATED ACTION ON GASOLINE TAXATION

WHEREAS, a number of First Nations are entering into discussions and agreements with Manitoba in relation to gasoline tax;

WHEREAS, individually, each First Nation faces an unequal bargaining situation in negotiating with the Province of Manitoba;

WHEREAS, collectively, First Nations which chose to pursue gasoline tax agreements may negotiate with the strength of unity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the A.M.C. Secretariat facilitate the development of a collective gasoline taxation strategy through convening a meeting of representatives of First Nations choosing to pursue coordinated action on gasoline taxation agreements.

MOVED BY: Chief Dennis White Bird, Rolling River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Murray Clearsky, Waywayseecappo First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-03

RE: FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME/EFFECTS

WHEREAS, the increased understanding of the harmful effects of alcohol consumption has led to a growing awareness of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and its effects on the behaviour and mental functioning in children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is a leading cause of environmental birth defects and a common cause of mental retardation in North America; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol effects can include one or more dysfunctions of prenatal or postnatal growth retardation in weight, height and/or head circumference, altered morphogenesis, facial dymorphology, damaged central nervous system, mental retardation; and involves a large, unrecognized population of children and adults with behavioural and/or learning difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the patterns of drinking in the teenage population and the potential for alcohol consumption by women of reproductive age necessitates that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs actively address the prevention of FAS/FAE;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs urge governments in Canada to enact legislation requiring that all alcoholic beverages sold are labelled with warnings on the hazards from the consumption of alcohol during pregnancy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs advocate to the necessary service agencies to ensure A.M.C. membership be aware of and have the resources to address the issues related to alcohol consumption and to take preventative steps in recognizing risks and counselling women, spouses and families about the hazards of alcohol to the fetus.

MOVED BY: Chief Frank Abraham, Little Black River First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Helen Cook, Bloodvein First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-05

RE: TOURISM

WHEREAS, the Regional Opportunities Program (ROP) of the Department of Indian Affairs no longer funds any Indian Tourism Program; and

WHEREAS, the potential for our First Nation people in the tourism industry is great and will continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, a significant tourism development program that would address the financial, managerial, marketing, and on-going training needs for our First Nations would provide the necessary support for our people to develop and grow with this industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the A.M.C. support the development of a First Nations' Tourism Development Program that would primarily be funded by the ROP of the Department of Indian Affairs.

MOVED BY: Chief Frank Abraham, Little Black River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Jack Flett, St. Theresa Point First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-06

RE: MANITOBA INDIAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the funding arrangement between the Department of Indian Affairs and the Manitoba Indian Agriculture Program (MIAP) is ending March 31, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations feel that the sectoral program for agriculture should be changed in structure and scope to make it more accessible to all First Nations in Manitoba;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that a new sectoral agriculture program structure be set up to implement a new funding arrangement with the Department of Indian Affairs Regional Opportunities Program (ROP). This structure shall be representative of all regions of the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the scope of this new sectoral agriculture program continue to develop the current agriculture sectors as well as expand to cover other areas such as Wild Rice Development, Trapping, Fishing, Sod Farming, Aqua-Culture and Forestry/Reforestation.

MOVED BY: Chief Frank Abraham, Little Black River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Jerry Fontaine, Sagkeeng First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-07

RE: BERENS RIVER PERSONAL CARE HOME

WHEREAS, Berens River First Nation has identified their need for a Personal Care Home;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of all First Nations in Manitoba support initiatives to meet the needs of First Nations citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support Berens River First Nation in their development of personal care services.

MOVED BY: Chief Elsie Bouchie, Berens River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Rod Bushie, Hollow Water First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-08

RE: MANITOBA HYDRO DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, there are several First Nations in Manitoba that have been directly and indirectly affected by past hydro electric development; and

WHEREAS, there are several First Nations in Manitoba that will be directly and indirectly affected by the proposed Conawapa Dam and Bi-Pole III transmission line; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a unified Manitoba First Nations' position with regard to past and future Manitoba Hydro development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs convene a conference to discuss the issues of Manitoba Hydro development.

MOVED BY: Chief Rod Bushie, Hollow Water First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Elsie Bouchie, Berens River First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-09

RE: RETROFITTING OF HOUSES FOR SEWER AND WATER PROJECTS

WHEREAS, retrofitting of houses is a significant cost in sewer and water project development;

WHEREAS, such costs should be included within the capital expenditures provided for sewer and water system installation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the costs of retrofitting be reflected in capital expenditure budgets for all new sewer and water systems;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,

that the retrofitting costs incurred in installation of existing systems be covered by the Department of Indian Affairs.

MOVED BY: Chief Frank Abraham, Little Black River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Rod Bushie, Hollow Water First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS

September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.22/92-11

RE: EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the First Nations people have an inherent Aboriginal and Treaty right to education;

WHEREAS, the First Nations people are experiencing limitations due to inadequate funding for the number of people who qualify for post-secondary educational sponsorship;

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has exhausted all other avenues to secure adequate funding for increased post-secondary funding;

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has determined that court action is a viable option;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs begin proceedings to initiate court action as a means of ensuring that the Canadian government fulfill its legal obligations and fiduciary responsibility to provide increased and adequate funding for First Nations post-secondary education.

MOVED BY: Chief Sydney Garrioch, Cross Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Pascal Bighetty, Mathias Colomb First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.23/92-12

RE: ARCHIVAL FILES OF FIRST NATIONS PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, an important and valuable component of the history and development of First Nations' government in Manitoba is recorded and preserved in the files of various former and existing provincial First Nations' organizations;

WHEREAS, this historical and political record is the property of First Nations in Manitoba and access to this record is essential to present and future First Nations' citizens and their governments;

WHEREAS, existing files of the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood, Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program, All-Chiefs' Budget Committee of the A.M.C., and Four Nations Confederacy have been transferred to the Provincial Archives of Manitoba under an agreement between the Provincial Archives and the First Nations Confederacy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, on behalf of all Manitoba First Nations and their citizens, hereby authorizes and directs that the aforementioned records be made available, in full and without restriction, to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs or to anyone authorized by the Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is hereby authorized to ensure the protection, preservation of the aforementioned records in a manner acceptable to First Nations' interests.

MOVED BY: Chief Dennis White Bird, Rolling River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Harry Bone, Keeseekoowenin First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.23/92-13

RE: FIRST NATION JURISDICTION OVER COMPREHENSIVE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, First Nation Peoples have the Inherent Right to govern themselves in accordance to their traditional cultures, practices, values and customs; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations Governments have the jurisdiction to provide comprehensive Child and Family Services to all their respective membership regardless of place of residence; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada made unilateral policy directives to transfer the jurisdiction of comprehensive Child and Family Services to the Provincial Government without any consultation with First Nation Governments; and

WHEREAS, First Nation Child and Family Services are now governed by provincial legislation that violates the terms and conditions of the Treaties and the Treaty Making Process; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation Governments totally reject this unilateral action as unacceptable to First Nation Peoples;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that A.M.C. support the community based and community driven Child and Family Services that have been initiated by First Nation Governments and/or by a group of First Nation Governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that A.M.C. vigorously pursue the realization of First Nations' Inherent Right, to full jurisdiction over comprehensive Child and Family Services.

MOVED BY: Chief Francis Flett, Opaskwayak Cree Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Phillip Buck, Moose Lake First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.23/92-14

RE: SUPPORT FOR KEEWATIN TRIBAL COUNCIL LIFE SKILLS TRAINING INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, Member First Nations of Keewatin Tribal Council are pursuing development of life skills training programs to promote healing and wellness in a systematic and human way;

WHEREAS, Keewatin Tribal Council is encountering considerable difficulty in securing resources for this initiative from government agencies;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Manitoba First Nations are unified in their support for First Nations initiatives to re-establish the circle of health and wellness in our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs affirm their support for the life skills training initiatives of Keewatin Tribal Council.

MOVED BY: Chief Simon Samuel, Northlands First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Ron Cook, Shoal River First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.24/92-15

RE: JUSTICE FOR FIRST NATIONS VETERANS

WHEREAS, we as First Nations having allied ourselves with the British Crown in the American War of Independence, the War of 1812, the First and Second World War and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, First Nations veterans served as volunteers bound by honour through the Treaty to the Crown, as allies, and served with honour and distinction on foreign soil; and

WHEREAS, the Crown in Right of Canada has outstanding obligations with respect to lands and veterans benefits that remain unfulfilled and have been denied;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that we, the Chiefs and First Nations of Manitoba, sanction the Manitoba Aboriginal Veterans Association and the National Indian Veterans Association to act with us in the reclamation of benefits and the quest for justice for First Nations Veterans and their descendants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that we petition the Prime Minister of Canada and the House of Commons to set up a special Commission to ensure Canada's fulfilment of its obligation to First Nations Veterans and their descendants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that A.M.C. support the National Indian Veterans Association in its request for funding from the Secretary of State for its forthcoming Annual Conference in Ottawa on October 16 - 20, 1992.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Yellowquill, Long Plain First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Lawrence Henry, Roseau River First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.24/92-16

RE: FAIRFORD FIRST NATION PERSONAL CARE HOME

- WHEREAS,** Fairford First Nation has identified a need for a Personal Care Home;
- WHEREAS,** the Personal Care Home will service the surrounding four First Nation communities;
- WHEREAS,** the lack of Personal Care Home facilities is unjust and places elderly and disabled Anishinabe people at high risk;
- WHEREAS,** the Honourable Benoit Bouchard, Minister of National Health and Welfare, and the Honourable Thomas Siddon, Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on November 4, 1991 announced funding for the Adult Care/Disabilities Initiative to assist First Nations People;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that adequate funding be provided to address the Personal Care Home needs as identified by Fairford First Nation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

National Health and Welfare Canada and Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development jointly commit funding resources for the development of Fairford First Nation Personal Care Home.

MOVED BY: Chief Ed Anderson, Fairford First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief John McDonald, Crane River First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.24/92-21

RE: CONVENING ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES IN FIRST NATION TERRITORY

WHEREAS, the Annual Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is a First Nations political forum of the greatest importance to our people;

WHEREAS, the convening of Annual Assemblies in the Territories of First Nations can foster the spirit of collective respect and solidarity among sovereign First Nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that future Annual Assemblies of Manitoba Chiefs be convened within the territory of a First Nation in Manitoba;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Executive Council of Chiefs be responsible for arrangement with First Nations to host the Annual Assembly.

MOVED BY: Chief Rod Bushie, Hollow Water First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Harold Turner, Grand Rapids First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.24/92-22

**RE: ABORIGINAL EDUCATION FOR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (MANITOBA)
INCORPORATED**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supported the development of an accredited training program for Community Health & Human Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, Aboriginal Education for Health & Human Service (Manitoba) Incorporated was mandated to develop and deliver the training program; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation is seeking to expand it's present mandate to advocate and pursue on behalf of the participants a wage parity that would reflect the level of post-secondary training they have received from Yellowquill College and recognition as Health Professionals; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Corporation to expand it's mandate to advocate a wage parity for the graduates of the Health & Human Services training program.

MOVED BY: Chief Geordie Little, Garden Hill First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Sydney Garrioch, Cross Lake First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.24/92-23

RE: SHAMATTAWA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the present status of the Shamattawa crisis situation has become a political issue as a result of the lack of action by federal and provincial governments; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Northern Chiefs, the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, has initiated a short-term relief project in conjunction with the Keewatin Tribal Council and the Awasis Agency to support the Chief and Council and community of the Shamattawa First Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Shamattawa Project Team have been meeting with federal and provincial governments as it was clearly determined that existing services and resources provided to the community of Shamattawa are minimal and sub-standard considering the community demonstrates extreme statistics in terms of alcohol/solvent abuse, crimes of violence, domestic abuse, child welfare matter and in all other areas of social and economic concern; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Manitoba First Nation leaders hereby assume a unified stand supporting the Shamattawa First Nation efforts to create a positive change in their community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognizes the leadership role that Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak has taken to influence the federal and provincial governments to facilitate improvements in the Shamattawa First Nation community.

MOVED BY: Chief Ken Beardy, Shamattawa First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Harold Turner, Grand Rapids First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.24/92-24

RE: PROVINCIAL TAXATION OF FIRST NATIONS

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through previous Assembly resolutions, mandated the Grand Chief and Executive Council to pursue a process of negotiations with the Province on taxation matters;

WHEREAS, a previous resolution duly passed by Chiefs in Assembly mandated A.M.C. to pursue litigation on taxation matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Chiefs in Assembly affirm those previous directions and affirm that such litigation may place the interpretation of treaty and Aboriginal rights before non-Aboriginal courts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Chiefs in Assembly mandate the Grand Chief and Executive Council to decide whether to obtain intervenor status before the Supreme Court of Canada in the Tseshaht case in British Columbia (should the case proceed to the Supreme Court of Canada);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the First Nations provide litigation funding to the A.M.C. Secretariat to pursue litigation and/or intervenor status.

MOVED BY: Chief Alan Ross, Norway House First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Sydney Garrioch, Cross Lake First Nation

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.24/92-26

RE: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONSULTATION RE: JWG PROCESS

WHEREAS, a Joint First Nation/Canada Working Group has been established whose primary functions are:

1. to examine the operations of the current specific claims policy and process;
2. to identify problems and deficiencies in the policy that would serve to constrain the possibility of settlement of the legitimate claim and land rights issues of the First Nations of Canada; and
3. recommend policy changes that would improve the mechanism through which First Nation claims would be dealt with in Canada; and

WHEREAS, a critical part of this process will be securing the input of the First Nations of Canada on their experiences in the present process, and soliciting their views as to ways to improve the claims resolution process in Canada; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of securing this required input is being severely constrained by a lack of commitment of the funding necessary to undertake this consultation with the regions and individual First Nations - only \$20,000 per region having been committed to date; and

WHEREAS, it is felt that the entire Joint Working Group process will be limited and compromised if the required funding for regional and individual consultation is not committed by Canada and secured by the First Nation organizations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

that the First Nations of Manitoba in assembly demand that Canada commit the required funding to allow for real and meaningful input from the First Nations of Canada in the Joint Working Group process.

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

4TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS

September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1992
Grand Ballroom, Fort Garry Place, Winnipeg

SEPT.24/92-27

RE: REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR DECEMBER 1990 SUBMISSION ON CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the First Nations of Manitoba do hereby reaffirm our support and endorsement of the December 1990 Submission on Claims developed by the Chief Committee on Claims as the position of the Manitoba First Nations on the claims resolution policy and process in Canada; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,

that Chief Dennis White Bird (Rolling River First Nation), the Manitoba representative on the Joint Working Group on the Specific Claims Policy [and his alternates, Chief Peter Yellowquill (Long Plain) and Councillor Lawrence Whitehead (The Pas)] be directed to continue to use the December 1990 Submission as indicative of the Manitoba position on required changes to the specific claims policy and process, in his role in the future deliberations and activities of the Joint Working Group.

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:
