



ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS

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AMC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Long Plain First Nation
January 14, 15, 16, 2003**

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION - COMMUNITY HALL
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Moved by:

Chief Darren Audy
Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**In Favour: 22
Abstention: 1**

RE: MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE FIRE FIGHTERS (MANFF)

WHEREAS, in 1991, MANFF was formed by the First Nation Fire Chiefs with three objectives:

1. To promote fire protection in all its forms on First Nations in the Province of Manitoba; and
2. To provide training and education for the public benefit in fire prevention and fire fighting; and
3. To promote and provide emergency and safety related resources, training, and response to assure the health and well being of First Nation People.

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) and MANFF signed a Contribution Agreement which provided for an office and staff to provide consistent services to all First Nation communities in accordance with its three objectives; and

WHEREAS, MANFF has taken the appropriate actions to address the internal conflicts referred to in Resolution #SEPT-02.18; and

WHEREAS, MANFF is committed to assuring appropriate and accountable management and has taken the appropriate legal and fiscal steps to assure that its operations meet the highest standards of accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, MANFF is committed to assuring the provision of consistent fire and emergency services to all First Nations through its extensive networking system among and between AMC, MKO, SCO, all Tribal Councils, all First Nations, all levels of government, non-governmental agencies, businesses and individuals.

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JAN-03.01**

**RE: MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE FIRE
FIGHTERS (MANFF) (Cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirm their support to MANFF by rescinding Resolution # Sept-02.18; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the support is contingent on the Chiefs-in-Assembly appointing two members to the MANFF Board of Directors. These appointees will have the same Director's rights and responsibilities as the five Fire Chiefs elected at MANFF's Annual Meetings; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that MANFF is to establish a technical committee with representation from Tribal Councils and Independent Bands to provide expertise in their respective fields of fire services and emergency management.

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JAN-03.02*

Moved by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

**RE: ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY (AHRDS) - INDEPENDENT STRUCTURE**

Seconded By:

Chief Larry Soldier
Swan Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) entered into a five-year agreement in 1999, with Human Resource Development Canada (HRDC) for the administration of the new AHRDS Agreement; and

MOTION CARRIED

**In Favour: 22
Against: 2
Abstentions: 5**

WHEREAS, the AMC is currently fully accountable and responsible for the delivery of the AHRDS Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Article 3 states:

“For the greater certainty, the AMC will function as a political coordinating entity only on the common issues and strategies mandated by the Chiefs-in-Assembly and not as a program and service delivery entity.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the new AMC/AHRDS Agreement be delivered by a central structure independent of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat to ensure consistent and effective administration and monitoring at the community and regional level; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC supports the initiatives and the individual management capacity of several First Nation groups to pursue their own agreements in the next generation of negotiations and also want to ensure future stability of the programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Secretariat, through their respective sub-agreement holders (as represented by the employment and training coordinators) assist in developing a central department/structure staffed appropriately to meet the obligations of the current and future HRDC agreements that will be accountable to the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly through their respective sub-agreement holders, as represented by the employment and training coordinators.

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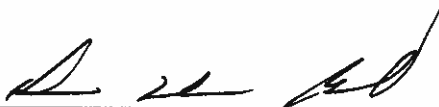
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JAN-03.02**

**RE: ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY - INDEPENDENT STRUCTURE (Cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed structure be brought back to the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly for ratification.

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Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Nancy Whiteway
Berens River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**In Favour: 24
Abstentions: 2**

RE: URBAN FIRST NATIONS SERVICE CENTRE

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) is the collective voice for all First Nation citizens in the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, a large population of our Constituents reside in off-reserve centres; and

WHEREAS, the current delivery of services provided to our First Nations off-reserve constituents by First Nations' organizations is limited; and

WHEREAS, there is no recognized formal process to exercise Treaty and Inherent rights to our off-reserve First Nation populations; and

WHEREAS, the AMC has developed a proposal that would allow us to develop a business plan to develop an Urban First Nations Service Centre; and

WHEREAS, the AMC would access new resources and new monies that would not affect funding arrangements as they exist today at the First Nation level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the AMC Secretariat to seek funding for the Urban First Nations Community Development Proposal and to establish a business plan for an Urban First Nations Service Centre.

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Moved by:

Proxy Ted Woodhouse
Pinaymootang First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Russell Harper
St. Theresa Point First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**In Favour: 24
Opposed: 0
Abstention: 0**

RE: DESTRUCTION OF UNLAWFUL DATA

WHEREAS, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Manitoba Region unilaterally imposed a Tenant Profile Form on First Nations Social Services for the 2001-02 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Tenant Profile Form requires the disclosure of information contrary to First Nations laws of respect; and

WHEREAS, the Tenant Profile Form requires the disclosure of information contrary to Canadian law.

WHEREAS, data was collected by INAC Manitoba Region using the Tenant Profile Form.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all data collected by INAC Manitoba Region through the Tenant Profile Form for the period April 1, 2001 to the present must be destroyed by Canada; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that INAC Manitoba Region must confirm in writing and declare that Canada has destroyed all data and related documentation collected from the Tenant Profile Form; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that INAC Manitoba Region immediately stop all use of the Tenant Profile Form and implement the interim system designed by the AMC-INAC Joint Social Assistance Initiative.

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JAN-03.05

Moved by:

Proxy Ted Woodhouse
Pinaymootang First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Russell Harper
Garden Hill First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**In Favour: 22
Opposed: 0
Abstention: 0**

RE: REPLACEMENT OF INAC TENANT PROFILE FORM (TPF)

WHEREAS, AMC Resolution Sept.02-09, directed INAC to withdraw its Tenant Profile Form (TPF) and that the Grand Chief ensure that INAC returns to the table to develop a mutually acceptable policy; and

WHEREAS, Grand Chief Dennis White Bird did lobby, together with MKO Grand Chief, the INAC Manitoba Region to ensure that the Associate Regional Director General return to the table to replace the TPF; and

WHEREAS, First Nations and INAC technicians met in December and January to design a new policy, and this proposed policy is presented for consideration by the Chiefs-in-Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the replacement for the TPF will be implemented by First Nations Social Services administration staff on a trial basis in the January reports due in February 2003.

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JAN-03.06

Moved by:

Chief Dwayne Blackbird
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: 20

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3

**RE: CONTINUED FUNDING FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORS**

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs Manitoba Region has identified continued funding for the Tribal Council Social Development Advisors positions for 2003-2004, but states that it has no authority nor any framework to flow the funding to the Tribal Councils for 2003-2004.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly support continued funding for the Tribal Council Social Development Advisors in 2003-2004, and beyond; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to continue to support the Tribal Councils' pursuit of appropriate funding arrangements of the Social Development Advisors, according to the direction set out in A.M.C. Resolution March 02-01.

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JAN-03.07

Moved by:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River Anishinaabe
First Nation

**RE: THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRST NATION WOMEN'S
COUNCIL, STANDING COMMITTEE AND SECRETARIAT**

Seconded By:

Chief Nancy Whiteway
Berens River First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has engaged in a process of restructuring to ensure greater effectiveness and efficiency; and

MOTION CARRIED

**In Favour: 26
Opposed: 0
Abstention: 0**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (Article 18.7) affirmed the need for a Chiefs Committee called the First Nation Women's Committee; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation Women's Committee desire to commence with the development of the AMC First Nation Women's Council and its First Nation Women's Standing Committee and the AMC First Nation Women's Secretariat.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in Assembly support the development of the AMC First Nation Women's Council, the First Nation Women's Standing Committee and the AMC Women's Secretariat whose role within the AMC will be to represent, advocate and promote First Nations women's issues.

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JAN-03.08*

Moved by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner,
Grand Rapids First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: 28
Opposed: 0
Abstention: 0

RE: BILL C-31 CHALLENGE RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the First Nations have the Inherent Right to freely determine their own citizenship and polity; and

WHEREAS, the *Indian Act* section 6, clause 2, denies second generation First Nations peoples the full Treaty Status and Rights derived by virtue of the Treaties that were signed on a "Nation to Nation" International Agreement basis; and

WHEREAS, the country of Canada has implemented and enforced the 6(2) clause on the descendants of full Treaty Status peoples; and

WHEREAS, the 6(2) clause is discriminatory and is intended to extinguish the Treaty Rights of the First Nations thereby eliminating the Treaty obligations of Canada by the implementation of 6(2) which will result in the disappearance of First Nation Treaty partners; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Connie Perron has initiated a class action suit on behalf of her biological grandchildren seeking their full reinstatement (status quo ante Bill C-31) as full Treaty Status First Nation peoples; and

WHEREAS, this class action known as "Perron vs. Canada" is a very strong application on the part of the plaintiff and is very likely to attain the relief sought by the plaintiff.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby direct the Assembly of First Nations Regional Vice Chief to attain Intervenor Status in Perron vs. Canada and to legally and politically support this class action in its entirety.

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JAN-03.09*

Moved by:

Chief Frank Whitchead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Nelson Leask
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS CONSENT
PROCESS**

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

WHEREAS, First Nations have been given the option to develop a Client Consent process to access Non-Insured Health Benefits (N.I.H.B.); and

WHEREAS, First Nations have rejected Health Canada’s N.I.H.B. Client Consent process because it compromises treaty rights to health care and violates individual and human rights of First Nations peoples; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the Chiefs in Manitoba, a strategy to address the Client Consent process has been developed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the strategy developed by the First Nations health technicians; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the proposed client consent form that will fulfill federal privacy legislation and allows service providers to be paid for their services; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a clause be included in the consent form to protect First Nations right to health care services if they choose not to sign; and

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JAN-03.09*

**RE: NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS CONSENT
PROCESS (Cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to secure national support through the Assembly of First Nations to ensure that Health Canada accommodates Manitoba First Nations' proposed solution to client consent process.

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JAN-03.10

Moved by:

Chief Nelson Leask
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS & F.N.I.H.B.
DEFICIT**

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations Health Services receives annual funding through stacked Contribution Agreements from Health Canada - First Nations & Inuit Health Branch; and

WHEREAS, each fiscal year the Federal Treasury Board pays off the Manitoba Region - F.N.I.H.B. deficit, notwithstanding this the Manitoba Region - F.N.I.H.B. takes monies from each program area to offset this deficit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to discuss and plan with the Manitoba Regional Director - F.N.I.H.B. regarding the disposition of the deficit/surplus funds meant for Manitoba First Nations health programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to attend the Branch Executive Committee - F.N.I.H.B. in order to address the impact adhering to these policy guidelines has on First Nation communities healthcare and on the level of service that can be delivered by Manitoba First Nations Health Services; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the need to seek further assistance from the Assembly of First Nations through Vice-Chief Ken Young in these negotiations.

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JAN-03.11

Moved by:

Chief Darren Audy
Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Sam Murdock
Fisher River Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: F.N.I.H.B. CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS:
RESPONDING TO AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations Health Services receives annual funding through stacked Contribution Agreements from Health Canada - First Nations & Inuit Health Branch (F.N.I.H.B.); and

WHEREAS, these Contribution Agreements are processed late in the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, there is minimal notice on submission dates for amending the Contribution Agreements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to attend the Branch Executive Committee - F.N.I.H.B. in order to address the lack of time to adequately respond to the Contribution Agreement process; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the need to seek further assistance from the Assembly of First Nations through Vice-Chief Ken Young in these negotiations.

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JAN-03.12*

Moved by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded By:

Proxy Les Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: 21

RE: ROMANOW COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the mandate of the Chiefs through the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is to protect First Nation Treaty Rights and “affirm First Nations inherent rights as peoples to exercise and practice self-determination and self-government”; and

WHEREAS, the Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada is one of several initiatives of the federal government to review and reconstruct the Canadian health care system; and

WHEREAS, the Romanow report released on November 29, 2002 contains a number of recommendations that will very likely have major negative impacts on the First Nations, especially with respect to the Treaty Rights to Health Care; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations leadership have continuously lobbied for change in First Nations health care through various proposals and strategies; and

WHEREAS, following the declaration of a health crisis in 1998, ministerial support resulted in the establishment of a Health Canada/Manitoba First Nations Working Group (HC/MFNWG) who were then mandated to develop a number of reports containing recommendations to renew the existing health care system for First Nations; and

WHEREAS, in March 2001, the Chiefs-in-Assembly supported the recommendations of the HC/MFNWG for the formation of a Health Council and ongoing work to complete additional reports, however, a lack of ministerial support and funding brought the process to a halt; and

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RE: ROMANOW COMMISSION (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, with the Romanow recommendations, it is now crucial that First Nations dialogue with the Province of Manitoba to ensure that Manitoba First Nations have a voice at the national level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Grand Chief White Bird to seek funding and a renewed commitment from Health Canada for the establishment of a Health Council and ongoing work of the Health Canada/Manitoba First Nations Working Group; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the formation of a joint technical working group between A.M.C. and the Province of Manitoba to begin a dialogue on the Romanow Report.

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JAN-03.13

Moved by:

Chief Garry Swampy
Sagkeeng First Nation

**RE: TURTLE LODGE CENTRE FOR LEARNING AND HEALING
(ANISHNABE MIKINACK KINAMAKAMIK)**

Seconded By:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House Cree Nation

WHEREAS, Turtle Lodge is a centre for spiritual land-based traditional learning and healing which has been initiated at Sagkeeng First Nation; and

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: 27

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

WHEREAS, Turtle Lodge programs will introduce youth to traditional healing concepts and values based upon the seven sacred laws and eight paths of the medicine wheel concept; and

WHEREAS, the Turtle Lodge Elders Council is seeking partnerships and funding support to develop further traditional healing and wellness programs for youth and others; and

WHEREAS, many First Nations citizens are seeking the knowledge of traditional teachings, values and approaches to healing and wellness.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support Turtle Lodge efforts to forge partnerships in support of a traditional learning and healing centre; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Turtle Lodge in pursuing federal and provincial partnerships for the Turtle Lodge Centre for Learning and Healing.

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JAN-03.14

Moved by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Cornell Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: TOBACCO TAX SALES FORM CHANGE

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Department of Finance taxation have unilaterally changed Schedule A to the Tobacco Sales Tax form; and

WHEREAS, the change requires that a consent notice be agreed to by a First Nation person purchasing tobacco products on a First Nation community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to request that the Manitoba Finance Department provide written explanation to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and First Nation leadership as to why the change to Schedule A was made without notice to or consent from the First Nations leadership.

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JAN-03.15

Moved by:

Chief Frank Whitehead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roscau River Anishinaabe First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

Abstention: 1

**RE: SUPPORT OF THE SPIRIT WIND FORMER
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL CLAIMANTS
ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the First Nation Residential School Survivors have established a grassroots association called "Spirit Wind"; and

WHEREAS, the "Spirit Wind" association will represent the voices of Manitoba Residential School Claimants and their families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will support and advocate politically on behalf of the "Spirit Wind Association" by establishing a working relationship that will assist in addressing the issues and concerns regarding residential school claims to be dealt with in an expedient and equitable manner.

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Moved by:

Chief Frank Whitehead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Garry Swampy
Sagkeeng First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**In Favour: 18
Abstentions: 3**

**RE: FIRST NATION PERSONAL CARE HOME
LICENCING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, First Nations have the inherent right to self-government and self-determination which includes but is not limited to the ability to licence and regulate Personal Care Homes within their jurisdictions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the concept of a First Nations Personal Care Home Licencing Authority and direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to negotiate a draft funding agreement with the Federal and Provincial Health Ministers that will enable the First Nations to implement their Inherent Authority to license and regulate Personal Care Homes in their jurisdictions; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this draft funding agreement be presented at the Annual General Assembly for the approval of the Chiefs-in-Assembly.



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Moved by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: 27

**RE: ELDERS INVOLVEMENT IN ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
CHIEFS (AMC) AND TREATY COMMISSION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the First Nation Elders desire active involvement in the AMC and Treaty Commission Process and view their role as keepers of the Treaties Oral History for the protection, preservation, promotion, interpretation, and implementation of the spirit and intent of Treaties;

WHEREAS, the First Nation Elders seek the revitalization of the understanding of the Treaties which includes education of First Nations and Canadians on the Treaties and for the Treaties to be a part of the school curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation Elders Oral History research through the Treaty Commission Process requires the Elders to guide the planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations Elders Message on Treaties gathering was held on December 17 & 18, 2002, whereby the preliminary report and record of decisions was presented by Elder Leonard York, Norway House Cree Nation for Chiefs-in- Assembly support; and

WHEREAS, the Message on Treaties Final Report transcribing, translation and interpretation of the gathering's audio tapes is still in progress with a target date for completion by February 10, 2003 and for presentation to the next AMC General Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly ratify the Elders Record of Decisions (attached) and that AMC secure funding to implement the Elders involvement as identified in the record of decisions; and

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**RE: ELDERS INVOLVEMENT IN ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
CHIEFS AND TREATY COMMISSION PROCESS (Cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elders Message on Treaties Final Report must accurately reflect the statements made by the Elders in the workshops by ensuring the translation and interpretation from the First Nations language into the English form is written in the proper context of each statement as spoken by the Elders for the Treaties spirit and intent to be fully safeguarded.

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**Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
Treaty Commission Process - Pre-Development
A Preliminary Report: "Elders Message"
on the
First Nations Elder's Round Table on Treaties
December 17 & 18, 2002
Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

The First Nations Elders Round-Table on Treaties held December 17 & 18, 2002 recommended the following Record of Decisions (RD):

RD#1: Moved by: Leonard York, Norway House Cree Nation
Seconded by: Nelson James, Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation

The First Nations Elders at the Round-Table on Treaties gathering held December 17 & 18, 2002 calls for a presentation to be made to the January 2003 AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly for:

1. A proposal to be developed together with the Elders; and
2. For the establishment of a First Nations Elders Council that would form an integral role in the renewal of the Treaties relationship and advocacy on political and legal issues and for implementation by the 2003 Annual General Assembly.

RD#2: Moved by: Carl Flett, St. Theresa Point First Nation
Seconded by: Oliver Bird, Little Black River First Nation

A First Nations Elders delegates meeting with Canada's Parliamentary Senate Chair Sharon Carstairs, for the purpose of establishing an Elder-to-Elder Forum on a Nation-to-Nation basis for the recognition and honoring of the Treaties, by early Spring to Summer 2003 to be held in Manitoba, and to present the plan of action at the Chiefs-in-Assembly.

RD#3: Moved by: Carl Flett, St. Theresa Point First Nation
Seconded by: Oliver Bird, Little Black River First Nation

Whereas, the Elders need more time to prepare before being ready to participate fully in their conferences;

We therefore resolve that Researchers of AMC are to access and compile archival material on the Treaties and are to prepare a package and presentation to be given to the Elders prior to any further conferences.

RD#4: Moved by: Carl Flett, St. Theresa Point First Nation
Seconded by: Archie Enekwinnair, Northlands Denesuline First Nation

We, the Elders in Assembly, hereby resolve that there be a presentation made to the Chiefs-in-Assembly in January 2003.

That the Elders in Assembly work with the AMC to develop proposals for funding for videos and educational materials in our own First Nation languages on traditional world-views, life-ways and Treaties as we understand them to be gathered and preserved in a good way.

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JAN-03.18

Moved by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation

**RE: ACCOUNTABILITY, ARTICLE 12,
A.M.C. CONSTITUTION**

Seconded By:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs was founded to advocate for the Treaty and Inherent Rights of all First Nations citizens, and the betterment of our people; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, economic development and accountable government go hand-in-hand; and

WHEREAS, Article 12 of the A.M.C. Constitution refers to accountability in a general way.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Assembly direct that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to review and revise Article 12, in order to:

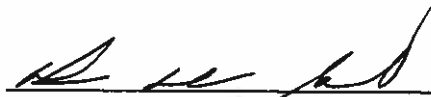
- provide more detail on the provisions for accountability more specifically to include provisions detailing the responsibility for ensuring accountability;
- encourage and support First Nations leadership in this direction; and
- establish an alternative dispute resolution process for First Nations citizens regarding their First Nations governments.

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JAN-03.19

Moved by:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Darren Audy
Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: NATURAL RESOURCE REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, beginning in 1871, Britain, on behalf of Canada signed the numbered Treaties of western Canada, which were agreements to allow the European settlers access to land for livelihood purposes; and

WHEREAS, there was never any intention on the part of the First Nations to transfer ownership of Mother Earth to Canada; and

WHEREAS, part of the Agreement was to negotiate all future changes by both parties; and

WHEREAS, in 1930 without the rightful authority and without consultation with the First Nations of Manitoba, Canada transferred all of the natural resources to the Province of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to develop a negotiation strategy for compensation to the First Nations for the removal and sale of natural resources for which Manitoba First Nations would have received compensation had Canada honoured their treaty obligations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Canada, the negotiator of the 1930 Natural Resources Transfer Act (NRTA), provide all of the legal costs to the First Nations of Manitoba associated with the negotiations of lost revenues since 1930.

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Moved by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: 1969 WHITE PAPER LEADERSHIP COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, the Trudeau Government unilaterally sought to absolve the fundamental Treaty and Aboriginal Rights of First Nation peoples with the introduction of the “1969 White Paper” policy; and

WHEREAS, the 1969 White Paper policy sought to:

- repeal the Indian Act;
- amend the British North American Act 1967 to remove all references to “Indians” and “Indian lands”; and

WHEREAS, the 1969 White Paper policy was unanimously rejected by the then First Nation leadership across the country, which ultimately led to shelving of the policy; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation leadership during this historical struggle made fundamental contributions to the preservation of future generations as Indigenous peoples.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize and affirm the contribution made by our First Nation leadership during the struggle against the 1969 White Paper; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly will seek compensation from the Federal Government of Canada for the costs incurred by the First Nation leadership in defeating the Federal Government’s 1969 White Paper; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the A.M.C. Secretariat to assist in the development of a Committee made up of the leadership of 1969 who fought the White Paper that will identify those individuals for whom this compensation may be available; and

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**RE: 1969 WHITE PAPER LEADERSHIP COMPENSATION
(Cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this Committee will provide a list of individuals to whom this compensation should be provided and will provide this list for the approval of the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the Annual General Assembly.

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JAN-03.22

Moved by:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Nelson Leask
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

Abstention: 1

RE: OFF-RESERVE TAXATION

WHEREAS, Treaty #6 is clear regarding exemption of all taxes imposed by Canada; and

WHEREAS, treaty rights predate the provincial boundaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly request that each of the Chiefs of Manitoba instruct their individual Members of Parliament to lobby with the Parliament of Canada to ensure exemption from taxation for the Treaty people of Manitoba regardless of location.

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Moved by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Frank Whitthead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: IMMUNITY FROM TAXATION

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognizes that First Nations are immune from taxation by other governments of Canada; and

WHEREAS, the immunity from taxation arises from the sovereignty of First Nations governments and the inability of one Nation to tax the citizens of another Nation under international law; and

WHEREAS, the immunity from taxation was affirmed in the arrangements between First Nations and Her Majesty the Queen as stated in the Victorian Treaties; and

WHEREAS, the immunity is both a collective and individual Aboriginal and Treaty right, is not restricted to reserve lands, and does not arise from Section 87 of the Indian Act; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is increasing its attempts to terminate our Aboriginal and Treaty rights; and

WHEREAS, many First Nation Peoples and organizations are being unduly harassed by Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) through unfair and punitive measures such as re-assessments, collections and garnishees; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations have been fighting to protect the immunity from taxation by Canadian governments, including the efforts of the O.I. Group of Companies which have set up a National Committee on Taxation and has been fighting to protect our rights to tax immunity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the efforts taken by the O.I. Group to protect our rights to tax immunity; and

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RE: IMMUNITY FROM TAXATION (Cont'd)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly explore, with the O.I. Group and the National Committee on Taxation, ways to ensure more of our First Nation members are able to exercise their rights to immunity from taxation and are protected from harassment from CCRA.

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JAN-03.24

Moved by:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Archie Halkett
Barren Lands First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

Abstention: 1

**RE: NORTHWEST MANITOBA COMMERCIAL
FISHERMEN**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Manitoba Commercial fishers are comprised of Reindeer Lake, Coop Point, Brochet, Black Sturgeon, South Indian Lake, Nelson House, Granville Lake, Highrock Lake, Sissipick, Russell and Burntwood Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Manitoba Commercial fishers have a fish processing plant at Leaf Rapids and have completed their export study which has determined that it is feasible to sell fish and fish products to the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Northwest Manitoba Commercial fishers to attain an export license to sell all fish species to off-shore markets.

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JAN-03.25

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: LONG PLAIN IRRIGATION AND STORAGE
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Simplot Canada will be operating a potato processing plant near Portage La Prairie, Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, Long Plain First Nation wishes to develop an irrigation and storage system for 6000 acres of Long Plain land for potato growers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports and endorses the Long Plain negotiations with Simplot Canada, Governments and related entities in establishing an irrigation and storage system for potato production on Long Plain lands to create employment and contribute to the overall industry in Manitoba.

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JAN-03.26

Moved by:

Chief Ron Evans
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Sam Murdock
Fisher River Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: PARTNERSHIP IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, First Nation children are experiencing a hugely disproportionate incidence of serious early childhood dental disease; and

WHEREAS, over 1,200 Manitoba First Nation children under the age of 4 are currently scheduled for urgent hospitalized dental surgery with waiting periods of 6 - 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba has proposed a partnership with Manitoba First Nations, Canada and Manitoba to develop an Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry to meet the treatment and prevention needs of First Nation children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs work with the Faculty of Dentistry in developing a Pediatric Dentistry Program appropriate to the needs of First Nations in Manitoba.

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JAN-03.27

Moved by:

Chief Darren Audy
Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River Anishinaabe First
Nation

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: 21

RE: THE FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, a First Ministers Conference is scheduled for January 21, 2003, whereby issues and strategies that affect First Nations citizens will be on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, First Nations interests must be represented by the First Nations people; and

WHEREAS, the spirit and intent of section 35.1 of the Constitution Act of Canada 1982 requires First Nation participation in any First Ministers Conference that affects section 91(24) of the Constitution of Canada, Indians and Lands Reserved for Indians; and

WHEREAS, the First Ministers Conference will be discussing issues that affect First Nations people, this brings the matter within the spirit and intent of section 35.1 of the 1982 Constitution Act of Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to ensure that the Province of Manitoba will make a commitment to ensure First Nation representation in matters that affect First Nation issues at the First Ministers' Conference; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief ensures that the Province of Manitoba takes responsibility to ensure First Nation issues are properly addressed by First Nation representatives.

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JAN-03.28

Moved by:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River Anishinaabe First
Nation

Seconded By:

Chief Darren Audy
Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

Abstention: 1

RE: FILING OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM (FNGA)

WHEREAS, the First Nation Governance Act (FNGA) Legal Action resolution was passed in September, 2002 at Opaskwayak Cree Nation to initiate a court action against the government of Canada with regard to FNGA, and;

WHEREAS, the Nadeau Law Office was contacted to research and provide a legal case for the launching of a court action, hence, the drafting of a Statement of Claim, and;

WHEREAS, a draft of the Statement of Claim was presented to the Executive Council of AMC and instructed lawyer Ron Nadeau to proceed with the legal drafting for final presentation at the Long Plain First Nation AMC conference, and;

WHEREAS, the Nadeau Law Office presented the Statement of Claim against Canada for a permanent constitutional injunction prohibiting the passing of Bill C-7 and declaring that the defendants have breached their fiduciary obligations and duties to protect the rights and privileges of the First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Statement of Claim against Canada prohibiting the passing of Bill C-7 as presented by Ron Nadeau is approved-in-principle by the Chiefs-in-Assembly; and

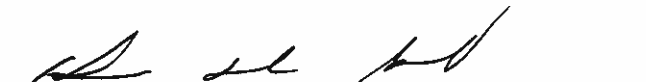
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief and AMC Executive is hereby given authority by the Chiefs-in-Assembly for final approval and timing of filing the statement of claim in court.

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