

# **ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**



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OF  
ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

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**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Status</b>
JAN.2020-01	A First Nations Regional Approach to Social Development	Carried
JAN.2020-02	Canada's On-Reserve Income Assistance Program Policy	Carried
JAN.2020-03	Increase In Treaty Annuity Payments	Carried
JAN.2020-04	Expansion of the Mandate of the Clear Sky Connections	Defeated
JAN.2020-05	Canada's Capacity Building Exercise and File Review	Carried
JAN.2020-06	Assembly Of First Nation Social Development Advisors Technical Group	Carried

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**RE: A FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL APPROACH TO SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

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**Moved by:**

Chief David Crate  
Fisher River Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, First Nations have the inherent jurisdiction in all aspects of life, including social development; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Murray Clearsky  
Waywayseecappo  
First Nation

**WHEREAS**, in Wahbung – Our Tomorrows, the Chiefs of Manitoba identified that to allow meaningful social development of First Nations, First Nations must determine their own approach and guidelines in a holistic manner; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution MAR.02-01 *Declaration on Social Development* that set the direction for a comprehensive and culturally relevant social development policy that reasserts First Nations jurisdiction and governance, and that goes beyond “welfare dependency”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly also declared support for six principles that include: respect for our First Nations, and in recognition of our rights, including the reassertion of jurisdiction and governance; promote and strive for quality of life for all members of Manitoba First Nations and future generations, through effective service delivery and social development; and follow a holistic approach to foster and encourage self-determination within our First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, the Social Development Advisors Technical Group (SDTAG) developed the following 8 Manitoba First Nations Community-Based Indicators of Well-Being: Housing; Economic Development; Lifelong Learning; Quality of Life; Lands, Waters, Environment and Identity; Identity and Language; Independence and Interdependence; and Governance; and

**WHEREAS**, in discussions on Social Development, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly identified that Canada’s approach to social development in its various programs and services across numerous departments must be fundamentally changed.

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**RE: A FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL APPROACH TO SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT (cont'd)**

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief's Office and the Chiefs Committee on Self Determination and Treaties to develop a regional First Nations approach to social development that transforms the current federal approach into one that is designed and controlled by First Nations in Manitoba that is consistent with the Declaration on Social Development;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the First Nation regional approach to social development will include, but is not limited to:

- Discussions with Indigenous Services Canada, and other federal departments, to change the necessary policies and legislative authorities, including a new funding and fiscal relationship to allow First Nations in Manitoba to control their own social development programs and services that meet their needs;

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Grand Chief's office is directed to seek funding for the AMC Secretariat, the Social Development Advisors Technical Group, and the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat, to develop a plan for the First Nation regional approach to social development, with 3-5 year timelines, so that it becomes a regional transformation activity that leverages existing initiatives.

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**RE: CANADA'S ON-RESERVE INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Betsy Kennedy  
War Lake First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Wayne Desjarlais  
Ebb and Flow First Nation

I-Abstain

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, since 1964, the On-reserve Income Assistance Program objective is to ensure that eligible individuals and families who are living on-reserve receive funds to cover basic living expenses such as food, clothing and shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, since the late 1990's, Manitoba First Nation Social Development Advisors through the Social Development Advisors Technical Working Group (SDATG) has tried to work with Canada to change the Income Assistance Program, and the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly has passed a number of resolutions regarding the on-reserve Income Assistance Program Policy. Canada has consistently not agreed to any substantive or meaningful changes to its policy; and

**WHEREAS**, in early 2019, the SDATG engaged with First Nations in Manitoba, which resulted in the report Manitoba First Nations – LED Engagement on the Income Assistance Program, with the following recommendations:

- A review and an Increase to the Service Delivery Program funding;
- An Increase for all rates and allowances;
- An increase to the Special Needs Budget and removal of the cap: and
- Overall, Review, Re-design and changes on all aspects of the Income Assistance Program with Input from the First Nations leadership and Administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, in discussions on the Income Assistance Program, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly identified the need for First Nations in Manitoba to develop its own policy for income assistance that responds to their needs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly fully supports and endorses the recommendations of the SDATG report Manitoba First Nations – LED Engagement on the Income Assistance Program and ensure that it includes: issues related to northern and remote First Nations including the high rate of freight and cost of living; and funding and staffing needs that includes potential retroactive pay based on years of service; and

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**RE: CANADA'S ON-RESERVE INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
POLICY (cont'd)**

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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that Chiefs-in-Assembly agrees that the "Overall, Review, Re-design and changes on all aspects of the Income Assistance Program with Input from the First Nations leadership and Administrators" will result in a regional First Nation-designed income assistance program and policy that will replace the federal On-reserve Income Assistance Policy; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Secretariat is directed to work with the Social Development Advisors Technical Group, including researching other regional and international policy options and best practices, and a guaranteed minimum income or "Mincome," and directs the AMC Grand Chief to obtain the necessary resources to have it developed.

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**RE: INCREASE IN TREATY ANNUITY PAYMENTS**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Murray Clearsky  
Waywayseecappo  
First Nation

**WHEREAS**, Treaty Annuity Payments are more than symbolic gestures or representations of the Treaty Relationship between the First Nations of Manitoba and the British Crown, but also as a renewal of the Treaty relationship; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Norman Bone  
Keeseekoowenin  
First Nation

**WHEREAS**, Treaty Annuity Payments of \$5 per capita have been paid to First Nations citizens for 141 years in Manitoba without an increase or index to reflect current circumstances; and

1-Abstain  
0-Opposed

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) report noted that the annuity payment was regarded as a formal opportunity to discuss and renew the relationship each year, and argued that the Treaties need to be flexible enough to address new concerns of an evolving relationship. In discussion the Robinson Treaties, it stated "Despite the wealth generated from these vast lands, the annuity has been revised only once, to \$4.00 in 1874. The numbered treaties also include provisions for annuities to be paid, and these too have become token amounts over time." The RCAP report recommended that a formal process of revitalization be established, and that this process include a reconsideration of the "treaty promises of wealth transfer"; and

**WHEREAS**, previous court decisions on the Treaty Annuity Payment have identified it as both an individual and collective right; and

**WHEREAS**, there are Treaty Tables established for the numbered Treaties in Manitoba and each Treaty Group receives resources and funding to hold gatherings and coordinate "a common vision, plans and strategies," under the terms and conditions of the Crown Indigenous Relations Nation Rebuilding Program. However, the terms and conditions for the Nation Rebuilding program are designed to move Treaty groups to modern agreements or comprehensive agreements, and not explicitly for the purposes of considering an increase in the individual Treaty Annuity Payment; and

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**RE: INCREASE IN TREATY ANNUITY PAYMENTS (cont'd)**

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Constitution identifies the mandate of the AMC includes the promotion, preservation, and protection of Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nations people in Manitoba”; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the Treaty Annuity Payment paid directly to Treaty First Nation citizens in Manitoba as individuals may be beneficial to their social development.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly supports increasing the Treaty Annuity Payment paid individually to Treaty First Nation citizens in Manitoba; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly acknowledges the collective nature of Treaty rights, including the Treaty Annuity Payment, and that any proposed increase to the Treaty Annuity Payment shall not affect other Treaty rights of First Nations; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC Grand Chief’s Office and the Chiefs Committee on Self Determination and Treaties are directed to work with First Nations in Manitoba to research, examine and consider how to best move forward on an increase of the Treaty Annuity Payment, and report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly with a recommended approach on increasing the Treaty Annuity Payment that does not reduced existing funding provided to First Nations.

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**JAN-2020.04**  
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**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF CLEAR SKY CONNECTIONS  
TO INCLUDE TRIPLE PLAY AND TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE  
NEEDED RESOURCES**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Betsy Kennedy  
War Lake First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Wayne Desjarlais  
Ebb and Flow First Nation

6 Abstain  
6 Opposed  
4 In Favour

**DEFEATED**

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) passed resolutions NOV-18.01, ECC AUG.18-02, JUN-12.07, MAY-09.01, and ECC OCT-03.13 that support the Building the Manitoba First Nations (MFNs) Network of the Future Initiative: The Gateway to Economic Development Opportunities and mandated Clear Sky Connections to implement said Network of the Future and the Information and Communication Technology Centre of Excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Clear Sky Connections and Broadband Communications North formed a For-Profit General Partnership - Limited Partnership with partners collectively called the Clear Sky Indigenous Network; and

**WHEREAS**, in telecommunications, Triple-Play service focuses on a supplier convergence for the provisioning over a single broadband connection:

- 1) Broadband Internet access
- 2) Television and Video; and,
- 3) Voice, including Voice-Over-IP (Internet Protocol) and Cellular Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Expansion of the mandate to include Triple-Play enables Manitoba's First Nations to generate revenue from all components of Internet Service Provider (ISP) service delivery that is currently delivered by dominant carriers and is a potentially large profit generating opportunity that will now be led by the 100% First Nations owned businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro and Manitoba Hydro Telecom have not contributed financially to building the backhaul necessary for First Nations to be able to connect to the existing Hydro network, and have presented additional costs that were not in the original Clear Sky Connections estimates as part of the ongoing partnership; and

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF CLEAR SKY CONNECTIONS TO INCLUDE TRIPLE PLAY AND TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE NEEDED RESOURCES (cont'd)**

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**WHEREAS** Manitoba's First Nations seek to build an alliance with the Province that is truly economically sound for the communities and reduced access rates for First Nation companies is reflective of said partnership and indicative of the Province of Manitoba and Hydro's intent to work together with First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** Manitoba First Nations declare the First Right to Economic Development Opportunities with respect to communities having the first opportunity to enter into a business transaction with portions of the build where possible; Respecting the First Right of Refusal will not be considered "sole sourcing"; If the First Nation with the right of first refusal within their territory declines to enter into said business transaction, the owner of the assets who offered the right is free to open the bidding up to other interested parties.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. Expand the scope of Clear Sky Indigenous Network to undertake "triple-play" for the provisioning, over a single broadband connection, Internet access, television, and voice services to help support the membership community's business cases for last-mile investment in both Fibre-To-The-Home and short-range wireless technologies for the final access connection.
2. Call on the Province of Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro to contribute capital investments to support the network build greatly reducing costs of connecting to the existing infrastructure, and eliminate fees to access fibre strands that were initially intended for Manitoba's First Nations.
3. Support the partnership in undertaking additional business ventures encompassed within the mandate to seek funding and partnerships to build a collectively owned fibre network enabling First Nation communities to be able to deliver services on their own or with a provider of choice.

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**JAN.2020-05**

**Moved by:**

Chief Derrick Henderson  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Karen Batson  
Pine Creek First Nation

**CARRIED**

**RE: CANADA'S CAPACITY BUILDING EXERCISE AND FILE  
REVIEW**

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**WHEREAS**, Chiefs-in-Assembly resolution #Oct-18.07 states: *"that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to meet with the Regional Director General of Indigenous Services Canada, Manitoba Region and the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada to re-affirm the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand for Canada to end the ongoing Income Assistance claw-backs and remove all financial deficits owed to Canada through the compliance reviews"*; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Services Canada, Manitoba Region has changed its terminology of Compliance Review to "Income Assistance Capacity Building Exercise" and "File Review".

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that consistent with the resolution OCT-18.07, Canada ends the claw backs and financial deficits of the new Capacity Building Exercise and File Review.

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**JAN.2020-06**

**Moved by:**

Chief Murray Clearsky  
Waywayseecappo  
First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Derrick Henderson  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**CARRIED**

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATION (AFN) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
ADVISORS TECHNICAL GROUP (SDATG)**

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**WHEREAS**, the Social Development Advisory Technical Group (SDATG) has not been involved with the AFN Technical Working Group on Social Development and its work related to the On-Reserve Income Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the SDATG identified the need to be involved and informed of the national discussions; and

**WHEREAS**, the SDATG identified Jason Daniels, Social Development Advisor, Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council to be the Manitoba Regional representative at the AFN Technical Working Group on Social Development.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly appoint Jason Daniels to the AFN Technical Working Group on Social Development.

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