

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS  
SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON  
GAMING & THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE INDIAN ACT**



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Brokenhead Ojibway Nation  
June 8 & 9, 2016

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South Beach Casino and Resort  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation  
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**RE: NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD TRUST AND  
INTERGENERATIONAL EFFECTS**

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**Moved by:**  
Chief Chris Baker  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree  
Nation

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Cornell McLean  
Lake Manitoba First  
Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Brotherhood (NIB) Trust Fund supports education programs aimed at healing, reconciliation and knowledge building. Funds are available to First Nations and other organizations through a competitive application process to help address the long lasting impacts of Indian residential schools system; and

**WHEREAS**, neither the Trustees of the NIB Trust Fund nor the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) have engaged Manitoba Chiefs how the NIB Trust Fund is administered, which has omitted to address the intergenerational effects of residential schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIB Trust Fund and policy requires First Nations to have registered as a qualified donee with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to apply for funds, which has prevented First Nations from obtaining funds, and added additional time and cost to obtain that status from the CRA.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that it is the position of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Chiefs-in-Assembly that the NIB Trust Fund must change its policies to at least: (1) include specific funds for opportunities to address intergenerational effects; and (2) that the NIB Trust Fund not require First Nations to have registered qualified donee status.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation Chief Chris Baker to present this position to the Assembly of First Nations and to the Trustees of the NIB Trust Fund at the July 2016 AFN Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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**Grand Chief Derek Nepinak**

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**RE: SECURING MULTI-YEAR LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE  
FUNDING FOR THE EAGLE URBAN TRANSITION CENTRE**

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Moved by:  
Chief Michael Constant  
Opaskwayak First Nation

Seconded by:  
Chief Betsy Kennedy  
War Lake First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of the EAGLE Urban Transition Centre (EUTC) is to act as a culturally relevant and non-discriminatory gateway for First Nation/Aboriginal people transitioning into an urban centre by providing a single window from which clients receive support, advocacy and access to needed programs in their efforts to achieve independent living in urban centres; and

**WHEREAS**, the EUTC was a recommendation from the Chiefs of Manitoba dating back to 2004 and many years prior by the First Nations Confederacy in the 1980's; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in 2005, the EUTC has experienced substantial growth in response to the over-whelming need for accessible supports not available from other resources that has led to higher client caseloads and increasing client volume adding to the new challenges of EUTC as a resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the EUTC receives year to year funding on a proposal driven process with funding that remains static; and

**WHEREAS**, a tremendous strength of the EUTC is the "culturally appropriate approach" it has in place to help our First Nation people with transition in their lives. Culturally appropriate services are key to the success of the programs the EUTC provides to our First Nation community members in need of assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, obtaining sustainable funding is essential for the ongoing and effective operation of the EUTC; and

**WHEREAS**, the EUTC has been directed to incorporate as a separate legal entity by the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs but lacks the long term financial resources to do so; and

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**WHEREAS**, the above challenges require collective action and development of longer term strategies from First Nation leadership and governments. The various levels of government need to invest resources in long term, sustainable programming to address the challenges of urban migration and transitional supports lead by First Nations for First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs In Assembly support the submission of a multi-year proposal to assist the dire needs of First Nation citizens and families to transition to urban areas to be submitted directly to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada on behalf of the EAGLE Urban Transition Centre in order to secure the necessary funds to operate year to year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the funding for this multi-year EUTC proposal will be negotiated from the federal government's Urban Aboriginal Strategy and other urban-focused government programs and will not impact on-reserve programming that is already chronically underfunded.

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Chief's Office to lobby for the said multi-year proposal on behalf of the EUTC.

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**RE: EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THOMPSON CASINO REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSALS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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Moved by:  
Proxy Ron Spence  
Nisichawayasihk First  
Nation

Seconded by:  
Chief Michael Yellowback  
Manto Sipi First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, In January 2014, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Province of Manitoba, through discussions at the Joint Steering Committee table, identified the northern region of Thompson as the next potential site for First Nation casino development; and

**WHEREAS**, In February 2014, the AMC received an official letter from the Province of Manitoba affirming its support for a northern casino development; and

**WHEREAS**, In March of 2014, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly resolved to advance the development of a Thompson Region Casino and a number of directions were given to the Grand Chief, the Chiefs Gaming Committee, and the Director of Gaming Development to: secure financing for pre-development costs; strengthen the relationship with the city of Thompson; publicly announce plans to build a northern casino in the Thompson region; develop a Request for Interest from developers for concept development – concept development, complete site selection process, for potential host First Nation(s) and engage a financier and manager; and

**WHEREAS**, On November 26, 2015 the ECC accepted the recommendation of the Chiefs Gaming Committee to accept the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) process for a Thompson Casino, and instruct the AMC Grand Chief's Office and Secretariat to conduct a Request for Proposals for a Thompson Casino that would open on December 1, 2015 and close on March 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 1, 2015 Grand Chief Derek Nepinak sent out an official notice to Manitoba First Nation Chiefs advising of the November 26, 2015 ECC Resolution, indicating that the Chiefs had wanted to ensure the RFP would accommodate as many potential interested parties and their proposed models to ownership and approach to revenue sharing as possible; and

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**WHEREAS**, On February 29, 2016 the ECC was requested for an extension for proposals to May 6, 2016 and approved. On April 21, 2016 the ECC was requested a further extension and approved to June 8, 2016 to allow for consideration of the Gaming Market Assessment;

**WHEREAS**, the AMC has not received any proposals to date, and potential respondents have requested an extension.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, a final extension for proposals be approved for September 30, 2016 to act as a final date for completion of their final submissions.

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**RE: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS**

Moved by:  
Proxy George Meeches  
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:  
Chief Francine Meeches  
Swan Lake First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* states:

- i. Article 5: Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in political, economic, social and cultural life of the State.
- ii. Article 11(1): Indigenous people have the right to practices and revitalize their cultural traditions and customs. This includes the right to maintain, protect and develop the past present and future manifestations of their cultures, such as archaeological and historical sites, artifacts, designs, ceremonies, technologies and visual and performing arts and literature.

**WHEREAS**, In 2001, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly passed Resolution MAR-01.29 *National Indian Residential School Museum* supporting Long Plain First Nation to establish an Indian Residential School Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2001, the Assembly of First Nations passed Resolution 23B-2001, *National Museum of Indian Residential Schools*, designating the Portage la Prairie Residential School in Treaty 1 Territory in Manitoba, as a national memorial to the cultural genocide which took place and tragic period in First Nations history; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2015, the Assembly of First Nations passed another Resolution 27/2015 and reaffirmed support for the *National Museum of Indian Residential Schools* to be in Portage la Prairie; and



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**RE: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, On June 2, 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) released its final report *Honouring the Truth, Reconciling the Future*, and at recommendation 68 it states: "We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, and the Canadian Museums Association to mark the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation in 2017 by establishing a dedicated national funding program for commemoration projects on the theme of reconciliation."; and

**WHEREAS**, A national memorial is established at the Portage la Prairie Residential School.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirm its support for an Indian Residential School Museum and direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat to support the Long Plain First Nation in their pursuit of this initiative.

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**RE: URBAN PARTNERSHIPS STRATEGY WITH MUNICIPAL  
GOVERNMENTS**

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**Moved by:**  
Chief Dennis Meeches  
Long Plain First Nation

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no process in Manitoba that allows for agreements between First Nations and Municipal Governments to create joint gaming ventures; and

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Lance Roulette  
Sandy Bay Ojibway  
Nation

**WHEREAS**, these types of agreements would allow for creating new gaming and revenue opportunities between First Nations, Municipal Governments, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and any other interested partners that First Nations may identify from time to time; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 the Manitoba government and the AMC signed a Letter of Understanding (LOU) to work together to help close the gap in the standard of living between Manitoba's First Nations people and other Manitobans, and this LOU goal could be further supported through proposed gaming ventures; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for this concept to be supported, the Province of Manitoba must remove policies that impede the relationship between AMC and First Nations to pursue gaming ventures with external parties.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief and Chiefs Gaming Committee to work with the Province of Manitoba to review and change their existing legislation, regulations and policies to allow for the creation of new gaming opportunities with Municipal Governments and any other interested partners.

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**JUN-16.06**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR JOINT GAMING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN  
MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS**

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Moved by:  
Chief Lance Roulette,  
Sandy Bay Ojibway Nation

**WHEREAS**, Lake St. Martin First Nation have been displaced through intentional flooding from the Province of Manitoba since 2011; and

Seconded by:  
Chief Clarence Easter,  
Chemawawin Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, Lake St. Martin First Nation was approved for VLT allocation on its former reserve from the Province of Manitoba prior to the 2011 flood; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake St. Martin First Nation has not utilized this allocation due to reserve lands being flooded and community displaced during the 2011 flood; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, Lake St. Martin First Nation approached Long Plain First Nation in 2016 to allocate its VLT allotment on Long Plain First Nation urban reserve lands in Winnipeg, Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, Long Plain First Nation approved the request and agreed to partner with Lake St. Martin on the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake St. Martin First Nation met with Manitoba Lotteries Corporation requesting approval for the VLT allotment to be located on Long Plain First Nation urban reserve lands in Winnipeg, Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, Manitoba Lotteries Corporation initially declined Lake St. Martin First Nation's request and informed Lake St. Martin First Nation that it must seek the support of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs before moving forward.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports Lake St. Martin First Nation's allocation of VLT's to Long Plain First Nation and further support the partnership between them.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs advocate for the Province of Manitoba to have the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation change its policies to allow First Nations with VLT allocations to establish joint gaming partnerships with other First Nations to host their VLTs in order to allow First Nations with VLT allocations to benefit from the revenue.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR ASENESKAK RELOCATION**

**Moved by:**  
Chief Michael Constant  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, Aseneskak Casino located on the Opaskwayak Cree Nation has been in operation since 2002; and

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Clarence Easter  
Chemawawin Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, Aseneskak Casino operates in a northern community with a sparse population base and lack growth in its market area; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Aseneskak market has a stagnant population and consumer spending on gaming as entertainment is declining (Manitoba First Nation Gaming Market Study Final Report 2007 and Manitoba Gaming Market Assessment 2015); and

**WHEREAS**, Aseneskak Casino continues to experience a decline in revenue resulting in financial hardships despite management's best efforts with revenues in 2016 (31% less than revenues reported in 2009); and

**WHEREAS**, Aseneskak Casino and Partners are proposing a relocation into a larger market to utilize the unused allocation of tables games and electronic gaming machines; and

**WHEREAS**, s.18.01 of the Aseneskak Casino Gaming Agreement provides for the right to relocate its casino with Manitoba's consent.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs in Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to write a letter of support on behalf of the AMC to the Aseneskak Board with respect to s.18.01 of its Gaming Agreement to relocate the casino if so desired.

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**RE: SUPPORT CHANGE OF PROVINCIAL SMOKING BAN ON  
ON-RESERVE CASINOS**

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Moved by:  
Chief Michael Constant  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:  
Chief Clarence Easter  
Chemawawin Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Manitoba forced First Nations to enact a smoking ban in First Nation gaming locations in 2007 after a September 2006 court ruling by Justice Clearwater of the Queens Bench stated “we’re going to protect all Manitobans from the effects of second-hand smoke, while representing Aboriginal Rights”; and

**WHEREAS**, AMC Resolution MAY-07.02 SMOKING BAN AND GAMING called for the Provincial government and its agencies to cease the enforcement of a smoking ban by imposing section 6.08 within the First Nation VLT Site Agreements that is in conflict with existing First Nation By-Laws regulating smoking in public places; and

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Manitoba coerced First Nation Casinos into non-smoking facilities with a threat not to renew gaming licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, Aseneskak Casino suffered massive revenue decline after the Province forced it to become a non-smoking facility (e.g. in Fiscal Year 2010, revenues dropped to under \$7.9 M, a 22.3% drop); and

**WHEREAS**, First Nations continue to have the right and jurisdiction to allow their on-reserve VLT Centres to permit smoking on their premises.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs in Assembly support First Nation casinos to allow for smoking on reserve lands, and direct AMC to meet with the Manitoba government to change the provincial smoking ban on-reserve including casinos and VLT centres.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS GAMING STRATEGY**

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Moved by:  
Chief Michael Constant  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:  
Chief Chris Baker  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree  
Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the 2005 agreement between the Province of Manitoba and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs was to work together in partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, issues continue to exist in the area of First Nation gaming in Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations created the Saskatchewan Indian gaming Authority (SIGA) on June 10, 1995, and are currently working with Assembly of First Nations to create a National Gaming Association.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly agree to develop a Manitoba First Nation Gaming Strategy that will re-assert our jurisdiction in the area of gaming.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Manitoba First Nations Gaming Strategy will include:

1. the development of an Indigenous Gaming Law;
2. continued pursuit of amending the *Criminal Code* to removed provincial jurisdiction over First Nation gaming;
3. supporting the development of a National First Nation Gaming Association; and
4. developing a proposed approach to First Nation gaming with the new Progressive Conservative government of the Province of Manitoba to work on a gaming process, including: VLTs; Casino / Gaming Centre development; revenue sharing of existing provincially-run casinos; on-line gaming; and other areas of gaming.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS GAMING STRATEGY**

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** the Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the AMC Grand Chief, the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee, and the AMC Secretariat to examine the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority as a model to consider for the development of the Manitoba First Nations Gaming Strategy, and report back the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the September 2016 Annual General Assembly.

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**RE: FIRST NATION HOUSING FUNDING DEADLINE EXTENSION**

Moved by:  
Chief Dennis Meeches  
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:  
Chief Michael Yellowback  
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS** in the 2016-17 Federal Budget, Canada proposed \$554.3 million over two years be provided to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to address immediate housing needs on reserve; and

**WHEREAS** INAC has a Call for Proposals: On-reserve Housing Funds 2016-2017. First Nation communities can apply for three funds:

1. **On-reserve Housing Immediate Needs Fund** - help support First Nation communities in immediate need for the construction of multi-unit housing, renovations and additions or lot servicing on reserve south of 60 and in Yukon;
2. **On-Reserve Housing Capacity Development Fund** - to support projects to increase the ability of First Nation peoples on reserve to govern, manage and maintain their housing portfolio;
3. **On-Reserve Housing Innovation Fund** - to support First Nation communities to using innovative approaches to on-reserve housing management and governance that benefit the entire community; and

**WHEREAS** INAC unilaterally made deadlines for the proposals:

- Phase 1: June 23, 2016
- Phase 2: July 29, 2016
- Phase 3: September 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS** INAC recently sent information on the funding to First Nations, but many do not have the capacity to respond to meet the short deadline. The AMC never received any information on the Call for Proposals prior to it being sent out to First Nations, and the proposal process in effect creates competition amongst First Nations.



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**RE: FIRST NATION HOUSING FUNDING DEADLINE EXTENSION**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly call on the Federal Government to extend its unilateral deadline for funding applications for a minimum of one additional month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the AMC Grand Chief be directed to inform the Government of Canada of this decision and to seek to meet with Indigenous and Northern Affairs to change the deadline for funding.

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**RE: EXPANDING THE VOTE FOR ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA  
CHIEFS' GRAND CHIEF AND ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS'  
REGIONAL CHIEF**

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Moved by:  
Proxy Marilyn Courchene  
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:  
Chief Jim Bear  
Brokenhead Ojibway  
Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, there have long been calls to examine the process for electing the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and for the Manitoba Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN). AMC is exclusively a Chiefs organization and a forum for the leadership. Currently each First Nation Chief has one vote for the AMC Grand Chief and the AFN Regional Chief, which is exercised by the Chief or a proxy appointed by the First Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 1994, the Chiefs in Assembly passed Resolution No. Sept-94.07 stating "that the next and succeeding elections for the position of Grand Chief include an enumeration process with voting privileges extended to all First Nation citizens in Manitoba"; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly then passed Resolution No. MAY-97.03 ELECTION OF GRAND CHIEF, which called for a proposal to conduct an enumeration and extend voting privileges to all First Nation citizens and communities be fully examined and discussed; and

**WHEREAS**, explorations by the AMC Secretariat into the logistics and costs for providing voting in all AMC member First Nations were found to be challenging to carry out and prohibitively expensive to pay for as an unbudgeted expense; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC should seek to allow for the Grand Chief and AFN Regional Chief to be elected through a comprehensive vote (i.e. include all elected First Nation Councillors); and

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat to explore what is required to provide the opportunity for all elected First Nation Councillors of Manitoba to be provided the opportunity to vote for regional leadership – including the option for online voting – and report back to the AMC Chiefs in Assembly in September 2016.

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on June 8, 9, 2016  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Manitoba**

  
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**Grand Chief Derek Nepinak**

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS  
SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY  
ON GAMING & THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE INDIAN ACT  
BROKENHEAD OJIBWAY NATION  
June 8, 9, 2016**

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

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**RE: ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE INDIAN  
ACT AND THE ROAD TO NIAGARA**

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Moved by:  
Chief Chris Baker  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree  
Nation

Seconded by:  
Chief Betsy Kennedy  
War Lake First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, in March 2016, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs in Assembly met to discuss the abolishment of the *Indian Act* during a Joint AMC/First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs in Assembly passed Resolution No. MAR-16.07, ABOLISHMENT OF THE INDIAN ACT, which directed the AMC to undertake a technical and legal review of abolishing the *Indian Act* and provide a report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs Committee on Self Determination and Treaties has been overseeing the carrying out of resolution MAR-16.07 and the accompanying campaign Road to Niagara; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly was provided with numerous presentations and update on the work done to date on this matter, and direction was provide on this day to develop a strategy to determine the steps required to opt out of the *Indian Act*; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs Committee on Self Determination and Treaties have worked on this strategy, and on a proposed approach to present to the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly in Niagara Falls, ON (July 12, 2016); and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly support and give Grand Chief the mandate to carry out the Road to Niagara and speak to this initiative on the Abolishment of the Indian Act at the AFN Annual General Assembly in Niagara Falls.

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