ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS



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ECC MAY.2019-01

The Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) has approved and ratified the AMC Chiefs Assembly on Building Economies April 2019 Deferred Resolution:

RE: APPOINTEES TO THE FIRST PEOPLES ECONOMIC GROWTH FUND

Moved by:

Chief Cornell McLean Lake Manitoba First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall St. Theresa Point First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Peoples Economic Growth Fund (FPEGF) was established on October 3, 2007 with the sole members of the corporation being the Government of Manitoba, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations (INR) and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), as represented by the Grand Chief of the AMC; and

WHEREAS, as members of the FPEGF, one of the responsibilities of the AMC is to appoint or reappoint board members to the FPEGF Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated March 26, 2018, the FPEGF Board Search Committee (BSC) advised the AMC Grand Chiefs Office (GCO) and the Honourable Eileen Clarke, Manitoba Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations, of recommendations for the vacant/replacement FPEGF Board positions; and

WHEREAS, the FPEGF BSC recommendations for appointment to the FPEGF Board included the following four Manitoba citizens: George Merasty, Wanda Wuttunee, Michael McMullen and Jim Beardy; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated February 21, 2019, the FPEGF received notification from Minister Clarke that the Province of Manitoba accepted the recommendation to appoint all four aforementioned Manitoba citizens listed above.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly accept the recommended appointments to the FPEGF Board.

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ECC MAY.2019-02

The Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) has approved and ratified the AMC Chiefs Assembly on Building Economies April 2019 Deferred Resolution:

RE: SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARDS

Moved by:

Chief Cornell McLean Lake Manitoba First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Larson Anderson Norway House Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Indian status is the legal status of a person who is registered as an Indian under the Indian Act; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Federal Government announced a new, more, secure Indian status card; to apply for a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (secure status card) or Certificate of Indian Status (status card), either by: 1) online; 2) mail; or 3) in person; and

WHEREAS, an Indian Registration Administrator (IRA) is a First Nation employee on reserve who does work related to the administration of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), now restructured as Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) programs; and

WHEREAS, the roles of IRAs works at the First Nation level on behalf of INAC, IRAs are able to maintain the Indian Register and help First Nation Citizens apply for Indian status and status cards; and

WHEREAS, there has been a limited supply given to First Nations to administer the Secure Certificate of Indian status cards; and

WHEREAS, on-reserve, there is a high demand for the Secure Certificate Status Cards and once the cards are depleted, there is a 3 month wait for a new batch of cards.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to work with ISC to increase the supply for the Secure Certificate of Indian Status cards.

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ECC MAY.2019-03

The Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) has approved and ratified the AMC Chiefs Assembly on Jordan's Principle and Health May 2019 Deferred Resolution:

RE: RUNNING DEER RESOURCES - WORKING WARRIORS

Moved by:

Chief Cornell McLean Lake Manitoba First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief John Clarke Barren Lands First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in 2004, Running Deer Resources (RDR) was approached by a mining company in Ontario to develop a means to include more First Nations people in the construction side of their operation. This led to their First Nations Apprenticeship Program-Working Warriors; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) recognizes the quality of work that RDR has produced in engaging First Nations in Manitoba and developing partnerships; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation of Working Warriors in First Nations across Manitoba, RDR gives First Nations the ability to be recognized for their qualifications and connected to job seekers with potential employers in its capacity as a labour broker; and

WHEREAS, Working Warriors is an invaluable data collecting tool utilized to gather and organize information on First Nations citizens in the areas of their skills, education, training, and career goals. Additionally, Working Warriors assists in identifying training gaps and utilizing allocated training dollars more effectively; and

WHEREAS, AMC provided a support letter to RDR for their proposal of implementing Working Warriors within Manitoba on April 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Working Warriors did a presentation at the AMC Chiefs Assembly on Building Economies in Brokenhead Ojibway Nation on April 24, 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the AMC in developing a partnership with Working Warriors, and directs the AMC Secretariat to ensure labour and employment opportunities for First Nations in Manitoba.

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The Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) has approved and ratified the AMC Chiefs Assembly on Jordan's Principle and Health May 2019 Deferred Resolution:

RE: FIRST NATIONS TO DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO FIRST NATIONS IN MANITOBA

Moved by:

Chief Larson Anderson Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky Waywayseecappo First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, federal funding for First Nations have been unilaterally determined by federal departments based on their funding formula; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, AMC and Canada signed the Framework Agreement Initiative (FAI) to begin negotiations to dismantle the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada; and

WHEREAS, as a component of the FAI process, AMC was mandated, through SEPT-94.28 Review of Financial Policies and Practices of the Department of Indian Affairs, to review the financial policies and practices which impact the daily lives of First Nations of the burden of current financial policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, the current federal Liberal Government has gone on record to state that they wanted to change the relationship between the Crown and Indigenous peoples and promised a new nation-to-nation relationship based on the recognition of Indigenous rights, respect, cooperation, and partnership; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, Canada announced the development of a new and transformational Indigenous Rights, Recognition and Implementation Framework, since then, a suite of legislation and policy has been rapidly deployed that includes fiscal policy, omnibus legislation, changes in negotiations for land and self-government, two new ministries of Indian Affairs and dozens of tables, working groups, MOUs, and related government initiatives; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have not been fully engaged or consulted on these pre-scripted legislative and policy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly fully supports First Nations in Manitoba assert their Nations' inherent right to self-determination, including having their rights and titles to their Territories recognized and respected, as well as to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development in their Territories based on their own laws and criteria.

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RE: FIRST NATIONS TO DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO FIRST NATIONS IN MANITOBA (cont.)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly call on Canada to commit to immediately get out of the way of First Nations in Manitoba, fund First Nations directly and allow them to set their own funding priorities; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to inform Canada that First Nations in Manitoba is to develop their own set of criteria for: (1) fiscal policy that includes grant and contribution agreements; (2) criteria for negotiations for land and self-government; and (3) establishment of the two new Ministers of Indian Affairs and dozens of tables, working groups, MOUs, and related government initiatives.

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ECC MAY.2019-05

The Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) has approved and ratified the AMC Chiefs Assembly on Jordan's Principle and Health May 2019 Deferred Resolution:

RE: NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS (NIHB) - ESCORT SERVICES TO INCLUDE TWO ESCORT TRAVEL FUNDING AND APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS

Moved by:

Chief Murray Clearsky Waywayseecappo First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Cornell McLean Lake Manitoba First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, under Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Medical Transportation Policy Framework, it currently funds one parent/escort to travel with a child despite the child's medical needs. Specifically, section 5.5 Non-medical Escorts Policy states, "additional justification may be required in exceptional circumstances (such as for clients requiring more than one escort)"; and

WHEREAS, consideration for exceptional needs should be provided if a child suffers from high complex needs, acute medical condition, and/or mental health disorder; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, requests are frequently denied and/or deferred to First Nation community-based Jordan's Principle program budgets and resources; and

WHEREAS, the current NIHB policy discriminatory to medical special needs creating undue hardship for parent, facing extenuating circumstances and accessing medical services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC Secretariat and Jordan's Principle Technical Advisory Group to draft policy alternatives for First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) to fund all direct and/or indirect transportation, accommodation and multiple escort costs to the NIHB Program.

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ECC MAY.2019-06

The Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) has approved and ratified the AMC Chiefs Assembly on Jordan's Principle and Health May 2019 Deferred Resolution:

RE: SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS IN MANITOBA TO USE JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL COSTS

Moved by:

Chief Larson Anderson Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky Waywayseecappo First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution OCT-18.06 *Support for Regional Transformation Activities*. The resolution supported the AMC Secretariat to conduct regional transformation activities with Canada and the regional office of the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) to identify and ensure the DISC regional office will effectively deliver services to Manitoba First Nations, and how those services will be transferred to First Nations; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2019, the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs passed a motion that accepted the AMC Women's Council recommendation to identify the implementation of Jordan's Principle as an initial priority transformation activity and develop a Manitoba First Nations Jordan's Principle Capacity Enhancement Centre; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Liberal Government announced 1.2 billion dollars will be allocated toward Jordan's Principle over the next three years, and how that funding is to be spent is unilaterally determined by Canada through First Nations Inuit Health Branch of the DISC, and the funding for it does not directly provide for funding for infrastructure or capital project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the transformation of funding from DISC for the implementation of Jordan's Principle for First Nations in Manitoba include the use of funding for infrastructure and capital costs to support such services and programs.

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