

# ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS



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OF  
ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

October 17, 2013

Keeshkeemaquah Conference Centre  
Long Plain First Nation

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**Executive Council of Chiefs**  
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**CERTIFIED RESOLUTIONS**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Jerry Primrose  
Nisichawayasihk Cree  
Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Ken Henry  
Roseau River Anishinabe  
First Nation

**CARRIED**

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT  
ON THE FIRST NATION COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE  
PREVENTION ASSESSMENT 2012**

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**WHEREAS**, fire losses – measured both in loss of life and loss of property – remain significantly elevated in First Nation communities when compared to other Canadian communities; and

**WHEREAS**, First Nation communities are responsible for providing fire protection in their communities, but the degree to which community has the necessary strategy, equipment and personnel varies widely across First Nations communities in Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Manitoba (Manitoba) and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Inc. (AMC) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) collaborated on a project and completed a risk analysis and hazard assessment of the fire protection programs in 61 of 63 First Nation communities in Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk analysis and hazard assessment results was submitted to the Province of Manitoba and resulted in the *Report on the First Nation Community Fire Protection and Fire Prevention Assessment 2012* with short term recommendations and long term priorities to build fire protection capacity in First Nations communities were identified as part of this process; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU between Manitoba and AMC expired on March 31, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, various reports including a joint review conducted by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Manitoba Region and the AMC identify the importance of providing Tribal Councils/MANFF with the flexibility to develop programs and provide comparable level of service across all First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, a Manitoba Fire Protection Consultation Working Group comprised of the Tribal Council Fire Technicians, MANFF and the office of the Fire Commissioner was created to review the strategies of completing the scope of the MOU; and

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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT  
ON THE FIRST NATION COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE  
PREVENTION ASSESSMENT 2012 (cont'd)**

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**WHEREAS**, this Manitoba Fire Protection Consultation Working Group could utilize existing and new strategies to actively develop and implement the recommendations identified in the *Report on the First Nation Community Fire Protection and Fire Prevention Assessment 2012*.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the Manitoba Fire Protection Consultation Working Group and direct the AMC Grand Chief to secure funding to commence activities required to begin implementing the recommendations identified in the *Report on the First Nation Community Fire Protection and Fire Prevention Assessment 2012*.

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**Moved by:**

Chief Nelson Houle  
Ebb and Flow First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Garnet Woodhouse  
Pinaymootang First Nation

**1 Abstention**

**CARRIED**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TREATY ALLIANCE TO REPRESENT TREATIES 1-11**

**WHEREAS**, it is the view of the First Nations leadership, Canada has the Constitutional and legal obligation to implement s.35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, that "recognizes and affirms Treaty and Aboriginal Rights"; and

**WHEREAS**, Treaties between the First Nations and the Crown are sacred, inviolable international covenants entered into between sovereign Nations to which honouring, fulfillment and implementation of the Treaties have not been achieved by the Government of Canada to their full and proper extent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Government of Canada hosted the "Crown – First Nations Gathering" on January 24, 2013, where various First Nation leaders of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) attended this Gathering with the intent to voice their concerns and ideas to Prime Minister Harper, including the call for a First Ministers Meeting on First Nation issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the AFN and the Government of Canada have jointly developed key messages, action plans and outcome statements that have been neither reviewed or endorsed by the First Nation leadership of Manitoba; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is not a treaty holder, rather its role involves facilitating and supporting the views of treaty holders from all treaty nations to further engagement with the Crown; and

**WHEREAS**, the interests and collective views held by treaty holders is not being adequately represented in the developments lead by the Assembly of First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations of Manitoba have the right to determine our own plans of action by virtue of our inherent right of self determination as Peoples and governments.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Manitoba First Nations support the development of a new body, to represent Treaties. This organization to be fully operational with the objective of promoting treaty implementation; and

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TREATY ALLIANCE TO  
REPRESENT TREATIES 1-11 (cont'd)**

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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that this new Treaty body represent the Manitoba First Nations Provincially, Nationally and Internationally; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly recommend that each First Nation makes a financial contribution towards the establishment of this new secretariat. Own source funding will be utilized to ensure a process independent of government intervention and funding.

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**ECC OCT-03.13**

**Moved by:** RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS' CONNECTIVITY PLAN FEASIBILITY STUDY

Chief David Crate  
Fisher River Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly endorsed the long term Health & Wellness Strategy to ensure First Nations leadership in holistic health, including eHealth (Jan.01-05); and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Walter Spence  
Fox Lake Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) endorsed the eHealth Long Term Strategy to ensure First Nations leadership in eHealth (ECC Mar.12-01); and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly endorsed the support to AMC and Manitoba First Nations Technology Council to acquire funding for the Manitoba First Nations Technology Plan (Jun-12.07); and

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba First Nations Connectivity Plan Proposal calls for a feasibility study that specifically serves the eHealth Long Term Strategy Overall Goal #3 "Every First Nation in Manitoba will have high-speed Industrial Strength Connectivity by 2013"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proposal includes a Feasibility Study that will profile each Manitoba First Nation community with recommendations for a solution where possible. The solution will be scaled over a number of years and include a hybrid of Fixed Wireless, Fiber and Community WiFi. The future network built on the principles of being Adequate, Accessible and Affordable will become a foundation for Education, Healthcare, Government and Consumers in Manitoba First Nations communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba First Nations Connectivity Plan Feasibility Study will not interfere with First Nations communities that plan to initiate and negotiate similar funding and programs in their communities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the Manitoba First Nations Connectivity Plan Feasibility Study and direct the AMC Grand Chief to secure funding to implement connectivity in Manitoba First Nations.

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ECC OCT-04.13

Moved by:

Chief Jerry Primrose  
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Councillor Brian Cromarty,  
Proxy, Norway House Cree  
Nation

**RE: NORTHERN MANITOBA MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE**

**WHEREAS**, five First Nations in Northern Manitoba propose to establish a Northern Manitoba Minor Hockey League; and

**WHEREAS**, the five First Nations consist of: Tataskweyak Cree Nation, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Pimicikamak Cree Nation and Norway House Cree Nation; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the league is to allow our children to develop and participate at an increased competitive level, and allow for parents to be a part of their children's development; and


**WHEREAS**, the league is being established due to unfair treatment in the Norman Minor Hockey Association.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the establishment of a Northern Manitoba Minor Hockey League; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, if there is resistance from the Norman Hockey League, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to lobby Hockey Manitoba to allow for the establishment of the Northern Manitoba Minor Hockey League.

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Chief David Crate  
Fisher River Cree Nation

**Seconded by:**

Councillor Brian Cromarty,  
Proxy, Norway House Cree  
Nation

**2 Abstentions**

**CARRIED**

**RE: MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE FIREFIGHTERS' ROLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs established the Manitoba Association of Native Firefighters (MANFF) in 1991 to provide emergency management services; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency phases are as follows: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. MANFF's emergency management services are limited to preparedness and response. MANFF will continue to provide preparedness and response services for all Manitoba First Nation communities affected by natural disasters, as assigned by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and agreed to by the affected community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) has categorized the emergency situation caused by the 2010 and 2011 floods as being in the recovery and mitigation phase, and AANDC and the Manitoba EMO directed MANFF to provide evacuation services into these phases; and

**WHEREAS**, MANFF continues to provide evacuation services to the communities affected by the 2010 and 2011 floods, which has caused MANFF's role to be extended beyond its mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the position of AMC that the extension of MANFF's mandate or the negotiation of any emergency management services must involve First Nations and be reflective of their community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully support First Nation communities, adequate fiscal resources are required from both levels of government to allow for the coordination, facilitation and implementation of related emergency management activities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that AMC continues to support MANFF in its role of preparedness and response that includes supporting or assisting First Nation communities during an evacuation, and that MANFF step away from its non-mandated activities of recovery and mitigation; and

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**RE: MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE FIREFIGHTERS' ROLE (cont'd)**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, when an emergency situation has been categorized as being in the recovery and mitigation phases, AANDC and Manitoba EMO must work collaboratively with the First Nation and AMC to provide the necessary services including consideration of any third party required to provide emergency services; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to ensure that the necessary financial resources to support the activities for the coordination, facilitation and implementation of related emergency management activities.

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ECC OCT-06.13

**Moved by:**

Chief Barry Swan  
Lake Manitoba Treaty 2  
First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Walter Spence  
Fox Lake Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**RE: LEGAL CHALLENGE OF NON INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM  
PAYER OF LAST RESORT POLICY**

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**WHEREAS**, AMC Resolution JUL-13.11 Non-Insured Health Benefits Program Payer of Last Resort Policy called for specific actions by Health Canada:

1. An independent comprehensive review of the NIHB program; and
2. An immediate moratorium on any changes to the NIHB program until the comprehensive review and recommendations are discussed and agreed to with First Nations; and
3. Health Canada dissolves their policy as Payer of Last Resort and replace with the Payer of First Resort.

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly agree that if these specific actions are not adhered by Health Canada, they must be challenged in court.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to seek an injunction against Health Canada for the hardship created by imposing unilaterally restrictive policies of Health Canada that directly and adversely impact the health of First Nations people; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly seek funding from individual First Nations to financially support this initiative to assert the Treaty Right to Health and implementation of the Treaty 6 Medicine Chest.

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