

Subject: Provincial Funding Levels and the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Ontario Conservation and Fishing Agreement was signed by the Grand Council Chief and the Province of Ontario in 1993 and called for the establishment of a fisheries resource centre to provide relevant fisheries information and technical expertise to Anishinabek communities; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre was formally created in 1995 with the drafting of the Centre's Operating Principles by the Anishinabek Nation, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and various stakeholder groups. These Operating principles included a three-step blueprint for expansion of the Centre's activities so that it could provide services on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS over the past eight years Anishinabek communities have completed 200 fisheries assessment projects with the assistance from the Centre. In addition to providing funding and fulfilling its training roles the A/OFRFC has become a trusted source of fisheries information by First Nation clients, non-aboriginal stakeholder groups and the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the number of Anishinabek First Nation communities becoming actively involved in fisheries resource management is increasing. The past three years has seen a 50 percent increase in interest shown by Anishinabek communities in participating in the Centre's program. This is resulting in overwhelming demands upon the Centre's resources; and

WHEREAS despite increased demand for services, the success of the Centre and steadily increasing costs of operation, provincial funding has remained at the same level since 1998. The Centre remains in the first phase of the model for growth and development proposed in 1995.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby recognize that there is a need for the Anishinabek Grand Council Chief to enter into discussions with the Province of Ontario regarding an increase in funding for the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre to enable the Centre to deliver services and fulfill its mandate across the Anishinabek Territories.

Moved By:	Chief Angus Toulouse – Sagamok Anishnawbek
Seconded By:	Chief Wilmer Noganosh – Magnetawan First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


Earl Commanda
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Support for First Nation Fight Against Diabetes

WHEREAS Diabetes is reaching epidemic proportions in First Nations in Anishinabek territory; and

WHEREAS despite the seriousness of diabetes and kidney failure and its impact on First Nation people, Medical Service Branch of Health and Welfare Canada has made cut backs in diabetes care funding without consultations with First Nations; and

WHEREAS new and expanded municipal hospitals are being created which have access to long term care funding which includes diabetes treatment funding, and

WHEREAS First Nations in Northern areas are experiencing the greatest difficulties in accessing diabetes treatment and services; and

WHEREAS a new expansion to Willson Memorial Hospital is scheduled to be completed in Marathon, Ontario; and

WHEREAS a new expansion to the Willson Memorial Hospital will be accessible to many Northern Ontario First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Ojibways of Pic River in its lobby efforts in establishing a Dialysis centre in Willison Memorial Hospital in Marathon Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to expand support for Anishinabek First Nations who require assistance in addressing broader issues related to diabetes and kidney failure.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King – Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Ernie Tremblay - Namaygoosisagagun
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Child Welfare Laws

WHEREAS the Creator has given to us our Children as special gifts; and

WHEREAS part of our sacred duty as the Anishinabek Nation is to care, protect and nurture our Children; and

WHEREAS within the traditional governing structure of the Anishinabek Nation, the Anishinabek Nation stood together to recognize and enforce child protection laws; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services fails to ensure the provisions relating to Aboriginal peoples in the Child and Family Services Act are followed and adhered to.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as an interim measure the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly insist that the Minister of Community and Social Services ensure that the provisions contained within the Child and Family Services Act relating to Aboriginal peoples be funded and adhered to; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate for adequate funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the development of Anishinabek Nation mandated child welfare agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate the Federal government to initiate a process of developing Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare laws and codes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians begin the process of developing and codifying Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare Laws that respect and promote Anishinabek world views; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians report to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly on the development of Anishinabek Nation mandated child agencies and the development of Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare laws and codes at the June 2004 Grand Council Assembly.

Moved By:	Chief Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River
Seconded By:	Robert Corbiere – Wikwemikong Unceded Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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Grand Council Chief



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Deputy Grand Council Chief

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
December 2, 3, 4, 2003

Resolution No. 2003/23

Subject: Re-establishment of Native College Entrance Program at Sault College

WHEREAS there is a need for increased levels of participation by First Nation students in college and university programs as demonstrated in the Anishinabek Nation Demographic Study and other such studies; and

WHEREAS Sault College formerly provided a Native College Entrance Program that supported the participation of First Nation students that prepared them for entrance into college programs; and

WHEREAS Sault College continues to receive funding for Aboriginal programs but has suspended the Native College Entrance Program, and

WHEREAS former students of the Native College Entrance Program have provided letters of support to have Sault College reinstate the Native College Entrance Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the re-establishment of the Native College Entrance Program at Sault College.

Moved By:	Chief Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River
Seconded By:	Chief Angus Toulouse – Sagamok Anishnawbek
Status:	Carried

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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**Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
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Resolution No. 2003/24

Subject: Support for Sheguiandah First Nation Round House Project

WHEREAS the Seventh Fire prophecy tells us that our Ancestors will return to help us re-establish our living traditions and values and that by fulfilling the responsibilities embodied in our living heritage we will reconnect with Creation, as individuals and as a nation of people; and

WHEREAS Mnidoo Mnising, Land of the Great Spirit (Manitoulin Island), has been regarded as a highly significant spiritual area for Anishinabek throughout the Great Lakes area from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS our living culture will flourish with the reintroduction of a Round House in this area of the Anishinabek territory because our heritage and language were discouraged, outlawed and kept "underground" for many generations; and

WHEREAS having the facility will strengthen our ability to fulfill our goals of re-establishing our traditional governance and nation building; and

WHEREAS the Round House is the most appropriate place for the exercise, and expression of a wide variety of functions that will serve to ensure our living heritage survives and thrives in the 'day today' life of our people for our future generations; and

WHEREAS the Round House is the most appropriate place to conduct important discussions and meetings, including conferences, cross-cultural educational and training seminars, cultural presentations, and Justice and Healing circles for indigenous and non-indigenous visitors and students alike; and

WHEREAS a Round House is also a place to exercise, express, exhibit, perform and create our living heritage and our history, through our "storytelling" tradition of education and training; music; performing, visual and dramatic arts; and our ability to celebrate the joy, sorrow and comedy of our lives; and

WHEREAS the Sheguiandah First Nation has initiated this development through the acquisition of lands, the necessary environmental clearances, the development of architectural plans, site preparation and the construction of the foundation footings; and

WHEREAS the Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership has resources that can be allocated to support culturally oriented projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly endorse the submission of a funding proposal by the Sheguiandah First Nation submitted in February 2002 to the Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership Fund for construction of the Round House at the Sheguiandah First Nation; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the proposal on the continued development of the Round House and request the support of the Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership through the allocation of funds; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly acknowledge that the Sheguiandah First Nation will seek out and lobby for funding for the establishment of the Round House from other government and non-government departments and agencies.

Moved By:	Chief Angus Toulouse – Sagamok Anishnawbek
Seconded By:	Chief Georgina Thompson – Sheguiandah First Nation
Status:	Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



Earl Commanda
Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief