

**Subject: Audited Financial Statements 2002/2003**

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31, 2003 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians, and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Treasury Board and presented the audited financial statements to the Chiefs in Assembly.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians of March 31st, 2003 as presented.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Phil Maness, Aamjiwnaang First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Walter Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None



Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc.  
Annual Meeting of Members  
Mississaugas of Scugog  
May 21 & 22, 2003

Resolution No. 2003/1

**Subject: Audited Financial Statements 2002/2003**


**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board has reviewed and recommended for approval the March 31, 2003 audited financial statements for the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc., and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Treasury Board and presented the audited financial statements to the Chiefs in Assembly.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the audited financial statements of the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. of March 31st, 2003 as presented.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief John Beaucage, Wasauksing First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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**Earl Commanda**  
Grand Council Chief

  
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Deputy Grand Council Chief

Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities  
Annual Meeting of Members  
Mississaugas of Scugog  
May 21 & 22, 2003

Resolution No. 2003/1

**Subject: Audited Financial Statements 2002/2003**

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31, 2003 audited financial statements for the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities, and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Treasury Board and presented the audited financial statements to the Chiefs in Assembly.


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the audited financial statements of the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities of March 31st, 2003 as presented.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None



**Earl Commanda**  
Grand Council Chief



**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject: Nominations for Grand Council Chief**


**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer has called for nominations for the position of Grand Council Chief; and,

**WHEREAS** nominations were made by Chiefs or delegates of the member First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the nominees for the position of Grand Council Chief are; Earl Commanda, Merle Pegahmagabow and Glen Hare.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Paul Gladu, Sand Point First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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**Earl Commanda**  
Grand Council Chief

  
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**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject: Closing of Nominations for Grand Council Chief**

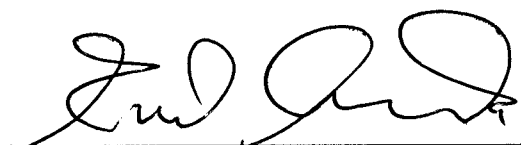
**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer has called three times for nominations for the position of Grand Council Chief; and,

**WHEREAS** there were no further nominations made.

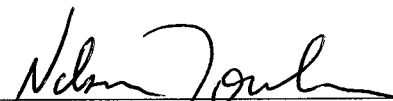
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the nominations for the position of Grand Council Chief be closed.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Roy Michano, Ojibways of Pic River First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Tracey Gauthier, Mississaugas of Scugog
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None



Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly  
Mississaugas of Scugog  
May 21 & 22, 2003

Resolution No. 2003/3

**Subject:** Nominations for Deputy Grand Council Chief

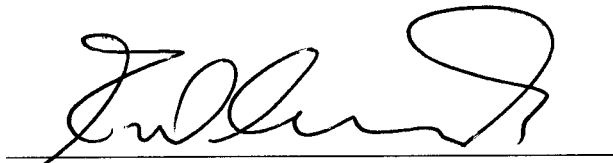
**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer has called for nominations for the position of Deputy Grand Council Chief; and


**WHEREAS** nominations were made by Chiefs or delegates of the member First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the nominees for the position of Deputy Grand Council Chief are; Leona Nahwegahbow, Nelson Toulouse and Greg Plain.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Lawrence Boyer, Mississauga #8 First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Paul Gladu, Sand Point First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief

  
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Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly  
Mississaugas of Scugog  
May 21 & 22, 2003

Resolution No. 2003/4

**Subject:** Closing of Nominations for Deputy Grand Council Chief

**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer has called three times for nominations for the position of Deputy Grand Council Chief; and,

**WHEREAS** there were no further nominations made.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the nominations for the position of Deputy Grand Council Chief be closed.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief

  
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Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject: Destruction of Ballots**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation held elections for the Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Council Chief according to the accepted rules and procedures; and,

**WHEREAS** Earl Commanda has been duly elected and declared the Grand Council Chief; and,

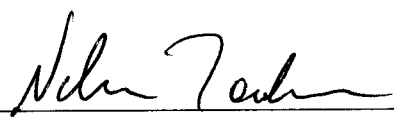
**WHEREAS** Nelson Toulouse has been duly elected and declared the Deputy Grand Council Chief.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly close the election procedures and order that the ballots be destroyed.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Paul Gladu, Sand Point First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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Grand Council Chief

  
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**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand Council Chief



**Subject: Union of Ontario Indians Programs Resolution Approval**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly wish to provide the Program Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians with the direction they require to operate their various programs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby collectively approve the 2003 Anishinabek Grand Council Resolutions with the following subject lines:

1. First Nation and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) Client Consent - Non-Insured Health Benefits Client Consent Initiative;
2. Non-Insured Health Benefits Interim Medical Transportation Framework Policy;
3. Support for the Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children to Continue to be managed by Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS);
4. Supporting Special Needs Children;
5. Renewal of Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Management Council Memorandum of Understanding;
6. Economic Development Funding Allocations and Representation;
7. Child Welfare;
8. Social Development Framework;
9. Development and design of Mandate Native Child Welfare Agencies;
10. Non-Native Foster Parents and CAS Proceedings.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief

  
Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject:** Support for Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children to continue to be managed by Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS)

**WHEREAS** the Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children program is currently being managed and implemented through the Joint Management Committee (JMC) of Aboriginal and Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS) of the provincial government; and

**WHEREAS** JMC of AHWS consists of all signatories to the Phase II agreement including government, non-governmental Aboriginal organizations and First Nation political territorial organizations; and

**WHEREAS** the provincial government has provided two options for the managing of the Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children program through the AHWS or through the public health units; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission has determined the need for increased support funding or changes to the mandatory requirements of this program; and

**WHEREAS** a decision to continue with the JMC of AHWS as managers of the Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children program is required prior to implementation of Phase III.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UOI Chiefs in Assembly support having the Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children program managed through the current mechanisms which ensure Aboriginal and First Nation input and participation in the decision making process affecting Aboriginal programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there is an ongoing need for JMC of AHWS to advocate and support the need for increased funding and in the event that a funding increase cannot be negotiated that the mandatory criteria for the program be re-examined and made more realistic to reflect UOI First Nation priorities; and

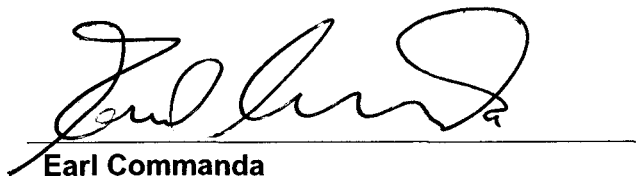
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the UOI Board of Directors and the Health Commission ensure that this position is communicated to the appropriate government authorities.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly  
Mississaugas of Scugog  
May 21 & 22, 2003

Resolution No. 2003/7

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject: First Nation and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) Client Consent - Non-Insured Health Benefits Client Consent Initiative**

**WHEREAS** the Treaties between First Nations and Canada set out a treaty right to health care services; and

**WHEREAS** a mechanism utilized to implement this Treaty right is the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program which includes vision, medical transportation, dental, drugs, medical supplies and equipment, crisis intervention counselling and provincial/territorial health care premiums where applicable; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations & Inuit Health Branch developed the NIHB Client Consent form with little or no input from First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations & Inuit Health Branch is seeking individual consent of Anishinabek Nation members to access the Non-Insured Health Benefits program in order to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, to be effective in January 1, 2004; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have voiced their opposition to the NIHS Client Consent process set out in Resolution #2002/10.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly reject the unilaterally imposed deadline set by Health Canada; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly reject the current First Nations & Inuit Health Branch Client Consent form; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indians is directed to advise the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, that the Anishinabek Nation demands Canada uphold its Treaty and fiduciary obligation to provide adequate access to health care services for First Nations and that a collaborative approach be established with the Provincial Territorial Organizations and the Assembly of First Nations in addressing the First Nation concerns regarding "Client Consent".

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus


Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly  
Mississaugas of Scugog  
May 21 & 22, 2003

Resolution No. 2003/8

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None



Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject: Supporting Special Needs Children**

**WHEREAS** children are sacred and represent the fastest growing segment of our population; and

**WHEREAS** First Nation youth are at risk of physical, development, or learning disabilities at a rate that is 3 times higher than their Canadian counterparts; and

**WHEREAS** many of our families live below the poverty line and low income children are twice as likely to have low levels of vision, hearing, speech, mobility, dexterity, cognition and emotion; and

**WHEREAS** numerous funding cuts to health and education continue to drastically affect the ability of First Nation families to access critical services; and

**WHEREAS** First Nation people continue to encounter jurisdictional and attitudinal barriers, which impedes access to treatment, support and intervention services for special needs children; and

**WHEREAS** children with disabilities or identified special needs are unlikely to survive or receive the services that they need.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek Health Commission in their quest to advocate for First Nation children with special needs for the provision and establishment of an integrated, holistic, strategy to address their health care needs, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Union of Ontario Indians lobby INAC for increased funding effectively to meet the health and educational services critical to supporting children with special needs; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly state that it is incumbent upon each First Nation to develop its own mechanisms and measures to also advocate on behalf of children with special needs.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

**Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly  
Mississaugas of Scugog  
May 21 & 22, 2003**

**Resolution No. 2003/9**

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None



**Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief**



**Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief**

**Subject: Non-Insured Health Benefits Interim Medical Transportation Framework Policy**

**WHEREAS** the Medical Transportation program is a component of the Non-Insured Health Benefits program administered by Health Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Medical Transportation program is designed to ensure that First Nation members are allowed adequate access to medically necessary programs and services; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations & Inuit Health Branch has unilaterally imposed the Interim Medical Transportation Framework Policy on April 1, 2003, with no input from First Nations, and

**WHEREAS** the Interim Medical Transportation Framework Policy has impacted negatively on First Nation members by reducing access to preventative and medically necessary services to achieve optimum health comparable to that of the Canadian population.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do not support the unilaterally imposed Interim Medical Transportation Framework Policy by Health Canada; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to request that the Assembly of First Nations Health Secretariat and the National Chiefs office to lobby the Minister of Health to incorporate the needs of First Nations in the development of the National Directive on Medical Transportation; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Health Commission continue to advocate that the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch uphold the Treaty and fiduciary obligation to provide adequate access to health care services for First Nations, by establishing a collaborative approach with the Provincial Territorial Organizations and the Assembly of First Nations to address the needs of First Nations under the national Medical Transportation Directive.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus



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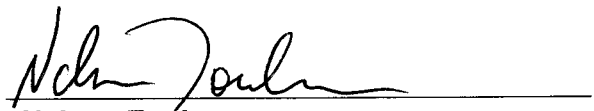
Resolution No. 2003/10

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None



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Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief



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Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject: Renewal of Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Management Council Memorandum of Understanding**

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation have consistently opposed the actions of the Ontario government during the development of the Lands for Life process and the implementation of its Living Legacy Land Use Strategy; and

**WHEREAS** the number of issues being faced by First Nations continues to increase as the Government of Ontario implements Ontario's Living Legacy, Great Lakes Heritage Coast and other land planning initiatives; and

**WHEREAS** these land use planning processes will continue to negatively impact Anishinabek First Nations land claims and the right of First Nations to access traditional territory for economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS** it has been the constant political position of the Anishinabek Grand Council Assembly that the process of consultation and the involvement of First Nations relating to natural resource management issues must be conducted on a fair and equal government-to-government basis; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians established the Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Management Council (AORMC) in November 2000, through the signing of a three year Memorandum of Understanding. The AORMC consists of Anishinabek leadership along with Senior Program Managers, District Managers, and the Regional Director from the Ministry of Natural Resources; and

**WHEREAS** the AORMC was established to provide a forum for proactive dialogue and to provide advice to the Minister of Natural Resources and the Grand Council Chief on the management of natural resources affecting Anishinabek First Nations and their membership; and

**WHEREAS** the AORMC is a useful and practical forum for the resolution of natural resource management issues and is continually evolving to meet the needs of the Anishinabek First Nation membership.

**WHEREAS** the AORMC Memorandum of Understanding expires in November 2003.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly once again state their collective opposition to the Ontario Government land use planning processes as they are currently being conducted by the MNR across Anishinabek Nation territory; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to communicate our collective opposition to the Ontario Government land use planning processes as they are currently being conducted, to the Ministry of Natural Resources; and

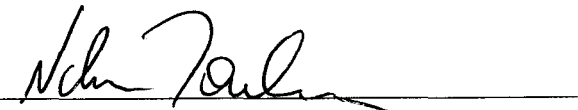
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indians also be directed to continue facilitating discussions between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Anishinabek First Nations through the AORMC and to deal with the specific issue of Ontario Government land use planning processes in a fair and open manner; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Management Council and direct the Union of Ontario Indians to proceed with the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding for an additional three year period.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief

  
Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject: Economic Development Funding Allocations and Representation**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations have always considered economic development to be a priority for the development of their communities; and

**WHEREAS** the process of analysis, evaluation review and approvals by third party(s) are cumbersome and repetitive; and

**WHEREAS** the current mechanism for approval has created undue hardship through unnecessary delay in approval; and

**WHEREAS** these approval mechanisms do not have representation from the Union of Ontario Indians.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Union Of Ontario Indians advocate for a position to be allocated to a representative from the Union of Ontario Indians in economic development review and approval processes.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
Earl Commanda  
Grand Council Chief

  
Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly  
Mississaugas of Scugog  
May 21 & 22, 2003

Resolution No. 2003/13

Subject: Child Welfare

**WHEREAS** the government of Canada has a general fiduciary responsibility for First Nations, including the provision of quality child welfare; and,

**WHEREAS** the federal government has shared its responsibility for the delivery of child welfare services to Ontario through the 1965 Welfare Agreement; and,

**WHEREAS** the provincial legislation that governs child welfare has a number of Native provisions which recognize Native cultural differences and recognize Band Representatives as parties in child protection proceedings for First Nation children in need of protection, thereby securing some First Nation influence over how our children are to be taken care of and where they can be placed; and,

**WHEREAS** there is a significant increase of First Nation children being apprehended from our communities since the amendments were made to the Child and Family Services Act, 1990, R.S.O. c. 11.

**WHEREAS** the provincial government fails to provide First Nations with funding to allow the Band representative to adequately represent the First Nation in proceedings for the protection of our children; and,

**WHEREAS** the federal government has informed First Nations that Ontario Region will no longer provide funding for the Band Representative Program as of April 1, 2003.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Union of Ontario Indians insist the federal government take their fiduciary responsibility seriously with respect to child welfare and facilitate a process to ensure Anishinabek First Nations receive annualized funding to represent their interests in child protection proceedings; and,


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that the Union of Ontario Indians insist that Ontario's Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services direct mainstream Children's Aid Societies to adhere to all Native provisions in the Child and Family Services Act; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly take the position that a Anishinabek First Nation must be notified by the Children's Aid Societies when a child from their community is apprehended so the First Nation can maintain its own records and data collection on where are children are being placed; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the establishment of an Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare Advocacy Council as outlined in the attached Terms of Reference and Workplan to provide technical support to the Chiefs Working Committee for Social regarding child welfare matters.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Anishinabek Nation  
Child Welfare Advocacy Council**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**BACKGROUND**

**Robinson Huron Regional Chiefs Resolution 2000/12**  
Mississauga First Nation November 29 & 30, 2000

Subject: Child Welfare

Therefore be it Resolved that the Robinson Huron Chiefs in assembly direct the staff of the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) to investigate training opportunities to build the capacities of our Band Representatives.

**Anishinabek Nation Special Chiefs Assembly Resolution #2002/24**  
Mnjikaning First Nation November 27, 28 & 29, 2002

Subject: Social Services Regional Framework Lobby Strategy Initiative

Be it Further Resolved that the Chiefs in Assembly support the establishment of a Chiefs Working Committee to develop a position for Social in conjunction with an Advocacy Council which will provide technical support with respect to child welfare.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Based on our inherent right, the Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare Advocacy Council is committed to protecting the well being of our children while honouring family and community preservation.

**OBJECTIVES**

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will develop recommendations and seek out education and training initiatives to assist Band Court Representatives.

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will provide an ongoing flow of information regarding this Council to the First Nations and Chiefs Working Committee.

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will network, advocate and provide support for the purposes of sharing information and raising relevant issues.

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will assist in developing protocols between First Nations and Children's Aid Societies to ensure culturally appropriate services are provided to First Nation children and families in a manner that respects the concept of extended family.

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will assist with and explore funding opportunities for the Band Court Representative positions.

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will provide recommendations to the leadership regarding the native provisions within the Child and Family Services Act.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Child Welfare Advocacy Council is open to representation from the Anishinabek First Nations.

## **MEETINGS**

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will meet quarterly. The meeting sites will alternate throughout the Anishinabek territory.

## **CHAIRPERSON**

The Anishinabek Nation Social Portfolio will be responsible for chairing the Child Welfare Advocacy Council and be responsible for external communications.

## **RECOMMENDING BODY**

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will be a recommending body to the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs Working Committee. All recommendations will be made by the consensus of the members present and forwarded through the Chair to the Chiefs Working Committee.

The Chair will be responsible to report any decisions from the Chiefs Committee to the Advocacy Council.

The Union of Ontario Indians Child Welfare Coordinator (pending funding) will chair the meetings as the alternate in the absence of the Social Portfolio.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council is accountable to the Chiefs Working Committee and representatives attending are accountable to their respective First Nations.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Child Welfare Advocacy Council will hold confidentiality in the highest regard. All information obtained will be used strictly for the purpose in which it was intended.



**Subject: Social Development Framework**

**WHEREAS** clause 2.2 of the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement guarantees that no provincial social service program can be extended to a First Nation without consultation and consent; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Court of Appeal granted an extension for First Nations to file letters and resolutions refusing consent to act as delivery agents for Ontario Works, based in part on the expectation that bilateral arrangements on social assistance could be in place by June 1, 2003; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government is not in a position to table or finalize bilateral agreements by the June 1, 2003 deadline; and

**WHEREAS** INAC is developing a manual and policy directives for the delivery of social assistance, with little or no involvement by First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs in Assembly supported the establishment of a Chiefs Working Committee for Social by Resolution 2002/24 to develop a position for social development programs as a negotiations strategy to address the social indicators in First Nation communities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians and the Chiefs Working Committee on Social insist that a meeting with the Anishinabek Nation be immediately convened with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and the Department of Human Resource Development Canada to address the concerns regarding the bilateral social assistance process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to insist that INAC release its draft manual and other policy material for review and comment by Anishinabek First Nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Chiefs Working Committee on Social to develop a Social Development Framework to be presented to the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors within one year; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indians review and approve a Social Development Framework and implement the Framework within the next year and report to the Chiefs in Assembly on the Framework and the status of its implementation at the June 2004 Grand Council Assembly.

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Resolution No. 2003/14

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None



**Earl Commanda**  
Grand Council Chief



**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Subject: Development and Design of Mandated Native Child Welfare Agencies**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations have never relinquished their inherent right and responsibility to care for their own children, and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations have been working towards regaining their jurisdiction in child welfare and have not been consulted regarding policy changes to the Child & Family Services Act, and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations have been advocating for a process to ensure that both federal and provincial governments meet their responsibility in providing financial resources for the development of our own mandated Native Child & Family Service Agencies recognized and respected by both levels of government and,

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nation Child and Family Service Agencies deliver child welfare services from a culturally appropriate framework.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Union of Ontario Indians arrange a meeting with the Minister of the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services for the purpose of negotiating adequate funding for the design and development of our own mandated Native Child and Family Service Agencies that reflect *our unique culture, practices and values.*

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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Resolution No. 2003/16

**Subject: Non-Native Foster Parents and CAS Proceedings**

**WHEREAS**, Aboriginal families are at a historic disadvantage and the advantageous position that non-native foster parents enjoy result in a severe inequity to Aboriginal families and continuing losses to our children and;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby oppose the involvement of non-native foster parents as full parties in Child and Family Service proceedings where Aboriginal children are at issue

<b>Moved By:</b>	Joseph Hare, M'Chigeeng First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Paul Gladu, Sand Point First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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**Resolution No. 2003/17**

**Subject: Sand Point First Nation**

**WHEREAS** the First Nations in the Robinson Superior Treaty Area have the inherent right of self government; and

**WHEREAS** the Sand Point First Nation held elections for the positions of Chief and Council in accordance to the band custom and in accordance with a community sanctioned process; and

**WHEREAS** the members of Sand Point First Nation elected Paul Gladu as Chief and Phyllis Michon and Steven Podolchuk as Councillors on April 5, 2003; and

**WHEREAS** Chief Paul Gladu and Councillors Phyllis Michon and Steven Podolchuk are recognized by the Chiefs of Ontario and the Union of Ontario Indians and the Northern Superior Chiefs; and

**WHEREAS** the Sand Point First Nation has been prevented from providing the services needed by the Elders, youth and membership; and

**WHEREAS** Sand Point First Nation is a recognized First Nation by all levels of government; and

**WHEREAS** Sand Point First Nation is a beneficiary of the Casino Rama Revenues that are distributed by the Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership; and

**WHEREAS** as a result of the leadership dispute that ensued in July 2002, Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership ceased to release Casino Rama dollars until such time as the dispute was resolved; and

**WHEREAS** Sand Point continues to be denied funding from the federal and provincial governments even though the dispute over the First Nation leadership has been resolved by the April 5, 2003 election; and

**WHEREAS** the April 5, 2003 election has remedied the leadership dispute.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Superior Chiefs urge the Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership to release the allocation of Casino Rama revenues to the Sand Point First Nation in accordance with the distribution formula, retroactive to August 2002; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Executive of the Anishinabek Nation to lobby on behalf of the Sand Point First Nation for the release of the allocation of Casino Rama revenues and government funding to Sand Point First Nation.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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**Resolution No. 2003/18**

**Subject: By-law Amendments**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors has received and reviewed proposed corporate by-law amendments related to granting a seat on the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors and the Executive Council for Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors has received and reviewed proposed corporate by-law amendments related to opening the eligibility for the Vice-President for the regions (Regional Grand Chief) to candidates who are Anishinabek from a First Nation in the region whether or not the First Nation is a member of the Corporation; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors has received and reviewed proposed corporate by-law amendments to add the following into the corporate by-law: the description of the Executive Council and its powers and authority; notice provisions; and the members right to call a general meeting of members by written requisition; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors has received and reviewed the proposed corporate by-law amendments related to the change in name of the Robinson-Huron and Robinson-Superior regions to the Lake Huron Region and Northern Region respectively; and


**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors has approved these proposed corporate by-law amendments for presentation to the member First Nations.


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly hereby ratify the following corporate by-law amendments:

1. All revisions required to grant a seat on the Board of Directors and the Executive Council of the Union of Ontario Indians to Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve;
2. to add in the qualifications for the candidate for the position of a Vice-President which allows an Anishinabek from a First Nation situated in the region whether or not the First Nation is a member First Nation of the Corporation;
3. to add in provisions describing the Executive Council and its powers and authority in the corporate by-law;
4. to add in provisions describing the provision of notice to the members and directors of the corporation as presented;
5. to add in the provisions describing the right of members to call a meeting of members by written requisition;
6. to change all references in the corporate by-law from the "Finance Committee" to "Treasury Board";
7. to change the name of the Robinson-Huron Region to the Lake Huron Region;
8. to change the name of the Robinson-Superior Region to the Northern Superior Region;
9. to change all references to the age "21" to the age "18".

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Consensus

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
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Resolution No. 2003/19

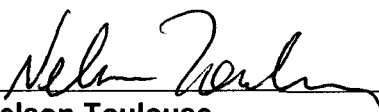
**Subject: Board of Directors motion on Campaign Contributions**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly defeat the motion of the Board of Directors of April 2 & 3, 2003 specifically referring to the contribution to the campaign of the Assembly of First Nations National Chief Candidate Phil Fontaine with a campaign contribution of \$20,000.00.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Karing
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Phil Maness, Aamjiwnaang First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Majority

<b>In Favour:</b>	16
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	3

  
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