

Subject: Child Welfare Laws

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

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations have never relinquished our inherent right and responsibility to care for and protect our children; and

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

WHEREAS the federal and provincial government have a contractual relationship through such agreements as the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement, for the provision of provincial services and programs to Indians on the basis that the needs in First Nations should be comparable to standards applicable in other communities; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly passed Resolution 2003/22 to direct the Union of Ontario Indians to ensure that the provisions in the provincial Child and Family Services Act related to Indian people are adhered to and adequately funded; and

WHEREAS that the Union of Ontario Indians began the process of restoring Anishinabek child welfare laws and codes that respect and promote Anishinabek world views.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to continue the process of restoring Anishinabek Nation child welfare laws and codes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to establish a Roundtable with Canada and Ontario to improve the existing system of child welfare and youth services programs for Anishinabek First Nations by developing and confirming coordinated approaches to agreed-upon issues; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate that the federal and provincial governments provide financial resources for this process; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to report at the next Anishinabek Nation assembly on the lobbying of the provincial government to ensure the provisions of the CFSA are adequately funded and adhered to, the establishment of the Roundtable with Canada and the provincial government, the restoration of Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare laws and codes, and federal funding of the restoration and development of Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare laws and codes.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Blaine Belleau, Proxy – Ojibways of Garden River
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


Earl Commanda
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: First Nations Opposition to Community Health Program Funding Cuts

WHEREAS attempts by the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) Ontario Region to deliver a balanced budget are resulting in cutbacks and elimination of critical community-based health care services to Anishinabek First Nations; and

WHEREAS cutbacks are implemented without First Nation's consent or consultation and new funding intended for programs such as the aboriginal tobacco strategy, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Aboriginal Head Start, are continuously and unfairly clawed back by FNIHB to offset the deficit of the FNIHB; and

WHEREAS the northern nursing program is the major source of the deficit of the FNIHB; and

WHEREAS a coordinated and united opposition by the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly to funding cutbacks directed at community-based health care services ensures a strong position from which to oppose these cut backs; and

WHEREAS a Draft Lobby Strategy has been developed by Union of Ontario Indians to provide a coordinated effort to oppose funding cutbacks to community-based health care services; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby agree to direct FNIHB to pursue alternative sources of funding to offset their deficit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Draft Lobby Strategy in the effort to oppose funding cutbacks of FNIHB to community-based health care services in the Ontario Region; and

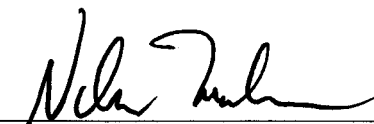
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Federal Minister of Health on behalf of the Government of Canada ensure that the de-listed services are incorporated under the First Nation Inuit Health Branch programs and services.

Moved By:	Chief Gail Shawbonquit – Whitefish Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Peter Collins – Fort William First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



Earl Commanda
Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly
Whitefish Lake First Nation
June 1, 2, 3, 2004

Resolution No. 2004/3

Subject: Support for opposition to the de-listing of O.H.I.P services affecting First Nations and opposition to the new Ontario Health Premium

WHEREAS, the 2004 Ontario Budget: The Plan for Change brings changes that will affect health care for all people in Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the Minister of Finance passed legislation to establish a health care premium effective July 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the new premium is between \$150.00 and \$900.00 for individuals making over \$20,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, OHIP is de-listing the coverage for eye exams, chiropractic care and physiotherapy; and

WHEREAS, seniors 65+ and residents under 20 will be eligible for continued services; and

WHEREAS, these changes will impact negatively and decrease the health status of First Nations people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly are opposed to the de-listing of chiropractic, vision and physiotherapy care, other changes to OHIP services and the new health care premium.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief John Beaucage – Wasauksing 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 B'saanibamaadsiwin-Native Mental Health Program

WHEREAS B'saanibamaadsiwin-Native Mental Health Program has been in existence for eleven years and provides holistic, culturally appropriate supportive counselling, crisis response and community capacity-building services to Dokis, Henvey Inlet, Magnetawan, Shawanaga, Wasauksing, Moose Deer Point, Wahta Mohawks First Nations and the Parry Sound Friendship Centre; and

WHEREAS B'saanibamaadsiwin has received funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (under program number 1083) since 1993; and

WHEREAS B'saanibamaadsiwin is a separate program supported by the Muskoka-Parry Sound Community Mental Health Services agency; and

WHEREAS recently the B'saanibamaadsiwin Program Coordinator was informed that the B'saanibamaadsiwin Native Mental Health Program funding, which has previously been separate from that of Muskoka-Parry Sound Community Mental Health Services, is to be incorporated into that agency's overall funding agreement; and

WHEREAS this action has been taken without consultation with the First Nations or Aboriginal communities serviced by B'saanibamaadsiwin; and

WHEREAS this action has implications for B'saanibamaadsiwin's continuing ability to deliver holistic, culturally appropriate services to the First Nations and Aboriginal communities; and

WHEREAS this action comprises B'saanibamaadsiwin's ownership and operation of the program.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support B'saanibamaadsiwin's efforts to re-establish program funding to a separate agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support B'saanibamaadsiwin and its member communities, as noted above, in their efforts to develop a fully autonomous, holistic, culturally appropriate service; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to enhance its current advocacy and lobbying efforts with the provincial and federal governments to address the mental wellness needs of First Nations and Aboriginal communities by establishing meaningful, concrete strategies and services.

Moved By:	Chief John Beaucage – Wasauksing First Nation
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 Mental Health Services – Sudbury-Manitoulin Area

WHEREAS the Sudbury-Manitoulin Hospital provides mental health service delivery to First Nation clients from the Sudbury-Manitoulin area; and

WHEREAS the Conservative Government of the Province of Ontario in the mid-1990's introduced mental health reform and transferred mental health services from the Sudbury-Manitoulin Hospital to the Northeast Mental Health Centre (North Bay Psychiatric Hospital) in North Bay; and

WHEREAS access to services is hindered for First Nation clients from the Sudbury-Manitoulin area seeking mental health services due to extensive travel to North Bay which results in decreased health status of First Nation clients; and

WHEREAS there is a need for culturally appropriate mental health services to improve the health of individuals, families, and First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to lobby the Province of Ontario to develop a culturally appropriate mental health strategy for First Nations; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians lobby for the Province of Ontario to consult with and seek the consent of First Nation on any initiative or action that will affect First Nation access to mental health services.

Moved By:	Chief Pat Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief John Beaucage – Wasauksing 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: Elected Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council established the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council by Resolution # 1998/03 to develop a Terms of Reference that would represent the voice and inclusion of Eshkeniijig/Youth to the overall development of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council passed Resolution #2002/07 to accept the Terms of Reference for the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council coordinated the implementation of an Eshkeniijig/Youth Gathering held February 2004, hosted by Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point to elect an Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council for the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council consisting of one male and one female from each of the four regions were elected for a one year term at the Eshkeniijig/Youth Gathering in February 2004 through a formal election process amongst First Nations youth delegates; and

WHEREAS the First Nation youth delegates elected Katie Beaver and Hank Monague for the Southeast Region, Sandra Albert and Arnold Yellowman for the Southwest Region, Leah Boissoneau and Travis Boissoneau for the Lake Huron Region, and Bess Legarde and Derek Yellowhead for the Northern Superior Region as the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council for the 2004-2005 term; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council received a mandate from the First Nations youth at the Eshkeniijig/Youth Gathering to support individuals who are affected by residential schools, to ensure on-going communication with First Nations, to incorporate the Grandfather teaching of respect in developing economic stability of First Nations, to promote language, and to advocate for post secondary funding; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council will support the "Wedokdodwin", and Nation building of the Anishinabek Nation and work towards the inclusion and resolution of issues of the Eshkeniijig/Youth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly accept the duly elected members of the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the continued development of the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council under the accepted Terms of Reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the development of Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Councils within the First Nations communities; and

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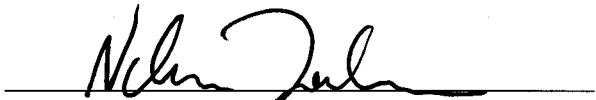
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly encourage the First Nations Chiefs and Councils to establish one non-voting position for representatives from the First Nations Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Councils to advise Chief and Council.

Moved By:	Chief Angus Toulouse – Sagamok Anishnawbek
Seconded By:	Bonnie Bressette – Proxy Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



Earl Commanda
Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Establishing a Process Accessing Police Services

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs have long advocated to government the need to ensure the safety and security of each and every one of their community members; and

WHEREAS many Anishinabek First Nations are not currently being provided with police services that meet their needs or that ensure the safety and security of their communities and their members; and

WHEREAS for many years, there has not been a clearly defined approach for Anishinabek First Nations to access police services for their communities; and

WHEREAS the absence of a structured approach has frustrated First Nations who have attempted to access a self-directed policing service or those who might be reconsidering their current self-directed First Nation police services model.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the development of a structured process through which Anishinabek First Nations currently policed by the Ontario Provincial Police or another police service could explore options for participation in a self-directed First Nation police service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to work with the federal and provincial governments to establish a fair and equitable process to support Anishinabek First Nation access to policing services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to identify First Nations who are currently not part of a self-directed policing service and who express the desire to be part of one and some consideration should be given to those First Nations who currently have made application for services but who have not yet received policing service; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to seek out funding to support the establishment of a pilot project process with those identified communities and to support the development of a fair and equitable process.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Nicole Pelletier-Southwind – Serpent River First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief
Revised to reflect discussion in minutes.


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Establish First Nation Police Services Oversight Body

WHEREAS the Ontario First Nations Policing Agreement (OFNPA) originally signed in 1992 has not been formally renegotiated since it expired in 1996; and

WHEREAS since 1996 the OFNPA has been renewed on a yearly basis with only one change to the allocation of its First Nation complement; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians and other First Nation organizations in Ontario have attempted throughout this time to have the provincial and federal governments establish a formal negotiation process to address many of the shortcomings in the delivery of First Nation policing; and

WHEREAS the OFNPA was renewed for a period of three years ending March 2006; and

WHEREAS this renewed agreement begins to address the need for additional First Nation complements and annual increases in police constable funding; and

WHEREAS as part of the renewed three year agreement, the Ontario First Nation Police Commission ceased to exist as of March 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly acknowledge and commend the Ontario First Nation Police Commission, its staff and its Commissioners, for the role they have played in the development of First Nation policing; and


WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the need to build upon the work of the Ontario First Nation Police Commission and move forward in establishing a new civilian oversight body for First Nation police services.

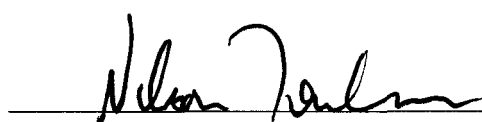
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to work with the federal and provincial governments to support the development of a new civilian oversight body that meets the needs of Anishinabek First Nations and their membership; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this body should be an independent civilian oversight agency committed to serving First Nations and their membership by attempting to protect First Nation members' interests and jurisdiction in the delivery of First Nation policing services.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Nicole Pelletier-Southwind – Serpent River 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: Lands Negotiations

WHEREAS Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek, Rocky Bay Reserve #1 is an established First Nation community located in the Northern Superior Region; and

WHEREAS since 1990/91, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek and other First Nations have been in negotiations to expand or re-establish their members within their traditional lands in a process under the Land and Larger Land Base Agreement; and

WHEREAS the expansions in the land base are to meet the social, housing and economic aspirations for the benefit of their members; and

WHEREAS Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek in its efforts to develop economic ventures has established a sawmill operation on land under negotiation which is to be transferred to the community; and

WHEREAS Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek having no lands available for other such developments, choose this temporary site for the development and operation of its sawmill project; and


WHEREAS in the last meeting with the province and federal government negotiators, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek requested that those lands be designated for the community and was informed that the federal government would not transfer those lands in which the sawmill is located.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek in their request to the provincial and federal governments to allow the continued operation of the sawmill and that those lands be designated to be transferred under the agreements; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation to lobby the federal government and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to approve of those lands to be transferred for the purpose that Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek deems necessary to address the social, housing and economic needs of its members.

Moved By:	Chief Mike Esquega - Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Pete Collins – Fort William 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: Memorandum of Understanding Between the Union of Ontario Indians and the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres

WHEREAS many members of the Anishinabek First Nations reside in urban centres; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres represents the Indian Friendship Centres located in towns and cities throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians and the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres have had a history of a supportive and collaborative relationship; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians and the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres have worked together in the recent past on issues such as health, education, justice, restoration of jurisdiction, youth, training and development; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians and the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres have identified a common need to have open communications and dialogue on issues of mutual concern; and


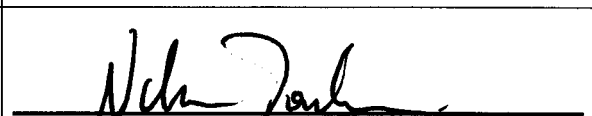
WHEREAS in 1994 the Union of Ontario Indians and the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres began to discuss the development of a memorandum of understanding on the relationship between both parties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to jointly develop a memorandum of understanding, to be approved by the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly, with the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres to encourage cooperative approaches on issues of shared concern; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly invite the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres to attend at the next Anishinabek Nation assembly to sign a mutually agreed upon memorandum of understanding.

Moved By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee - Aundeck Omni Kaning
Seconded By:	Chief Gail Shawbonquit – Whitefish Lake First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

 Earl Commanda Grand Council Chief	 Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Council Chief
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Subject: Taxation of Post-Secondary Student Support Funding

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada provides post-secondary student support funding to eligible First Nations members for tuition, books, travel and scholarships/education incentives to allow them to attend post-secondary educational institutions; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency is proposing to tax post-secondary student support funding as income to students receiving such funding beginning in the 2005 tax year; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly reject the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency's proposal that post-secondary student support funding is taxable income to students receiving such funding.

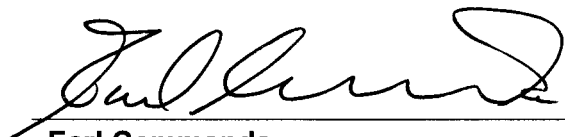
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly oppose any effort by the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency to tax post-secondary student support funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and the Union of Ontario Indians to develop and implement a plan to lobby to protect post-secondary student support funding from taxation of any sort; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to provide regular reports, on a quarterly basis at a minimum, to the member First Nations on the status of this issue and the efforts undertaken by the Grand Council Chief and the Union of Ontario Indians.

Moved By:	Chief Gail Shawbonquit – Whitefish Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Angus Toulouse – Sagamok Anishnawbek
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



Earl Commanda
Grand Council Chief



Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: First Nation Land Base

WHEREAS some First Nations are in the process of attempting to identify their rightful land base; and

WHEREAS some First Nations are utilizing the Land and Larger Land Base Agreement process, the Additions to Reserve Lands Policy and litigation to identify and gain recognition from Canada and the Province of Ontario of their rightful land base; and

WHEREAS the expansion of land bases for Anishinabek First Nations are to meet the social, housing and economic aspirations for their members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek First Nations that are engaged in their efforts to increase their land base; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation to lobby the federal and provincial governments to encourage the resolution of current negotiations and other processes First Nations have undertaken to increase their land base and that these processes be completed within the next two years; and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Grand Council Chief shall report back to the Chiefs in Assembly at each Anishinabek Nation assembly on the progress of advancing these land settlements.

Moved By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Harold Sault – Red Rock 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: Unity of the Anishinabek Nation

WHEREAS it is crucial that unity and political discipline be maintained by the Anishinabek Nation (Union of Ontario Indians) and associated corporate or affiliated entities under the umbrella of the Union of Ontario Indians, and


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Grand Council Chief, Deputy Grand Chief, Regional Grand Chiefs (Board Executive), Board of Directors, staff, or any of the above acting as a proxy for a First Nation, do not endorse any political candidate or agenda for First Nations Political Organizations at the First Nation, Tribal Council, Regional, Chiefs of Ontario, or Assembly of First Nations level unless specifically mandated by Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that no federal or provincial party or legislation be advocated in any way, shape or form by Grand Council Chief, Deputy Grand Chief, Regional Grand Chiefs (Board Executive), Board of Directors, staff, or any of the above acting as a proxy for a First Nation, unless specifically mandated by Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly.

Moved By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Seconded By:	Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation
Status:	Passed by Majority

In Favour:	21
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	5


Earl Commanda
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Medical Transportation

WHEREAS, in April 2003 First Nations and Inuit Health Branch ("FNIHB") implemented reporting requirements in the Medical Transportation Program that required First Nations to give personal client information, to address concerns raised by the Auditor General; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Ontario have raised concerns regarding the detailed reporting requirements as it pertains to client privacy; and

WHEREAS, in the 2003/2004 contribution agreements for medical transportation FNHIB allowed for aggregate data to meet the reporting requirements. However in 2004/2005 medical transportation contribution agreements from FNHIB has stated that personal client data is a mandatory reporting requirement.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct FNHIB to withdraw the mandatory reporting requirements until an independent legal analysis is conducted on the privacy concerns raised by First Nations; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOVLED that any First Nation Privacy Code developed shall supersede any Federal (Non Insured Health Benefits) or Provincial (Bill 31) Privacy Code.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief John Beaucage – Wasauksing 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: Anishinabek Health Commission Operational Policy

WHEREAS, the Anishinabek Health Commission (AHC) completed a draft Governance Policy in 2000 as a tool to structure its accountability to First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the draft AHC Governance Policy was tabled for approval at the 2000 Anishinabek Grand Council Assembly but was not approved; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the AHC completed a revised version of the Health Governance Policy based on extensive consultations in 2001 and 2002 with all Area Health Boards; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians board of Directors approved the AHC Governance Policy in June 2003; and

WHEREAS the AHC tabled the Health Governance Policy at the 2003 Anishinabek Grand Council and the Chiefs in Assembly requested that prior to approval, that this document be resent to all Anishinabek First Nations and that it be brought forward at the next Grand Council Assembly; and

WHEREAS the AHC recommended that the Governance Policy be renamed the AHC Operational Policy and it was resent to all First Nations for internal review; and


WHEREAS the AHC has received no opposition to this AHC Operational Policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly approve the Anishinabek Health Commission Operational Policy.

Moved By:	Chief Angus Toulouse – Sagamok Anishnawbek
Seconded By:	Chief Peter Collins – Fort William 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 Liberal Party of Canada

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly recognize the importance of actively participating in the forthcoming federal election as well as encouraging their membership to also participate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Liberal Party of Canada in the federal election taking place on June 28, 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and the Deputy Grand Council Chief actively lobby the Federal Liberal Party of Canada in the federal election taking place on June 28, 2004.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief John Beaucage – Wasauksing 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: Economic Development and First Nations

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has publicly stated that promoting economic development in First Nation communities and businesses involves strengthening the economic base and removing developmental obstacles facing First Nation communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs committed to find creative solutions and new ways to achieve the objective of closing the economic and social gap that presently exists between First Nations and the rest of Canada; and

WHEREAS the federal government has implemented such programs as the Major Business Projects, Aboriginal Small Business Development Initiative, the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business, among other initiatives, to facilitate economic opportunities for First Nation communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS the federal government has stated that economic development is at the heart of the federal government's commitment to building strong First Nation communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize that in order to develop independent and sustainable First Nation communities and businesses, issues such as community infrastructure; access to local, regional, national, and global markets; and access to capital, among other things, must be addressed in a meaningful way in economic development opportunities for First Nation communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly state that all economic development opportunities for First Nation communities and businesses must respect and protect First Nations' aboriginal and treaty rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. to access multi-year operational capital to ensure the development and facilitation of economic development opportunities in First Nation communities and businesses that respect and protect First Nations' aboriginal and treaty rights.

Moved By:	Robert Corbiere, Proxy – Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief John Beaucage – Wasauksing 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 Economic Development Organizations

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have identified Economic Development as a priority which addresses the Social, Health, Education and overall community development of our First Nations; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have identified Economic Development as a priority within our own communities as a means for revenue generation, business support and expansion, job creation and overall.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate to the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to:

- a) Support increased Community Economic Development Organizations (CEDO) dollars for First Nations;
- b) Support for and access to dollars for the newly established Obeezhigojig Economic Developers Association;
- c) Support professional development training for the Economic Development Officers (EDO);
- d) Enhanced dollars for Economic Development projects and business ventures.

Moved By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee - Aundeck Omni Kaning
Seconded By:	Robert Corbiere (Proxy)- Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


Earl Commanda
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Developing an Anishinabek Nation Strategy for Housing

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize and support the national forum of the Assembly of First Nations on a First Nation housing strategy that will negotiate the transfer of housing control and authority from the federal government to First Nations and their duly mandated organizations; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the need to develop an Anishinabek First Nation housing strategy that advances ways to increase the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of housing within Anishinabek First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to participate in the national housing strategy of the Assembly of First Nations that will transfer housing control and authority from the federal government to First Nations and their duly mandated organizations; and

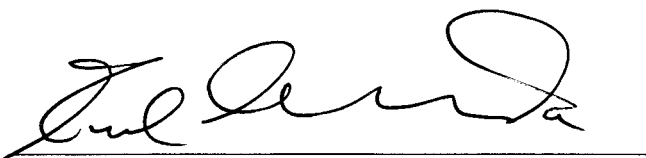
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to develop an Anishinabek Nation strategy to explore appropriate capacity building measures and to determine technology transfer requirements necessary to assist Anishinabek First Nation communities and their mandated organizations in the development of an integrated institutional housing framework; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to explore all aspects of housing including policy and program development, financial mechanisms, new construction practices, and the rehabilitation of existing sub-standard units; and

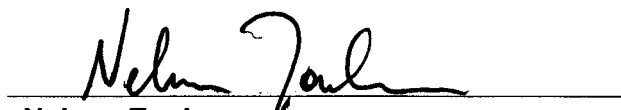
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to report and seek further approval at future Anishinabek Nation assemblies on the development of a national First Nation housing strategy and an Anishinabek Nation housing strategy as it progresses.

Moved By:	Chief John Beaucage – Wasauksing First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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