

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.

WHEREAS there were no further nominations made.

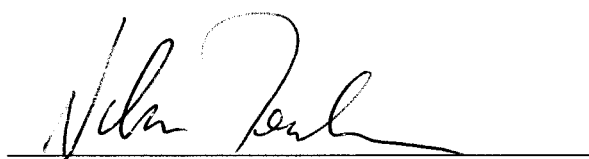
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the nominees for the position of Grand Council Chief are John Beaucage and Mike Hardy Jr.

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

Moved By:	Chief Roy Michano, Ojibways of Pic River
Seconded By:	Jan Martin, Proxy Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Anishinabek Nation Special Assembly
North Bay, ON
October 6-7, 2004

Resolution No. 2004/21

Subject: Destruction of Ballots

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

WHEREAS John Beaucage has been duly elected and declared the Grand Council Chief; and,

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

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Elizabeth Sandy, Moose Deer Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership

WHEREAS the Board of the Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership Inc. ("OFNLP") has been directed to conduct without prejudice settlement discussions with the Province of Ontario on the 20% WinTax case and related issues; and

WHEREAS to obtain advice and direction on the without prejudice settlement discussions, the Board of the OFNLP shall create a Partners Chiefs Committee established for this purpose; and

WHEREAS any settlement proposal developed by the Board of the OFNLP or Partners Chiefs Committee shall be brought to a Partners or Annual Partners/Shareholders meeting and Chiefs in Assembly for review and possible acceptance, rejection or modification; and

WHEREAS the Board of the OFNLP requests that each Provincial Territorial Organization ("PTO") appoint a Chief/Partner to the Partners Chiefs Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly appoint Chief Tom Bressette as their representative and Chief Robert Corbiere as their alternate representative to the Partners Chiefs Committee.

Moved By:	Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Roy Michano, Ojibways of Pic River
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: First Nations Health Action Plan

WHEREAS the First Ministers' on Health met on September 13, 2004 with Aboriginal Leaders and the Assembly of First Nations National Chief, in which the Assembly of First Nations presented the First Nations Health Action Plan; and

WHEREAS the Prime Minister announced that \$700 million in new Aboriginal health funding will be spent in the next five years; \$200 million Aboriginal Health Transition fund to improve coordination of Federal, Provincial/Territorial & First Nations Health jurisdictions; \$100 million for Aboriginal Health Human Resources and \$400 million to critical areas including diabetes, youth suicide, maternal and childcare; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to continue to advocate that \$700 million is not adequate to cover the needs of all Aboriginal people in Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly affirm that the federal government needs to recognize that these new funds in health care are to be invested at the First Nation community level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians establish a forum wherein First Nations can establish discussion with the Provincial government in addressing the inequities that face Aboriginal people within the Provincial Health Care system as a result of the recent Provincial budget announcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to establish federal/provincial discussions on health care to eliminate the jurisdictional issues that prohibit the overall improvement of the health status of the Anishinabek Nation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to report at the Anishinabek Nation assembly on the status of these initiatives to ensure that the health needs of the Anishinabek Nation are advancing.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Mental Health District Governance Model – Sudbury/Manitoulin/East Algoma

WHEREAS the many Anishinabek First Nations are included in the current governance structure of the Northeast Mental Health Centre (NEMHC) whose board of directors is comprised of 12 members servicing Algoma (2), Sudbury/Manitoulin (2), Parry Sound/Muskoka (2), Nipissing/Timiskaming (2), Cochrane (2), First Nation (far north-1rep) and First Nation (near north 1rep); and

WHEREAS the Governance of Mental Health Services must remain connected to the needs of the individual, family and community and in order to enhance this communication and continuum of care, the model of governance must support integration and promote healing and healthy lifestyles by addressing local and community based services; and

WHEREAS the area serviced by Sudbury provides the largest Native Population concentration in the province in which further development would enhance a "Native Mental Health Department" by providing continuity of services through outreach programs with recognition to the First Nations Culture and Traditions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Mental Health Advocates in their plight for a "District Governance Model" that supports integration of Mental Health Services to the Sudbury/Manitoulin/East Algoma District with Sudbury Regional Hospital in the provision of a model of care for clients living in their community with eligibility for access to community based services; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the new District Governance Model will ensure that mental health and addictions programs will once again provide adults and children of the Sudbury/Manitoulin/East Algoma District with quality care with assurances for the retention of psychiatrists and other health care professionals.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: New Federal First Nation Health Funding

WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations welcomed the September 14th, 2004 announcement by the Prime Minister of Canada that \$700 million dollars in new Aboriginal Health funding will become available; and

WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nation communities are facing enormous health challenges including diabetes, youth suicide, recruitment and retention of Health Workers and inequities in First Nation funding for chiropractic, physiotherapy and eye exams; and

WHEREAS the impact of the new Federal funds in First Nation members and communities, once distributed nationally, will be minimal; and

WHEREAS there is concern that the new Federal funds will not be spent directly on First Nation members and their communities; and

WHEREAS many of First Nation health concerns also require active involvement of the Province of Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the majority of the \$700 million dollars in new Aboriginal Health funding be used to directly support First Nation members and communities; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Federal government to ensure that First Nations be involved in any Provincial – Federal discussions including jurisdictional discussions.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Indian Registration – Delays in Registration

WHEREAS members of Anishinabek First Nations must have their birth registered with the Province of Ontario in order to receive health benefits from Health Canada; and

WHEREAS the current policy of Health Canada is to only extend health benefits to a person for one year if that person's birth has not been registered with the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has experienced serious backlogs in registering new births which has resulted in a four year delay in registering births; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's backlog in birth registration has aggravated the already deplorable health conditions of First Nation communities and its members; and

WHEREAS delays in birth registrations in the Province of Ontario must not be allowed to negatively effect First Nation member's health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that Health Canada take immediate action to ensure that this Provincial backlog in registration does not continue to negatively impact the health of First Nation members; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to lobby the Province of Ontario to address the backlog in birth registrations and to give priority to registering First Nation member's births.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere – Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette - Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: First Nation Out of Country Residency and Access to Medical Treatment.

WHEREAS many First Nations which are located close to the United States border have members who work and/or reside in the United States, but who regularly return to Canada in order to receive health services in their communities; and

WHEREAS, physicians' insurers are denying professional liability coverage for treatment of non-residents of Canada, and therefore non-resident First Nation members are being denied medical treatment, and

WHEREAS the Crown in Right of Canada and Ontario have ongoing duties to provide for the health of First Nations people as a result of Aboriginal and treaty rights, fiduciary duties and historic practices and policies, and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada in *Corbiere v. Canada* stated that it was a breach of equality rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedom to deny rights and benefits because of residency, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly call upon the Crown in Right of Canada and the Crown in the Right of Ontario to ensure that First Nations people are not restricted from receiving necessary medical treatment in the communities, regardless of their residence, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Health Commission be directed to work together with the Crown in the Right of Canada and Ontario, and the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) to try to eliminate the policy limitations on First Nation members who reside in the United States.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point -
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Health Canada – Protocol, Prescription Drugs and Benefits.

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have a number of concerns that they would like to address with Health Canada and have outlined two of them below; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations currently have no protocol with Health Canada to address the communicable disease strategy dealing with concerns such as SARS, West Nile and other communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nation members are often denied access to prescription drugs due to the fact that approvals for drug benefit coverage is limited to Mondays through Fridays; and

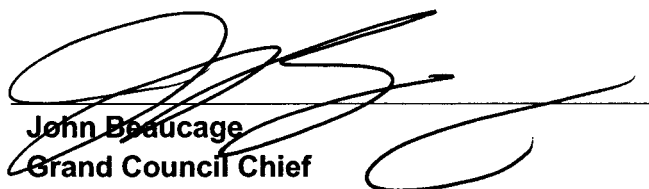
WHEREAS Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly believe that delays in approvals and lack of protocols should not be allowed to impact First Nations already deplorable health conditions.

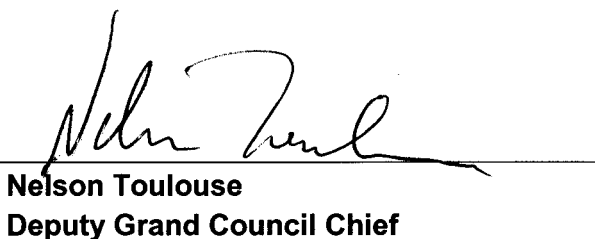
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that Health Canada immediately institute a protocol with Anishinabek First Nations on the Communicable disease strategy; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly institute changes to improve access to requests for prescription drug approvals and access to other benefits such as eye care, chiropractic care and dental care.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Reinstatement of Algonquins of Pikwakanagan Satellite Clinic Services and Funding

WHEREAS the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS) in its conception request a call for proposals for Aboriginal Health Access Centres within strategic locations across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the intent for the Aboriginal Health Access Centres were to deliver a blend of traditional aboriginal approaches to health and wellness and contemporary primary health care for all originals; and

WHEREAS under the mandate of AHWS, Health Access Centres were to have partners and the Ottawa Health Access Centre was specifically directed by AHWS to partner with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and this partnership was formalized by Band Council Resolution dated December 16, 1996; and

WHEREAS in 1997, the Joint Management Committee of AHWS accepted and funded the application for the establishment of the Ottawa Health Access Centre, now known as the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health Inc., which included the partnership and a satellite clinic at the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation; and

WHEREAS the Pikwakanagan Satellite Clinic has been delivering primary health care to First Nation members and other aboriginals since 1997, and over the past years, funding to the satellite clinic has been continually and unilaterally reduced; and

WHEREAS as of September 30, 2004, the Wabano Centre unilaterally severed the partnership and completely terminated funding for the Satellite Clinic leaving the community and its clients, including the young and the elderly, in a health crisis.

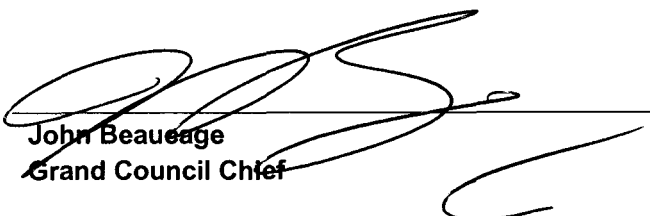
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly politically ratify the mandate of the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy in respect to partnerships and the delivery of health care to all aboriginals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support Pikwakanagan's request to have the partnership, satellite clinic and funding allocations to Pikwakanagan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support Pikwakanagan's request for measures that will secure and protect the partnership, satellite clinic and funding allocations to Pikwakanagan.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere – Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette - Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaueage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy Funding

WHEREAS the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy has assisted First Nations in helping to address the deplorable health conditions of First Nation communities in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy has identified five million dollars for enhanced program funding; and

WHEREAS the best health outcomes will result by the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy working with First Nations to identify the health priorities for this enhanced program funding; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has advocated that they must be fully consulted to identifying priorities for the use and delivery of the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy funding.

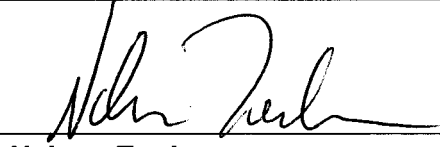
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to lobby for an immediate meeting between the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy and the Anishinabek Nation to identify priorities for the five million dollars held by the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy to meet the needs of the Anishinabek First Nation members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to report at the Grand Council Assembly on the status of working with the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy in determining priorities and allocating the enhanced program funding to the Anishinabek Nation.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Health Premiums

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly consider health services and funding provided by the Governments of Canada and Ontario to be a Treaty right protected by the Constitution of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nation members living off-reserve and attending post-secondary are being charged a health premium for accessing health services; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nation members residing on-reserve are not charged a health premium for accessing health services; and

WHEREAS many Anishinabek First Nation members must reside off-reserve due to the current on-reserve housing crisis and must attend post-secondary off-reserve.

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada in the *Corbiere* decision ruled that First Nation members regardless of residence should not be denied the rights afforded to on-reserve members; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to lobby the Governments of Canada and Ontario to not charge health premiums to Anishinabek First Nation members residing off-reserve and attending post-secondary.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Union of Ontario Indians Health Program Resolution Approval

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly wish to provide the Health Program of the Union of Ontario Indians with the direction they require to operate their program.

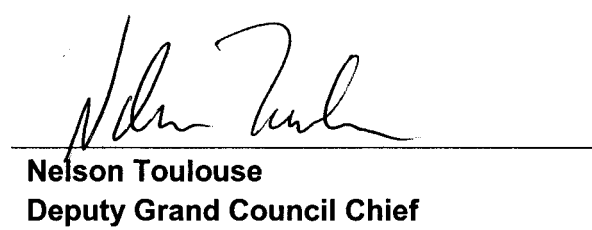
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby collectively approve the 2004 Special Assembly Anishinabek Grand Council Resolutions with the following subject lines:

1. First Nation Health Action Plan Resolution 2004/23;
2. Mental Health District Governance Model – Sudbury/Manitoulin/East Algoma Resolution 2004/24;
3. New Federal First Nation Health Funding Resolution 2004/25;
4. Indian Registration – Delays in Registration Resolution 2004/26;
5. First Nation Out of Country Residency and Access to Treatment Resolution 2004/27;
6. Health Canada – Protocol, Prescription Drugs and Benefits Resolution 2004/28;
7. Reinstatement of Algonquins of Pikwakanagan Satellite Clinic and Funding Resolution 2004/28;
8. Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy Funding Resolution 2004/30;
9. Health Premiums Resolution 2004/31.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Bell Canada's Proposed Broadband Expansion Program

WHEREAS many of the member First Nations of the Union of Ontario Indians are located in rural and remote areas that currently do not have access to broadband services; and

WHEREAS on May 19th, 2004, Bell Canada filed a proposal with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in the deferral account proceeding initiated by Public Notice 2004-1; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the deferral accounts is to set aside revenues representing amounts by which Bell Canada would have reduced local rates in absence of local competition restrictions; and

WHEREAS the funds in the deferral account are intended to benefit customers, competitors and incumbents, and will be used to fund initiatives that provide such benefits; and

WHEREAS in its submissions with the CRTC, Bell Canada proposed to implement a three-year program that would make broadband service available to an additional 200,000 homes and business lines in over 1,100 rural and remote communities in Ontario and Quebec where broadband is not currently available and will not be commercially feasible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the need for Bell Canada to continue to expand and support broadband services to First Nations in rural and remote areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support Bell Canada in its efforts to access resources to support this broadband initiative and to keep the Anishinabek informed on what resources are accessed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to provide Bell Canada with a support letter for this expansion of broadband services and to begin discussion on sharing of revenue generation from these activities.

Moved By:	Chief Joe Buckell, Michipicoten First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Angus Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek
Status:	Passed by Majority

In Favour:	Majority
Opposed:	Vincent Chechock, Proxy, Wasauksing First Nation
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Recognition and Respect of the Northern Superior Region Territory

WHEREAS the Northern Superior Region Chiefs hereby notify all provincial and federal government agencies, Aboriginal organizations and others that the areas known as the Robinson Superior Treaty and Traditional Territory is under the jurisdiction of the Northern Superior Region First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the implementation of government initiatives such as Ontario's Living Legacy, the Great Lakes Charter Annex, the Great Lakes Heritage Coast and the Lake Superior Marine Conservation Area have and will infringe upon the Northern Superior Region; and

WHEREAS agreements related to economic development with organizations such as Hydro One, Ontario Power Generation and related water management initiatives will be signed with other PTO's that will infringe on the Northern Superior territory.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Superior Region Chiefs hereby notify all levels of government and industry that the Superior Region First Nations of the Anishinabek Nations have the jurisdiction over the Robinson Superior territory.

Moved By:	Chief Mike Esquega, Binjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Travel Expenses for Special Assembly

WHEREAS the member First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation incurred travel expenses to attend the Special Assembly in North Bay on October 6-7, 2004; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs in Assembly passed Resolution 2001/42 at the Anishinabek Special Assembly on November 13-15, 2001 for Support for the Union of Ontario Indians "Anishinabek Financial Recovery Plan" which directed that travel reimbursement would not be made for attendance at future Grand Council Assemblies and Special Assemblies in order for the Anishinabek Nation to recover its deficit plan; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs in Assembly continue to support Resolution 2001/42 Support for the Union of Ontario Indians "Anishinabek Financial Recovery Plan" and the importance of the Anishinabek Nation to recover its deficit plan; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs in Assembly recognize the special circumstances and importance of the member First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation attendance at the Special Assembly on October 6-7, 2004 in North Bay.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to pay the travel expenses incurred by the member First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation to attend the Special Assembly in North Bay on October 6-7, 2004, as per the Union of Ontario Indians Policies and Procedures.

Moved By:	Chief Harold Sault, Lake Helen First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Raymond Goodchild, Pays Plat First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Ontario Aboriginal Economic Development Program Funding Cuts

WHEREAS the Provincial control and ownership of Ontario Crown lands, which is First Nation traditional territory, has resulted in billions of dollars of revenues for Ontario over the past century of which the original peoples of this land have had no share; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Liberal Party's "True North Plan" indicates that they will build new partnerships with Aboriginal communities within Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Aboriginal Economic Development Program (OAEDP) has provided an opportunity for Anishinabek First Nations to access resources to support economic development initiatives at the community level; and

WHEREAS the OAEDP has been subject to several reviews over the past few years and is now subject to a \$200,000 funding cut as part of the provincial governments efforts to reduce the provincial deficit; and

WHEREAS the OAEDP funding cuts are contrary to the principle of the Liberal's "True North Plan" and to the injustice of Ontario's enormous revenue generation ability from First Nation traditional territory.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby direct the Grand Council Chief advocate that cutbacks to recover from the Ontario deficit not be recovered from funds used to support First Nation activities.

Moved By:	Chief Angus Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek
Seconded By:	Chief Teresa Migwans, Whitefish Lake First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Nelson Toulouse
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Auditing Services – Re-tendering

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation retained the accounting firm Grant Thornton LLP to objectively review the financial affairs of its affiliated corporations and to report on irregularities and breaches of standard accounting principles as set out in Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and accepted auditing practices; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly were not informed of the true financial status of the Anishinabek Nation concerning its difficulties in 2000 and 2001; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation previously stated their loss of confidence in the services of Grant Thornton LLP with respect to their review and reporting on the manner in which the Union of Ontario Indians adhered to its existing policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly previously directed that the auditing services of the Anishinabek Nation be re-tendered and Grant Thornton LLP was re-engaged as the auditing firm; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly are now restating their loss of confidence in the accounting firm Grant Thornton LLP.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the auditing services of the Anishinabek Nation be re-tendered for the upcoming fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the accounting firm Grant Thornton LLP not be considered in the re-tendering process.

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

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


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