

Subject: Anishinabek Health Commission Renewal

WHEREAS the linkages between the Anishinabek Health Commission and political leadership of the Anishinabek Chiefs requires strengthening; and

WHEREAS the number of health related issues that the Anishinabek Health Commission address requires greater technical support; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Leadership Council has given direction to the Health Department to conduct a restructuring study cooperative work plan of the Anishinabek Health Commission to strengthen the political direction for health by developing recommendations for change to the operational policy of the Anishinabek Health Commission, including the limitation of representation on the Anishinabek Health Commission to technical members, and political matters on health be directed to the Chiefs Committee on Health; and

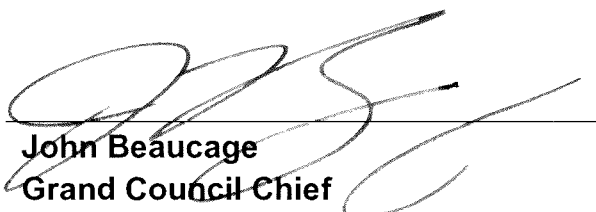
WHEREAS by Resolution 2006/30 the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly directed that the restructuring study of the Anishinabek Health Commission be completed and presented for recommendation at the Special Fall Assembly in 2006; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Health Restructuring Plan regarding the Anishinabek Health Commission Renewal has now been presented and discussed by the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly and Anishinabek First Nations have two weeks from the date of this resolution to provide comment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly endorse the Anishinabek Nation Health Restructuring Plan and provide their approval to implement the plan in whole and that representation on the Anishinabek Health Commission be limited to technical members, and the Chiefs Committee on Health shall be responsible for providing political direction on health.

Moved By:	Chief Tom Bressette – Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Seconded By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee - Aundeck Omni Kaning
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief


Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Aboriginal Diabetes Research Project

WHEREAS diabetes is one of the leading causes of illness and disability among First Nations; and

WHEREAS current evidence shows that diabetes is three times as prevalent in Aboriginal communities as in the general population; and

WHEREAS it is projected that 27% of First Nations will have Type-2 diabetes within the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS through the new Northern Ontario School of Medicine, whose mandate includes a special focus on Aboriginal communities, an opportunity has emerged to support a full-time Aboriginal Diabetes Research Project; and

WHEREAS the goal of this project will be to establish full-time medical research into the cause of instances of Aboriginal diabetes, various therapeutics, and a cure for specific Type-2 diabetes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the general goals of the proposed full-time Aboriginal Diabetes Research Project; and

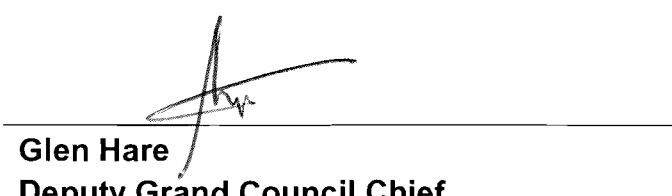
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Union of Ontario Indians, led by the Grand Council Chief, taking a lead role in the development of the Aboriginal Diabetes Research Project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to report on the development and advancement of the Aboriginal Diabetes Research Project to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly at the next Grand Council.

Moved By:	Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation
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


Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Northern Superior Region - Addictions Awareness Workshop

WHEREAS since the first visitors to Turtle Island had set foot on these lands with them came an introduction of their beliefs and their way of life; and

WHEREAS many of the influences of the first visitors were forced on us through their religions, their assimilation tactics and other forms to oppress our ancestors; and

WHEREAS the introduction of the beliefs and way of life of the first visitors also brought the influence of alcohol, prescription medications, illegal drugs, and other forms of hallucinogens and substances; and

WHEREAS the addiction to such drugs and alcohol on our Peoples has been well documented by examining the negative effects on individuals, families, communities, and Nations; and

WHEREAS although the negative effects of alcohol and drugs on our people have been clearly documented, the number of our citizens that are addicted to alcohol and drugs are increasingly growing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the increasing addiction to alcohol and drugs of our People and support all efforts to forcefully combat this growing addiction and its negative effects; and

WHEREAS the Northern Superior Region desire to host an alcohol and drug awareness for its member First Nations during the Addictions Awareness Week.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the funding request of the Northern Superior Region to host an "Addictions Awareness Workshop at Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging on or after Addictions Awareness Week (Nov.13/06-Nov.20/06); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that should there be a need to facilitate an "Addictions Awareness Workshop" or similar workshop in other Anishinabek Nation Regions, this resolution shall support that request.

Anishinabek Nation Special Assembly
Ojibways of Garden River
October 31 - November 1, 2006

Resolution No. 2006/34

Subject: Northern Superior Region - Addictions Awareness Workshop

Moved By:	Mike Esquega, Elder Northern Superior Region
Seconded By:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Support to the Anishinabek Nation Credit Union

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation developed the Anishinabek Nation Credit Union to promote financial self-sufficiency and prudent financial management for First Nations; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation developed the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities to provide charitable support and assistance to citizens and members of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the fulfilment of the goals and mandate of the Anishinabek Nation Credit Union and the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities in areas where both may work together to support one another.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek Nation Credit Union and the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities to support one another where appropriate; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities to deposit its financial resources in the Anishinabek Nation Credit Union, after due diligence is concluded.

Moved By:	Chief Lyle Sayers, Ojibways of Garden River
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


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Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Secure Certificate of Indian Status

WHEREAS First Nations in Canada have voiced their position that only our First Nation Governments can define our citizenship and this is separate and distinct from Indian status as defined under the *Indian Act*; and

WHEREAS most of our citizens carry Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's "Certificate of Indian Status" in order to receive certain government and individual benefits, programs and services; and

WHEREAS the current Certificate of Indian Status has been subject to criticism due to incidents of fraud resulting in claims which thereby jeopardize legitimate rights to government and individual benefits, programs and services; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation, and our proximity to the US-Canadian Border and four major crossing points (Pigeon River, Sault Ste. Marie, Sarnia and Windsor) will be impacted by the US-Canadian Border Security Initiative and a new more secure Certificate of Indian Status will be an approved form of identification for border crossing purposes, and

WHEREAS the First Nations Independent Fuel Handlers Cooperative, now represented by the Union of Ontario Indians have been working with the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to develop a new, more secure Certificate of Indian Status that would consolidate and simplify the present provincial fuel tax claim and rebate regime under a single card.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the development and implementation of a new, more secure Certificate of Indian Status for the purposes of protection against fraud, motor fuel tax exemption and border crossing purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Union Of Ontario Indians' proposal to administer the overall application process and printing of the new, more secure Certificate of Indian Status to expedite our member First Nations needs; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to work together with the Chiefs of Ontario to ensure that the privacy concerns related to the collection of digital information from the new, more secure Certificate of Indian Status are addressed.

Moved By:	Chief Lyle Sayers, Ojibways of Garden River
Seconded By:	Ray Rogers, Proxy, Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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Grand Council Chief



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**Anishinabek Nation Special Assembly
Ojibways of Garden River
October 31 - November 1, 2006**

Resolution No. 2006/37

Subject: Anishinabek Consumer Policy & Bill of Rights

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have declared before the Creator that no other governments in Canada shall unilaterally affect the rights of our citizens; and

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 2006/20 the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians to develop an *Anishinabek Nation Economic Strategy* to guide the economic future and prosperity of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS Article 16 of the Political Manifesto of the Anishinabek Nation states: "*The right to tax exemption of all Anishinabek Nation government revenues, business and personal income of our citizens, is a policy that will be maintained as it is consistent with our collective aboriginal and treaty right to tax exemption. This right to tax exemption applies to all foreign, unilateral taxation imposed on us by the Crown.*"; and

WHEREAS certain commercial establishments, retailers and service providers and the Government of Ontario have developed regulations, policies and interpretations of the law regarding taxation that do not respect the right to tax exemption of Anishinabek citizens, and thereby have imposed and collected retail sales taxes from our citizens, and

WHEREAS these regulations, policies and interpretations of the law regarding taxation, collection of these taxes have caused Anishinabek citizens undo financial hardship and the need to justify and educate commercial establishments, retailers, and service providers of their right to tax exemption when their Certificate of Indian Status is denied and their right to retail sales tax exemption is refused; and

WHEREAS these regulations, policies and interpretations of the law regarding taxation have been developed arbitrarily, without consultation, and without due regard to the rights of Anishinabek citizens to be exempt from retail sales tax.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby endorse and mandate the development of an Anishinabek Consumer Policy & Bill of Rights concerning their right to be exempt from retail sales tax, the development of a preferred supplier program, regulatory regime, public education component, communications and public relations strategies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to appoint a special working group to develop the Anishinabek Consumer Policy & Bill of Rights as part of the *Anishinabek Nation Economic Strategy*.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to present a draft Anishinabek Consumer Policy & Bill of Rights as part of the *Anishinabek Nation Economic Strategy* to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly at the June 2007 Grand Council Assembly.

**Anishinabek Nation Special Assembly
Ojibways of Garden River
Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2006**

Resolution No. 2006/37

Subject: Anishinabek Consumer Policy & Bill of Rights

Moved By:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief James R. Marsden, Alderville First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Treaty & Aboriginal Rights - Ontario Crown Lands

WHEREAS the spirit and intent of the Treaties included the sharing of wealth of what is now known as Ontario Crown lands; and

WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations have Treaty and/or Aboriginal rights on all "Crown Lands" in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the *Public Lands Act* states that the Ministry of Natural Resources for the Province of Ontario has responsibility for the management of Ontario Crown Lands through its disposition processes including the issuing of land use permits; licenses of occupation; leases; patenting and sale of Crown land; and

WHEREAS a disposition is described as: *the act or the power of disposing or the state of being disposed: transfer to the care or possession of another; the power of such transferral;* and

WHEREAS any disposition of Ontario Crown land does not financially benefit the Anishinabek Nation, and is a direct reduction and diminishment of the Anishinabek First Nation's constitutionally guaranteed Treaty and Aboriginal Rights to the use and beneficial rights of the disposed lands; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations strongly oppose any reduction or diminishment of their Treaty or Aboriginal Rights with respect to Ontario Crown land and any contemplated actions by Ontario concerning Ontario Crown Land Disposals, Sales and Developments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby direct that a legal evaluation and interim report be prepared by February of 2007 and that a final report be prepared by June of 2007, which would identify the strongest case of the Ontario Crown's abrogation of fiduciary responsibility towards the collective Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of the Anishinabek First Nations with respect to Crown Land Dispositions.

Moved By:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Status:	Passed by Consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


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Grand Council Chief


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Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Quorum for Chiefs in Assembly Gatherings

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the importance of gathering in unity and consensus building to address issues and concerns within their communities; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the importance of having representatives from all communities within the Anishinabek Nation participate in discussions and decisions with respect to the issues and concerns within their respective territories at all gatherings; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs also participate in leadership gatherings through their participation at the Chiefs of Ontario and the Assembly of First Nations; and

WHEREAS the decision making processes at these gatherings and implementation of these decisions are often impacted by a lack of representation by Chiefs or their delegates.

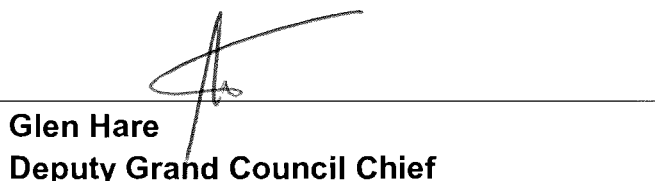
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that all Anishinabek Nation Assemblies shall require sixty percent (60%) of all membership in order to make decisions on behalf of the Nation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that quorum for business at the Chiefs of Ontario and Assembly of First Nations should also be increased to sixty percent (60%) of all membership.

Moved By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Seconded By:	Chief Wilfred N. King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


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