## Subject: Audited Financial Statements 2005/2006

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31, 2006 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians, the Union Of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc.; and

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly do hereby approve the audited Combined Financial Statements of the Union of Ontario Indians, the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. as of March 31st, 2006 as presented.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Mike Esquega, Proxy – Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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Deputy Grand Council Chief

## Subject: Audit Services

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board for the Union of Ontario Indians, the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc., has recommended the firm of KPMG for the provision of audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve that the services of the firm of KPMG be secured to prepare audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007 of the Union of Ontario Indians, the Union Of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc.

Moved By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Beaucage Glen Hare Grand Council Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: 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.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the nominee for the position of Grand Council Chief is; John Beaucage.

Moved By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Seconded By:	Mike Esquega, Proxy – Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Jare Beaucage Glen Hare Grand Council-Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: Acclamation of Grand Council Chief

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

**WHEREAS** one nomination was made by Chiefs or delegates of the member First Nations, that being incumbent John Beaucage; and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer called for further nominations and being satisfied that the Chiefs and delegates had no further nominations, closed nominations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the nominee for the position of Grand Council Chief, John Beaucage, is hereby acclaimed as Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King – Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Chris Plain – Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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Deputy Grand Council Chief

## 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 nominations for the position of Deputy Grand Council Chief be closed.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the nominees for the position of Deputy Grand Council Chief are; Valerie Monague and Glen Hare.

Moved By:	Marianna Couchie, Proxy – Nipissing First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief James R. Marsden – Alderville First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Glen Hare ucage Grand Council Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: Election Results for Position of Deputy Grand Council Chief

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

**WHEREAS** Glen Hare has been duly elected and declared the Deputy Grand Council Chief.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly close the election procedures.

Moved By:	Chief Peter Collins – Fort William First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Irene Kells – Zhiibaahaasing First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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Glen Hare

Deputy Grand Council Chief

### Subject: Investment in Youth Development

**WHEREAS** our youth are vital to building a political capacity that responds to current and future issues; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need to invest not just our verbal support, but a need for affirmative substantive action; and

**WHEREAS** a surplus/investment committee will be observing how to allocate 2005-06 surplus dollars.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly recommend the surplus/investment committee give high priority to supporting Youth Development initiatives.

Moved By:	Chief Isadore Day – Serpent River First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning
Status:	Passed by Consensus
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Glen Hare John Beaucage Grand Council Chief

Deputy Grand Council Chief

# Subject: Support for the Anishinaabek Mushegowuk Onkwehonwe Language Commission and Appointment of a Language Commissioner

**WHEREAS** the Anishinaabek Mushegowuk Onkwehonwe Language Commission was created for the revitalization, maintenance and protection of the Anishinaabemowin; and

**WHEREAS** the former Deputy Grand Council Chief Nelson Toulouse has been instrumental in the development of the Anishinaabek Mushegowuk Onkwehonwe Language Commission; and

**WHEREAS** former Deputy Grand Council Chief Nelson Toulouse has dedicated much of his life to the preservation and growth of the use of Anishinaabemowin.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly appoint Nelson Toulouse as Language Commissioner of the Anishinabek Nation; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the development and continued work of the Anishinaabek Mushegowuk Onkwehonwe Language Commission.

Moved By:	Chief Paul Gladu - Sand Point First Nation
Seconded By:	Mike Esquega, Proxy – Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

In Beaucage Glen Hare Grand Coupeil Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: Anishinabek Unity at Regional and National Level

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation has always maintained a position of strength and leadership at the regional and national level; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation has always strived to maintain unity among the member First Nations during Grand Council assemblies, All-Ontario Chiefs Conferences and Assembly of First Nations General Assemblies and various special Chiefs meetings; and

**WHEREAS** it is essential for issues of common interest to be communicated and decided upon in a coordinated and efficient way at the various assemblies; and

**WHEREAS** there will be times when the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly must vote in a disciplined and unified way to support a common Anishinabek position, support our fellow Chiefs, or address issues that may be integral to the Anishinabek Chiefs; and

**WHEREAS** despite this objective and policy, the Chiefs-in-Assembly will always respect the individual positions and opinions of our fellow Chiefs and their right to vote according to their respective community's needs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly will mandate the Union of Ontario Indians to hold a regular Anishinabek Nation caucus during All-Ontario Chiefs Conferences and Assembly of First Nations General Assemblies and various special Chiefs meetings as required; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly will congregate as a caucus and sit together during All-Ontario Chiefs Conferences and Assembly of First Nations General Assemblies and various special Chiefs meetings as required; and

## Subject: Anishinabek Unity at Regional and National Level

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly will strive to reach consensus on issues determined to have a common Anishinabek position, to support our fellow Chiefs, or address issues that may be integral to the Anishinabek Chiefs.

Moved By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning
Seconded By:	Chief Kirby Whiteduck – Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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Deputy Grand Council Chief

### Subject: Poplar Point First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Northern Superior Region have asked Poplar Point First Nation to deliver to the Northern Superior Region Chiefs an updated legitimate list of members who have legally transferred to the Poplar Point First Nation under the band membership transfers as required under the Indian Act; and

**WHEREAS** Poplar Point First Nation failed to deliver, without reason, a membership list as requested by the Northern Superior Chiefs; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Northern Superior Region have stated that Poplar Point First Nation has undermined the collective interests of the First Nations around Lake Nipigon and has interfered politically in the internal affairs of the Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation) and Sand Point First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** Poplar Point First Nation is claiming members from communities such as Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation) and Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay First Nation) and others without the legal consent of those member(s) or the legal consent of the Chief and Council of those First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Northern Superior Region passed a resolution to remove and no longer recognize Poplar Point First Nation as a member of the Northern Superior Region; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Northern Superior Region request the Anishinabek Grand Council to remove Poplar Point First Nation as a member of the Union of Ontario Indians.

**THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby revoke the membership of Poplar Point First Nation in the Union of Ontario Indians.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King – Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Joe Buckell Michipicoten First Nation
Status:	Passed

In Favour:	17
Opposed:	3
Abstentions:	16

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Glen Hare

Deputy Grand Council Chief

## Subject: Anishinaabemowin as our Official Language

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has been given Anishinaabemowin as the language of our people, which has been used since time immemorial as the language of our ceremonies, social and working life; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek are committed to promoting and developing Enendamowin, Anishinabe thought and worldview including the reemergence of Anishinabe philosophy and intellectual property. Anishinaabe thought and worldview is best achieved in Anishinaabemowiri; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation has a sacred duty to protect and proliferate Anishinaabemowin to ensure its survival into the seventh generation and beyond, forever; and,

**WHEREAS** language is integral to the identity of the Anishinabek Nation and therefore must become a part of all aspects of our lives and culture including in our school system and within our governments; and

**WHEREAS** it is incumbent upon the leadership to entrench Anishinaabemowin into our institutions, governments and constitutions; and,

**WHEREAS** Anishinaabernowin immersion is the ideal and preferred method of instructing early learners, elementary and secondary school students compared to conventional language instruction; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation has never before defined an official language policy; and,

**WHEREAS** it is the vision of an official language policy to ensure that Anishinabek people will once again think in Anishinaabemowin, and to ensure that Anishinaabemowin will once again be the language of our ceremonies, social and working life.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby declare that Anishinaabemowin, shall herein and forever, be the official language of the Anishinabek Nation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby acknowledge that English is the language of the Crown and is a working language of our people and is necessary to communicate with the various colonial governments; and,

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Anishinaabemowin immersion for early learners, elementary and secondary schools shall be the official educational policy of the Anishinabek Nation, and that Ojibway as a second-language and conventional Ojibwe language instruction shall be phased out in favour of immersion programs and fluency for school-aged children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly, as the elected leadership of our member First Nations, shall hereby encourage and support our citizens and civil service to learn and develop Anishinaabemowin through opportunities of learning, and that each member of the Anishinabek Nation civil service shall be granted two weeks of Language Development Leave and/or workplace language immersion programming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this official language policy shall be included in the future constitutions of the Anishinabek Nation, and that our member First Nations shall explore the inclusion of this official language policy in their own community constitutions; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that out of respect for the autonomy of our member First Nations, these opportunities shall be mandated and regulated through the authority of their respective First Nation Band Councils, Agencies, Boards and Commissions by the year 2010.

Moved By:	Elder Gordon Waindubence
Seconded By:	Elder Merle Assance-Beedie
Status:	Passed by Consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None

ohn Beaucage Grand Council Chief

None

Abstentions:

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**Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: Anishinabek Nation Resolution Bulk 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 and to provide support to initiatives within Anishinabek First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby collectively approve the following 2006 Anishinabek Grand Council Assembly Resolutions with the following subject lines:

- 1. Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership Representation
- 2. Customary Care
- 3. Federal Family Violence Initiative
- 4. Honouring Ontario Court Justice Andre L. Guay
- 5. Recognition of First Nation Representative Position
- 6. Local Health Integration Networks
- 7. Pandemic Planning in Anishinabek First Nations
- 8. Creation of the Chiefs Council on Economics, and Anishinabek Nation Economic Strategy
- 9. Aboriginal Financial Officers Association Ontario Chapter Support
- 10. Support for the Appointment of Justice Stephen O'Neil to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- 11. Sagamok Anishnawbek Anishnaabemowin Elementary Education Program
- 12. Support for the Protection of Cultural Properties
- 13. Protection of Archives of Shingwauk and Spanish Residential Schools Survivors

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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Deputy Grand Council Chief

## Subject: Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership Representation

**WHEREAS** the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Agreement states that a person is to be nominated for the position of Director to represent the Union of Ontario Indians for a one-year period.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly appoint Leroy Dolson for a one year period from June 2006 to June 2007 to represent the Union of Ontario Indians on the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Board of Directors.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Glen Hare John Beaucage **Deputy Grand Council Chief** Grand Council

### Subject: Customary Care

**WHEREAS** Part X of the *Child and Family Services Act* has clearly defined First Nations authority regarding customary care since 1984; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Child Welfare Secretariat was formed in April 2004 to guide the implementation of the Transformation Agenda including Bill 210; and

**WHEREAS** a Customary Care Steering Committee was established in November 2005 to oversee a provincial consultation process with First Nation communities regarding best practices and guidelines in Customary Care; and

**WHEREAS** the outcome of this project clearly demonstrates that while guiding principles and best practices are necessary, each First Nation must determine for itself how Customary Care will be delivered and implemented based upon the customs and practices of each community; and

**WHEREAS** the Child Welfare Secretariat continues to ignore First Nations contributions to the field of Native child welfare by insisting that Customary Care fall under the Foster Care regulations; and

**WHEREAS** the mainstream Children's Aid Societies will continue to hold the authority regarding the placement of Aboriginal children in Customary Care placements.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services ("Ministry") not create regulations, standards or policies regarding Customary Care as defined in the legislation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ministry financially support the infrastructure that is required within our communities to develop First Nation regulations, standards and policies that will remain community based and community driven; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly negotiate with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to ensure that Customary Care remain as a separate process under First Nations Authority and Management; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the necessary financial resources are made available to fully enable implementation of Part X from a First Nation's perspective.

Subject: Customary Care

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

dom Beaucage Glen Hare Deputy Grand Council Chief Grand Council Chief

#### Subject: Federal Family Violence Initiative

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations communities have consistently identified the need to address family violence prevention; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians acknowledges that the Family Violence Prevention Program provides individuals with culturally appropriate family violence prevention and support services with projects that include training and education, public awareness, community program development, conferences, seminars and workshop research and evaluation; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Social Services Department has coordinated the federal family violence program by assisting the Anishinabek First Nations in preparation of required documentation (Workplans and Final Reports) for the contribution agreements; and,

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Social Services Department has distributed the federal family violence funding to the Anishinabek First Nations based on a combination of project proposals and per-capita distribution.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support continued funding to Anishinabek First Nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Union of Ontario Indians Social Services Department to continue with the administration of the federal family violence program and distribution of funding to Anishinabek First Nations; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to lobby and advocate for increased funding to adequately address family violence prevention and protection services to First Nation children and families.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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Glen Hare

Deputy Grand Council Chief

## Subject: Honouring Ontario Court Justice Andre L. Guay

**WHEREAS** affiliated First Nation representatives through the Anishinabek Child Welfare Advocacy Council have received informal legal education training by Ontario Court Justice Andre L. Guay; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario Court Justice Andre L. Guay recognizes the importance of the Band Representative position within the court protection proceedings and has volunteered his time to provide these training sessions; and,

**WHEREAS** Ontario Court Justice Andre L. Guay is willing to provide additional training with a focus on the amendments to the *Child and Family Services Act* currently being implemented by the provincial government and Children's Aid Societies; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Child Welfare Advocacy Council representatives appreciate the training being provided by Justice Guay and would like to recognize his efforts by honouring him in a traditional manner.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the suggestion by the Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare Advocacy Council to honour Ontario Court Justice Guay and direct the Union of Ontario Indians Social Services Department to plan and coordinate an Anishinabek Nation event to honour Ontario Court Justice Guay; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the continuation of the Anishinabek Nation Child Welfare Advocacy Council to meet and to develop their capacity; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support and direct the Union of Ontario Indians (Social Services Department) to advocate for and to research available funding sources as well as to submit proposals for funding to assist with the capacity of the Anishinabek Child Welfare Advocacy Council.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

h **Beaucage** Grand Council Chief

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Gien Hare Deputy Grand Council Chief

## Subject: Recognition of First Nation Band Representative Position

**WHEREAS** the *Child and Family Services Act* clearly recognizes authority of First Nations as legal parties to all child welfare proceedings involving First Nation children since 1984; and

**WHEREAS** the federal and provincial government continue to debate the financial responsibility and support for the Band Representative Program and continually do not provide fiscal resources or support to the Band Representative Program; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Indian Affairs Canada provided funding for a Band Representative Program Review (March 2003) which contained a number of clear recommendations; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Indian Affairs Canada provided funding to the Association of Native Child and Family Services to develop Band Representative Curriculum (June 2005) for all First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Indian Affairs Canada withheld an inadequate amount of funding for Band Representatives prior to the release of the Band Representative Review; and

**WHEREAS** Bill 210 further expands upon the recognition of authority of First Nations in child welfare and is but an interim measure toward reclaiming full Aboriginal authority in child welfare; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to raise the profile of Native Child and Family Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to lobby the federal and provincial government for clear program policy and adequate funding to support the Band Representative positions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly advocate for specific funding to implement the Band Representative curriculum developed by the Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario including capacity development to support the Band Representative position within our communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to insist that the recommendations contained in the Band Representative Program Review be addressed by the Minister of Children and Youth Services; and

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**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services ensure mainstream Children's Aid Societies comply with all Native provisions of the *Child and Family Services Act* including consultation with our Band Representatives in all child welfare proceedings.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

ohn Beaucag Glen Hare Grand Council Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

### Subject: Local Health Integration Networks

WHEREAS the Local Health System Integration Act ("LHSIA"), which received Royal Assent on March 28, 2006, establishes fourteen Local Health Integrated Networks ("LHIN'S") across Ontario and are a part of a broader provincial government initiative aimed at creating a health care system that is patient-focused and responsive to local health care needs; and

WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations were not consulted in the development of the LHSIA, and now the LHIN'S are being imposed onto First Nations and are seeking to engage First Nations in the LHIN'S process despite the absence of a First Nation advisory structure; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly reaffirms that the First Nations Health Accord is the mechanism to indicate the First Nation relationship with the province and with the LHIN's in Ontario.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the continued coordination and supportive role of the Union of Ontario Indians health program, Anishinabek Health Commission and the office of the Grand Council Chief and its political advocacy and policy analysis of the LHSIA and LHIN'S on behalf of Anishinabek First Nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Union of Ontario Indians must ensure that the collective voice of the Anishinabek is represented at regional tables with respect to the LHIN'S and that communications with Anishinabek First Nations and tribal councils is strengthened to ensure information sharing and policy analytical support to Anishinabek First Nations in their interface with LHIN'S at the community level; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a presentation be made at the next Grand Council Assembly informing the Anishinabek leadership of the status of the LHSIA, LHIN'S and Health Accord.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Glen Hare Beaucage and Council Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: Pandemic Planning in Anishinabek First Nations

**WHEREAS** lobbying efforts to address pandemic planning in Anishinabek First Nations were successful in securing minimal funds for the development of community pandemic plans; and

**WHEREAS** the pandemic planning exercise further demonstrated the limited capacity many Anishinabek First Nations have with respect to emergency preparedness to effectively respond in a pandemic outbreak; and

WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations will be forced into quarantine and will need to be able to address such emergencies at the local level in the event of an outbreak where preparedness needs are diverse; and

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek First Nation communities require much more ongoing sustainable resources to improve their capacity to deal with serious threats to the health of our First Nations membership.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and the health program staff to continue to lobby the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch for ongoing sustainable funding to address vital training for community front line health staff, health care workers and community members; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pandemic planning be further explored and developed with consideration given to the establishment of regional pandemic plans that would assist collective First Nations to work together to develop pandemic strategies with their respective tribal councils to ensure preparedness in the event of a pandemic outbreak; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to lobby for additional resources required for regional pandemic planning, capacity building for emergency action and training; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a report on the status of Anishinabek Regional Pandemic Planning be made at the next Grand Council.

Subject: Pandemic Planning in Anishinabek First Nations

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None

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# Subject: Creation of the Chiefs Council on Economics, and Anishinabek Nation Economic Strategy

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 others, must be addressed in a meaningful way to support economic development opportunities for First Nation communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS in November 2005 the Government of Canada, Provincial and Territorial Governments, during the First Ministers Meeting in Kelowna, British Columbia, have agreed that early opportunities for action must be seized, such as economic infrastructure, training and skills development, connectivity, improving the regulatory erivironment, resource development and business investment and development; and,

**WHEREAS** it was further agreed that the Government of Canada, Provincial and Territorial Governments and First Nations will develop in collaboration with the private sector, regional-based strategic frameworks to facilitate economic opportunities and partnerships, and report through a multilateral process; and

**WHEREAS** it was recognized by the Government of Canada, Provincial and Territorial Governments that economic opportunities for First Nations and individuals encompass activities both within First Nation communities as well as in broader regional, national and international economies, including opportunities arising from the implementation of Aboriginal and Treaty rights and land claims agreements, which are priority subjects under the First Nations-Federal Crown Political Accord on the Recognition and Implementation of First Nation Governments; and

**WHEREAS** the First Ministers Meeting identified \$200Million as a marker to begin the process of establishing an economic development framework; 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

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

## Subject: Creation of the Chiefs Council on Economics, and Anishinabek Nation Economic Strategy

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly mandate our technicians, as part of their research, to review and participate in the development of the draft First Nation Economic Blueprint being created by the Assembly of First Nations in order to follow up on the First Ministers Meeting; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the creation of an *Anishinabek Nation Economic Strategy* that will support the work of a newly created *Chiefs Council on Economics*. This Council will work to ensure the development and facilitation of economic development opportunities in First Nation communities; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to report and seek ratification at a future Anishinabek Nation assembly on the development of the *Anishinabek Nation Economic Strategy*.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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**Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: Aboriginal Financial Officers Association – Ontario Chapter Support

**WHEREAS** the Assembly of First Nations has supported the organization of financial officers to network and build capacity amongst First Nation communities in support of strong governance structures at the community level; and

**WHEREAS** the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association's Ontario Chapter has incorporated to further mandate the network amongst First Nations in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association's Ontario Chapter is seeking financial resources to develop a Human Resource code for use amongst First Nations in Ontario as a resource tool.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association's Ontario Chapter with their proposal for funding to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada-Ontario Region toward development of Human Resource code.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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Glen Hare

Deputy Grand Council Chief

# Subject: Support for the Appointment of Justice Stephen O'Neil to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

**WHEREAS** the Assembly of First Nations and the Government of Canada have each approved the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement; and

**WHEREAS** the Aboriginal Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement calls for the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

**WHEREAS** the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will have a five (5) year mandate to develop a comprehensive report on the involvement of churches and governments and the impacts on individuals, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will work to create a historical record and archive in support of the establishment of a national archive and research centre; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need to ensure that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has a representation appointment process; and

**WHEREAS** Justice Stephen O'Neil has worked as a lawyer in Sudbury, Ontario for approximately fifteen (15) years with a focus on aboriginal and native law issues and assisted in litigation issues on land claims and residential school issues; and

**WHEREAS** Justice Stephen O'Neil was named by Silrun Survey's Ltd. as one of Canada's leading aboriginal law practitioners and was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice (Ontario) in 1999.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the appointment of Justice Stephen O'Neil to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly call upon the Assembly of First Nations and the Government of Canada to support the appointment of Justice Stephen O'Neil to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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Glen Hare

Deputy Grand Council Chief

## Subject: Sagamok Anishnawbek Anishnaabemowin Elementary Education Program

**WHEREAS** the Chief and Council of the Sagamok Anishnawbek have established our Anishinaabe Culture and Anishinaabe Language revival and retentions as a priority, to be incorporated into all education programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS** under the direction of the Council, the Education Program has created an Anishinaabemowin Elementary Education Program which will develop and implement the Sagamok Anishinaabe Language Immersion program with the Sagamok Education system; and

**WHEREAS** the Sagamok Anishnawbek Chief and Council and the Education Committee request the support of the member First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation with the efforts to revive our Language and Culture.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly this June 2006 hereby commend the efforts of the Sagamok Anishnawbek with the Anishnawbek Anishnaabemowin Elementary Education Program and hereby extend support to Sagamok Anishnawbek for their efforts to revive the Language and Culture; and

**BE IT FINALLYRESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indians identify the process to involve the funding sources in support of the development of the First Nations Language curriculum as a template for the Anishinabek within the Union of Ontario Indians.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Glén Hare hn Beaucag Grand Council Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: Support for the Protection of Cultural Properties

WHEREAS our culture is being misrepresented and threatened through the misuse of traditional art, culture and ancestral designs of our Nations used in non-authentic Native arts and crafts; and

WHEREAS an influx of non-authentic native arts and crafts has been noticed in cultural gatherings in both our First Nation communities and non-Native communities; and

**WHEREAS** it is important for our leadership to assist our Anishinabek artisans to protect the authenticity of traditional arts and crafts; and

**WHEREAS** this influx and misrepresentation of the non-authentic Anishinabek arts and crafts has infringed on our intellectual property rights; and

WHEREAS our gatherings are held to celebrate our culture and to provide crosscultural awareness to the non-Native public about whom we are as Anishinabek people; and

WHEREAS our art is being created overseas and is marketed here in Canada as being authentic and sold at a substantially lower price that places strain on traditionally marketed arts and crafts sold by Anishinabek people; and

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek artist and crafts people would eventually be unable to compete with the foreign marketplace in our own traditional and general gatherings to promote the sacredness of Anishinabek art.

**THERFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the development and sale of only authentic Anishinabek artisan arts and crafts; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly move to implement the protection of Anishinabek artisans and their crafts through establishing law(s) to keep non-authentic Anishinabek arts and crafts from being marketed and sold in Anishinabek Nation territory and in Canada.

Subject: Support for the Protection of Cultural Properties

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus
In Favour:	All

In Favour:	
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

John Beaucage Glen Hare Grand Council Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

# Subject: Protection of Archives of Shingwauk and Spanish Residential Schools Survivors

**WHEREAS** there are archives that record the history of Shingwauk and Spanish Residential Schools that are presently located at Shingwauk/Algoma University; and

**WHEREAS** the survivors of Shingwauk and Spanish Residential Schools wish to preserve the legacy and history of the Residential Schools in a manner and form that is consistent with their vision and beliefs; and

WHEREAS there are individuals that want to remove and relocate the archives.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby direct that the Shingwauk and Spanish archives not be removed from Shingwauk/Algoma University and that they be protected as directed by the Survivors of Shingwauk and Spanish Residential Schools; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby direct that the Grand Council Chief follow up on any protocols necessary to ensure that the archives be protected as directed by the Survivors of Shingwauk and Spanish Residential Schools.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Glen Hare Grand Council Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: First Nations Child and Family Services Secretariat

**WHEREAS** the protection and care of First Nation children is an inherent right and responsibility of First Nation communities and governments; and

**WHEREAS** Native Child and Family Services (CFS) face constant pressure due to an overwhelming demand in workload and limited financial resources; and

**WHEREAS** the federal and provincial governments must work with First Nation governments to ensure adequate financial resources are made available to First Nation communities and Native CFS agencies; and

WHEREAS Minister Mary Anne Chambers, Ministry of Children and Youth Services has recognized and acknowledged the importance of First Nations involvement in addressing child welfare through Native legislative, policy, program and capacity development; and

**WHEREAS** a proposal to establish a First Nations Child Welfare Secretariat has been submitted by the Chiefs of Ontario to the provincial government.

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Chiefs of Ontario proposal, it is also a fact that financial resources are required within the Anishinabek Nation for this issue.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the establishment of a First Nations Child Welfare Secretariat to begin development of First Nation child welfare laws and codes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to lobby and meet with the Minister responsible for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to confirm an established working relationship between the Anishinabek Nation and the provincial and federal government with adequate financial resources being made available; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the political office report to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly on the establishment of a First Nations Child Welfare Secretariat at the June 2007 Grand Council Assembly.

Subject: First Nations Child and Family Services Secretariat

Moved By:	Chief Kirby Whiteduck – Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
Seconded By:	Ralph Ashawasegai, Proxy – Henvey Inlet First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Glen Hare n Beaucage Grand Council Chief **Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

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

**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, which was renewed in December 2003; 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; and

WHEREAS the AORMC Memorandum of Understanding expires in December 2006.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to communicate our collective opposition to the Ontario Government land use planning and resource management 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

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek 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.

Moved By:	Chief Isadore Day – Serpent River First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Wilfred King – Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

Grand Council Chief

Glen Hare

Deputy Grand Council Chief

## Subject: Anishinabek Forestry Framework Agreement

WHEREAS the Anishinabek recognizes that forest resources and other natural resources are essential to the economic, social and cultural well-being of First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations have historically been shut out of the forestry industries and have suffered economically as a result while non-Native communities and businesses have benefited; and

**WHEREAS** approaches to sustainable forest management including the National Forest Strategy, conservation initiatives, and forest certification processes have not adequately provided the necessary conditions for Native participation as a fundamental component of sustainable forest management; and

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have repeatedly stated their interests in a number of resolutions (Resolutions #98/31 and #95/08) in obtaining a more equitable share of forest resources in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the traditional forest industries in Ontario are in a state of transition as a result of decreasing competitiveness (wood supply, energy and trade issues) resulting in mergers and acquisitions, mill closures and slowdowns, and the pursuit of new business lines in value-added processing, forest bio-products, and new technologies to increase efficiencies; and

**WHEREAS** existing Ontario Government forest policies which impact on First Nation involvement in the forest sector, including:

- measures pursuant to Crown Forest Sustainability Act, (1994)
- conditions of the Class Environmental Assessment for Timber Management on Crown Lands in Ontario (Timber class Environmental Assessment) particularly Report on Protection of Identified Aboriginal Values (condition 19) and Negotiations with Aboriginal Peoples (condition 34)

have been ineffective in achieving First Nations involvement in the Ontario forest sector and have been detrimental to achieving sustainable forest management; and,

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has implemented and proposed several initiatives which have not had adequate Anishinabek First Nations participation;

- Lands for Life
- Timber Class Environmental Assessment amendments
- Bill 11 Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act

and that these and other land use initiatives will impact on the ability of the Anishinabek First Nations to exercise their Aboriginal and Treaty rights; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government, through the Ministry of Natural Resources, has expressed an interest in a renewed relationship with the Anishinabek Nation in which a Forest Framework Agreement would form an initial and integral component (Ramsay, May 27, 2005); and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government, through the Ministry of Natural Resources, has acknowledged that new models/approaches to forest management will be necessary to realize First Nations involvement and seize opportunity in the forest sector (Ramsay, press release, March 19, 2006); and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has not developed and implemented a First Nation consultation policy on land and natural resources management, (as has been implemented in other jurisdictions) in accordance with Supreme Court of Canada decisions concerning the duty to consult on Aboriginal and Treaty rights and the traditional land use values of Aboriginal Peoples; and

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek First Nations' participation in the Ontario Forest Sector is fundamental to the restoration and strengthening of our communities in terms of raising living standards and contributing to their socio-cultural preservation; and

**WHEREAS** existing forest policy and institutional arrangements for forest management and forest-based development have resulted in and/or contributed to socio-economic disparity between Anishinabek First Nations and other Ontarians; and

**WHEREAS** Aboriginal and Treaty rights, as acknowledged in Section 35 of the *Constitution Act* 1982, pertain to Anishinabek First Nations' ongoing relationship to the land and their expectations of (a) increased access and/or revenues to natural resources, and (b) an equitable role in decision-making around land and natural resources and further that these rights have not been respected or given substance through institutional approaches of the Ontario Crown in its dealings with the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly agree in principle to work cooperatively with the Ontario Government towards the achievement of a comprehensive Forestry Framework Agreement which will establish objectives, ongoing land use and forest management planning processes, roles and responsibilities of parties to the agreement, and the institutional, legislative and policy changes necessary to implement the objectives and processes for revenue sharing; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly agree in principle to negotiate a comprehensive Forest Framework Agreement which will establish a new working relationship with the Ontario Government with respect to

Anishinabek First Nation participation in the forestry sector and that the Union of Ontario Indians be charged with the following initial tasks:

- 1. The identification of current issues of concern to determine the scope of a comprehensive Forest Framework Agreement.
- 2. The development of Terms of Reference, priorities, negotiation guidelines and timelines for an Anishinabek First Nation forest policy and community consultation process.
- 3. The establishment of an Anishinabek Forest Commission consisting of 3 Chiefs and 3 technicians to provide direction and support to the Union of Ontario Indians.
- 4. The development of a workplan/proposal for an Anishinabek Nation Forest Policy and Community Consultation Process including financial and technical resources for its implementation including the work of the Union of Ontario Indians and Anishinabek Forest Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians receive by September 30, 2006, outcomes of the initial four tasks and provide approval for the development of the Anishinabek Forest Policy and Community Consultation Process that will lead to a comprehensive Forestry Framework Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Anishinabek Forest Commission report to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly on the development of a comprehensive Forestry Framework Agreement in Fall 2006; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** no comprehensive Forest Framework Agreement be approved without approval of the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly.

Moved By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Wilfred King – Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Status:	Passed by Consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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**Deputy Grand Council Chief** 

## Subject: Natural Resources Letter of Intent

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly are committed to working with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in a positive, solutions-based way to resolve natural resource management issues of concern to member Anishinabek First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly call upon the Minister of Natural Resources to commit to working with Anishinabek First Nations in a co-operative and respectful manner and to build positive relationships and productive partnerships in natural resource management; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Natural Resources has expressed their desire to work with the Anishinabek Nation to resolve natural resource management issues and to build positive and productive relationships and partnerships.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the signing of a Letter of Intent with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources with the goal of achieving solutions to the following priority areas:

- 1. Inter-treaty Harvesting Accord
- 2. Great Lakes Charter Annex
- 3. Resource Benefits Sharing
- 4. Incidental Cabins
- 5. Forestry Framework
- 6. Enforcement MNR Enforcement and Role of First Nations
- 7. Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Management Council Renewal

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to continue supporting Anishinabek First Nations in other priority areas as identified and requested; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly authorize the Grand Council Chief to develop a Letter of Intent with the Ministry of Natural Resources that is without prejudice to the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of our member First Nations, and oversee a Leadership Forum including the Anishinabek Regional Chiefs and report to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly on the progress of each priority area in Fall 2006.

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# Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly Sand Point First Nation June 12,13,14, 2006

Subject: Natural Resources Letter of Intent

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Seconded By:	Chief Leonard Genereux – Sheshegwaning First Nation
Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King – Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek

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## Subject: Anishinabek Health Commission Renewal Work Plan

**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 addresses requires greater technical support; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has given direction to conduct a restructuring study of the Anishinabek Health Commission so that it includes only technical members and incorporates the Chiefs Committee on Health to strengthen the political direction for health; and

**WHEREAS** direction has been given to the Union of Ontario Indians Health Department to develop a restructuring study cooperative work plan designed to develop recommendations for changes to the operational policy for resolution at a Special Fall Assembly or next appropriate venue.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the restructuring study of the Anishinabek Health Commission should be completed and a presentation be made at the Special Fall Assembly to present the recommendations regarding the Health Commission renewal.

Moved By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning
Seconded By:	Chief Kirby Whiteduck – Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None

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## Subject: Smoke Free Anishinabek First Nations

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has passed the Smoke-Free Ontario Act that bans smoking in enclosed public places and enclosed workplaces, and restricts the promotion, handling and display of tobacco products in retail establishments; and

**WHEREAS** the province now seeks to impose its laws across Ontario including on Anishinabek territory; and

**WHEREAS** the Province does not have jurisdiction on Anishinabek territory and while the Anishinabek Chiefs support the principles of a Smoke Free environment, the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize cultural, traditional, economic and social implications the imposition of such legislation will have in our territory.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly oppose the imposition of the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* on our First Nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly encourage the development and promotion of the use of Anishinabek tobacco laws and regulations that are respectful of our traditional uses of tobacco, seeks to ameliorate youth tobacco misuse and regulate smoking in First Nations public buildings and areas by our own measures decided upon by our First Nations and through subsequent by-laws and regulations appropriate to our health needs in each of our respective First Nations; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Anishinabek Health Commission and the Union of Ontario Indians to develop a draft Anishinabek Smoke Free Strategy, secure resources to implement this Strategy and report back to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly at the next the Grand Council.

Moved By:	Chief Isadore Day – Serpent River First Nation	
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu – Sand Point First Nation	
Status:	Passed by Consensus	

In Favour:	All	_
Opposed:	None	
Abstentions:	None	

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