

**Anishinabek Nation Special Assembly
Ojibways of Garden River
November 26-27, 2007**

Resolution No. 2007/23

Subject: Support for First Nations War on Drug Use and Trafficking

WHEREAS drug abuse and trafficking has reached epidemic proportions in many Anishinabek First Nations; and

WHEREAS this epidemic has manifested in such effects in families and communities through drug abuse and misuse, financial reliance on illegal behavior, increase in negative social conditions, and a rise in detrimental health effects; and

WHEREAS these effects have been documented and studied through numerous health and social reports commissioned by the federal government, provincial government, and First Nation's governments; and

WHEREAS although First Nations currently receive funding to address drug abuse through such programs as the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, the funding is widely recognized as being limited and only focused on prevention with little to no funding provided for rehabilitation and after-care; and

WHEREAS through Resolution Nos. 2006/34 and 2007/06, the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have lobbied the federal government to increase support for combating First Nation drug abuse and raising awareness on the dangers of drug abuse; and

WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations acknowledge that immediate action must be taken to combat the prevalence of drug abuse and trafficking in their communities and Anishinabek First Nation citizens have demanded and authorized their respective Chiefs and Councils to take such measures as appropriate to do so; and

WHEREAS many Anishinabek First Nations have taken proactive approaches to addressing this epidemic through such measures as implementing drug policies, developing residency codes which govern the actions of its citizens and guests, and launching drug abuse awareness campaigns; and

WHEREAS some Anishinabek First Nations have also been required to take immediate steps to address this epidemic through such measures as laying charges against and/or removing persons from their First Nations who are involved in drug use and trafficking.

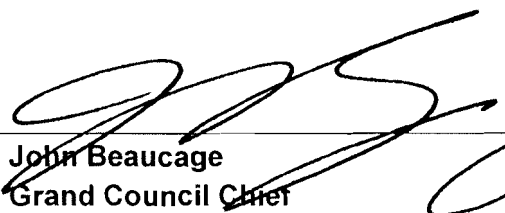
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, reconfirm our commitment to Resolution Nos. 2006/34 and 2007/06 to ensure that appropriate funding be provided to First Nations to combat drug abuse and drug trafficking and to raise awareness of such; and

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, direct the Union of Ontario Indians to further lobby the federal and provincial governments to provide new funding for First Nations to increase its social and health services for drug abuse and misuse from not only being limited to prevention strategies, but to also include appropriate rehabilitation and after-care services; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, support our First Nations to take immediate action to reduce or eliminate the epidemic of drug abuse and trafficking in accordance with the First Nation's jurisdiction, laws and policies and in the best interests of their citizens.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred N. King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Harry F. Pelletier, Fort William First Nation
Status:	Carried by consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



John Beaucage
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Support for Anishinabek Committee Advising the Regional Investment Management Board

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has established a Regional Investment Management Board with the mandate of setting regional priorities for the allocation of INAC Capital funding; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that there will be at least a \$35,000,000 capital funding shortfall in the current fiscal year and \$135,000,000 by the year 2010/2011; and

WHEREAS the Regional Investment Management Board has Anishinabek representatives who will be advocating for Anishinabek community priorities and increased funding levels; and

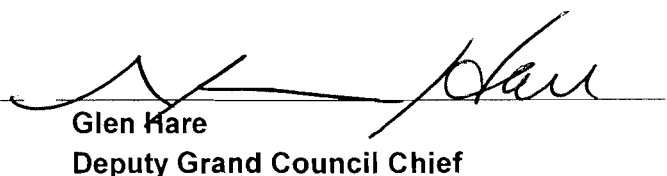
WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Chief has formed an Anishinabek committee to direct the Anishinabek representatives of the Regional Investment Management Board; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Committee has terms of reference that include consulting with Anishinabek communities to determine capital requirements; prioritizing sectoral budgets; developing an advocacy plan to lobby for increased capital funding; and communicate committee accomplishments to Anishinabek communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek Committee directing the Regional Investment Management Board and direct that they report their progress to the Anishinabek on a regular basis.

Moved By:	Chief Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Patrick Waddilove, Munsee-Delaware Nation
Status:	
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


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Grand Council Chief


Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE MCIVOR DECISION

WHEREAS we are Nations and have always been Nations, with inherent rights, which we have never given up, which includes the right of self determination and includes the right to determine our own citizenship; and

WHEREAS under the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which was accepted by 143 of the 147 United Nation delegates, we have the right of self determination and by virtue of that right, we can freely determine our political status, freely pursue our social and cultural development; and

WHEREAS as a result of the Government of Canada's unilateral control and definition of "Status Indian" under the *Indian Act*, the Government of Canada has breached the United Nations Declaration and unjustifiably constrain and limited our right of self determination; and

WHEREAS on June 7th, 2007 the British Columbia Supreme Court ruled in the *Mclvor* decision that the Government of Canada breached its own *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* through its application of "Status Indian" designations under the *Indian Act*; and

WHEREAS the Federal government has decided to appeal the *Mclvor* decision and it is estimated that the appeal of this decision will cost the Government of Canada millions of dollars that can be better spent on services and programs to address the deplorable conditions on First Nation reserves.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support Sharon Mclvor and the BC Supreme court's decision and we reject the Federal Government's decision to appeal the application of its own *Charter*; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly reject the Government of Canada's unilateral control over the definition of "Status Indian" and assert that our inherent rights includes jurisdiction of citizenship, which rests solely with First Nations; and

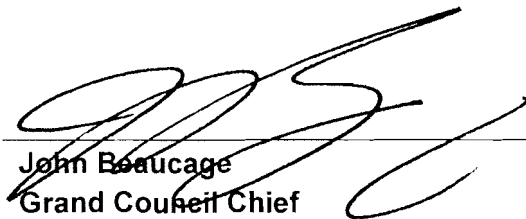
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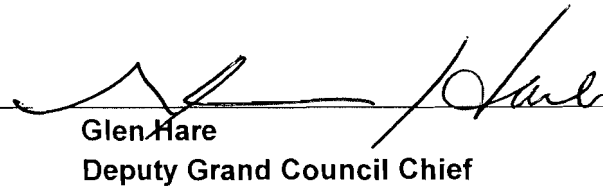
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE MCIVOR DECISION

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that the Government of Canada comply with its *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and comply with rights guaranteed by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by recognizing First Nations' right to determine citizenship.

Moved By:	Chief James Robert Marsden, Alderville First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu, Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek
Status:	Carried by consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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Subject: Anishinabek Nation Games

WHEREAS the health and development of the youth are vital to the survival of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation committed to invest in Youth Development in resolution 2006/07; and

WHEREAS Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Council proposes to host the Inaugural Anishinabek Nation Games for the youth of the Anishinabek Nation on the Wikwemikong Territory June 12, 13 & 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Council has the facilities to host the youth of the Anishinabek Nation and intends the Inaugural Anishinabek Nation Games to have the following events:

- Volleyball
- Golf
- Slo-pitch
- Fastball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Track & Field
- Soccer

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation, support the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve to host the Inaugural Anishinabek Nation Games for June 12, 13 & 14, 2008 and direct the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charity to act as one of the sponsors of the Inaugural Anishinabek Nation Games and assist in securing other sponsors.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Jim Marsden, Alderville First Nation
Status:	Carried by consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


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Subject: Anishinabek Nation Economic Blueprint

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has been mandated by Resolution 2006/20 to develop a strategy for building the Anishinabek Economy for the benefit of all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has a proud history of economic prosperity as evidenced by our Treaties and an existing foundation on which to successfully build; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Economic Blueprint has been prepared as a tool through which the Anishinabek Nation and its member communities can fulfill their responsibilities to ensure that the benefits of economic development contribute to the well-being, health, and prosperity of all of its' people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly, endorse the Anishinabek Nation Economic Blueprint in principle; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly, instruct the Union of Ontario Indians Leadership Council to finalize the Anishinabek Nation Economic Blueprint and develop an implementation plan for how it will create opportunities, generate revenue, and create a financial base to support the goals of the Anishinabek people; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly, direct that a report on the "State of the Anishinabek Economy" be presented each year at a Chief's Circle on the Economy to be convened on the day prior to the annual Grand Council meeting.

Moved By:	Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Seconded By:	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Status:	Carried by consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


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