

**Anishinabek Nation Special Assembly
Thunder Bay, ON
February 6, 2008**

Resolution No. 2008/01

Subject: Anishinabek Response to Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy Renewal Process

WHEREAS Ontario established the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy in 1993 as a mechanism to address issues of access and availability of health and family violence programming and services; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly in Resolution #07/05 have fully support the vision of AHWS to foster improvements in the health and well-being of First Nations by addressing the limitations of existing services and programmes, and identifying, designing, and implementing culturally appropriate solutions; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly in Resolution #07/05 have rejected the current Pan-aboriginal approach of AHWS and have demanded the implementation of a First Nation-specific mechanism that recognizes First Nations rights to self-governance in health; and

WHEREAS a review and evaluation of the third AHWS Implementation Agreement is currently underway; and

WHEREAS negotiations for the Fourth Phase of the AHWS relationship are set to begin by way of community consultations with First Nation and Aboriginal partners to be completed by May 31, 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly, hereby support the Draft Community Consultation Process as outlined in the Anishinabek Community Consultation Proposal submitted by the Union of Ontario Indians Health Secretariat.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians Health Secretariat to develop a a work plan that implements the draft consultation process and includes representatives from Anishinabek communities including representatives for 7 Anishinabek Area Health Boards, community AHWS programs and interested specialized projects workers with an additional consultation with Anishinabek Political Leadership.

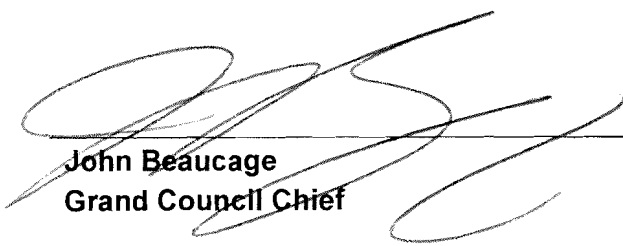
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly, hereby mandate the Union of Ontario Indians Health Secretariat to immediately undertake the operational procedures to initiate the above consultation process.

Moved By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point
Seconded By:	Chief Pat Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Status:	Passed by consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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Resolution No. 2008/02

Subject: Review and Evaluation of Additions to Reserve Policy

WHEREAS First Nation's existing reserve land bases are too small to accommodate First Nation communities' population and economic growth needs; and

WHEREAS the Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy administered through Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) fails to address First Nations' priorities and planning needs; and

WHEREAS Canada's additions to reserves process is complex and time consuming, creating a backlog of incomplete ATRs; and

WHEREAS First Nations' are required to comply with Canada's ATR policy when requesting reserve status for lands purchased, obtained through land claim, or the creation of a new reserve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians be mandated to evaluate and explore the effectiveness of the ATR process in support of assisting First Nations' adding lands to its reserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the position of the Chiefs in Assembly that Canada and Ontario must engage and finance First Nations to ensure the development of a meaningful, effective and mutually acceptable Additions to Reserves process, including the development of options to standardize and streamline the process, addressing First Nation realities in ATR approval criteria, and ensuring First Nation participation in the ongoing development of the ATR process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians be mandated to work with Canada and Ontario in reviewing this area and obtaining resources to ensure a First Nation specific review is undertaken to address these issues; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians Executive to bring these issues forward to Canada and Ontario and engage in discussions to improve the ATR process and its impact on First Nation development.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinabek
Seconded By:	Chief Harry Pelletier, Fort William First Nation
Status:	Passed by consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


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Resolution No. 2008/03

Subject: Anishinabek Nation Strategic Communications Unit

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have directed the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council to pursue the implementation of the Report from the Chiefs Committee of Governance; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs Committee Report has recommended the development of internal and external communications strategies that are consistent with the overall political strategy of the Anishinabek Nation and the strategic direction of the Chiefs of Assembly and the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council; and

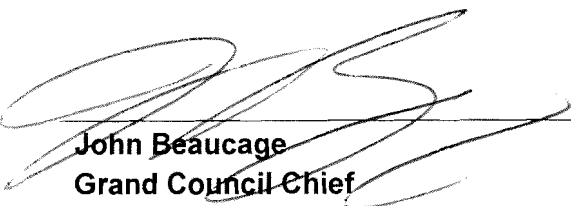
WHEREAS the Chiefs Committee Report has recommended that the Anishinabek Nation develop an communications strategy that involves Anishinabek Nation First Nations Chiefs, Councils and citizens.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby endorse the development of a Anishinabek Nation Strategic Communications Unit; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby direct the Grand Council Chief and the Union of Ontario Indians to pursue permanent funding for the implementation of activities and initiatives of this new Communications Unit.

Moved By:	Chief Pat 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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Resolution No. 2008/04

Subject: Firearms Safety and Possession and Acquisition Licensing

WHEREAS First Nations and First Peoples of the Anishinabek Nation have always had a special holistic relationship with the land; and

WHEREAS this relationship is based on subsistence and cultural values extending back thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans; and

WHEREAS firearms have become part of our heritage through trade and exchange and they are used in a way of harvesting for food and traditional ceremonial purposes; and

WHEREAS firearms are important to our way of life and our Anishinabek people need to be aware that firearm safety is extremely important within our First Nation communities; and

WHEREAS Firearms Act and regulations came into force in December 1998 and licensing regulations have been specifically adapted for First Nations; and

WHEREAS under the regulations and legislation of the Federal Government, it states that all Canadians are required to possess a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) to carry, own and purchase firearms and ammunition; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Police Services (APS) have conducted an outreach program promoting firearm safety in the past for Anishinabek members to obtain their PAL; and

WHEREAS we as Anishinabek First People need to continue to educate ourselves and our youth on the importance of firearms safety within our communities; and

WHEREAS First Nation leaders recognize the need to ensure the health and safety within our communities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly support a firearms safety initiative with regards to education, awareness, training, and licensing to our Anishinabek community members including our youth; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Union of Ontario Indians with the development of an Anishinabek Nation Strategy to sustain the message and awareness of firearms safety within our First Nation communities; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to work to promote and administer an outreach program to licence harvesters, at no cost to community members and establish an awareness program including our youth.

Moved By:	Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Seconded By:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
Status:	Passed by consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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Resolution No. 2008/05

Subject: Minerals and Mines

WHEREAS mining and mineral exploitation is an important industrial activity in Ontario;
and

WHEREAS environmental is also a concern for many First Nations; and

WHEREAS First Nations have experienced the impacts of mining, which has affected
our social, economic, health and environmental well-being; and

WHEREAS mining activities in some cases have compromised the sustainable
livelihoods of First Nations who depend on the lands and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has acknowledged that they have a duty to
consult with First Nations with regard to Aboriginal and Treaty rights; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) is committed to
meet its constitutional mandate; the duty to consult with First Nation communities and
to ensure that it is consistent with the Crown's obligations concerning Aboriginal and
Treaty rights; and

WHEREAS the MNDM have stated its commitment to support the Union of Ontario
Indians in its mandate to improve communications, dialogue, and relations between the
Anishinabek Nation and its 42 members; and

WHEREAS the MNDM currently supports community involvement with First Nations by
engaging them into projects, training initiatives, and involving First Nation
representatives on Ministry committees and advisory boards; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Union of Ontario
Indians to develop a strategy to sustain the message and awareness of mineral and mining
activities and environmental issues within our First Nation communities and traditional lands;
and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to
work together with the MNDM to explore capacity building, framework agreements, youth
awareness and education, data exchange, intern programs, and resources revenue
sharing opportunities.

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Resolution No. 2008/05

Subject: Minerals and Mines

Moved By:	Chief Ted Roque, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Joe Buckell, Michipicoten First Nation
Status:	Passed by consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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Resolution No. 2008/06

Subject: Treaty Land Entitlement in Robinson Superior Treaty Area

WHEREAS many First Nations of the Northern Superior Region are signatories of the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850 while others maintain a comprehensive right to the land; and

WHEREAS it has recently come to the attention of the Northern Superior Regional First Nations that the Missinabie Cree First Nation is to receive approximately four square miles in the Robinson Superior Treaty area located near Wawa, as part of their Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) settlement, which they claim is within their traditional land area; and

WHEREAS the Northern Superior Regional First Nations have been further advised that the Missinabie Cree First Nation has engaged in discussions with local mining and private companies regarding the area in which they will receive under their TLE settlement; and

WHEREAS the Northern Superior Regional First Nations have not been consulted regarding this matter although their interests, lands, and communities will be directly effected in the provision of this land to the Missinabie Cree First Nation; and

WHEREAS the Missinabie Cree First Nation is a signatory of Treaty 9, whose lands do not form a part of the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850 area; and

WHEREAS we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, assert that the Missinabie Cree First Nation does not have traditional land in the area that is to be provided to them as settlement for their TLE.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, assert that the land to be provided to the Missinabie Cree First Nation is not their traditional land area and rightfully belongs to and forms the land within the Robinson Superior Treaty; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, do not support Missinabie Cree First Nation receiving land within the Robinson Superior Treaty area; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, further assert any land to be provided to the Missinabie Cree First Nation in fulfillment of their TLE settlement should be within the Treaty 9 area and not in the Robinson Superior Treaty area; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, direct the Union of Ontario Indians to provide a legal opinion on this issue and provide political support and advocacy to the Northern Superior Regional First Nations in bringing this matter forth to the Missinabie Cree First Nation, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, Ontario government, and other interested parties, so that it is resolved fairly and protects the interests of the Northern Superior Regional First Nations and the Robinson Superior Treaty.

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Subject: Treaty Land Entitlement in Robinson Superior Treaty Area

Moved By:	Chief Joe Buckell, Michipicoten First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinabek
Status:	Passed by consensus
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	Chief Chris Plain, Aamjiwnaang First Nation



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Resolution No. TABLED

Subject: Anishinabek Flag Law

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Flag is the Nation's most widely used and recognized symbol; and

WHEREAS It is intended to be displayed on Government Buildings, Private Dwellings as well as being displayed iconically in forms such as decals for car windows, antennae of vehicles and clothing ornaments such as badges and lapel pins; and

WHEREAS throughout the world, the Anishinabek Flag, is intended to be used for public discourse to refer to the Sovereign Existence of the Anishinabek both as a People and a Government, as well as represent the Set of Policies, Ideology and World Values held; and

WHEREAS the present Anishinabek Flag has been in existence for over thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS new technologies exist, that will greatly assist with the Production, Distribution and Availability of the Anishinabek Flag, which are Faster, Cost Effective and Higher Quality.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Specifications of the Present Anishinabek Flag shall be retired and the New Specifications described in this Document, shall be instituted to describe the Official Flag of the Anishinabek Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two dimensional image, as well as the overall Proportional Ratio, of the Anishinabek Flag shall be as displayed in Appendix A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Design Specifications of the Anishinabek Flag shall be as described in Appendix B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Official Image of the Anishinabek Flag shall be titled "Official Anishinabek Flag" and be kept and secured, in digital format, by the Secretariat of the Anishinabek Nation;


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a grateful Nation requests, that all Citizens of the Anishinabek, proudly display this Official Flag, on the following days of the year, namely;

- A) MID WINTER CELEBRATIONS,
- B) JUNE 21st, NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY
- C) HARVEST CEREMONIES
- D) CHIEFS DAYS
- F) ANNUAL POW-WOWS AND TRADITIONAL GATHERINGS.

Moved By:	
Seconded By:	
Status:	Tabled until next Assembly
In Favour:	
Opposed:	
Abstentions:	



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**APPENDIX A
OVERALL PROPORTIONAL RATIO**

Contact Union of Ontario Indians Communications Office for file.

**APPENDIX B
DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS OF ANISHNABEK FLAG**

The design of the Anishinabek Flag is as follows;

Proportional Width of the flag:	91.4 cm
Proportional Length of the flag:	182.9 cm
Background Color:	PMS 200/C-0/M-90.2/Y-42.75/K-30.0
Thunderbird Image Wingspan:	67.3 cm
Thunderbird Image Head to Tail:	48.3 cm
Thunderbird Color:	White
Thunderbird Image Position:	Exact Center of Flag Rectangle
Circle Image Outer Diameter:	76.2 cm
Circle Image Inner Diameter:	71.1 cm
Circle Image Color:	White
Circle Image Position:	Exact Center of Flag Rectangle

