

Subject: Namaygoosisagagun First Nation

WHEREAS the Northern Superior Chiefs are the political and legal representatives of the legitimate First Nation communities in the Robinson Superior Treaty Area, and

WHEREAS those First Nations in the Robinson Superior Treaty Area have been exercising Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and have been pursuing legal claims to their territory by way of un-extinguished aboriginal title or treaty implementation, and

WHEREAS the Northern Superior Chiefs and Councils have been pursuing economic activities in their traditional territories in the best interests of their communities, and

WHEREAS Namaygoosisagagun claims to be a recognized First Nation and has claimed members from various First Nations namely Whitesand First Nation without their consent, and

WHEREAS Namaygoosisagagun has claimed a portion of the traditional territories belonging to Whitesand First Nation and Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation) without the consent of those recognized First Nations, and

WHEREAS Namaygoosisagagun has also requested funds from economic development activities within Lake Nipigon First Nation's traditional territories; and

WHEREAS the a majority of the Chiefs of the Northern Superior Region request that the Anishinabek Grand Council remove Namaygoosisagagun as a member of the Union of Ontario Indians.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize that the Northern Superior Chiefs no longer recognize Namaygoosisagagun as a First Nation or a member of the Northern Superior Chiefs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby revoke the membership of Namaygoosisagagun in the Union of Ontario Indians Inc;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize that the Northern Superior Chiefs will also be requesting that Namaygoosisagagun's membership in the Chiefs of Ontario and the Assembly of First Nations be revoked;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Chiefs of Ontario and Assembly of First Nations also remove Namaygoosisagagun as a member First Nation of their respective organizations; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that this resolution shall be respected, enforced and followed through by the Chiefs of Ontario, the Assembly of First Nations, Anishinabek Grand Council Chief, Ontario Regional Vice Chief and the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Paul Gladu, Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek
Status:	Defeated by Majority (28)

Abstentions:	None
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**Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief**



**Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief**

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Nation Denunciation of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation strongly asserts that it remains a sovereign nation that is not subject to taxation by any nation, foreign or domestic. Any taxation that has been imposed upon our nation, such as the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) has been done so without our consultation or consent; and

WHEREAS Article 19 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* states: "States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them;" and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has significantly contributed to the local, provincial, Canadian, and national economies through many ways such as the extraction of resources from our territories, through their continued occupation of our lands, and most recently the Ontario First Nation casino revenues; and

WHEREAS the First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation have never given up, ceded, or relinquished their Aboriginal and treaty rights to be tax exempt; and

WHEREAS the governments of Ontario and Canada entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in March 2009 whereby they committed to combine the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 5% and the Ontario Provincial Sales Tax (PST) of 8% into one retail sales tax to be called the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) of 13%, whereby property and services that are not currently subject to PST will become subject to HST; and

WHEREAS the MOA requires the governments of Ontario and Canada to each pass legislation prior to March 31, 2010 by which the HST will come into effect on July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS the governments of Ontario and Canada entered into the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement (CITCA) on November 9, 2009 which clearly defines how the HST will be implemented, administered and applied to property and services within the province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the government of Ontario introduced its legislation titled "Ontario's Tax Plan for Jobs Growth Act, 2009" on November 16, 2009 by which the HST would be implemented; and

WHEREAS the MOA, CITCA, and Ontario's new proposed legislation have all been developed without consultation of the Anishinabek Nation and without consideration of the Aboriginal and treaty rights of the First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation to be tax exempt; and

WHEREAS the MOA, CITCA, and Ontario's new proposed legislation do not maintain the current point of sale tax exemption provided to First Nation citizens residing on and off-reserve despite the Anishinabek Nations and all First Nations in Ontario advocating for its protection and accommodation in any legislation or agreement giving effect to the HST.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, strongly believe that the imposition of the HST on our citizens is a repeat of the GST that has been imposed on us without our consultation and consent; and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, adamantly oppose the HST and the governments of Ontario and Canada's blatant infringement of the Aboriginal and treaty rights of the First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation to be tax exempt; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, oppose the introduction of any rebate system that may be introduced by the governments of Ontario and Canada, particularly as it may reasonably be presumed that such rebate system will be limited to only First Nation citizens residing on-reserve, which will detrimentally affect Anishinabek Nation citizens residing off-reserve; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, direct the Grand Council Chief, Deputy Grand Council Chief, Regional Chiefs, and the Union of Ontario Indians to immediately pressure the governments of Ontario and Canada to defeat the implementation of the HST, or failing which, to ensure all legislation and agreements giving effect to the HST protects and maintains the right to point of sale tax exemption for First Nations citizens in Ontario; and

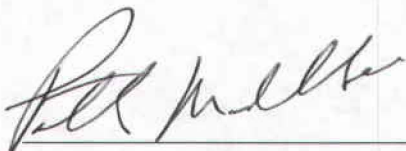
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, direct the Union of Ontario Indians to develop and implement a political, legal, and communications strategy to immediately oppose the HST and its imposition on our citizens; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, individually undertake to inform our citizens about the HST and encourage their efforts to oppose its imposition on their Aboriginal and treaty rights to be tax exempt; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly, are committed to working united with all First Nations in Ontario and Canada to oppose the HST and its imposition on our citizens.

Moved By:	Chief James Marsden, Alderville First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

Abstentions:	None
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

SUBJECT: Protection of the Environment

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation have been entrusted by the Creator to be the stewards of all the elements Mother Earth and living creatures; and

WHEREAS the First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation has never relinquished their responsibility for protecting, managing and caring of the land, air, water and all living creatures that rely on the natural environment; and

WHEREAS over centuries our environment has been impacted and poorly degraded as result of human activities; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation will continue to be the forefront of water quality and pollution issues as the citizens of the Anishinabek Nation continue to practice traditional lifestyles, consume traditional foods and use traditional medicines; and

WHEREAS the members of the Anishinabek Nation have been subject to a number of environmental challenges both on reserve and within their traditional territories including, but not limited to, landfill sites, rapid depletion of natural resources, industrial pollution, nuclear waste, and other environmental disturbing events and activities; and

WHEREAS the number of issues being faced by the members of the Anishinabek Nation continues to increase as the Ontario government implements the various policies, discussion papers, proposal, legislation, regulations etc; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment has a mandate is to provide the protection and conservation of the natural environment for the Government of Ontario, as well as providing for the protection of human health, and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment is the lead ministry that develops and enforces the policies, regulations and legislation that pertain to the environment for the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS in some cases, the environmental decision making by the Ministry of Environment has impacted the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of the Anishinabek Nation without the involvement of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has recognized the need to improve and enhance communications, dialogue and relations between the Anishinabek Nation and the Ministry of the Environment on all environmental concerns and issues in accordance with the principles of the duty to consult and accommodate.

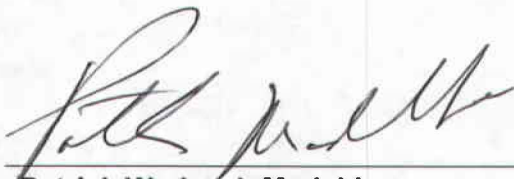
SUBJECT: Protection of the Environment

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Union of Ontario Indians to develop strategy, including adequate both financial resources and expertise, to sustain the message and awareness of environmental processes and initiatives that affect the member First Nation communities and traditional lands; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians, to explore capacity building, framework agreements, information exchange, funding for environmental impact studies that directly affect First Nations, environmental public education and awareness, and to explore the opportunity to develop a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement that will support the Anishinabek Nation and support the principles of the right to consultation and accommodation.

Moved By:	Chief Elizabeth Cloud, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point
Seconded By:	Chief Joe Miskokomon, Chippewas of the Thames
Status:	Passed by Consensus

Abstentions:	None
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

SUBJECT: Child Welfare Funding Cuts

WHEREAS Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, Thunder Bay submitted a budget to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to deliver child welfare services to the families and children within its defined geographic jurisdiction (City of Thunder Bay and District of Thunder Bay); and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Children and Youth Services denied this budget and substituted an allocated amount in place of the budgeted amount and the then Minister, the Honourable Deb Matthews, advised Dilico and all child and family service agencies (CAS's) in the Province that there would be no mitigation funding at the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the amount of money cut from the budget of Dilico Anishinabek Family Care is disproportionately higher than the cuts to the non-Aboriginal agencies and the cuts will seriously compromise the ability of Dilico Anishinabek Family Care to deliver child welfare services to the extent mandated in the Child and Family Services Act, and may cause the agency to make severe cutbacks to the services provided; and

WHEREAS the federal government, through Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provides funding to the government of Ontario pursuant to the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement on a cost-sharing basis in which the federal government reimburses Ontario ninety-three cents on every dollar spent by the province on behalf of status Indian children and Dilico is one of the agencies for which INAC reimburses the Province.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly hereby demand that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services provide the funding requested by Dilico Anishinabek Family Care and other First Nation childcare agencies in the budgets approved by its Boards of Directors for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

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

Abstentions:	None
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

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Resolution No. 2009/24

Subject: Anishinabek Nation Memorandum of Understanding with Ontario Regarding Education

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation, as represented by the Union of Ontario Indians, and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, are currently negotiating an Agreement with Respect to the Exercise of Education Jurisdiction ("Education Agreement") which provides for Canada's recognition of First Nation jurisdiction over education and which is expected to be ratified and implemented by April 2012; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation intends on establishing the Anishinabek Education System under the Education Agreement which will operate in Ontario to provide educational programs and services covered by the Education Agreement; and

WHEREAS Ontario has jurisdiction over education in Ontario under the Constitution Act, 1867; and

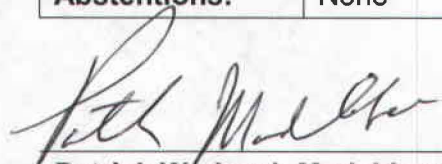
WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation will need to address issues regarding the transferability of students and curriculum standards between the Anishinabek Education System and the Ontario publically funded education system; and

WHEREAS Ontario has agreed to enter into a non-binding memorandum of understanding (the "Memorandum") that enables them to work together with the Anishinabek Nation in the pursuit of mutual educational objectives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly accept the draft Memorandum with Ontario as presented this day and direct that the Grand Council Chief sign the Memorandum on behalf of the Anishinabek Nation.

Moved By:	Chief Pierre Pelletier, Red Rock First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief James Marsden, Alderville First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

Abstentions:	None
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief


Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

SUBJECT: Renewal of the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy – Phase IV

WHEREAS Anishinabek communities recognize the importance of healing and wellness initiatives within our communities as documented in the Anishinabek Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS) Renewal Community Consultation process; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians through Resolution No. 08/11 to participate in renewal activities that would result in the development of a First Nations specific process for the governance and management of the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy – Phase IV.

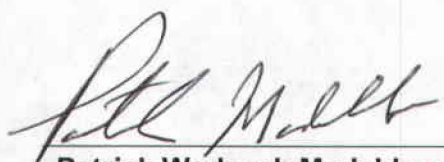
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians, through the First Nations AHWS Renewal Technical Working Group comprised of PTO Partners to the AHWS, developed amendments to the current AHWS Agreement that would support and direct a First Nations specific governance and delivery model, which now must be negotiated with Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the governance structure and delivery model as developed by the First Nations AHWS Renewal Technical Working Group as meeting the needs and aspirations of Anishinabek communities with regards to culturally competent and specific health and healing programs and services; and


FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to advocate and negotiate with Ontario for the implementation of the First Nation specific governance and management model as detailed in the amended AHWS Agreement.

Moved By:	Chief James Marsden, Alderville First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Hazel Fox-Recollet, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Status:	Passed by Consensus

Abstentions:	None
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

SUBJECT: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program

WHEREAS Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a medical term used to describe a broad and complex range of birth defects and lifelong disabilities caused by the consumption of alcohol during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS FASD is the leading cause of cognitive disabilities and preventable birth defects in Canada and First Nations, which with early awareness is preventable; and

WHEREAS FASD is a major cause of numerous social disorders, including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness, suicide and crime; and

WHEREAS based on data from isolated studies, current statistics indicate that the rates of FASD among aboriginal people in Canada range from 3 to 30 times the national average and the lifelong health care and support required for each affected individual is an estimated \$1.6 million dollars per person; and

WHEREAS funding received from the Ministry of Child & Youth Services for 19 aboriginal FASD Programs in Ontario will to come to an end on March 31, 2011, with no indication or commitment for support for ongoing and much needed long-term permanent funding; and

WHEREAS the elimination of FASD Program funding would severely affect the hard-earned momentum gained by the UOI Health Program and at the community level in addressing this challenging health care issue through such initiatives as over 500 community and specialized capacity-building workshops conducted for frontline workers working in Health, Education, Social Services and Justice, throughout Anishinabek territory; and

WHEREAS ongoing funding for the FASD Programs is critical to address the tremendous gaps that exist for First Nation communities with regards to prevention, access to diagnostic services, special needs services, medical treatment, community infrastructure, addiction treatment centres, support living facilities, research, and other such services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Union of Ontario Indians in pursuing ongoing and permanent funding for and delivery of FASD Programs in Anishinabek territory; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly undertake to lobby the Ministry of Children & Youth Services for an increased and permanent funding agreement that supports and protects all 19 aboriginal FASD Projects in Ontario, which are necessary to support all of our membership living both on and off-reserve throughout the Province; and

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SUBJECT: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation to actively lobby both the federal and provincial governments to increase the level of funding and provide the appropriate financial and human resources necessary to enable Anishinabek communities to create the infrastructure and services needed to prevent FASD and to meet the needs of individuals and their families who are affected by this lifelong disability.

Moved By:	Chief Craig Abotossaway, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Seconded By:	Chief Marianna Couchie, Nipissing First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

Abstentions:	None
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Nation E-Dbendaagzijing Naaknigewin
Implementation Plan and Community Awareness Initiative

WHEREAS by Resolution 2009/05 the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly accepted the Final Report of the Anishinabek Nation Citizenship/E-Dbendaagzijing Commissioner; and

WHEREAS a draft Anishinabek Nation E-Dbendaagzijing Naaknigewin has been prepared and presented by the Anishinabek Nation Citizenship/E-Dbendaagzijing Commissioner and the Legal Counsel of the Union of Ontario Indians; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly accepted the recommendations of the Anishinabek Nation Citizenship/E-Dbendaagzijing Commissioner and the Anishinaabe Anokiwin Anokiitoojig/Chiefs Committee on Governance that an implementation plan be developed and a community awareness campaign be carried out in the communities to garner support for the draft Anishinabek Nation E-Dbendaagzijing Naaknigewin; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Citizenship/E-Dbendaagzijing Commissioner has developed and presented an E-Dbendaagzijing Naaknigewin Implementation Plan, including a Cost-Benefit Study, Leadership Training, and a Communications Plan and Tool Kit to support the community awareness campaign.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly accept the E-Dbendaagzijing Naaknigewin Implementation Plan; and

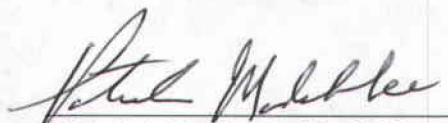
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to secure the resources required to support the Implementation Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Citizenship/E-Dbendaagzijing Commissioner present an interim report to the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly in June 2010 to include:

1. the results of the Cost-Benefit Study;
2. the details of the required Leadership Training; and
3. the final draft Communications Plan and Tool Kit to support the community awareness campaign.

Moved By:	Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief James Marsden, Alderville First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

Abstentions:	None
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief


Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

SUBJECT: Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution

WHEREAS by Resolution 2001/23 the Union of Ontario Indians established the Constitution Development Project and since that time conferences, leadership and citizens' consultations, information sessions, and workshops have taken place to develop a draft Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution and to develop individual draft community constitutions; and

WHEREAS the Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Ananokiitoojig/Chiefs Committee on Governance recommended that the draft Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution be completed and prepared for approval by the Anishinabek communities; and

WHEREAS by Resolution 2009/07 the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians to develop and implement a plan for a constitutional convention to finalize and ratify the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Anokiitoojig/Chiefs Committee on Governance recommends that ratification of the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution be delayed to accommodate further community discussion of the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/ Anishinabek Nation Constitution and the further development of community constitutions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly accept in principle the presentation on the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly accept the plan for a two-phase constitutional convention process to ratify the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution as follows:

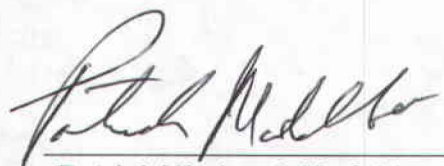
1. March 2, 3 & 4, 2010 – Ceremony to begin the work to ratify the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution and Constitutional Convention I to be held at Bawating to approve a final draft Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution and to recommend a ratification process;
2. June 2010 - Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly to approve final draft for presentation to Anishinabek citizens generally and to approve the ratification process;
3. June 2010 to November 2010 – Community Engagement Implementation to build awareness and support for the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution and the ratification process;
4. November 2010 – Resolution by the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly to confirm ratification process, announce community delegates who are appointed by Chief and Council Resolution, and set date for Constitutional Convention 2;

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5. March 2011 – Constitutional Convention 2 to ratify the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution;
6. June 2011 – Subject to successful ratification, a ceremony to add the Anishinabe Chi-Naaknigewin/Anishinabek Nation Constitution to the Anishinabek Nation Bundle; and
7. Proclamation and celebration.

Moved By:	Chief Isadore Day, <i>Wiindawtegowinini</i> , Serpent River First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Marianna Couchie, Nipissing First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

Abstentions:	Chief Joe Miskokomon, Chippewas of the Thames Nelson Toulouse-Proxy, Sagamok Anishnawbek Chief Irene Kells, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly
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Resolution No. 2009/19

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with the Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure

WHEREAS the government of Ontario has confirmed their commitment to the development of energy generation and infrastructure in the province of Ontario through the Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MEI); and

WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations have historically had limited access to such initiatives that would support the development of their economies as well as to mechanisms to ensure the protection of their culture, traditions and land; and

WHEREAS the treaty, land rights and jurisdiction of Anishinabek First Nations must be respected and form the basis of any energy or related infrastructure development within their territories; and

WHEREAS it has been the constant political position of the Anishinabek Grand Council Assembly that the process of consultation and accommodation and the involvement of Anishinabek First Nations relating to development in their territories must be conducted on a fair and equal government-to-government basis; and

WHEREAS there is a need to work in partnership to ensure that the respective roles and responsibilities of Anishinabek First Nations, the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) and the MEI are clearly established through formal dialogue and protocol; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Anishinabek First Nations be supported in the development of their economies as well as ensuring the protection of their culture through collective initiatives between Anishinabek First Nations, government, proponents and industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly call on all levels of government and proponents, including Anishinabek First Nations, in the energy sector to honour and respect the treaty, land rights and jurisdiction of Anishinabek First Nations through the development of consultation and accommodation processes at the Anishinabek First Nation level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the UOI to lead the development of a protocol that supports a proactive dialogue between Anishinabek First Nations, UOI and MEI in the development of energy generation and infrastructure in the province of Ontario; and

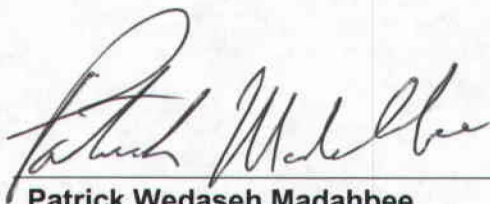
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly further direct the UOI to lead the development of this protocol with the direct involvement of the Anishinabek Regional Chiefs and that the protocol be brought to the Anishinabek Leadership Council for final review and approval and to appoint First Nation members to the Aboriginal Partnership Program Steering Committee; and

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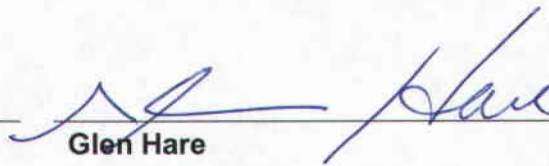
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly strongly assert that any discussion and any protocol developed in relation to this initiative will be without prejudice to existing projects and negotiations within First Nations; aboriginal and treaty rights and respect the autonomy of all Anishinabek First Nations.

Moved By:	Chief Isadore Day, <i>Wiindawtegowinini</i> , Serpent River First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Joe Miskokomon, Chippewas of the Thames
Status:	Carried by Consensus

Abstentions:	None
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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief