

Subject: **Opposition to Bill C-10, Tackling Contraband Tobacco Act**

Mover: Chief Xavier Thompson – Pays Plat First Nation

Seconder: Chief Isadore Day, Wiindawtegowinini – Serpent River First Nation

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

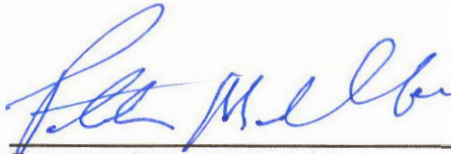
1. Anishinabek First Nations have inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights with respect to their economy including the sale and trade of tobacco both within its traditional territories and with other First Nations to provide benefit for their families and communities as a whole;
2. Bill C-10, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Tackling Contraband Tobacco Act) was introduced in the House of Commons on November 5th, 2013;
3. Bill C-10 proposes to make the sale of on-reserve tobacco without a federal excise stamp illegal;
4. Bill C-10 violates existing inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights, as recognized by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982; with regards to the sale and trade of tobacco being the primary jurisdiction of First Nation people;
5. The Government of Canada has not fulfilled their legal duty to consult and accommodate First Nations regarding Bill C-10;
6. Bill C-10 will have a negative impact on First Nation economies through reduced tobacco sales;
7. Through Bill C-10, Canada is continuing its assimilation policy by attempting to eliminate inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights through the criminalization of the sale of tobacco.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

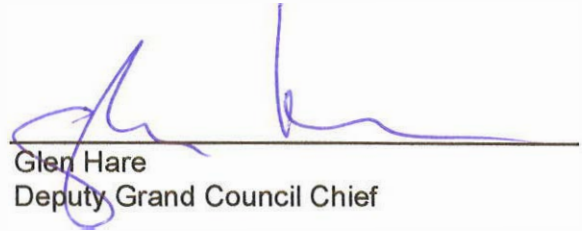
1. That we, the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly intend to defend our inherent Aboriginal and treaty right to trade and commerce within our territory and with other First Nations; and

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2. That we, the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly will not allow Bill C-10 to further disenfranchise our community or our citizens who are working to improve the social and economic conditions for their families and communities as a whole; and
3. That we, the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that Bill C-10 be halted until the government of Canada fulfills its legal duty to consult and accommodate First Nations; and
4. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians through the Chiefs Committee on the Economy to develop a tobacco strategy and report to the Anishinabek Chiefs at the 2014 Fall Assembly.



Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women in Canada

Mover: Chief Valda Lesperance - Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinabek

Seconder: John Recollet, Proxy - Whitefish River First Nation

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

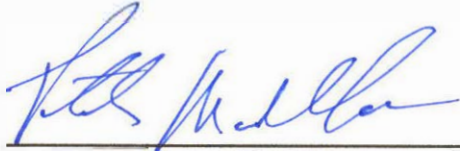
1. Our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunties, cousins are the backbone and life blood of our Nations. Aboriginal Women experience violence 3.5 times more than non-aboriginal women; and
2. The final report of the "Collaboration to End Violence Against Women of June 15-17, 2011," has 13 recommendations. Community based strategies and approaches is one of the primary recommendations as well as cultural competency and sensitivity training for all levels of police and criminal justice systems; and
3. According to the RCMP report titled "Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women: A National Operational Overview," there are currently 1,017 murdered aboriginal women and 164 missing aboriginal women of reported incidents; and
4. According to the World Health Organization, violence against women affects one-third of women around the globe and represents a health problem of epidemic proportions; and
5. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is on record as supporting the Native Women's Association of Canada in calling for a national inquiry on missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in July of 2013; and
6. The Conservative Party of Canada has dismissed calls from Premiere's across Canada for a national inquiry on missing and murdered aboriginal women.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. We the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly are calling on the Government of Canada to do its part to address the very serious issue of violence against Aboriginal girls and women by launching a National Inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women in Canada; and

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2. That the Union of Ontario Indians is calling on all levels of government to work with community organizations including the Native Women's Association of Canada and Sisters in Spirit to reinstate funding to the Native Women's Association of Canada to continue their advocacy work for our missing and murdered aboriginal women; and
3. That the Anishinabek Nation is working to end violence in our communities and in our broader urban communities to spread the message that no level of violence is acceptable and that we all need to do our part to bring about a more peaceful society; and
4. That the Anishinabek Nation will demand that the Federal Government provide the resources to first nation organizations and governments to address some of the systemic issues with respect to violence against women and girls.



Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Anishinabek Nation Direction and Implementation of Confederacy of Nations

Mover: Chief Isadore Day, Windawtegowinini – Serpent River First Nation

Seconder: Chief Xavier Thompson – Pays Plat First Nation

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS:

1. The Assembly of First Nations has recently struggled with unity and its leadership;
2. The Assembly of First Nations Charter (guiding rules) were adopted in 1985 and have undergone amendments since then including in 2003;
3. The Charter of the Assembly of First Nations includes a Confederacy of Nations to provide direction in between meetings of the First Nations in Assembly;
4. The Confederacy of Nations consists of one representative from each region and one representative for each 10,000 First Nation citizens;
5. The Confederacy of Nations has not been implemented despite its existence in the Charter of the Assembly of First Nations;
6. In light of current struggles in unity and leadership, the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly want to uphold the mandate and responsibilities as outlined in the Charter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly identify the following representatives and will communicate them that the Chiefs of Ontario as the Anishinabek Nation representatives for the Ontario region based on the Charter of the Assembly of First Nations:
 - Chief Xavier Thompson – Northern Superior
 - Chief Isadore Day – Lake Huron
 - Chief James R. Marsden - Southeast
 - Ogimaa Duke Peltier – Wikwemikong Unceded Nation
 - Chief Tom Bressette - Southwest

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2. That the Ontario region communicate with other regions its process and outcomes for determining representation of the Confederacy of Nations; and



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Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: National Child Benefit Reinvestment

Mover: Eugene Manitowabi - Proxy, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve

Seconder: Chief Lyle Sayers, Ojibways of Garden River

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

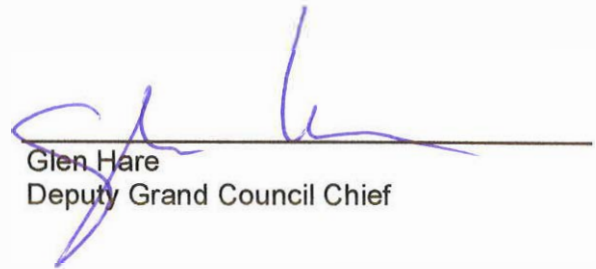
1. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Ontario Region, has recently issued (April 24) the National Child Benefit Reinvestment (NCBR) call for proposals 2014-2015; and
2. The total amount to be distributed to First Nations in Ontario for 2014/15 (\$6.0 million) is approximately one-half the amount distributed in the 2013/14 fiscal year; and
3. The value of the Ontario NCBR, by federal/provincial agreement, should be equivalent to the amount of financial assistance saved in a given year by INAC, Ontario Region as a result of the Ontario Government having removed children from the calculation of social assistance payments (significantly more than \$13M); and
4. First Nations have come to rely heavily on the NCB Reinvestment to make up at least in part for the inadequacy of social assistance rates and minimum wage jobs in an environment of rapidly rising food and utility costs; and
5. INAC, Ontario Region is realizing savings of approximately \$7M per year beginning in 2013/14 as a result of the \$10 per case per month limit placed on discretionary expenditures by Ontario, and as a result of not cost-sharing the Transitional Support Funding Budget which has replaced the Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefit and the amount historically spent by First Nations on discretionary benefits above \$10/case/per month; and
6. INAC, Ontario Region has already saved millions of dollars in cost sharing under the 1965 Agreement over the past 16 years as a result of the fact that most First Nations have not taken on full Ontario Works and therefore not been in receipt of employment services funding; and
7. INAC, Ontario Region has saved additional millions by defaulting on its 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement obligation to fully cost-share the cost of administration since 2006/7.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that INAC, Ontario Region restore the Region's NCBR budget to an amount equivalent to the amount saved in a given fiscal year as a result of the removal of children from the calculation of financial assistance under the Ontario Works Act, and that it agrees to meet its full cost-share obligations under the terms of the 1965 Agreement; and
2. That we, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to meet with the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to demand the reinstatement of the NCBR dollars; and
3. That if INAC refuses to comply, the Union of Ontario Indians will cooperate with other PTOs in taking legal and other actions to ensure that INAC meets said legal obligations.



Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Representation and Ontario First Nations (2008) Limited Partnership

Mover: Chief Joseph Hare – M'Chigeeng First Nation

Seconder: Eugene Manitowabi, Proxy – Wikwemikong Unceded Nation

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

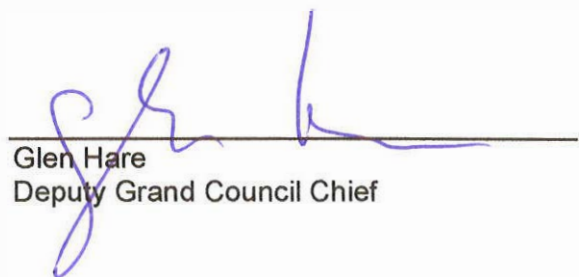
1. The Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Agreement states that a person is to be nominated for the position of Director to represent the Anishinabek Nation for a one-year period.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly appoint Leroy Dolson for a one year period from June 2014 to June 2015 to represent Anishinabek Nation in the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Agreement and Ontario First Nations (2008) Limited Partnership Agreement Board of Directors.



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Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Anishinabek First Nation Synchronized Elections
Mover: Eugene Manitowabi, Proxy – Wikwemikong Unceded Nation
Seconder: Arnold May, Proxy – Nipissing First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: Chief Xavier Thompson – Pays Plat First Nation

WHEREAS

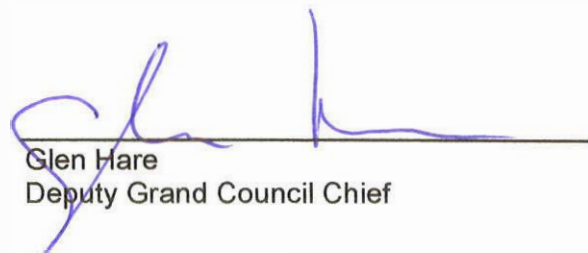
1. Previous Anishinabek Grand Council resolutions have called for the election of the Grand Council Chief and the Deputy Grand Chief by all eligible voters of the Anishinabek First Nations; and
2. Previous Grand Council resolutions have mandated the institution of synchronized elections across the Anishinabek Nation territory; and
3. Synchronized elections would strengthen Anishinabek governance and longer terms of office would provide more stability; and
4. Synchronized elections and longer terms of office would encourage the implementation of the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin, Anishinabek Government, and Anishinabek Laws and the exercise of inherent and Treaty rights; and
5. Synchronized elections and longer terms would save costs and encourage economic development; and
6. Anishinabek First Nations are developing and amending election codes on a regular basis and an Anishinabek Nation Election Law would displace federal legislation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Union of Ontario Indians prepare a discussion paper, a strategic plan, and a draft Anishinabek Nation Elections Law for First Nation consultation on the Law.



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Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: **Opposition to the First Nation Control of First Nation Education Act**

Mover: Chief Joe M. Miskokomon – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Seconder: Chief Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. We, the Anishinabek Nation, as represented by the thirty-nine First Nations which are affiliated with the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI), have never surrendered our sovereignty and jurisdiction over our traditional, treaty and reserve lands; and
2. We have lived on our traditional lands since time immemorial with our own governments and political systems; laws, rules and value systems; extensive trade networks; and a full range of occupations including, but not limited to, manufacturing, production, hunting, fishing and gathering, culture, language, customs, practices, traditions and spirituality; and
3. The sovereignty, jurisdiction and laws of the Anishinabek Nation have never been displaced and are as valid and binding today as in the days of our ancestors; and
4. The fact of treaty-making for a specific exchange of rights over parts of our traditional territories does not impair either our sovereignty or our jurisdiction but is, in fact, a recognition of them; and
5. Treaties were negotiated on a Nation to Nation basis and nothing in the treaties has the power to extinguish that legal and political status; and
6. The treaties contained certain provisions guaranteeing the ongoing provision of education and mutual prosperity; and
7. Our Aboriginal, Treaty, inherent and other rights are protected domestically in Canada's *Constitution Act, 1982* and internationally in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*; and
8. The federal government has declared an intention to further limit and erode our Aboriginal, treaty, inherent and international rights to an Anishinabek-controlled, fully-funded education system; and

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9. A majority of the Chiefs in Assembly at the Assembly of First Nations, the Chiefs in Assembly at the Chiefs of Ontario, and Chiefs in Assembly at the UOI have passed numerous resolutions against Canada's intentions to enact legislation which would impact First Nation Aboriginal, treaty, inherent and international rights to First Nation-controlled, fully-funded education system without our full, informed and prior consent; and
10. Only the sovereign Anishinabek Nation, as represented by the thirty-nine First Nations who are affiliated with the UOI, has the legal, political or moral authority to make decisions in relation to our education system and governance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the First Nation Control of First Nations Education Act be rejected in its present form.



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Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Anishinabek Nation Revenue Generation Institute

Mover: Chief Joe M. Miskokomon – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Seconder: Chief Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. The Chiefs-in-Assembly endorsed the Anishinabek Nation's Economic Blueprint through resolution 2007/27. Recommendation nine of the Economic Blueprint states *Develop Economic Institutional Capacity throughout the Anishinabek Nation*. One of the activities identified under recommendation nine is:
 - a. The revenue generation-arm of the Anishinabek Nation will be instituted and will be guided by a corporate board comprised of business and investment expertise. These revenues will allow the Anishinabek Nation to both reinvest and to expand programs and services. An investment policy will be developed for adoption by the Chiefs-in-Assembly.
2. The Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) has undergone significant impacts as the result of decreased funding resulting in the need to reduce staff and in the long-term will likely impact the quality of services and advocacy conducted by the UOI. Revenue generation will help mitigate the impacts of these cuts to our programs and services.
3. The Chiefs-In-Assembly have set a mandate to establish the Chiefs Council on the Economy to act as an oversight body for the UOI as it sets out to implement the Economic Blueprint.
4. The Union of Ontario Indians' Economic Development Coordinator has commenced developing a comprehensive due diligence process for the Anishinabek Nation's revenue generating arm;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the Union of Ontario Indians to commence the activities to support the development of the necessary infrastructure required by the Anishinabek Nation Revenue Generation Institute. This infrastructure will include; a framework for governance and operations of the institute; an investment strategy which will be passed by the Chiefs in Assembly, a due diligence process, and the legal structure to support revenue generating activities by the Anishinabek Nation.

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2. The Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the UOI to continue to examine and pursue potential revenue generating opportunities for the Anishinabek Nation Revenue Generation Institute as well as the member First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation.



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Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Anishinabek Nation Mining Strategy Development

Mover: Chief Joe M. Miskokomon – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Seconder: Chief Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. The Anishinabek Nation unanimously asserts jurisdiction over the lands, waters, resources and citizens within their territory, and has supported the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) through resolution 2008/05 to work with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to explore capacity building, framework agreement, youth awareness and education, data exchange, intern program, as well as resource revenue sharing opportunities; and
2. The Anishinabek Nation has directed the UOI to establish a Anishinabek Mining Technical Table where they can discuss mining issues, exchange information, develop options and create solutions and resolutions to the various issues and /or opportunities that will benefit the Anishinabek Nation; and
3. Many issues still exist around the Duty to Consult and Accommodate with the Anishinabek Nation and member First Nations on a Nation to Nation basis due to the lack of capacity, lack of First Nation community protocol, policy or law; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the UOI to support the Anishinabek Mining Technical Table to develop an Anishinabek Mining Strategy that will include a resource development protocol / policy guide for the benefit and use that will support the Anishinabek Nation regions and First Nations.
2. The Anishinabek Nation Mining Technical Table to provide a draft strategy with the inclusion of a resource development protocol/policy guide for the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly to consider for approval in June 2015.



Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: First Nation Bioeconomy Strategy

Mover: Chief Joe M. Miskokomon – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Seconder: Chief Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. The Canadian forest industry has experienced a significant down turn and Canada's share in global markets for traditional forest products has decreased substantially, which has negatively impacted many Anishinabek Nation member First Nations across the territory; and
2. There is an growing concern with human impact on the environment and how it may be affecting Mother Earth and the requirements for green energy, transportation fuels, and other bio-products have increased resulting in new global market opportunities for biofiber use to support a Bioeconomy; and
3. The Canadian Bioeconomy currently supplies a significant amount of renewable solid fuel for the European heat & power markets, and is expected to plan a significant role in their energy mix moving forward; and
4. Ontario's bioeconomy has a great potential to provide new and greener products that will have a significant ability to enter the global biofuel market. Future innovation in bioproducts development, from value-add forestry products to advanced biofuels, biocomposites, and biochemical was identified as an opportunity to be explored; and
5. The Anishinabek Nation has an opportunity to be involved in discussion and initiatives as partners and leaders in Ontario's Bioeconomy, and currently there are many Anishinabek member First Nations initiating bioenergy projects such as wood pellets; and
6. The Anishinabek Nation will assert their jurisdiction in relation to the forests, biofiber and the bioeconomy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Lands and Resources department to lead the development of a framework that will engage the Anishinabek Nation and support the development of a Ontario First Nation Bioeconomy Strategy; and
2. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the Union of Ontario's and the Biomass Innovation Centre to create a partnership that will leverage opportunities and market developments in the global economy, and develop an Ontario First Nation Sustainable Bioeconomy Strategy; and
3. That the Union of Ontario Indians will provide the final Ontario First Nation Sustainable Bioeconomy Strategy to the Anishinabek Nation.



Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: First Nation Drinking Water Regulations Supporting the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations, Act 2013

Mover: Chief Joe M. Miskokomon – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Seconder: Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

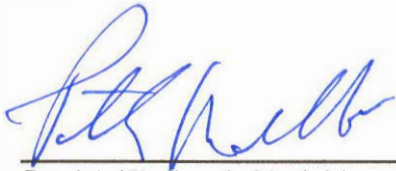
Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

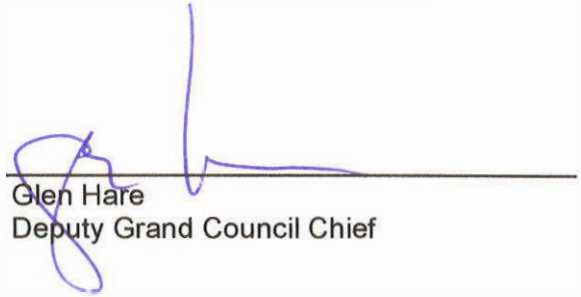
1. Water, the life blood of Mother Earth is a sacred responsibility for First Nations; and
2. Access to water is an International right enjoyed by all people including First Nations citizens; and
3. The United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples states:
“the General Assembly is convinced that control by indigenous peoples over developments affecting them and their lands, territories and resources will enable them to maintain and strengthen their institutions, cultures and traditions, and to promote their development in accordance with their aspirations and needs;”; and
4. The Federal Government passed the “*Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act, 2013*” on June 19, 2013; and
5. Regulations will be made by the Federal Government pursuant to this Act; and
6. First Nation Leadership have the right to input, review, comment and approve the regulations that will be developed and require support and expert assistance in the technical aspects of these regulations; and
7. The legal, political and rights-based issues rest with the Leadership of First Nations; and
8. Motion PC 14/16 of the Political Confederacy (March 18, 2014), states:
That the political Confederacy accepts the recommendation in February 19, 2014 which was to “support OFNTSC to lead the process to develop technical regulations which can be brought forward to the Chiefs in Assembly.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Chiefs-in-Assembly confirm the OFNTSC will be responsible for the development of the Regulations from a technical perspective; and
2. That the OFNTSC will work in concert with First Nations and Tribal Councils to collect and write draft regulations; and
3. That there will be a minimum of 5 on site meetings across Ontario to have input from Northern remote communities , Western , Central , Southeastern and Southwestern Communities as well as Large First Nations. The intent of these site meetings is to get the regional diversity needed for such draft regulations; and
4. That the Chiefs of Ontario be actively involved and the oversee the process with OFNTSC and report back the draft regulations to First Nation leadership when complete.



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Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Ontario First Nations' Technical Services Corporation Review

Mover: Chief Joe M. Miskokomon – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Seconder: Chiefs Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. The Ontario First Nations' Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) was established in 1995 to provide expert technical advisory services to the First Nations in Ontario; and
2. OFNTSC is the first aboriginal organization in Canada mandated to provide professional technical and advisory services to First Nations' communities and foster their technical self-reliance; and
3. OFNTSC client base consists of all 133 Ontario First Nations, 16 Tribal Councils, six large First Nations and 18 Unaffiliated First Nations; and
4. OFNTSC maintains a collaborative partnership with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Health Canada, Environment Canada, Public Works and Government Services Canada, Human Resources and Social Development Canada, NRCan and Ontario's Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Natural Resources; and
5. OFNTSC pursues strategic alliances with other First Nation organizations, provincial and municipal governments, professional associations and the private sector; and
6. Over 18 years has gone by since the OFNTSC received its original mandate from the Chiefs in Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly request that an independent review be structured this fiscal year of the OFNTSC that will:
 - a) affirm current roles and responsibilities;
 - b) determine if new roles are required;
 - c) Provide for 5 year periodic reviews following this review; and

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2. That as part of the review, information sessions will be held in the following areas:

- a) Grand Council Treaty# 3
- b) Nishnawbe Aski Nation
- c) UOI
- d) Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
- e) Independent First Nations area



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Grand Council Chief



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Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: Support for the Anishinabek Police Service

Mover: Chief Joe M. Miskokomon – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Seconder: Chief Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of Garden River

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

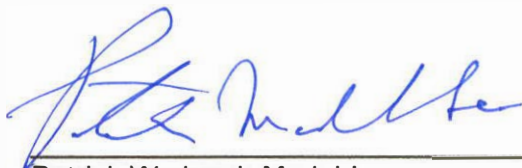
Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. The 2014 Spring Auditor General's Report revealed and confirmed (always existed) significant deficiencies existing in First Nations Policing Services across Canada:\n
“First Nations are not meaningfully included in negotiations of agreements”
(www.oag-bvg.gc.ca AGSR, 2014); and
2. The federal government, in their recent new proposed template agreement, clearly indicated they've absolved themselves of their responsibility, leaving the Anishinabek Police Governing Authority with full responsibility/burden for the delivery of policing services, a significant change from previous agreements where the statement of purpose was to continue the development of effective efficient police services based on First Nation culture, customs, values, traditions and standards; and
3. The new proposed template agreements includes the power of Canada or Ontario to terminate the policing agreement if Anishinabek Police Services cannot comply with provincial legislative standards (OPP caliber police facility), a fact that has been historically established.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Union of Ontario Indians support the Anishinabek Police Service's demand to meet with the Minister of Public Safety to collectively address the shortcomings of the 2014 Spring Auditor General's Report.



Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare
Deputy Grand Council Chief

Subject: To Support a Centre of Excellence for First Nations/Indigenous Education

Mover: Chief Joe M. Miskokomon – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Seconder: Chief Lyle Sayers – Ojibways of the Thames First Nation

Status: Carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Non

WHEREAS

1. First Nations strive for community control over the schooling of their children in the form of entrenched self-government over First Nations education and shared decision-making in provincial public education systems; and
2. First Nations students continue to struggle in both First Nations and provincial public education systems to gain the full range of cultural, academic and vocational knowledge needed for lifelong learning, First Nations language revitalization, employment success and community development; and
3. First Nations must find avenues to work together and partner with post-secondary, public education, provincial and federal government institutions as well as other agencies to provide expertise and support at the community level to empower First Nations students' success; and
4. A Centre of Excellence for First Nations/Indigenous Education would provide invaluable expertise to support First Nations governance and developmental capacity in education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

2. That the Union of Ontario Indians support the creation of a proposed Centre of Excellence for First Nations/Indigenous Education currently being developed as a partnership between the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and the University of Western Ontario.



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