

Subject: Anishinabek Nation Housing Strategy
Mover: Ogimaa Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation
Seconder: Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. First Nation communities have been and continue to exist in a housing crisis; and
2. Programs delivered through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) have placed First Nation communities in a housing crisis through mismanagement, inadequate, ineffective and inefficient policies; and
3. The Government of Canada intends to rollout a National Housing Strategy on November 22, 2016 that threatens to further entrench First Nations in housing and infrastructure crisis; and
4. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is seeking support for the implementation of a National First Nation Housing Strategy; and
5. National 'One size fits all' approaches to community housing program management have and will continue to have devastating effects on our communities; and
6. Community-level service delivery and administration is the only effective way to resolve years of inadequate and neglectful management while offering an opportunity for community self-administration, self-governance and self-determination; and
7. The proposed Anishinabek Housing Strategy (AHS) has been developed to have programs and services delivered at the community level by communities for greater control and certainty.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the proposed Anishinabek Housing Strategy as an alternative to the proposed National Housing Strategy (AHS) and the National First Nation Housing Strategy; and
2. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate to the federal government for the implementation of the AHS; and

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3. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to provide regular updates to the Anishinabek Leadership and to back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly in June on progress of the AHS; and
4. That the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the development a Chiefs Committee on Housing to work with UOI staff to move the AHS forward.


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Subject: Support the Chiefs Water Crisis Summit Declaration
Mover: Ogimaa Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation
Seconder: Chief Phyllis Williams, Curve Lake First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. On October 18, 2016 a Chiefs Water Crisis Summit was hosted in Niagara Falls, Ontario with the theme “Together We Can Fulfill the Promise”; and
2. Chiefs-in-Assembly created a declaration that supports a First Nation led approach where the Chiefs of Ontario and the First Nations Technical Services Corporation will strike a working group to define common strategies and action plan options to address the water crisis for consideration at the fall 2016 All Ontario Chiefs Conference; and
3. The Anishinabek Nation should seek a similar approach that will further support the Anishinabek Water Needs Assessment and the Declaration by Chiefs-in-Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Declaration by Chiefs-in-Assembly to ensure that safe, clean and potable water is available to all First Nation communities in Ontario is developed immediately; and
2. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the concept of the Anishinabek Strategy and Action Plan that will accompany the Anishinabek Water Needs Assessment; and
3. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to strike a focus group and where the Chiefs-in-Assembly, Tribal Councils and the Ontario First Nation Technical Services Corporation will assist to define common strategies and action plan options to the support the Declaration by Chiefs-in-Assembly and the Anishinabek Nation Strategy and Action Plan on Water and Wastewater; and
4. That Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to call on the federal and provincial governments to provide financial, technical and other support for the Strategy and Action Plan to ensure that all First Nation communities within our Nation have access to safe, clean and potable drinking water at an equitable level with all people in Ontario.
5. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to report back on the focus group progress to the Anishinabek Assembly in June 2017.

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RESOLUTION – #2016-22

Subject: Mandate of the Anishinabek Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre
Mover: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconder: Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. The Anishinabek Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (AOFRC) was founded in 1995 by agreement between the Anishinabek Nation as represented by the Union of Ontario Indians and the Crown as represented by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs; and
2. The establishment of the AOFRC constituted the realization of an important aspect of the 1993 Anishinabek Conservation and Fishing Agreement; and
3. The original vision for the AOFRC was never realized as a result of budgetary restraint by successive provincial governments; and
4. The organization nonetheless succeeded in providing a reliable and trusted source of information about fisheries resources of importance to the First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation; and
5. That the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly supported a motion calling for review of the AOFRC mandate with the intent to expand its activities to new areas of natural resource management of concern to the Anishinabek Nation; and
6. The motion directed that a proposal for a new mandate be brought before the Chiefs in Assembly for their consideration in the coming year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the AOFRC to update the Centre and give it new authority to address the full range of natural resource issues of importance to our communities; and
2. The Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to engage the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry with the position to expand the mandate of the AOFRC.



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RESOLUTION – #2016-23

Subject: Elders Council Terms of Reference - Getzidjig Advisory Council

Mover: Chief Phyllis Williams, Curve Lake First Nation

Seconder: Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation

Status: Carried

Opposed: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation

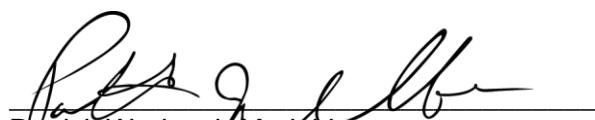
Abstentions: Ogimaa Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation

WHEREAS

1. The Elders have discussed the need to establish a Terms of Reference for Elder's Council; and
2. The Elders have met and deliberated to draft the Elders Terms of Reference; and
3. The Elder's Council have presented the draft Term of Reference to the Anishinabek Chiefs at the November 16, 2016 Fall Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby approve the Elder's Council Terms of Reference entitled "The Getzidjig Advisory Council Terms of Reference" as presented on November 16, 2016.



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Subject: Renewing Heritage and Burials Relationships
Mover: Chief Phyllis Williams, Curve Lake First Nation
Seconder: Chief Barron King, Moose-Deer Point First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

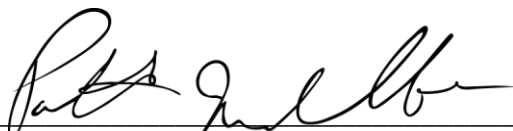
WHEREAS

1. First Nations continue to experience a lack of involvement with local development and archaeological activities occurring within their territories resulting in the destruction of burial and sacred sites and artifacts without being afforded the benefit of protection by First Nations;
2. Provincial and municipal legislation and policy continues to lack the required consultation and accommodation for First Nations as demonstrated by the recent issuance of development permits to contractors without prior knowledge of local First Nations that will be potentially impacted; and
3. The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Heritage and Burials Advisory Committee and Technical Working Group, comprised of PTO member representatives with the purpose of addressing issues such as the protection of sacred sites and artifacts, the repatriation of ancestors and the amendment and modernization of policy and legislation has recently dissolved, leaving their relationship with the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) in a state of limbo; and
4. In order to work cooperatively and develop a common understanding, there is a need for the broader public at large to be informed of Heritage and Burials issues such as gaps in legislation and the impacts they have on local First Nation communities and non-Indigenous communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) to advocate for the immediate restoration of the COO Heritage and Burials Advisory Committee and Technical Working Group to re-establish a working relationship with the MTCS; and
2. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the UOI to engage with the MTCS and other institutions of interest in the development and updating of policy, legislation and protocols surrounding Heritage and Burials issues; and
3. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Council direct the UOI to develop a communications strategy to spread awareness and understanding of Heritage and Burials issues.

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Subject: Curve Lake First Nation Remains and Artifact Repository
Mover: Chief Phyllis Williams, Curve Lake First Nation
Seconder: Chief Barron King, Moose-Deer First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None


WHEREAS

1. The Government of Ontario has stated that the oral traditions and spiritual and cultural beliefs of First Nations must be enshrined within Ontario's legislation in order to support and fulfill the relevant Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action; and
2. Current policies and legislation governing the protection of sacred sites do not satisfy the TRC Calls to Action resulting in the obstruction of First Nation participation, and inadequate transfer and storage methods of ancestral remains and sacred artifacts and ultimately their loss and destruction; and
3. First Nations have an urgent need to repatriate their sacred artifacts and return their ancestors home to rest on First Nation land; and
4. Archaeologists have indicated a willingness to release ancestral remains and artifacts within their collections to an appropriate First Nation repository; and
5. An alarming trend exists where post-secondary educational institutions are declaring their interest in becoming repositories for First Nation artifacts at a time when First Nations are asserting their ownership and establishing means to recover their artifacts and sacred objects; and
6. Curve Lake First Nation aspires to lead the effort to return First Nation Ancestors and artifacts home by becoming a repository and maintaining the capacity, expertise and resources to ensure the respectful custodianship and curation to the satisfaction of First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Council support Curve Lake First Nation in their efforts to become a repository for First Nation Ancestral remains and artifacts on First Nation Land while condemning the efforts of educational institutions to seize First Nation Ancestral remains and sacred items from First Nation protection and control; and
2. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to develop new relationships with partners in the archaeology field and with the Ontario Government in an effort to have provincial legislation adequately reflect the needs of First Nations to protect ancestral remains and artifacts.

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RESOLUTION – #2016-26


Subject: Use of Petroglyph Images for 2017 Ancient Canada Coin Series
Mover: Chief Phyllis Williams, Curve Lake First Nation
Seconder: Chief Barron King, Moose-Deer Point First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. The Royal Canadian Mint has announced their intention to release a series of coins entitled “Ancient Canada” to be distributed across Canada in 2017; and
2. The Royal Canadian Mint has requested permission from Curve Lake First Nation for the use of the Gitchi Manitou Petroglyph images for use on coins and promotional items; and
3. It is our responsibility to ensure that Anishinaabe Traditions, Language and Culture are preserved and protected for generations to come; and
4. Curve Lake First Nation in consultation with the Kinoomaage-Waapkong Committee, has denied the Royal Canadian Mint permission to use the Gitchi Manitou Petroglyph images for the 2017 Ancient Canada series of coins.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize and respect the need for appropriate measures to ensure the preservation and protection of Anishinaabe Traditions, Language and Culture; and
2. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the decision of Curve Lake First Nation to deny the Royal Canadian Mint permission for the use of the Gitchi Manitou Petroglyph images for the 2017 Ancient Canada series of coins; and
3. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly call for a cease and desist regarding non-First Nation usage of First Nation sacred and cultural sites, petroglyphs, Ancestral Remains, artifacts and Traditional Knowledge.


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RESOLUTION – #2016-27


Subject: Restoration of First Nations Statistical Institute
Mover: Chief Gerry Duquette, Dokis First Nation
Seconder: Chief Ted Roque, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

WHEREAS

1. The First Nations Statistical Institute (FNSI) was created to fill a critical knowledge and data gap in First Nations to support fiscal decision-making, law and policy development; and
2. Nipissing First Nation was designated as the host nation for FNSI and committed significant resources to plan and develop a host site for the institute; and
3. The previous Conservative Government unilaterally made the decision to cut the funding and cancel the implementation of FNSI; and
4. This created a serious gap in data collection capacity and had significant negative impacts on Nipissing First Nation after having made serious investments in infrastructure to support the project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon the Trudeau Government to restore funding to this important project; and
2. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirm their support for Nipissing First Nation as the host site for this important capacity development institution; and
3. That the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon the Grand Council Chief and National Chief to press the federal government for a commitment to restoring FNSI by January 1, 2017.



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