

**Anishinabek Nation Emergency Special Chiefs Assembly
Online Zoom Meeting
April 21, 2021**

RESOLUTION – #2021-02

Subject: University of Sudbury Charter
Mover: Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation
Seconder: Gimaa-Kwe Patricia Tangie, Michipicoten First Nation
Status: Carried
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None


WHEREAS:

1. Laurentian University of Sudbury has four (4) affiliated federal universities including Thorneloe (Anglican), Huntington (United), Hearst (exclusively French) and Sudbury (Catholic);
2. The University of Sudbury offers approximately five (5) programs including the Indigenous Studies Program;
3. The Indigenous Studies Program has the highest number of students enrolled of all programs at the University of Sudbury, attributed to Laurentian University of Sudbury mandating Bachelor of Arts students to take at least 6 credits of Indigenous content courses during their degree program;
4. On April 1, 2021, Laurentian University of Sudbury sent "Notice of its intention to disclaim or resiliate" of its federation agreement effective May 1, 2021;
5. On March 11, 2021, the University of Sudbury Board Of Regents announced that it would be making its two charters available for Francophone and Indigenous communities as part of their tricultural mandate;
6. The future of the Indigenous Studies Program as well as the approximately 140 students who were registered in the Indigenous Studies program at the University of Sudbury is in jeopardy; and
7. The Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council has identified this as an opportunity for the Anishinabek Educational Institute (AEI) or other bodies or partnerships to explore securing the University of Sudbury Charter, which has been made available to Indigenous communities in order to ensure the continuation of the Indigenous Studies Program.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY:

1. Direct the Grand Council Chief and the Leadership Council Executive to meet with experts who have experience with acquiring a Charter to provide information to assist the AEI and the Anishinabek Nation as to the preparedness of the Charter;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council Executive to oversee a work plan to be implemented by the Anishinabek Nation that secures expert advice to clarify the needs or steps to the Charter process – Post Secondary Education (PSE) Charter Consultant, Legal Counsel on PSE Charters, and Accountants on Insolvency; and
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council Executive, and the Anishinabek Nation to provide a progress report and business plan at the June 2021 Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly with recommendations and next steps.



Glen Hare (Gwiingos)
Grand Council Chief



James Marsden
Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief