

Anishinabek Nation  
Grand Council Assembly

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RESOLUTION – #2021-03

**Subject:** Representation on Ontario First Nations General Partners Inc. and the New Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership General Partner Limited Boards

**Mover:** Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek

**Seconder:** Chief Dean Roy, Sheshegwaning First Nation

**Status:** Carried

**Opposed:** None

**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP) Agreement requires that a representative be nominated for the position of Director to represent the Anishinabek Nation for a minimum one-year period; and
2. The annual process of confirming the Anishinabek Nation OFNLP representative is the decision and responsibility of the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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

1. Appoint **Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee** for a three-year period from June 2021 to June 2024 to represent the Anishinabek Nation to serve as a director for a three year period on the board of **both** the Ontario First Nations General Partners Inc. (“**OFNGP Inc.**”) and the New OFNLP General Partner Limited (“**New GP**”).



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-04**

**Subject:** Sovereign Wealth Fund Board Representation  
**Mover:** Chief William Diabo, Magnetawan First Nation  
**Seconder:** Gimaa-Kwe Patricia Tangie, Michipicoten First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Anishinabek Nation is required to nominate a representative to the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund Board of Directors to represent the Anishinabek Nation for a one-year period; and
2. The annual process of confirming the Anishinabek representative for the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund Board of Directors is the decision and responsibility of the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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

1. Appoint **Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee** for a one-year period from June 2021 to June 2022 to represent the Anishinabek Nation on the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund Board of Directors.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-05**

**Subject:** Nominations for Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Chief David Mushquash, Pays Plat First Nation  
**Seconder:** Chief Marcus Hardy, Red Rock Indian Band  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None


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**WHEREAS:**

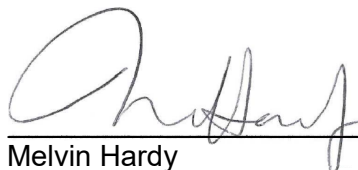
1. The Oshkabewis has called three times for nominations for the position of Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief;
2. Nominations were made by Chiefs or delegates of the Northern Superior Region; and
3. There were no further nominations made.

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

1. Close the nominations procedure for the position of Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief;
2. Declare the nominees for the position of Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief:
  - i. **Chief Melvin Hardy**, Nominated by Gimaa-Kwe Helen Paavola, Seconded by Gimaa-Kwe Judy Desmoulin
  - ii. **Chief Peter Collins**, Nominated by Gimaa-Kwe Patricia Tangie, Seconded by Chief David Mushquash



Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



Melvin Hardy  
Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-06**

**Subject:** Nominations for Lake Huron Deputy Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Chief Brent Bissaillon, Serpent River First Nation  
**Seconded:** Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Oshkabewis has called three times for nominations for the position of Lake Huron Deputy Grand Council Chief;
2. Nominations were made by Chiefs or delegates of the Lake Huron Region; and
3. There were no further nominations made.

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

1. Close the nominations procedure for the position of Lake Huron Deputy Grand Council Chief; and
2. Declare the following nominees for the position of Lake Huron Deputy Grand Council Chief:
  - i. **Travis Boissoneau**, Moved by Chief Andy Rickard, Seconded by Ogimaa Duke Peltier.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Travis Boissoneau  
Lake Huron Regional Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-07**

**Subject:** Nominations for Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Chief Dave Mowat, Alderville First Nation  
**Seconder:** Chief Kelly LaRocca, Mississaugas of Scugog Isloand  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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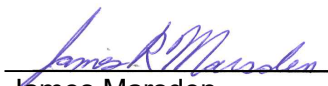
**WHEREAS:**

1. The Oshkabewis has called three times for nominations for the position of Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief;
2. Nominations were made by Chiefs or delegates of the Southeast Region; and
3. There were no further nominations made.

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

1. Close the nominations procedure for the position of Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief;
2. Declare the nominees for the position of Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief:
  - i. **James Marsden**, Nominated by Chief Barron King, Seconded by Chief Donna Big Canoe

  
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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief

  
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James Marsden  
Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief



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**RESOLUTION – #2021-08**

**Subject:** Nominations for Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Chief Jacqueline French, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
**Seconded:** Chief Chris Plain, Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Oshkabewis has called three times for nominations for the position of Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief;
2. Nominations were made by Chiefs or delegates of the Southwest Region; and
3. There were no further nominations made.

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

1. Close the nominations procedure for the position of Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief; and
2. Declare the nominees for the position of Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief:
  - i. **Joe Miskokomon**, Nominated by Chief Chris Plain, Seconded by Chief Mark Peters



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-09**

**Subject:** Nominations for Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Gimaa Craig Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek  
**Seconder:** Chief William Diabo, Magnetawan First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Oshkabewis has called three times for nominations for the position of Grand Council Chief;
2. Nominations were made by Chiefs or delegates of the Anishinabek Nation; and
3. There were no further nominations made.

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

1. Close the nominations procedure for the position of Grand Council Chief; and
2. Declare the following nominees for the position of Grand Council Chief:
  - i. **Chief Reginald Niganobe**, Nominated by Gimaa Brent Bissaillon, Seconded by Chief Gerry Duquette
  - ii. **Glen Hare**, Nominated by Gimaa Duncan Michano, Seconded by Chief Donna Big Canoe



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-10**

**Subject:** Election Results for Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Chief Marcus Hardy, Red Rock Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Gimma-Kwe Patricia Tangie, Michipicoten First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Anishinabek Nation held an election for the position of Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief according to the accepted rules and procedures; and
2. The following nominations were made by Chiefs and delegates of the Northern Superior Region:
  - i. Chief Melvin Hardy, Nominated by Gimaa-Kwe Helen Paavola, Seconded by Gimaa-Kwe Judy Desmoulin; and
  - ii. Chief Peter Collins, Nominated by Gimaa-Kwe Patricia Tangie, Seconded by Chief David Mushquash.

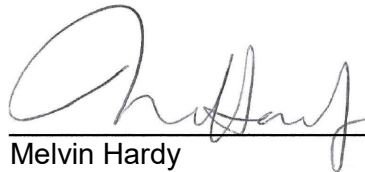
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY:**

1. Recognize and accept **Chief Melvin Hardy** as elected by the Northern Superior Region to the position of Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Melvin Hardy  
Northern Superior Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-11**

**Subject:** Election Results for Lake Huron Deputy Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory  
**Seconded:** Gimaa Brent Bissaillion, Serpent River First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Anishinabek Nation held an election for the position of Lake Huron Deputy Grand Council Chief according to the accepted rules and procedures; and
2. The following nominations were made by Chiefs and delegates of the Lake Huron Region:
  - i. Travis Boissoneau.

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

1. Recognize and accept the acclamation of **Travis Boissoneau** as elected by the Lake Huron Region to the position of Lake Huron Deputy Grand Council Chief.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Travis Boissoneau  
Lake Huron Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-12**

**Subject:** Election Results for Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Chief Ted Williams, Rama First Nation  
**Seconder:** Chief Dave Mowat, Alderville First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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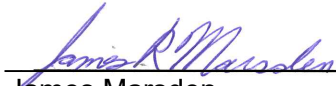
**WHEREAS:**

1. The Anishinabek Nation held an election for the position of Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief according to the accepted rules and procedures; and
2. The following nominations were made by Chiefs and delegates of the Southeast Region:
  - i. James Marsden, Nominated by Chief Barron King, Seconded by Chief Donna Big Canoe.

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

1. Recognize and accept the acclamation of **James Marsden** as elected by the Southeast Region to the position of Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief.

  
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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief

  
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James Marsden  
Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-13**

**Subject:** Election Results for Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Chief Chris Plain, Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
**Seconder:** Chief Jacqueline French, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Anishinabek Nation held an election for the position of Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief according to the accepted rules and procedures; and
2. The following nominations were made by Chiefs and delegates of the Southwest Region:
  - i. Joe Miskokomon, Nominated by Chief Chris Plain, Seconded by Chief Mark Peters.

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

1. Recognize and accept the acclamation of **Joe Miskokomon** as elected by the Southwest Region to the position of Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-14**

**Subject:** Election Results for Grand Council Chief  
**Mover:** Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
**Seconder:** Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Anishinabek Nation held an election for the position of Grand Council Chief according to the accepted rules and procedures; and
2. The following nominations were made by Chiefs and delegates of the member First Nations:
  - i. Chief Reg Niganobe, Nominated by Gimaa Brent Bissaillion, Seconded by Chief Gerry Duquette; and
  - ii. Glen Hare, Nominated by Gimaa Duncan Michano, Seconded by Chief Donna Big Canoe.

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

1. Hereby recognize and elect **Chief Reginald Niganobe** to the position of Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-15**

**Subject:** Call for Solidarity with the Tribal Nations of the United States Regarding Enbridge's Line 5 Pipeline

**Mover:** Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

**Seconder:** Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek

**Status:** Carried

**Opposed:** None

**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. Enbridge's Line 5 is a 1,098-mile pipeline with 4.6 miles beneath the Straits of Mackinac that transfers 23 million gallons of fuel daily. Enbridge is a Canadian oil company and Line 5, which bisects both of Michigan's peninsulas, is a shortcut from the oil fields in Alberta, Canada to a port in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada;
2. Tribal Leaders of Michigan's federally recognized Indian Tribes have issued a position statement and are calling for the shutdown of the flow of oil in Enbridge Line 5, and do not support the plans to tunnel under the lake bed that would support the Line 5 pipeline;
3. The Great Lakes supply 21% of fresh water globally, where the Straits of Mackinac is one of the most ecologically sensitive areas that provides sustainable fisheries, and drinking water to communities and the people. The Straits of Mackinac is home to the Tribal Nation of Bay Mills Indian Community and have treaty rights to hunt, fish, and gather in this area; and
4. Concerns have been raised and, studies have found that an oil spill could devastate 700 miles (1126 KMs) of shoreline around Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. A catastrophic oil spill in the Straits of Mackinac would devastate the tribal fishing industry, shut down water intakes for numerous communities, and devastate the shoreline, island ecosystems, and the tourist industry which some of the Tribes and First Nations rely on.

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

1. Stand in solidarity with our Brothers and Sisters "the Tribes of the United States" to shut down Line 5; and



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2. Agree with the call of action and will advocate to the Canadian Government to shut down Line 5 in compliance of the State of Michigan's order and, in addition, to the violation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the United States and Canada.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-16**

**Subject:** Approval of the Enkiitmajig Wii-aabiziitoong Anishinaabemowin Terms of Reference and Anishinaabemowin Commissioner Terms of Reference

**Mover:** Chief Chris Plain, Aamjiwnaang First Nation

**Seconder:** Gimaa Brent Bissaillion, Serpent River First Nation

**Status:** Carried

**Opposed:** None

**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Anishinabek Nation (AN) asserts that it is a sacred duty to ensure the well-being of the peoples to the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation, part of that sacred duty is to maintain, revitalize, strengthen and preserve Anishinaabemowin;
2. The AN has several resolutions that direct the AN to strengthen, advocate, and articulate the importance of Anishinaabemowin, and its revitalization;
3. In December 2020, the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council appointed Barbara Nolan as the Anishinabek Nation Anishinaabemowin Commissioner to advise on methods and approaches to support the protection of Anishinaabemowin and its revitalization throughout the Anishinabek Nation and within its four (4) regional territories;
4. A need has been identified to establish a committee at the AN to lead in the maintenance, revitalization, strengthening, and preservation of Anishinaabemowin in a way that will support individual and collective goals and recognizes and respects the autonomy of all AN First Nations;
5. The Enkiitmajig Wii-aabiziitoong Anishinaabemowin has been established to support Anishinaabemowin revitalization efforts;
6. An Enkiitmajig Wii-aabiziitoong Anishinaabemowin Terms of Reference has been drafted for consideration and approval; and
7. An AN Anishinaabemowin Commissioner Terms of Reference has been drafted for consideration and approval.

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

1. Approve the establishment of an Enkiitmajig Wii-aabiziitoong Anishinaabemowin to support strategies that will put G'dinwewinaa (our language) at the forefront of asserting nationhood within the Anishinabek Nation (AN) and the 39 Anishinabek Nation First Nations;
2. Approve the Enkiitmajig Wii-aabiziitoong Anishinaabemowin Terms of Reference dated April 15, 2021 with acknowledgement of requested amendments to be made before the next Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly; and
3. Approve the Anishinabek Nation Anishinaabemowin Commissioner Terms of Reference dated April 15, 2021 with acknowledgement of requested amendments to be made before the next Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-17**

**Subject:** Updating Resolution #2021-02 University of Sudbury Charter  
**Mover:** Barbara Sarazin (Proxy), Algonquins of Pikwakanagan  
**Seconder:** Chief Barron King, Moose Deer Point First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. On April 21, 2021 the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution #2021-02 that directed:
  - a. 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;
  - b. 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;
  - c. 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; and
2. On May 31, 2021, the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council Executive was provided an update on Resolution #2021-02 and was informed that the initial review and information collection revealed that the University of Sudbury Charter was non-transferrable.

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

1. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation discontinue the review of acquiring the University of Sudbury Charter.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-18**

**Subject:** Jurisdiction Over Child and Youth Well-Being  
**Mover:** Chief Marcus Hardy, Red Rock Indian Band  
**Seconder:** Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** Chief Jason Henry, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. Grand Council Resolution #2019-29 Breach of Robinson Superior Jurisdiction over Child Welfare dated November 6, 2019 does not reflect the position of all Anishinabek First Nations in regards to jurisdiction over child well-being and in particular the 22 First Nations that have supported the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law through Band Council Resolution and is best kept as a regional resolution.

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

1. Rescind Grand Council Resolution #2019-29;
2. Affirm that each First Nation has inherent rights over the care and protection of their Indigenous children.
3. Where our citizens reside outside of our territories and require services and intervention to ensure the safety and well-being of their children and families, each First Nation will work with and through the jurisdiction of the Indigenous peoples in whose territory they reside, or through the jurisdiction of the non-Indigenous government in place, where no Indigenous people exercise jurisdiction within that territory.
4. Affirm that we support each First Nation in their effort to provide intervention in the services of their citizens.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-19**

**Subject:** NANFAN Deed  
**Mover:** Chief Dave Mowat, Alderville First Nation  
**Seconder:** Chief Jason Henry, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The **NANFAN or Albany Deed, 1701** was created by New York Governor John Nanfan and representatives of the Five Nations;
2. In 1701 the Five Nations neither occupied nor controlled the land they deeded to the English in exchange for perpetual hunting rights;
3. The majority of the lands described in the **NANFAN or Albany Deed, 1701** at the time were held by the Algonquin Nations including the Mississauga, Chippewa and other Anishinabek Nations;
4. The paramountcy of Anishinabek Nations is demonstrated by the British crown subsequently entering into many treaties with the Anishinabek Nations in what is now Southern and central Ontario: Treaty 3 (1792), Treaty 3 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (1795), Treaty 4 (1793), Treaty 14 (1806), Treaty 19 (1818), Treaty 29 (1827), Robinsons Huron Treaty 1850, the Robinson Superior Treaty 1850 and others; and
5. The **NANFAN or Albany Deed, 1701** has been misinterpreted by government and industry to the detriment of Anishinabek Nations.

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

1. Do not recognize the **NANFAN or Albany Deed, 1701** as a treaty, further that Anishinabek Nations in this area are the rightful holders of treaty and aboriginal rights in this area; and
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to develop a communications strategy to convey the Anishinabek interpretation of the deed to government and industry.



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Reginald Niganobe  
Grand Council Chief



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Joe Miskokomon  
Southwest Deputy Grand Council Chief

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**RESOLUTION – #2021-20**

**Subject:** Diabetes Treatment Enhancement Options  
**Mover:** Chief Helen Paavola, Namaygoosisagagun First Nation  
**Seconder:** Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. First Nations/Indigenous populations have disproportionate numbers of diabetes cases when compared with the mainstream population;
2. Age-standardized prevalence rates for diabetes are 17.2% among First Nations individuals living on-reserve, 10.3% among First Nations individuals living off-reserve, and 7.3% among Métis people, compared to 5.0% in the general population in Canada;
3. The current practice with most healthcare providers is to prescribe Metformin. This practice is outdated and does not incorporate new best practices with newer, safer, and more impactful options are available;
4. A lack of funding has resulted in limited or no educational resources for new diabetes medications, their benefits, and long-term implications. This has left First Nation leadership, health staff, and citizens ill equipped to make educated choices and results in negative health outcomes that have lasting consequences; and
5. We are calling for immediate change to the approach for treating diabetes within our First Nations, to prescribing practices, to medication coverage in the NIHB formulary, and to include the promoting our traditional approaches; processes that have already been identified as needed changes in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report call to action numbers 18, 20, and 21.

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

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Health Department, through their Diabetes initiative, to develop educational resources for Anishinabek First Nation leadership, health staff, and citizens to make informed decisions on treatment options for diabetes;
2. Direct that research and advocacy be done to expand the medical options available to First Nation citizens that go beyond Metformin to include, but not limited to, JANUVIA/JANUMET/JANUMET XR, BAQSIMI, FREESTYLE LIBRE and COATED METFORMIN (GLUMETZA); and for all to be included in the NIHB formulary;

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3. Ensure that resources are developed through research of existing and emerging evidence-based practices, opportunities and medical advancements that include traditional medicines and practices;
4. Direct that these resources be provided to all 39 Anishinabek First Nations through any and all outlets, including print, electronic, and social media; and
5. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Health Department to advocate for, and press government to enhance and increase funding to an adequate level that meets the need of the Anishinabek people, and provides the required resources and appropriate tools to provide the right care in a culturally safe space.



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**RESOLUTION – #2021-21**

**Subject:** Gas and Tobacco – Federal Advocacy  
**Mover:** Gloria Daybutch (Proxy), Mississauga #8 First Nation  
**Seconder:** Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Economic Development Program provides information, advocacy, and technical expertise to empower Anishinabek Nation communities and entrepreneurs for economic self-governance, sustainability, wealth creation, and financial independence;
2. The Anishinabek Nation, represented by the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI), and the Government of Ontario, represented by the Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Affairs (IAO) and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) have continued their discussions regarding the gasoline and tobacco tax revenues that are collected by Ontario on sales by on-reserve retailers to First Nations and non-First Nations consumers;
3. Throughout the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Gas and Tobacco Steering Committee continued its research into the development of a self-regulatory framework to oversee the sale of tobacco and gasoline in participating Anishinabek First Nations;
4. One deliverable that was developed was the *Regulatory and Administrative Requirements Report*. The purpose of the report was to build upon the research and activities developed to date and, specifically, begin to identify what regulatory and legislative changes would be needed to establish an Anishinabek Nation Commission. The suggested path forward is to begin parallel discussions, federally, to analyze legislation, and begin to create authority and space for participating First Nations through federal legislation;
5. In March 2021, the Steering Committee moved to accept, in principle, the recommendations set within the report, to present at the Regional Chiefs meetings to gather feedback, and to gather support through resolution to move forward with the short-term recommendation;
6. In April 2021, the federal government released their 2021 Federal Budget. Within the budget, the federal government states that they are committed to negotiating agreements with interested Indigenous governments that enable them to implement a First Nations Goods and Services Tax within their reserves or settlement lands; and
7. Furthermore, the federal government announced their intention to engage with interested Indigenous governments and organizations on a framework for the negotiation of agreements that would enable interested Indigenous governments to implement a fuel, alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis sales tax within their reserves or settlement lands.

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

1. Direct the Grand Council Chief to enter into primary dialogue with the federal government to explore its support for the Anishinabek Nation's determination to pursue our economic development and governance objectives pertaining to the gas and tobacco initiative. Such topics for discussion will include but are not limited to:
  - a. Capacity development; and
  - b. Legislative review.



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**RESOLUTION – #2021-22**

**Subject:** Anishinabek Nation Economic Secretariat – Preliminary Research  
**Mover:** Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
**Seconder:** Chief Dean Roy, Sheshegwaning First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Economic Development Program provides information, advocacy, and technical expertise to empower Anishinabek Nation communities and entrepreneurs for economic self-governance, sustainability, wealth creation, and financial independence;
2. In addition to empowering Anishinabek First Nations, the program's priority is to improve economic opportunities and provide the avenues for such opportunities. Our Anishinabek First Nations are encountering a lack of profitable economic development activities, as well as a lack of capacity to meet their growing community needs;
3. The Anishinabek First Nations need an additional avenue to support the efforts taking place in their communities and support the Economic Development Officers that spearhead a number of those economic development projects;
4. Revenue generation has been an area that the Anishinabek Nation has explored and developed hypothetical frameworks to support. There have been previous Anishinabek Nation affiliated organizations that have attempted to generate revenues for Anishinabek First Nations in the past;
5. There is a need to explore possible solutions that would provide capacity support to Anishinabek First Nations and their economic development officers, as well as provide enhancement of current services that support revenue generation opportunities;
6. Any possible secretariat model is not intended to duplicate existing corporations or services that currently exist but provide an Anishinabek Nation derived enhancement for the 39 Anishinabek First Nations to support Anishinabek First Nation economies; and
7. For greater certainty, nothing in this resolution shall be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from any existing economic development activities, services, or corporations within Anishinabek First Nation's territories.

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

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to conduct the preliminary research into previous Anishinabek Nation organizations that supported economic development and revenue generation, possible secretariat models that would be suitable for implementation, and any other preliminary information;
2. Direct the Chiefs Council on the Economy to support this research and develop recommendations for possible secretariat models; and
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to conduct engagement with Anishinabek First Nation Economic Development Officers and other community representatives to gather economic development related information, input, and further recommendations.



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**RESOLUTION – #2021-23**

**Subject:** Economic Development Officer Working Group  
**Mover:** Michele Solomon (Proxy), Fort William First Nation  
**Seconder:** Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Economic Development Program provides information, advocacy, and technical expertise to empower Anishinabek Nation communities and entrepreneurs for economic self-governance, sustainability, wealth creation, and financial independence;
2. The Economic Development Program has seen an increased need for more community level input and feedback regarding initiatives that are currently being undertaken and have been mandated through the Chiefs in Assembly; and
3. The program is seeking to develop and implement an Economic Development Officer Working Group that would provide input, feedback, and recommendations surrounding key initiatives such as revenue sharing (gas and tobacco), cannabis, the revitalization of the Anishinabek Nation Economic Blueprint, etc.

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

1. Direct the Economic Development Program to develop an Economic Development Officer (EDO) Working Group and the roles and responsibilities of the working group, which would consist of 2 representatives from each of the four Anishinabek Nation regions;
2. Direct the EDO Working Group to establish a terms of reference for the Economic Development Officer Working Group; and
3. Direct the Economic Development Program to provide regular working group updates to the Chiefs Council on the Economy on information updates, any recommendations, or additional information.



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**RESOLUTION – #2021-24**

**Subject:** Participation in Gaming Industry and Regulation  
**Mover:** Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
**Seconder:** Chief Jason Henry, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (Minister) wrote an open letter to Indigenous Leaders, Nations and Organizations in May 2021 concerning discussions on gaming including the following sub-issues:
  - a. Would you support a discussion on the role of Indigenous Nations and communities in relation to gaming?;
  - b. If such a discussion were to be held, what would be the appropriate format, who should participate, and when should this discussion occur?; and
  - c. What topics would you want discussed?
2. In the past, gaming issues have been dealt with on a province-wide basis through the Chiefs of Ontario forums and more recently through the Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership (ONFLP) forums; and
3. The Minister has set a deadline of June 30, 2021 for feedback on the above sub-issues.

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

1. Direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate and support ongoing dialogue between Canada and First Nations on gaming;
2. Direct the Chief of Ontario to facilitate consultation with the province;

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3. Request assistance from the OFNLP in advising on this matter including a risk analysis;  
and
4. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief to advocate before the Senate  
Standing Committee in its consideration of Bill C-218.



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**RESOLUTION – #2021-25**

**Subject:** Kamloops Indian Residential School  
**Mover:** Louis Kwissiwa (Proxy), Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg  
**Seconder:** Barbara Sarazin (Proxy), Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation  
**Status:** Carried  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

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**WHEREAS:**

1. On May 27, 2021, the discovery of the buried remains of 215 children at a former residential school within the territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemec First Nation in Kamloops, British Columbia was reported; and
2. The Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission details the harsh mistreatment inflicted upon Indigenous children that attended residential schools where at least 3,200 children died amid abuse and neglect.

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

1. Extend our deepest sympathies for the people of Tk'emlups te Secwepemec First Nation during this time of deep sorrow and grief;
2. Call on the Prime Minister and Government of Canada to:
  - a. Declare a national day of mourning as the 215<sup>th</sup> day of each year to mark the terrible loss of innocent young lives that occurred at all Indian Residential Schools;
  - b. Acknowledge the events that occurred at the Kamloops Indian Residential School as being part of a genocide conceived and carried out by the Government and Church Organizations;
  - c. Provide the opportunity and resources for other First Nations and Indigenous People across Canada whose lives were forever impacted by the atrocity of the Indian Residential Schools to carry out surveys of former residential school sites as were completed at Kamloops, if and when they choose to do so;
  - d. Abandon opposition to the Residential Schools Survivors at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal and claims for the full implementation of Jordan's Principle;



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- e. To ensure that legal accountability for these atrocities is pursued; and
- f. Finally provide meaningful and sustained support and resources from the legacy of the Indian Residential Schools, and to truly advance the long process of reconciliation.



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