

UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS'

ALL CHIEFS' MEETING

KING EDWARD HOTEL, TORONTO

SEPTEMBER 16TH - 18TH, 1975

PRESENT:

Michael Roy, President
Bob Debassige, Executive Director
Gay Marsden, Executive Secretary
Del Riley, Director, Treaty Research
Lee Johnson, Director, Sports and Recreation
Paul Williams, Legal Advisor
Rosamond McCue, Education
Eugene Seymour, Housing

BOARD MEMBERS:

Southwest

Lyle Riley, Vice-President
Harry Miskokomon
Chief Flora Tabobondung
Senator Telford Adams

Southeast

Lawrence Francis
Dan Simpson
John Sharrow
Senator Elsie Knott

Robinson Superior

Joe Michano, Vice-President
Fred Nowgesic
Chief George Finlayson
Senator Louis Kwisswa

Robinson Huron

Chief Wilfred Owl, Vice-President
Chief James Debassige
Senator William Meawasige

BANDS

REPRESENTED:

Southwest

Chippewas of Georgina Island
Kettle Point
Caldwell
Chippewas of Sarnia

	Rama Cape Croker Muncey of the Thames Saugeen Chippewas of the Thames Shawanaga Parry Island Christian Island
Robinson Superior	Heron Bay Rocky Bay Michipicoten Pays Plat Fort William Gull Bay Long Lac Chapleau Red Rock Duck Lake Chapleau Moberg
Southeast	Alderville Scugog Island St. Regis Curve Lake
Robinson Huron	Wahnapiatae Sheguiandah Nipissing Henvey Inlet Wikwemikong Spanish River Dokis West Bay Magnetawan Garden River Sucker Creek Whitefish Lake Mississauga Serpent River
<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u> <u>INDIAN AFFAIRS:</u>	Howard Rodine, Regional Director Dan Patterson, Executive Assistant to the Regional Director Maurice Aked, Assistant Regional Director (Community Affairs)

INDIAN COMMUNITY
SECRETARIAT:

Wilf Welldon

OTHER GUESTS:

Gary Miller, Resource and Information
Specialist, Joint Indian Association
Committee

Bill Brant, Advisor, Indian Policing Services
Bill Wilson, Union of British Columbia Indian
Chiefs

Clive Linklater, Vice-President, National
Indian Brotherhood

Alex Dedam, Vice-President, Union of New
Brunswick Indians

Terry McCue, Student, Trent University

Following are the Resolutions that were passed at this
meeting:

MOTION (1): Chief Norman Agounie, Sheguiandah
Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing

THAT the Agenda be adopted as proposed.

CARRIED.

MOTION (2): Chief Ron Wakegijig, Wikwemikong
Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan

THAT the Motions of the Board of Directors'
Meeting held September 15, 1975 be adopted.

CARRIED.

MOTION (3): Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River
Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point

WHEREAS the 54 Chiefs of the Union of Ontario
Indians recognize the need for continued funding

of the organization known as the Union of Ontario Indians and its' meetings;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Indian Community Secretariat of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation of the Ontario Government, both for this meeting of September 16, 17 and 18, 1975 and for all future meetings, provide a level of funding that would represent fairly the proportion of the Chiefs' time that is spent discussing matters relating to Native problems and interests of a Provincial nature.

CARRIED.

MOTION (4): Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan
Chief Margaret Jones, Shawanaga

THAT the Indian Community Secretariat continue to fund Regional Chiefs' Meetings.

CARRIED.

MOTION (5): Chief Ron Wakegijig, Wikwemikong
Chief Norm Stinson, Rama

THAT the Department of Indian Affairs be instructed to allow Eugene Seymour to participate to their discussions tomorrow.

CARRIED.

MOTION (6): Chief Wilfred Owl, Spanish River
Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

THAT the election proceed.

CARRIED.

MOTION (7): Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing
Chief Camille Chiblow, Mississauga

THAT nominations cease.

CARRIED.

MOTION (8): Gene Bannon, Fort William
Chief Ivan Madahbee, Sucker Creek

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED.

MOTION (9): Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames
Chief Carl Johnson, Caldwell

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians' Chiefs adopt
the Resolution regarding the D Program Circulars,
as formulated by the Resolutions Committee.

CARRIED.

The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario
Indians recognize the need for sincere and
businesslike consultations between the Department
of Indian Affairs and the Indian people;

AND WHEREAS we recognize the inadequacies of present legislation and procedures to deal with the administrative needs of our band organizations;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has been conducting a program of unilateral implementation of its' policies;

We, the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians, categorically reject the Department of Indian Affairs' Program Circulars D-1 through D-5. We also reject all other Guidelines issued by the Government without full and proper consultation.

There has been no such consultation with our bands.

We agree with the principle of accountability for all Government-source funding.

We wish to create our own financial and administrative procedure and accounting.

We demand full Federal funding to carry out the necessary meetings for this purpose.

We demand that these deliberations and subsequent meetings and negotiations be conducted with the full knowledge of the Union of Ontario Indians and all the Chiefs and Councillors and not, as has been

the case, with bands individually, as this latter course has only been divisive and counter-productive.

We demand a halt to the holding back of quarterly funding by the Government as a lever for acceptance of the Guidelines. This is blackmail and is an unfair form of taking advantage of poor people and poor bands. We condemn this type of action, and direct the release of all funding that is being held back as a result of these guidelines and the Government's policy.

We do not wish any bands, both the smaller bands and the larger ones, to be hurt by Government policy in this area.

(MOTION 10): Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River
Chief Norm Stinson, Rama

THAT we, the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians agree that in the event that the Department of Indian Affairs does not take proper and immediate action on our Motion (9) dated September 17, 1975 with respect to the Policy Guidelines, the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario

Indians will close all reserve Administration Offices in our area, and freeze all documents in those offices and in our possession, until such time as the Department reaches agreement with our organization and bands on the above-mentioned Motion on the principle of consultation and on policy matters.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOTION (11): Joe Michano, Heron Bay
Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

THAT the discussions regarding the closing down of Band Administration Offices be held in-camera.

CARRIED.

MOTION (12): Franklin Shawbedees, Saugeen
Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing

THAT the authority be vested in the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Union of Ontario Indians to determine the date when the Indian reserve Administration Offices shall be closed and for how long.

In protest to the policies and tactics of the Government, as referred to in the previous Motion,

the President shall first attempt to receive agreement from the Department of Indian Affairs to the proposals in the Motion.

CARRIED.

MOTION (13): Chief Frank Solomon, Cape Croker
Chief Margaret Jones, Shawanaga

WHEREAS deplorable conditions continue to exist on our reserves because of the Department of Indian Affairs' policies;

AND WHEREAS the Department has consistently ignored the wishes and voices of the Indian people;

AND WHEREAS the Department has misused and abused its' trust responsibility over our lands and monies;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians demand a full public inquiry with Indian people participating on the Board of Inquiry, to investigate all activities, spending and responsibility of the Department of Indian Affairs across Canada, and also that this Board of Inquiry have full access to all documents in the

possession of the Government or elsewhere, and also that the results of this Inquiry be made public.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOTION (14): Larry Johnson, Caldwell
Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians accept the Resolution drawn up by Mrs. Rosamond McCue with regard to the Education Circulars.

CARRIED.

The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS Program Circular E-12, The University and Professional Educational Assistance Program - Policy and Administrative Guidelines has been given Treasury Board approval prior to consultation and against the wishes of the elected members of the Union of Ontario Indians. This rejection was officially voiced in the form of Band Council Resolutions. This indicates that the opinions and decisions of the Chiefs and Band Councils have been undermined and can be easily ignored by the Department of Indian Affairs. This is completely unacceptable;

AND WHEREAS Program Circular E-12 has already been given Treasury Board approval; any consultation at this point would be mere tokenism and of absolutely no value;

THEREFORE, the Chiefs of Ontario hereby unanimously resolve to inform the Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. Judd Buchanan, that we categorically reject Program Circular E-12. It is not to be implemented in any way, shape or form, now or ever;

WE FURTHER RESOLVE that the former policy of educational assistance be continued. It will only be changed when the Chiefs and Band Councils deem it necessary. When, and if, this happens, the direction for change will come from the Chief and Band Council of that particular reserve in consultation with the affected students of that same reserve;

WE FURTHER RESOLVE that, in the event that the Program Circular E-12 is implemented against our wishes, we will:

1. Close our Band Offices and not allow any Indian Affairs' personnel to set foot on Indian land.

2. Call for a full and intensive parliamentary investigation of the dealings and the way in which Indian people have been involved in doing business with the Department of Indian Affairs.

MOTION (15): Roger Jones, Shawanaga
Chief Loreen Lewis, Serpent River

THAT Senator Telford Adams act as Chairman.

CARRIED.

MOTION (16): Chief Loreen Lewis, Serpent River
Chief Camille Chiblow, Mississauga

THAT Joe Michano be appointed Chairman.

CARRIED.

MOTION (17): Chief Gerald Maness, Chippewas of Sarnia
Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing

THAT the observers be allowed to stay in the meeting.

CARRIED.

MOTION (18): Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point
Chief Gerald Bouchard, Pays Plat

THAT a joint Department of Indian Affairs and Union of Ontario Indians committee be established

to assist the bands of the Union of Ontario Indians in establishing the necessary procedures for accountability of Federal funds; and FURTHER, that the membership of this committee be as follows:

2 representatives from the D.I.A. Regional Office, as determined by the Regional Director; and 2 or more representatives from the Union of Ontario Indians as chosen by the U.O.I. Board of Directors;

AND FURTHER, that all costs incurred for this purpose be underwritten by Regional Office; and THAT funding should not be withheld while this process is underway.

CARRIED.

MOTION (19): Chief Norm Stinson, Rama
Franklin Shawbedees, Saugeen

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians feel that the Department of Indian Affairs has not truly represented the Indians of Ontario by way of the Minister of Indian Affairs not giving the Chiefs and Band Councils of Ontario

the opportunity of expressing their wishes before signing the policing agreement with the Ontario Solicitor General;

AND WHEREAS the Federal-Provincial agreement respecting Indian policing of Ontario Indian reserves does not express the needs of the Chiefs and Band Councils of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians demand that amendments be negotiated and be made to the agreement between the Provincial and Federal Governments respecting Indian policing of Ontario Indian reserves in order that the agreement will truly express the needs of the Chiefs and Band Councils of Ontario.

CARRIED.

MOTION (20): Murray Whetung, Curve Lake
Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames

THAT the present Department of Indian Affairs' Subsidy Housing Program not be phased out by the next fiscal year, but rather be improved to meet the demand of the backlog housing needs for the Indian communities of Ontario.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOTION (21): Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames
Chief Carl Johnson, Caldwell

THAT the position of the Resource and Information Specialist be stabilized.

CARRIED.

MOTION (22): Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River
Chief Norm Stinson, Rama

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians send Gary Miller, Resource and Information Specialist, and also one delegate from each Ontario Indian organization, to British Columbia for possibly one month in order to study their current situation; and also

THAT a delegation from B.C. be requested to come to Ontario in order that they may speak to all of the bands and explain their situation more clearly.

CARRIED.

MOTION (23): Chief Frank Solomon, Cape Croker
Chief Carl Johnson, Caldwell

THAT the next Union of Ontario Indians All Chiefs' Meeting be tentatively scheduled for March, 1976; the dates to be chosen by the President.

CARRIED.

MOTION (24): Roger Jones, Shawanaga
Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay

THAT the Chiefs return the appropriate Band
Council Resolutions to the Union of Ontario
Indians' office by September 26, 1975.

CARRIED.