

UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS
ALL CHIEFS' MEETING
JUNE 23rd - 26th, 1976

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PRESENT: Michael R. Roy, President and Chairman
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Patrick Madahbee, Director, Sports and Recreation
Del Riley, Director, Treaty Research
Bella Marshall, Secretary, Treaty Research
Paul Williams, Counsel

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Chief George Finlayson
Senator Louis Kwissiwa

Robinson Huron Chief Camille Chiblow, Vice-President
Chief James Debassige
Chief Flora Tabobondung
Senator William Meawasige

BANDS REPRESENTED:

Southwest Saugeen
Kettle Point
Christian Island
Rama
Chippewas of Georgina Island
Chippewas of the Thames
Muncey of the Thames
Caldwell
Chippewas of Sarnia

Southeast Mississaugas of Scugog
Alderville
Curve Lake
St. Regis

Robinson-Superior Gull Bay
Fort William
Pic Heron Bay
Red Rock
Pays Plat
Pic Mobert
Long Lac #58
Michipicoten

Robinson-Huron

Shawanaga
Magnetawan
West Bay
Sheguiandah
Wikwemikong
Garden River
Spanish River
Serpent River
Mississauga
Nipissing
Sucker Creek
Whitefish Lake
Henvey Inlet
Wahnapiatae
Parry Island

GUESTS:

Valerie Assinewe, Secretary of State, Ottawa
Iona Campagnolo, Parliamentary Secretary to
Minister of Indian Affairs, Judd Buchanan;
M.P. Skeena
Ross Radford, Ministry of Industry and Tourism
C.A. Woods, Northern Ontario Development
Corporation
H.E. Hofmann, Ministry of Industry and Tourism
Mr. Herridge, Natural Resources
Sheila Arthurs, Provincial Secretariat for Justice
Harry Welens, Community and Social Services
Bill Seyen, Community and Social Services
Bill Brant, Advisor, Indian Policing Services
C. Cowin, Indian Community Secretariat
Mr. Eddie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning
Research, Ministry of Transportation and
Communications
Wilf Welldon, Indian Community Secretariat
Jacquie Weitz, National Indian Brotherhood
Gord Mullin, A/Assistant Regional Director
(Education), Department of Indian Affairs,
Toronto
Bill Van Iterson, A/Regional Director General
Department of Indian Affairs, Toronto
Bill Garand, A. Assistant Regional Director
(Community Affairs), Department of Indian
Affairs, Toronto
Van Bueneman, Advisor on Housing, Department
of Indian Affairs, Ottawa
Eugene Seymour, Housing Specialist,
Chiefs of Ontario

JUNE 23, 1976

Nominations for Resolutions Committee:

Joe Michano nominated Harold Sault

Seconded by Howard Adams

Chief Wilmer Noganosh nominated Roger Jones, Shawanaga

Seconded by Dominc Contin, Henvey Inlet

Lyle Riley nominated Chief Norm Stinson, Rama

Seconded by Chief Carl Johnson

Telford Adams nominated Chief James Mason, Saugeen

Seconded by Chief Norm Stinson

All of the above accepted.

The CHAIRMAN questioned whether all delegates were in favour. All were.

MOTION (1): Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan

THAT nominations be closed.

CARRIED.

The CHAIRMAN, MICHAEL ROY, read through the proposed agenda.

Changes were made in time slots.

MOTION (2): Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing
Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah

THAT we adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

MOTION (3): Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan
Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

THAT Lyle Riley be Co-chairman of the General Assembly.

CARRIED.

A motion was presented by CHIEF TOUSSANT MICHANO, that a bus be chartered to take the delegates home of the Robinson-Superior Region.

MOTION (4): Chief Toussant Michano, Pic Heron Bay
Chief Gerald Bouchard, Pays Plat

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians charter a bus to take the Robinson-Superior delegates home.

CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned

June 24, 1976
Morning Session

BOB DEBASSIGE made a presentation on Recreation, on behalf of PATRICK MADAHBEE, Director, Sports and Recreation. PATRICK MADAHBEE could not be present at this meeting due to a loss of a family member. The first item being the first Native National Hockey Tournament. A bid had been put in by Ontario at a meeting in Winnipeg. GENE BANNON had been the representative at that meeting. PATRICK MADAHBEE would like a letter of support from the Union of Ontario Indians Chiefs to hold this Native National Hockey Tournament, slated to held in Thunder Bay.

LYLE RILEY, Co-chairman was in support of holding this Tournament.

MOTION # 5: Chief Francis Stone, Michipicoten
Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay

THAT we the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians support the first Native National Hockey Tournament to be held at Fort William Gardens in Thunder Bay, Ontario in April 1977.

CARRIED.

Another item which PATRICK MADAHBEE was concerned about, was the membership of the Wikwemikong Band to the Union of Ontario Indians. CHIEF RON WAKEGIJIG, informed that the Wikwemikong Band had to sever ties with the Union of Ontario Indians only as a legal formality. The Wikwemikong Band considered themselves as a member of the Union of Ontario Indians. LYLE RILEY, Co-chairman recommended that the Wikwemikong Band be included a part in the Regional Hockey Tournaments.

BOB DEBASSIGE presented the Union of Ontario Indians Personnel Policy. This policy was the compilation of the old personnel policy and includes some of the recommendations made by the P.S. Ross Report, and part of the U.O.I. staff recommendations. This Personnel Policy had received approval in principle by the Board of Directors. ROGER JONES stated that he would like to see an addendum put into the Policy with regard to hiring of employee relatives.

MOTION # 6: Roger Jones, Shawanaga
Lawrence Pawis, Shawanaga

THAT the Executive Director shall not, without the express permission of the Hiring Committee, hire any person who is

an immediate relative of any person who is an employee or a Director of the Union of Ontario Indians.

In this policy, "immediate relative" shall mean parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, spouses and common law spouses, children, grandchildren.

CARRIED.

MOTION # 7: Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay
Howard Bannon, Fort William

THAT we the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians fully support the Personnel and Administrative Policy with the addition that was presented by the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians today.

CARRIED.

The CHAIRMAN introduced MRS. IONA CAMPAGNOLO, Parliamentary Secretary to HONOURABLE JUDD BUCHANAN, MINISTER, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. MRS. CAMPAGNOLO gave speech on behalf of MR. JUDD BUCHANAN. She spoke on Indian Control over Education, Economic Development. She also stated that operations of the Department are changing in such a way to make the organization more responsive by decentralizing the decision making authority from Ottawa to the Region and from there to the District and whenever possible, to the Bands.

JOE MICHANO recommended that the Department of Indian Affairs provide more consultation funds, so that there may be more meetings of this sort. MRS. CAMPAGNOLO would take this back to the Minister, and recommend that the Minister make more visits to Ontario.

The CHAIRMAN introduced MR. RENE BRUNELLE, Minister W/O Portfolio, and Chairman of Cabinet. MR. BRUNELLE had been appointed Co-ordinator for Native Affairs, on January 1976. The reason being to facilitate problems that are of an overlapping nature. He informed that the Joint Steering Committee is comprised of the four main organizations - Union of Ontario Indians, A.I.A.I., Treaty #3, and Treaty #9. Should Bands have a problem with the Ontario Ministries MR. BRUNELLE can be used for communication. ROGER JONES mentioned that the Federal and Provincial Governments are sloshing off the responsibility of the Indian people. (Federal to the Provincial) MR. BRUNELLE stated that responsibility of the Status Indians lies with the Federal Government, (Education, Health etc.) He stated that should there be problems he can be contacted.

JOE MICHANO raised the point of Welfare reimbursement.

MR. BRUNELLE would take this up with the Federal authorities.

CHIEF RODNEY MONAGUE raised the question of disbursement of funds for Culture and Recreation. MR. BRUNELLE, would take this to Mr. Welch.

LYLE RILEY requested that more Indian participation be put into Federal Provincial Agreements.

There was discussion on Timber Operations, Subsidy money for Roads, Mercury Pollution, Home Ownership Plan, Subsidy on Housing, Surrendered Land, Surrendered Unsold Lands.

MR RADFORD, of Ministry of Industry and Tourism, was present also at this meeting. Discussion was held on Camping Parks, A.R.D.A. and D.R.E.E., Ontario Development Corporation,

CHIEF GERALD BOUCHARD, Pays Plat, stressed that the first and second quarters of funding be released at the beginning of the fiscal year.

MOTION # 8: Chief Gerald Bouchard, Pays Plat
Howard Bannon, Fort William

THAT the method of distribution of administration funds allocated to bands on a quarterly basis be changed so that the first two quarters, be released at the beginning of each fiscal year to allow bands to operate their programs without going into financial difficulties.

CARRIED.

Community and Social Services was discussed. Welfare assistance, dental and optical services was discussed.

Discussion was also held on persons of eighteen years of age not able to receive assistance unless living with parents. In some cases parents are also on welfare.

MOTION # 9: Joe Michano, Heron Bay
Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames

We recommend that:

Section 1 (1) (m) (ii) of the Regulations made pursuant to the Ontario General Welfare Assistance Act be changed to read as follows in its application to Indian people on reserves:

"single person" means an unmarried adult, a widow, a widower or a separated or divorced person but does not include a person...

(ii) who is an employable person under the age of eighteen years living with either of his parents or with a person in loco parentis".

CARRIED.

Membership Fee of the Union of Ontario Indians was raised. The CO-CHAIRMAN read letter which was given to each delegate concerning the membership fee.

MOTION # 10: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Chief Marie Wawia, Red Rock

THAT the membership fee for belonging to the Union of Ontario Indians be \$10.00 annually per person effective June 24, 1976.

CARRIED.

Day III
June 25, 1976

MS. SHEILA ARTHURS, Policy Development Office, Provincial Secretariat for Justice, was introduced.

The authority of Probation Officers was discussed. The Native Scholarship Program was also mentioned by MS. ARTHURS.

MR. BILL BRANT, Advisor Indian Policing, was introduced. He spoke on the Federal Provincial Police Agreement. He informed that this agreement was signed on July 18, 1975. He stated that there were fifty-three special constables on thirty Reserves in Ontario.

JOE MICHANO, raised the point that the salary for these constables was too low.

MOTION # 11: Howard Bannon, Fort William
Chief Marie Wawia, Red Rock

WE recommend that the Federal-Provincial Agreement on Indian Policing be amended so that an Indian policeman shall receive the same rate of pay as an Ontario Provincial Police Officer in the same area and with the same experience and training. This will make the job more attractive to suitable candidates. We further recommend

that the Department of Indian Affairs provide funding for bands to hire Band Constables until such time as acceptable Special Constable Programme is in operation.

CARRIED.

Discussion was held with the Department of Indian Affairs representatives MR. VAN ITERSON and MR. GARAND. It was decided that questions be directed to the Union office, then the Union and the department of Indian Affairs would get together to solve the problems.

There was discussion on Auditing, Core Funding, Interest Charges on Overdrafts, Band Council Resolutions being sent to the department of Indian Affairs only to be sent back to the Bands in regard to proper wording, and then sent back to Indian Affairs again, Local Government Advisors, and Local Government Seminars. BILL GARAND spoke on the Ontario Indian Housing Council.

EUGENE SEYMOUR, Housing Specialist, ERVAN BEAUNAMAN, Department of Indian Affairs, BILL GARAND, Department of Indian Affairs, and JIM WELLER, spoke on the Ontario Indian Housing Council.

It was stated that the Housing Council was a Pilot Project.

EUGENE SEYMOUR informed that there was \$100,000.00 available for Ontario. Money would be provided to the four Indian Organizations in Ontario for the salary of one Housing Specialist.

LYLE RILEY stated that at a meeting with Jack Tully it was pointed out that the amount was not sufficient, being that the Union of Ontario Indians represented fifty-four Reserves. Jack Tully believed that the Union should be given more money from the Ontario Indian Housing Council.

EUGENE SEYMOUR stated that at present the Subsidy Monies were not sufficient.

JOE MICHANO read a motion which was passed at the Robinson-Superior Regional Chiefs Meeting on June 22, 1976.

MOTION # 12: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River

THAT we the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians fully support the motion which the Robinson-Superior Region Chiefs passed at their Regional Meeting on

June 22, 1976.

The Motion reads as follows:

Chief Louis Kwissiwa, Mobert
Chief George Finlayson, Long Lac #58

THAT we the delegates of the Robinson-Superior Treaty Area recommend as partial solution to the Housing problem:

- A) An increase on subsidy to \$20,000.00 per unit.
- B) Make available to people recognized by Band Councils to be responsible people, who should be given ministerial guarantee, a guarantee to a funding agency without jeopardizing Band funds to enable these people to build better and adequate homes to meet their needs.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY recommended that the Department of Indian Affairs increase the Housing Research Monies, this would ensure that an adequate job would be done.

MOTION # 13: Joe Michano, Heron Bay
Chief Camille Chiblow, Mississauga

THAT the present allotment of \$100,000.00 for housing research be increased to \$150,000.00 to ensure adequate research and further should the needs of the programme exceed the said figure, funds be made available for continued research.

CARRIED.

CHIEF TIM ESQUEGA was concerned about the housing material and equipment left outside for the duration of the winter, for the Gull Bay Band. He requested that the Department of Indian Affairs look into this matter.

MOTION # 14: Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames
Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan

THAT we the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians request that the Regional Director, from the Regional Office of the Department of Indian Affairs go to the District Superintendent of the Lakehead District Office regarding the housing of

of the Gull Bay Band 1974-75.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY read a motion which was passed by the Chiefs of the Robinson-Huron and Robinson-Superior Area. The delegation was in agreement with this motion.

MOTION # 15: Senator Telford Adams, Sarnia
Howard Bannon, Fort William

THAT all the Chiefs of the Robinson-Superior and Robinson-Huron Area;

HEREBY RESOLVE AND DEMAND THAT, the Medical Services, known as the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs cover all categories of medical expenses as it directly relates to Registered and Treaty Indians for Medical Health Services, such as OHIP, dental, optical and medical, at no cost to both on reserve and off reserve Indian people; FURTHER MORE, under Section 73 of the Indian Act, it is the responsibility of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs to provide this service; AND THAT application approvals be expedited to a length of not more than three weeks.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY read through another motion which was passed at the Robinson-Huron Regional Meeting concerning royalties on furs.

MOTION # 16: Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan
Chief Carl Johnson, Caldwell

WHEREAS the 6% royalties on fur caught on the Indian Reserves of the Robinson-Huron, Robinson Superior Treaty are considered taxes and illegal as such;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, we apply for exemption against their royalties as taxed by the Province of Ontario and Canada.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY read motion on the proposed gun control legislation:

MOTION # 17: Chief Leo Nihcolas, Muncey of the Thames
Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians and all the
Chiefs of Ontario;

DO HEREBY RESOLVE THAT they are full against
the implementation of the Proposed Gun
Control Legislation as this Gun Control Legislation
does infringe on the rights of all Indian
people in Canada, and breaches the treaties
within the Robinson-Huron and Robinson-Superior
Region;

FURTHERMORE, THAT the Indian people have always
utilized guns for the purpose of hunting wild
game for food, and this encroaches on their
right to do so;

AND FURTHER THAT, this be brought to the
attention of the appropriate levels of the
Federal and Provincial Governments.

CARRIED.

The CHAIRMAN read through a motion on Federal Government
Sales Tax.

MOTION # 18: Roger Jones, Shawanaga
Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians and all the
Chiefs of Ontario;

DO HEREBY RESOLVE THAT they are fully against
the illegal taxes being charged under the
Federal Governments sales tax system. The
12% Federal Sales Tax or 10% Excise Tax is
exempt to all Indians when purchasing manufactured
products or materials for construction;

FURTHERMORE, under Section 87 of the Indian Act
the personal property of an Indian or a Band
situated on a Reserve is exempt from any form

immediately in order that they may be able to carry on their band business.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Member of Parliament representing the Caldwell Band and a copy be also sent to:

1. The Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs
The Honourable Judd Buchanan.
2. Dr. J.R. Holmes, M.P. - Member of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
3. Mr. Broadbent, M.P. - Member of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
4. National Indian Brotherhood.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY read motion on moratorium in regards to the revisions to the Indian Act, drafted by the Southwest Region.

MOTION # 20: Chief Ray Rogers, Sarnia
Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay

WHEREAS the bands have not had the opportunity to realize the implications of the proposed changes to the Indian Act;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians do hereby declare a moratorium for a period of five years on any revisions to the Indian Act and no changes be made to the Indian Act within that period;

AND FURTHER that after the five year moratorium no revisions take place without the consensus of the Chiefs and Councils.

AND FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- 1) The Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs
Judd Buchanan.
- 2) Dr. J.R. Holmes, J.P. - Member of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
- 3) Mr. Broadbent, M.P. - Member of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
- 4) National Indian Brotherhood.

CARRIED.

The following motion was also read by LYLE RILEY, drafted by the Southwest Region.

MOTION # 21: Chief Fred Bressette, Kettle Point
Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

WHEREAS the two year program for the Indian Act Liaison Specialist is not sufficient time for the bands to have complete consultation on the Indian Act;

AND WHEREAS the two year political situation on the reserve could change;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Indian Act Liaison Specialist program be extended to a five year program to coincide with the five year moratorium on the Indian Act.

AND FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

1. The Minister of Indian Affairs,
The Honourable Judd Buchanan.
2. Dr. J.R. Holmes, M.P. - Member of the
Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
3. Mr. Broadbent, M.P. - Member of the
Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
4. National Indian Brotherhood.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY read another draft resolution by the Southeast and Southwest Region.

MOTION # 22: Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames
Chief Loreena Lewis, Serpent River

WHEREAS the representation by the Indian people on any screening and selection committee of the Department of Indian Affairs personnel has only been token representation;

AND WHEREAS the hiring of unfavourable personnel has led to deteriorating relationship between the Indian people and the Department of Indian Affairs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Selection Committee consist of equal representation by the Indian people from the Region or District involved.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we demand full participation at all decision making and policy drafting levels, at all administration meetings and other meetings that involve all programs for Indian people within the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs by Indian people through the status Indian organizations.

AND FURTHER THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to:

1. The Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, The Honourable Judd Buchanan.
2. Dr. J.R. Holmes, M.P. - Member of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs
3. Mr. Broadbent, M.P. - Member of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
4. National Indian Brotherhood.

CARRIED.

MR. RILEY proceeded to read the following Motion.

MOTION # 23: Chief James Mason, Saugoch
Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

THAT WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians invite the North American Indian Travelling College to become fused within the Union structure by having the Board of Directors of the North American Indian Travelling College comprise of members presently on the Union of Ontario Indians' Board and/or Union Chiefs or their delegates to sit on the North American Indian Travelling College Board of Directors together with some present North American Indian Travelling College Board Members;

AND FURTHER THAT, the majority of the Board of Directors members be from the Union of Ontario Indians.

CARRIED.

There was discussion with the Ministry of Transportation concerning roads.

CHIEF WILMER NOGANOSH was concerned about road exits from main highways. He stated that the Magnetawan Band needed a road exit.

ROGER JONES, was concerned about a four lane highway. He stated that consultation be held with the bands concerned.

There was also discussion on speed limit on highway 17.

CHIEF RON BOISSONEAU stated that all negotiations on four lane highways be stopped until all demands are met.

MOTION # 24: Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay
Chief Tim Esquega, Gull Bay

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians and
all the Chiefs of Ontario;

DO HEREBY RESOLVE THAT, all negotiations with the
Ministry of Transportation and Communication
cease - in regards to Highway Surrenders and
Road Right-of-Ways, until the Ministry arranges
meetings with the Reserves in Ontario at a
Regional level;

FURTHERMORE, these meetings which the Ministry
arrange will be at the Ministry's cost and of no
cost to Indian bands to solve the problems of the
reserves at local level.

CARRIED.

CHIEF TIM ESQUEGA, of Gull Bay, spoke on Policing, a Pilot Project on the Gull Bay Reserve. He stated that Gull Bay was being asked to take on a Federal-Provincial Agreement, but that the Band was happy with the Pilot Project. He stated that the General Assembly should back up the Band.

MOTION # 25: Chief Tim Esquega, Gull Bay
Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay

WHEREAS the Gull Bay Police Department has
successfully completed another year of its three
year tentative Indian Policing Program, which in
effect is a precedent, as approved and constituted

The GULL BAY POLICE COMMISSION will be administered in accordance to the terms of reference of Band By-Law 73-1-6 as registered by the Privy Council of Canada, as Statutory Instrument Number SOR/74-114 on the 27th day of February A.D. 1974.

AND FURTHER, THAT, all bands of the Union of Ontario Indians be granted the same rights as granted to the Gull Bay Band Council.

THAT all the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians completely and unanimously support the resolution of the Chief and Council of the Gull Bay Band of Indians.

AND FURTHER THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to:

1. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable Judd Buchanan.
2. Keith Penner, M.P.
3. Dr. J.R. Holmes, M.P. - Member of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
4. Mr. Broadbent, M.P. - Member of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs.
5. National Indian Brotherhood.

CARRIED.

The following motion was read by LYLE RILEY, regarding Government Funds.

MOTION # 26: Chief Ray Rogers, Sarnia
Chief Tim Esquega, Gull Bay

WHEREAS this convened body of elected Chiefs of registered Indians has been called together to consider questions of common interest;

AND WHEREAS, we consider the Department of Indian Affairs as represented by the Superintendent General a necessary function of government as it relates to the first citizens of this land;

AND WHEREAS, by reason of identification of race, man sometimes mistakenly considers himself to have superior qualities of such men as Einstein,

Bell, Churchill, Tecumseh, Newton, Morse, Edison, and other famous men;

AND WHEREAS, the Great Spirit has endowed man with latent qualities as made manifest in such great persons as these.

AND WHEREAS, such latent qualities are to be awakened and encouraged by responsible persons in government. These then are the combined thoughts and exhortations to the Department of Indian Affairs and the Superintendent General of this convened body of Indian Leaders.

NOW THEREFORE, on this 25 day of June, 1976, it is recognized that the Department of Indian Affairs is currently carrying out a policy of ensuring the proper accounting and expenditure of monies by regulations. We believe and know that this is good business practice.

However, in keeping with the spirit of self-determination, revenue monies are sometimes earned by individual Bands with or without assistance from resource persons employed by the Department. Such monies, then, should be managed by the local Band Council or its agents and covered by a separate set of regulations having regard to good business practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on the report of a lawyer together with a chartered accountant, or a certified general accountant, or a registered industrial accountant that a particular Band Council is increasing its revenue monies by its own initiative it shall cause the Minister of Indian Affairs to ask that particular Band to formulate its own financial regulations governing revenue funds geared to local conditions. The local Band Council will issue a separate revenue budget and cause to be made a financial report on those revenue monies to the Department. Grants to Bands, operation and maintenance and capital

monies will thereafter be the subject of a separate financial report because these monies are traditionally the sources of services such as health, welfare, and community services provided by the Department.

Inherent in this resolution is the thought that given self determination we, the elected Indian Leaders, know that our people are infinitely capable of having the enterprise which we as North American Indians so proudly hold as one our most important rights.

CARRIED.

Vice-President, Southeast, LAWRENCE FRANCIS, presented a resolution, for the Southeast Region.

MOTION # 27: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Roger Jones, Shawanaga

THAT Senator Chief Elsie Knott be the official Board Member of the Union of Ontario Indians, Southeast Region.

CARRIED.

The following motion was read by LYLE RILEY, drafted by the Southwest and Southeast Region.

MOTION # 28: Senator Telford Adams, Southwest Region
Chief James Debassige, Saugeen

THAT recommendation be made to the General Assembly that the per diem for the delegates be raised from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per day for all members of the Union of Ontario Indians effective July 1, 1976.

CARRIED.

It was recommended in the motion that the raise of the per diem be effective June 21, 1976. JOE MICHANO, Vice-President, Robinson-Superior stated that if this motion were in effect as of June 21, 1976, the office of the Union of Ontario Indians would have to close down. He recommended that the motion be changed to read "effective July 1, 1976". The Mover and Seconder

were in agreement with this change.

MOTION # 29: Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames
Lawrence Francis, Vice-President, Southeast

THAT we adjourn until the morning of
June 26, 1976.

CARRIED.

Day 1V
June 26, 1976

LYLE RILEY called meeting to order. SENATOR ELSIE KNOTT,
opened with a prayer in Indian.

Minutes of the last All Chiefs Meeting, September 16-18,
1975, were dealt with. LYLE RILEY read each motion.

MOTION # 30: Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River
Chief Louis Kwissiwá, Mobert

THAT the Minutes of the All Chiefs Meeting,
held September 16 - 18, 1975 be adopted.

CARRIED.

There was discussion on the Membership of the Union of Ontario
Indians. LYLE RILEY read out the Aims and Objectives of the
Union.

MOTION # 31: Roger Jones, Shawanaga
Howard Bannon, Fort William

THAT we request the Union Administration
office to send out Circulars to all Bands and
Members outlining aims and objectives;
re: Union membership.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY raised the point of a By-Law Committee. This
Committee would consist of a representative from each of the four
Regions.

MOTION # 32: Frank Solomon, Caldwell
Leonard Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames

THAT a By-Law Committee be set up consisting of
one representative from each of the four regions,
Robinson-Superior, Robinson-Huron, Southeast, and
Southwest.

CARRIED.

A resolution was presented stating that the Resolutions Committee be compensated an extra \$20.00 for the services in drafting Resolutions, for the All Chiefs Meeting.

MOTION # 33: Senator Telford Adams, Southwest
Senator William Meawasige, Robinson-Huron

THAT the Resolutions Committee be compensated
an extra \$20.00.

CARRIED.

CHIEF RON BOISSONEAU stated that Indian Community Secretariat hired a fieldworker without a representative from the Indian people. This fieldworker was hired in the Sault Ste. Marie area.

MOTION # 34: Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River
Chief Lawrence Madahbee, Sucker Creek

WHEREAS the Indian Community Secretariat of the Ontario Government has hired a fieldworker in the Sault Ste. Marie area who is unacceptable to many Indian people in the area and is unable to speak any Indian language. He was hired without any Indian participation in his selection.

NOW THEREFORE, the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians,

DO HEREBY RESOLVE, that the Indian Community Secretariat, in hiring its staff, incorporate representatives of the Indian people in its selection committees,

AND FURTHERMORE, that an ability to speak the Indian language be an integral part of the qualifications of any fieldworkers hired in the future.

CARRIED.

There was discussion on where the next All Chiefs Meeting would take place. CHIEF NORM STINSON was not in agreement with having the meeting on a Reserve, due to having the government on hand, when being held in Toronto. He was in agreement with having a Regional Meeting on a Reserve.

ROGER JONES stated that some of the Resource people invited to the All Chiefs Meetings have never set foot on a Reserve. He was in agreement to having the next All Chiefs Meeting on a Reserve.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL ROY questioned who would be hosting the next All Chiefs Meeting.

Three Reserves bid for the next All Chiefs Meeting. They were: Kettle Point Band, Wikwemikong Band, and the Sheguiandah Band.

ROGER JONES suggested that the Chiefs go back to their Council in regard to the next All Chiefs Meeting.

LYLE RILEY stated that since there were three Bands who had put in a bid, the decision be left to the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors.

MOTION # 35: Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River
Chief Doseum Nebenionquit, Whitefish Lake

WHEREAS these Conferences are expensive;
AND WHEREAS the money could greatly benefit
the people on Reserves,
NOW THEREFORE, WE RESOLVE, that the next
All Chiefs' Meeting be held on a Reserve if
possible.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY read the following motion:

MOTION # 36: Howard Bannon, Fort William
Chief George Finlayson, Long Lac

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians continue
to represent our bands in an efficient manner,
WHEREAS the primary source of funding for the
Union of Ontario Indians is that of core funding
from the Department of the Secretary of State;
NOW THEREFORE, we request that the core funding of
the Union of Ontario Indians continue and be
increased in order to keep pace with the rate of
inflation.

CARRIED.

The following motion was read.

MOTION # 37: Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay
Chief Norman Stinson, Rama

WHEREAS the consultation funds provided by the Department of Indian Affairs are inadequate in view of the number of issues to be discussed and the number of meetings needed;

NOW THEREFORE, we request that consultation funding be increased.

CARRIED.

Motion #3, from the All Chiefs Meeting held September 16-18, 1975, was reaffirmed. Motion three was in regard to the Indian Community Secretariat funding the meetings of the Union of Ontario Indians.

MOTION # 38: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Chief Ray Rogers, Sarnia

THAT we the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians reaffirm our position of Motion #3 dated September 16-18, 1975, and request that the President of the Union of Ontario Indians pressure ministries of the government for sufficient funds to continue with the service provided for the reserves in the Union of Ontario Indians area.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY read the following motion:

MOTION # 39: Chief Fred Bressette, Kettle Point
Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians has intervened in the case of Isaac vs Davey in the Supreme Court of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of this intervention is to present to the court a complete picture of the history of the relations between Indian nations and the Crown, and to preserve the rights to

land and sovereignty, of the Indian people;
NOW THEREFORE, the Chiefs of the Union of
Ontario Indians confirm their support of this
intervention.

CARRIED.

LYLE RILEY also read the following Motion:

MOTION # 40: Chief Carl Johnson, Caldwell
Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames

THAT we the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians
support the Kettle Point Reserve in their
endeavours to regain their lands that are
presently occupied by the Government of
Canada and the President of the Union of
Ontario Indians inform the Parties concerned
forthwith.

CARRIED.

CHIEF RON WAKEGIJIG, Wikwemikong Band, requested the support
for the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians to assist
the Wikwemikong Band in securing funds for Historical Research.

MOTION # 41: Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River
Chief Norm Stinson, Rama

THAT the Executive of the Union of Ontario
Indians support the Wikwemikong Band in
obtaining funds for their research.

CARRIED.

BOB DEBASSIGE, Executive Director, raised the point of the
raising of the \$50.00 per diem to \$75.00. BOB DEBASSIGE
asked that motion # 28 in regard to the \$75.00 per diem, be
recinded. VALERIE ASSINEWE, Secretary of State, spoke on
Core Funding, and that the Union of Ontario Indians deficit
had to be cleared up by March 1977. CHIEF NORM STINSON,
Rama, informed that the delegation present had families to
support and therefore, made the following motion.

MOTION # 42: Chief Norm Stinson, Rama
Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay

THAT the per diem rate of \$75.00 stands.

CARRIED.

LYLA BROWN, Ahbenoojeyug Inc., asked for support from the Chiefs of the Union in regard to her Childrens Program.

BOBBY WOODS, Nelson Small Legs Jr., Foundation asked for support from the U.O.I. to establish a half-way house for inmates or exinmates. LYLE RILEY suggested that BOBBY WOODS submit a Proposal to the Executive of the Union.

DOUG PINE, American Indian Movement, spoke on the American Indian Movement. He stated that people from the Reserves asked them to come into their Reserve to protect them.

MOTION # 43: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
George Henry, Kettle Point

THAT we hear from the three people, Lyla Brown, Bobby Woods, and Doug Pine.

CARRIED.

MOTION # 44: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Chief Leo Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames

THAT the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians give support to Lyla Brown in seeking funds from the Federal Government to administer the Indian Children's Program in the city of Toronto.

CARRIED.

AYLMER PLAIN closed the meeting in Prayer.