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ALL CHIEFS MEETING
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UNION STAFF PRESENT:

Michael R. Roy, President
Ray Martin, Executive Director
Whanda Newman, Bookkeeper
Myra Wabegijig, Secretary
Patrick Madahbee, Director, Sports & Recreation
Jan Bourdeau, Secretary, Sports & Recreation
Del Riley, Indian Act Liaison and Chairman
Paul Williams, Director, Treaty Research
Pat Wells, Secretary, Treaty Research
Larry Johnson, Fieldworker, Treaty Research
Willie Boissoneau, Fieldworker, Treaty Research
Ben Wawia, Fieldworker, Treaty Research
Virginia Toulouse, Summer Student
Terry Doxtator, Summer Student
Max Ireland, Summer Student
Lonny Bomberly, Summer Student
Alfred Fisher, Summer Student
Dave Nahwegabow, Summer Student

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Robinson-Huron

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BANDS REPRESENTED:

Southwest

Saugeen
Chippewas of Nawash (formerly Cape Croker)
Chippewas of Rama
Chippewas of Georgina Island
Christian Island
Chippewas of the Thames
Muncey of the Thames
Kettle Point
Chippewas of Sarnia
Caldwell

Southeast

Mississaugas of Scugog
Alderville
Curve Lake
Golden Lake

Robinson-Superior

Gull Bay
Fort William
Pic Heron Bay
Pays Plat
Pic Mobert
Long Lac #58
Michipicoten
Whitesand

Robinson-Superior

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

GUESTS:

Honourable Warren Allmand, Minister of
Indian and Northern Affairs
Richard Atleo, Special Assistant to the
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs
Keith Penner, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs,
M.P. Thunder Bay
Honourable Rene Brunelle, Provincial Secretary
for Resources Development
Bruce McKay, Ministry of Treasury, Economics
and Intergovernmental Affairs, Thunder Bay
Miss Pat Taylor, Indian Community Secretariat,
Toronto
Ted Wilson, Director of the Office of Land
Claims, Ministry of Natural Resources, Toronto
Marshall Noganosh, Indian Communtiy Secretariat,
Orillia
Lance Bisch, Ministry of Culture and Recreation,
Sault Ste. Marie
Inspector Speaker, O.P.P., Sault Ste. Marie
Staff Sergeant McIntyre, O.P.P.
Sault Ste. Marie

SENATOR TELFORD ADAMS, opened the meeting with a prayer in Indian.

MICHAEL ROY informed the Chiefs and Delegates that the Honourable Warren Allmand, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, would be available until noon; but Keith Penner, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister and Richard Atleo, Special Assistant to the Minister, would be in attendance for the duration of the Chiefs' Meeting. Michael Roy also informed the Delegation that the Board of Directors, at a Board of Directors' Meeting held on August 15/77, recommended that Del Riley be appointed Chairman for the Union of Ontario Indians' All Chiefs Meeting, August 16, 17, & 18, 1977.

CHIEF JOHN CORBIERE asked why a Chief was never appointed to Chair any of the Chiefs Meetings.

MICHAEL ROY replied that if a Chief was to Chair the meeting, he/she would not be able to participate as freely as the other Chiefs do.

MOTION #1: Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of the Thames
George Finlayson, Long Lac #58
THAT Del Riley be Chairman for the Union of Ontario
Indians' All Chiefs Meeting, August 16, 17, & 18, 1977.
CARRIED.

The CHAIRMAN, DEL RILEY, read through the proposed agenda.

MOTION #2: Chief Louis Kwissiw, Pic Mobert
Chief Tim Esquega, Gull Bay
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

DEL RILEY introduced the HONOURABLE WARREN ALLMAND, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs.

The HONOURABLE WARREN ALLMAND spoke on the appointment of Indian people to senior positions within the Department, the Joint Committee of the National Indian Brotherhood and the Federal Cabinet, and Federal-Provincial-Indian Relations, an example given was the formation of Tripartite Committees. He also informed the Delegation of the Departments' effort to decentralize the administration of programs to the District level and if possible, to the Band level. The Minister also spoke on programs within the Department such as, Local Government, Employment Programs, Economic Development, Housing, and Land Claims. (copy of speech is attached).

FRED SIMPSON stated that he was under the impression that the Department was going to cut-off funding for the Sports and Recreation Program.

MR. ALLMAND stated that he was not aware of the funding cut-off; and also that he was trying to work with the HONOURABLE IONA CAMPAGNOLO, Minister of Sports and Recreation, to increase the funding for Indian Sports and Recreation.

CHIEF JOHN CORBIERE was under the impression that the Minister is in favour of decentralizing responsibility to the District level, referring to the Sudbury District Office.

MR. ALLMAND stated that his policy is to decentralize as much as possible to the Bands and also decentralize more authority to the District, the reason being that they could make decisions in the District rather than the Province or Ottawa being the decision-makers.

CHIEF CORBIERE read a letter from himself to the Assistant Deputy Minister, CAM MACKIE, dated May 24, 1977, regarding the Sudbury District Office; and also that this letter has not been answered.

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The MINISTER commented that both he and MR. MACKIE support the policy that was enunciated by PETE LESEUX, that there should be sufficient authority in the new District Offices and in particular the Sudbury Office. He also stated that if the Sudbury Office is not delivering the services adequately, he will look into it and find out WHY?.

CHIEF RAY ROGERS referred to a motion passed at the Union of Ontario Indians' All Chiefs Meeting, July 5, 1977, to the effect that the moratorium on Band Economic Development Fund be ceased -- the Minister was asked to comment on this.

MR. ALLMAND informed CHIEF ROGERS that as far as he was concerned, there is no moratorium on the Band Economic Development Fund. He also stated that an evaluation of the Economic Development Program was done by the Department and the National Indian Brotherhood and it was agreed that a new approach would have to be taken on Economic Development, therefore a new Economic Development Program was set up which would provide more monies and new guidelines; the Delegation was informed that this new Economic Development Program is presently before the Treasury Board. MR. ALLMAND stated that he would look into further -- the moratorium on the Band Economic Development Fund.

PAUL WILLIAMS, Director of Treaty Research, stated that Ontario has been classified as a Specific Claims Area and no funds are being provided to research Comprehensive Claims; he then asked the Minister to explain how this decision was made and therefore, we're not allowed to research those claims in this area on unsurrendered Indian lands and lands which have not be dealt with by Treaty. MR. WILLIAMS then questioned the Minister as to his opinion of the future of the Research Program; and also what stage the Minister feels our research is at and also in his opinion - what the future of the Research funding will be. Other questions raised by PAUL WILLIAMS were in regards to access to information; stating that legal opinions relating to Indian

land, given by the Department of Justice to the Department of Indian Affairs have been asked for, the question asked was if those opinions would be sent to the U.O.I.; he then asked the Minister, what is happening in terms of the claims resolution process and what are the alternatives to dealing with the Office of Native Claims at this time?

MR. ALLMAND stated that there are two kinds of claims; one being Comprehensive Claims which are claims in areas where there was no Treaties and the other being Specific Claims in areas where there are Treaties but based on wrongful or incorrect alienation of lands, incorrect applications of the Treaties and of the Indian Act. The Department has authority from the Treasury Board to fund research on Comprehensive Claims only in those areas where there are Treaties; therefore, since Ontario is covered by Treaties, Specific Claims research can only be funded at this time and also funds can only be forwarded in accordance with the Treasury Board guidelines. Also stated was that the Treasury Board has promised that an evaluation of the Claims Research Program will be made this year; and possibly at the end of this fiscal year, there might be changes in the funding authority. The Minister informed the Delegates of the establishment of the Canadian Indian Rights Commission; he then mentioned that the proposal for Specific Claims funding has been agreed to by all the other Indian Association except the Union of Ontario Indians, he suggested that the proposal be signed to get Specific Claim funding but at the same time make it known of the Associations' dissatisfaction of the proposal to the Department and also to the Canadian Indian Rights Commission. It was MR. ALLMAND'S opinion that, (in regards to MR. BUCHANAN'S statement, as mentioned by PAUL WILLIAMS, 'that all the basic research is completed'), all the basic research is not completed. MR. ALLMAND stated that he would be more than willing to make available as much information as possible, but in regards to the legal opinions made by the Department of Justice to the Department of Indian Affairs, he would speak to MR. WILLIAMS further on this subject. The Minister then moved on to the subject of the Office of Native Claims, stating that the day to day work on both Comprehensive and Specific Claims are carried out by that Office which in turn reports directly to him but in some cases he does deal directly with an organization itself.

ROGER JONES expressed his concern of the structure of the Departments' Policy Programs; at study of the programs within the Department was referred to, which was done by a company by the name of 'Quasar' and as a result of the study - 45 different recommendations were made to the Department and 90% of the policy programs were inadequate.

MR. JONES stated that Indian Affairs, as a result of this study has started to restructure Policies with the Department, and to his knowledge there is no consultation with the Indian people; he then asked the Minister to define what the words - 1. Consultation, 2. Negotiation and 3. Communication, mean to him and what part do they play in making management decisions. ROGER JONES also requested the Minister to publicly address the Chiefs, that the Indian people will play a part in restructuring the policy within the Department of Indian Affairs and there will be some means set up to have proper negotiation, consultation and communication take place.

MR. ALLMAND stated that he was not familiar with the 'Quasar' Study. He felt that any changes in Indian programs, Indian policies, and substantial changes in the structure of the Department should not go ahead without close consultation with Indian people. He then went on and defined the three most commonly used words; Consultation - On national policies under the Department, the principal liaison for consultation is with the National Indian Brotherhood which has seen the set-up of the Joint NIB/Cabinet Committee, and in turn the NIB informs the Executive Council which has representatives from all the Indian Associations, of what is happening at the National level and also the newly funded NIB Policy Secretariat aids in this process.

MR. ALLMAND also stated that even though the principle consultation is with the National Indian Brotherhood, this does not prevent him from meeting with groups that do not participate with the NIB very closely or with Provincial Associations. Negotiation - If at a National level, ie. changes in the Housing Program, Economic Development Policy or revisions to the Indian Act, we negotiate with the Indian people through the NIB; if local, ie. involving the Province or a Band, then we would negotiate directly with the Region or the Band. Communication -

MR. ALLMAND stated that he communicates more frequently with the leaders of the Associations, but does try and get to the Reserves.

ROGER JONES referred to the process of management decision-making policy which is done at the Regional Office and also at District Offices, ie. at the Sudbury District Office, a policy was laid down effective June 15 in regards to Capital Management Process with no consultation; the question raised was, can any District Manager write up policies and put them into use.

MR. ALLMAND informed MR. JONES that he will find out how the policy was developed and what kind of consultation there was; he also stated that he would look into the 'Quasar' Report.

JOE MICHANO stated that in the Thunder Bay District, they have been told that they have to pay for an auditor through Core Funds and it was his belief that Core Funding was not meant to subsidize any of Indian Affairs' Programs - but through this method of paying for an auditor, they are in fact subsidizing Indian Affairs' Programs. MR. MICHANO also informed the Minister that this issue has been presented to the Regional Director.

MR. ALLMAND stated that it was his understanding that the Administration of Bands including the auditor should be paid for out of the Core Funds; he would look into this further.

LYLE RILEY questioned the Minister, in regards to Housing, what is being done to secure additional funding for the Bands? He referred to some remarks made by the Minister at a previous Chiefs Assembly, that he was trying to obtain additional funds for each unit in this fiscal year.

The Minister stated that a new Housing Program has been worked-out in consultation with the NIB and it has been sent to Treasury Board; the new program involves more money, more flexibility, more Band control, more local control, encouraged home ownership. The Chiefs were informed that this program is settled for the rest of this fiscal year which provides more money for higher subsidies and improved administration; but this is not entirely what was wanted.

LYLE RILEY again asked the Minister, if there are any additional funds available for the Bands in this fiscal year until the new program is in operation?

The Minister stated that he was told that this program will be in place this fiscal year and it was his understanding that more money would also be available to the Bands; the Minister will clarify this further and get back to MR. L. RILEY.

CHIEF JOHN CORBIERE referred to a Housing Pilot Project in Ontario; and questioned as to where this project was taking place.

MR. ALLMAND replied that the Housing Pilot Project involves the four Indian Associations in Ontario, where in the fiscal year of 1976-77 \$100,000.00 was provided to each of the four Associations to hire a Housing Specialist (and which will be continued for the fiscal year of 1977-78); the Minister also stated that no housing construction has yet taken place.

LYLE RILEY informed that it was not \$100,000.00 to each Association but rather to all four of them and then divided equally (\$25,000.00 to each Association); and then in regards to the U.O.I., this amount had to be divided again between the four regions; and are insufficient to hire a housing specialist.

MR. ALLMAND stated that, if possible, he will try and get an increase on the funds for the Housing Pilot Project.

CHIEF ETHER DELEARY requested that funds be made available in order that six Bands in the London District can obtain adequate office facilities to carry out the administration of their Band.

MR. ALLMAND informed CHIEF DELEARY of his intention to visit the Reserves in Southwestern Ontario.

CHIEF WILMER NOGANOSH made referral to the moving of the Departments' office from Ottawa to Hull, Quebec.

MR. ALLMAND stated that it was decided three years ago; the reason being that more office space was needed to accomodate all the Program staff.

CHIEF CAMILLE CHIBLOW referred to the Robinson-Huron and Robinson-Superior Treaty, wherein the Chiefs of the two regions, last fall, had threatened to bring the government to court for breach of Treaty and breach of trust; CHIEF CHIBLOW then went on to say that to this date there has been no consultation regarding the Treaties and that court can be avoided if the Department would start consultation; he then referred to the promised annuities within the Treaties.

PAUL WILLIAMS explained the situation in greater detail; he stated that in September 1975, the Chiefs of the Robinson-Huron Treaty Area offered to re-negotiate the Treaty because the Treaty had been broken; in January 1976, MR. BUCHANAN rejected any re-negotiation of the Treaty; some discussions have taken place on tripartite basis with Ontario which did not deal with the performance of the Treaty itself; there has been discussions with the Ministry of Fisheries by letter which says that the Fisheries Regulations in Ontario are provincially administered matter even though they are federal regulations and yes they do over-ride Indian Treaties; a letter from the Minister and the Solicitor-General saying that the Migratory Birds Convention Act does over-ride Treaties; in mid-November 1976, the Chiefs of both Robinson Treaty Areas wrote and said the Treaties have been broken - MR. WILLIAMS stated what the breaches are: Hunting and Fishing Rights have been abrogated, the annuity hasn't increased since 1883, the land which was supposed to be preserved for the Indian people unless they wish to surrender has been expropriated over 300 times; and there has been no response since the letter to the Minister signed by all Chiefs in November 1976; MR. WILLIAMS then stated that we are facing a situation where if the Department does not acknowledge that the Treaties have been broken and steps are being taken to rectify them, we will go to court; this course of action was told to the Minister in November 1976.

MR. ALLMAND stated that there is considerable amount of work to be done on the research of the Treaties; and als he will write a status report on how the work is progressing and will try and give an approximate time when this work will be completed.

CHIEF FRANK SOLOMON questioned the Minister as to what the Department is doing about the harassment of the Indian people by officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

MR. ALLMAND stated that there are two areas of law-enforcement, Provincial and Federal; and also the law-enforcement people take the attitude that they must enforce the law as written and as interpreted by the courts until there is a change in the laws.

CHIEF NORM STINSON referred to a memo from George Manuel, President of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, to Noel Starblanket, President, N.I.B., regarding a proposed D.I.A. Break-Away Desk.(see attached memo)

MR. ALLMAND stated that he hasn't heard of the Break-Away Desk; but will look into it. He also stated that he does reject the Break-Away Desk concept and would support any resolution rejecting it; but then again he would have to give his support to any Band who does not affiliate with any Provincial Association or the N.I.B..

MOTION #3: Chief Norm Stinson, Chippewas of Rama
Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Indian Affairs is considering establishing an Indian Band and/or organization Break-Away Desk, under the direction of a senior Civil servant,

AND WHEREAS, the purpose of the desk would be to provide an Official Desk where Bands would be solicited and enticed to do business directly with the Break-Away Desk and to discourage some Bands from participating with the established Provincial Indian Associations and the National Indian Brotherhood,

AND WHEREAS, the Break-Away Desk's role would be, for all practical purposes, used as a political channel to eventually weaken the Provincial Indian Organizations and the National Indian Brotherhood.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians reject the Break-Away Desk concept and hereby demand that the Minister of Indian Affairs, the Honourable Warren Allmand take immediate steps to stop the establishing of any organization, or methods designed to destroy the established Provincial and National Indian Associations.
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

CHIEF JOHN CORBIERE thanked the HONOURABLE WARREN ALLMAND for attending the meeting.

AUGUST 16, 1977

AFTERNOON SESSION

MICHAEL ROY introduced the HONOURABLE RENE BRUNELLE, Provincial Secretary for Resources Development; to speak on the position paper 'Review of Ontario's Role with Respect to the Native People' which was introduced in the fall of 1976.

HONOURABLE RENE BRUNELLE informed the Chiefs that the Hon. J. MacBeth, Solicitor General; Hon. F. Miller, Minister of Health and the Hon. D. McKeough, Minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, were unable to attend the U.O.I. Chiefs Meeting due to prior commitments. He referred to the Joint Steering Committee, which was established in Feb. 1976 and which comprises of the four Association Presidents, Senior representatives of the Ontario government - Justice, Social Services and Natural Resources, and Johnny Yesno, Provincial Co-ordinator, Chiefs of Ontario. The paper 'Ontario's Role with Respect to the Native People' was documented by Mr. Bruce McKay, TEIGA, Thunder Bay, and was first made available to the Joint Steering Committee and then copies were sent to all the Chiefs in Ontario, the purpose being to receive any comments from the Chiefs in respect to this paper. This paper would then, in the future, to into discussions between the

Province, Federal Government and representatives of the Indian people so that better and more efficient services would be provided to the Native people. MR. BRUNELLE then introduced the Government staff that was in attendance: Mr. Bruce McKay, TEIGA, Thunder Bay; Mrs. Pat Taylor, Indian Community Secretariat, Toronto; Mr. Ted Wilson, Director of the Office of Land Claims, Ministry of Natural Resources, Toronto; Mr. Marshall Noganosh, Indian Community Secretariat, Orillia; and Mr. Lance Bisch, Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Sault Ste. Marie.

LEO BOUCHARD referred to some 16 million dollars allocated to the towns of Long Lac, Nakina and Geraldton; question directed to Mr. Bruce McKay was in regards to Long Lac #58 not receiving any portion of these monies.

BRUCE MCKAY stated that the money was made available from TEIGA's Regional Priority Budget; and also the Province has never been involved in the spending of money for sewer and water in residential areas on Indian Reserves, the reason being that this has been regarded as principally, a Federal responsibility.

PAUL WILLIAMS requested the assistance of the Province of Ontario in pressuring the Federal Government in the re-negotiation of the 1924 Lands Agreement; this was directed to RENE BRUNELLE.

MR. BRUNELLE stated that they would assist.

PAUL WILLIAMS on behalf of LEO BOUCHARD stated that the Long Lac #58 Band is trying to acquire some 3,320 acres of land; they have been told that the Ministry will consider any requirements for additional land on the basis of first a B.C.R. making a formal request for the land and second and indication from the Federal Government that they are in support of the B.C.R.; the question as to how much they will have to pay for this land was directed to TED WILSON.

TED WILSON stated that the land would be sold at whatever the value is (what the land is worth) depending on the location of the land and what the land has to offer (ie. timber, shoreline).

JOE MICHANO requested that an interpretation of the Hunting and Fishing Rights under the Robinson-Superior Treaty as recognized by the Province be told to the Conservation Officers.

MR. BRUNELLE stated that he would send a copy of the policy of the Ministry of Natural Resources to Michael Roy, this policy would be in reference to the whole question of fishing and hunting rights. MR. BRUNELLE was also asked to supply an explanation, along with the statement of policy, as to why Ontario continues to draft regulations which are direct breaches of the Treaties. MR. BRUNELLE agreed to a suggestion that a meeting be set-up to come to some agreement as to how these Treaties will not be violated in the future, this meeting will take place in Toronto with the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister who is responsible for the Game and Fish Act, the Solicitor General, Mr. Brunelle and senior staff, Paul Williams and whoever else the Union wished to bring. It was also suggested that at this meeting the question of Indian land being taken for Provincial Parks be discussed. This meeting to be funded by Mr. Brunelle's office.

ROGER JONES mentioned that a new four-lane highway was in the planning from Sudbury to Barrie, and the Band affected by this, namely the Shawanaga, Magnetawan, Gibson and Henvey Inlet Band, were not informed; he stated that there was no negotiation between the Province and the Indian Bands involved.

MR. BRUNELLE stated that he would speak to Mr. Snow, Minister of Transportation, regarding this matter to ensure that the Indian Bands in those areas where the proposed highway is to be build will be fully involved and that a fair price for the land would be given.

CHIEF TIM ESQUEGA informed Mr. Brunelle that his Reserve (Gull Bay) was a dry Reserve and his concern that a liquor outlet is to be built twelve miles outside of the Reserve; he felt that this was too close to the Reserve and could cause future problems.

MR. BRUNELLE said that he would take this matter up with the Liquor Control Board.

ROGER JONES made reference to the Federal/Provincial Policing Agreement; and asked whether the paid pension and benefits that the O.P.P. receive from the Province would be available to the Indian Constables on Reserves.

MR. BRUNELLE made note of this and would take up with the Solicitor General.

MICHAEL ROY, on behalf of the Chiefs, thanked the Minister for attending the meeting.

MR. BRUNELLE expressed his appreciation for being invited and assured the Chiefs that he would do his utmost to see that all the matters discussed would receive attention.

The Chairman, DEL RILEY, called for any nominations for the Resolutions Committee.

MOTION #4: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia
THAT the Resolutions Committee consist of the
former Committee Members namely; Chief Norm Stinson,
Chief James Mason, Fred Nowgesic, Roger Jones and
Paul Williams.

CARRIED.

DEL RILEY introduced the next item on the agenda, Housing; he stated that there was no guest speaker, therefore this would be an open discussion.

LYLE RILEY spoke on Housing, he stated that it was decided to gather Housing statistics on each of the Bands, these statistics would include Band Housing needs, what the backlog is, what were the new family formations, and how many houses would be needed in the next five to ten years; after all this information is gathered and compiled, the Government and the National Indian Brotherhood could be informed of

how many dollars would be needed to meet the backlog of Housing; forms were sent to each Band but the response was very poor. LYLE RILEY stated that there was not enough funds for him to visit every Band and sit down with them for two or three days to gather this information. Meetings of the National Indian Housing Council and the Ontario Indian Housing Council were attended to obtain information on how the new Housing Program was going and so the Union could have a voice in and raise objections as to what they felt should and should not go into the new Housing Program which were based on the feelings of Band Councils and people he talked to from the Union. He said that the Program was put before Treasury Board with a great cut in the amount of dollars that was recommended. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation was mentioned but it was suggested not to use this service because of the costs involved. MR. RILEY mentioned a recommendation made to Canada Manpower that they streamline their program to meet the Band needs more; at the moment with the training-on-the-job program, once the Indian people are finished with their training they go elsewhere to find work that pays more than minimum wage -- the Bands need money to keep these newly trained carpenters, etc., working on the Reserves.

CHIEF NORM STINSON described a purchasing system which he came across in Winnipeg (Norseman Enterprises); this system could be used to purchase building materials for a number of Reserves at once, therefore cutting the cost to the Bands themselves. Using a system like this, he said, would lead to Indian Bands having control of everything to do with Housing. He stated that this company is willing to set up a pilot system in Ontario.

The next item on the agenda was Education.

ERNEST VANEVERY gave a report on the Education Program. (See attached).

DEL RILEY thanked Mr. VanEvery for his presentation and stated that the next item on the agenda was the appointment of an Electoral Officer; he mentioned that the Board of Directors recommended SENATOR ELSIE KNOTT for Electoral Officer.

MOTION #5: Norman Debassige, West Bay
Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan
THAT the Electoral Officer be Senator Elsie Knott.
CARRIED.

SENATOR ELSIE KNOTT, Electoral Officer, read out the rules for election procedure and opened the floor for nominations for President.

Fred Simpson, Alderville, nominated Chief Norm Stinson.
Seconded by Chief Frank Solomon, Cape Croker
DECLINED.

Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing, nominated Chief Ron Wakegijig.
Seconded by Tom Nolan, Garden River
ACCEPTED.

Chief Frank Solomon, Cape Croker, nominated Del Riley.
Seconded by Chief Norm Stinson, Chippewas of Rama
ACCEPTED.

Chief Flora Tababondung, Parry Island, nominated Chief Wilfred Owl.
Seconded by Senator Telford Adams, Sarnia
DECLINED.

Joe Michano, Pic Heron Bay, nominated Ernest VanEvery.
Seconded by Chief Toussant Michano, Pic Heron Bay
ACCEPTED.

Chief Toussant Michano, Pic Heron Bay, nominated Joe Michano.
Seconded by George Finlayson, Long Lac #58
DECLINED.

John Nadjiwan, Cape Croker, nominated Chief James Mason.
Seconded by Les McCue, Georgina Island
DECLINED.

Chief Wilfred Owl, Spanish River, nominated Chief Wilmer Noganosh.
DECLINED.

MOTION #6: Chief James Mason, Saugeen
Dan Simpson, Alderville
THAT nominations, for President, cease.
CARRIED.

Each nominator was asked to speak on behalf of his nominee; and then each candidate spoke on his own behalf.

SENATOR ELSIE KNOTT informed that the voting would take place on the 17th, in the Administration and Cultural Centre, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., and that the election results would be announced at 10:30 a.m. of the same day.

1ST DAY MEETING ADJOURNED.

SENATOR ELSIE KNOTT called the meeting to order and announced that DEL RILEY is the new President of the Union of Ontario Indians. The election results are as follows:

DEL RILEY	47 votes
RON WAKEGIJIG	27 votes
ERNEST VANEVRY	3 votes

PRESIDENT, DEL RILEY, gave a short speech, stating that his first order of business would be to revamp the Constitution and secondly, he felt that a Communications Program with the Reserves must be set up.

MOTION #7: Chief Norm Stinson, Chippewa of Rama
Chief Wilfred Owl, Spanish River
THAT the ballots be destroyed.
CARRIED.

DEL RILEY asked that a Co-chairman be appointed.

CHIEF WILFRED OWL suggested that MICHAEL ROY act as Co-chairman.

MICHAEL ROY introduced the next item on the agenda, Economic Development in Ontario and introduced the guest speaker, MR. BRUCE MCKAY.

BRUCE MCKAY informed that he was attending this meeting on behalf of the Hon. Darcy McKeough, the Minister responsible for Economic Development. MR. MCKAY ran through the various programs which are available to Indian Bands, for example: the Indian Community Secretariat the Ministry of Agriculture (ARDA Program) - with the existing ARDA agreement between the Federal Government and Ontario being extended for another two years, the Ministry of Natural Resources - which has an agreement with the D.I.A. to jointly pay for various kinds of natural resource undertakings on Reserves such as timber surveys, the Ministry of Industry and Tourism - which has a number of programs designed to support and help people who want to start up manufacturing enterprises of various sorts (but this Ministry is very much oriented to the existing business world, not for those businesses starting from scratch); and also

this Ministry has indicated that they were prepared to at least give advice and guidance to people who have ideas and want to turn them into businesses; also under the same Ministry is the Northern Ontario Development Corporation, which is somewhat separate - they give loans, not grants, on excellent terms, however there are two main barriers to obtaining loans from this Corporation: security on all loans and equity for loans. BRUCE MCKAY then went on to discuss the next program available to Indian Bands, and that being the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Inter-governmental Affairs (TEIGA), which has something called the Regional Priority Budget, and the Regional Development Program which pertains to planning on a very broad basis - Northeast Ontario, Northwest Ontario and Toronto Centre Region; the money used to back-up these broad regional plans comes from the Regional Priority Budget. This money is also put into other Ministries for projects such as the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Ministry of Correctional Services (the Native Probation Officers Program), Ministry of Natural Resources (study of possibilities of commercial or domestic production of wild rice), Ministry of Transportation and Communication (telecommunications in remote areas of Northwestern Ontario, isolated Reserves); monies are also given to Municipalities - for instance to the city of Thunder Bay for sewer and water systems, but the money is mostly spent on studies and resource access roads. MR. MCKAY stated that the Joint Steering Committee should negotiate the question of who is responsible for what, with respect to the Indian people.

JOE MICHANO voiced his concern in regards to the resource people who are invited to these general assemblies; his concern was that when the resource people are unable to attend, they send someone else who cannot adequately answer the questions raised.

JOHN NADJIWAN suggested to the new President, that for any All Chiefs Meeting and where guest speakers are invited for a question and answer period, an advisory council within the U.O.I. be formed; this council would ensure that pertinent questions would be asked, these questions would be put in written form and sent out to the Bands so that the Chief and Council could add any questions they might have.

This procedure should be done in enough time for the Bands and their representatives to fill out and have in before the meeting and also for the guest speakers to form their answers more concisely and be prepared at the time of the meeting.

MICHAEL ROY thanked BRUCE MCKAY for attending the meeting.

AUGUST 17, 1978

AFTERNOON SESSION

DEL RILEY took over as Chairman as Michael Roy had to leave;
PAT MADAHBEE was asked to give his report.

PAT MADAHBEE gave a report on the Sports and Recreation Program; he informed the Chiefs of the present problem in the Program - that being a new set of guidelines were set-down and special forms have to filled out to apply for funds for the program and the various projects.
(See attached report).

KEITH PENNER reported on what he could find out in regards to this situation. MR. PENNER informed that he had a telephone conversation with Recreation Canada on the 16th; he reported that all could be done at this time according to Treasury Board was to obtain a one year extension at the present level of funding, which is 1 1/2 million dollars for the Native Recreation Programs for all of Canada, which includes Status, Metis and Non-Status as well. In extending the program for one year, a condition given by Treasury Board was that there had to be a review process of the Program. MR. PENNER suggested that the Chiefs and Council make a detailed submission to Pat Madahbee on what their expectations and needs would be for the future; he stated that considering all the groups who would be involved in the review process (the Joint Steering Committee consisting of the D.I.A., Secretary of State, N.I.B., the Native Council of Canada, the Treasury Board and Recreation Canada), the end result, if all went well, should be an enriched better program all across the country for Native Recreation. MR. PENNER said it would be advisable to co-operate for

this year and be very determined and insistent for subsequent years of the problems involved in making these applications and eventually the end result will be better than what was had in the past.

DEL RILEY commented that this discussion demonstrated another problem that would have to be faced and that was unequal distribution of funds amongst the organizations; support was asked of the Bands, in the manner of B.C.R.s stating that such and such a Band is a member of, and supports the Union of Ontario Indians, this would give the ammunition to present a sound position based on sound reasoning as to why the U.O.I. should at least get a fair share of what funds are available for each of the Programs.

ROGER JONES questioned as to how the Recreation Program would be evaluated.

PAT MADAHBEE replied that the application forms were part of the evaluation and that Doug Meredith and Alex Dedum from Recreation Canada were visiting the Indian organizations and questioning about the objectives and what the problem areas are in the evaluation.

DEL RILEY called upon PAUL WILLIAMS to give a report on the Rights and Treaty Research Program.

PAUL WILLIAMS gave a report based on what is included in the Annual Report and which each Delegate should have a copy. The long-term goal of the Treaty Research Program is to get enough land, money and power so that the Indian people do not have to depend on handouts from any government sources for their own economy, livelihood or for their own culture. MR. WILLIAMS pointed out that it has been the attitude in the past that the Indian people do not have what it takes to run their own affairs, that they need someone else to do it, that they need someone else's education system, someone else's economic system, someone else's value system and that Indian ways are not good enough; this attitude still continues today; the purpose of this program, in the

long-run, was to break this dependency on the government so that the Indian people would be able to do things for themselves; PAUL stated it is not a program of hand-outs, it is a program based on things that the Government can be shown it owes the Indian people as a result of promises that the Government has made over the years. PAUL reported on the claims that have been researched, the Indian Rights Commission; he informed of the funds that the Union has received to establish an Indian Law Library. PAUL stated that whenever a claim is processed, it will be put into book form and each member of the Band Council will receive a copy; it will contain copies of all the documents behind that claim, a summary of what happened, a legal analysis of what happened, and a summary of what the Band can do from there - what the options will be.

RICHARD (DICK) PINE read a Cabinet Document from 1973 and asked PAUL to explain it.

PAUL stated that the document states that it does not recognize Aboriginal Rights, but would recognize legal rights; he pointed out that the Royal Proclamation of 1763 set aside all the land west of the boundary of Quebec for Indians for their hunting grounds - that created a legal right for Indians their lands so that Indian people who claim rights in lands west of that boundary line of Quebec are claiming a legal rights, they are not claiming an Aboriginal Right - that is the Governments' position. Therefore, in the Treaty Research Program, they do not use the word 'Aboriginal Rights' they use 'Aboriginal Possession'. He explained what is meant by legal rights -- Indians are given a guarantee that their land would not be taken from them without a surrender from them first, with certain basic rules set out for surrenders PAUL stated that the Document that was read out went further ie., that the political structure of Confederation will not be changed as a result of Indian claims, which means politically the Indian people do not say they want a separate nation; he also stated that it would be five to ten years before Indians start thinking strongly of being a Nation unto themselves, and before there is any talk of being a Nation, what is needed is land, political power and economic power. He then stated that this Cabinet Document still stands as the Federal Governments' policy on Indian Land Claims.

RICHARD PINE questioned as to why the Government could not be taken to court.

PAUL replied that the courts could not be trusted in this kind of situation (dealing with the Government); everytime that Indian claims and Indian rights have gone to court over the past five years, the courts have avoided making a decision, they do not want to get involved in these political issues, and as much as possible will find loop-holes and won't make a major decision; another reason being that the courts can not give the decisions wanted for example, the courts can not give more land, only straight negotiations with the Government can give more land.

It was suggested, by JOE MICHANO, that the changes in the Constitution be read and explained by PAUL WILLIAMS, in terms which could be understood by all, PAUL did so.

CHIEF CAMILLE CHIBLOW read out a report to the Chiefs, concerning the operation and structure of the Union, Union membership, members of the Board of Directors, restructure of the Robinson-Huron Region in order to properly deliver services to their people. CHIEF CHIBLOW recommended a Regional Council be set-up in the Robinson-Huron Region, and he gave his ideas on how this council would run. Other items of concern mentioned in this report were in regards to the Vice-Presidents (full-time and part-time, the fact that there is no job description for the position of Vice-President), he also questioned what powers do the Executive Council have and who fills the President's role in case of an emergency.

CHIEF NORM STINSON commented that there are conditions that exist in the Southwest Region which warrant an election for Vice-President; he referred to the section of the Constitution dealing with a Director who is charged with a criminal offence and expressed his feelings that this power to remove a Director should apply to anyone who operates as an officer of the Union of Ontario Indians.

MOTION # 8: Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of the Thames
Chief James Mason, Saugeen
THAT the Delegates from the Southwest Region
hold an election for Vice-President, August 18, 1977.
CARRIED.

CHIEF CORBIERE asked that the question of who can and who can't make motions be cleared up.

DEL RILEY stated that only two delegates from each Reserve can make motions; he then suggested that each Region have a meeting the next day to discuss the Constitution amongst themselves.

MOTION # 9: Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia
Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan
THAT only two official delegates from each
Reserve are eligible to make motions.
CARRIED.

MOTION #10: Chief Glen Marsden, Alderville
Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing
THAT each respective Region conduct a Regional
Meeting, August 18, 1977, to discuss the
Constitution.
CARRIED.

2ND DAY MEETING ADJOURNED.

NOTE: In the morning session of the 3rd Day, each Region met on its' own to discuss the Constitution.

The following are the recommendations made by the Southwest Region, and the Robinson-Superior Region and then the Southwest Region.

(See attachments)

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1977 --- RECOMMENDATIONS

#1: Senator Elsie Knott, Curve Lake
Chief Dan Tennisco, Golden Lake

THAT the Southeast Region should call a minimum of three (3) meetings a year with the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians in that area.

CARRIED.

#2: Chief Doug Williams, Curve Lake
Yvonne Edgar, Mississaugas of Scugog

THAT two (2) paid delegates from each Band including the Board Members should attend the Union of Ontario Indians' Regional Meetings.

CARRIED.

#3: Yvonne Edgar, Mississaugas of Scugog
Dan Simpson, Alderville

THAT the Southeast Region accepts #7(a) as written in the Constitution.

CARRIED.

#4: Yvonne Edgar, Mississaugas of Scugog
Chief Dan Tennisco, Golden Lake

THAT the Southeast Region be recognized as a full supporting member of the Union of Ontario Indians; And that the Southeast Region be responsible for its' own policy making decisions with its' Region.

CARRIED.

ROBINSON-SUPERIOR REGIONAL MEETING, AUGUST 17, 1977

MOTION #1: Joe Michano, Heron Bay
Sam Pervais, Fort William
THAT nominations be closed.
CARRIED.

ROBINSON-SUPERIOR REGIONAL MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1977 --- RECOMMENDATIONS

#2: Chief Leonard Pelletier, Fort William
Chief Tim Esquega, Gull Bay
THAT we retain our Senator and two (2) Board Members
and a Vice-President of the Robinson-Superior Treaty
Area.
CARRIED.

#3: Chief Leonard Pelletier, Fort William
Leslie Kwissiw, Mobert
THAT for the purpose of the Robinson-Superior Treaty
Area, that a Senator be a life time member provided:
1. that he or she perform Senatorial duties;
AND
2. that should a Senator be found unfit to serve,
resign, die or be temporarily unable to attend
to his duties as a Senator, that the vacant
position will be filled by a person selected by
the Chiefs and Delegates of the Region.
CARRIED.

#4: Chief Leo Bouchard, Long Lac #58
Chief Toussant Michano, Heron Bay
THAT the Robinson-Superior Treaty Area be recognized
as a full supporting member of the Union of Ontario
Indians;
And that the Robinson-Superior Treaty Area be
responsible for its' own policy making decisions
within its' Region.
CARRIED.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1977 --- RECOMMENDATIONS

#1: Chief Frank Solomon, Cape Croker
Rae Peters, Muncey of the Thames

THAT the term of office for the Vice-President
and the Board of Directors for the Southwest
Region of the Union of Ontario Indians be
two (2) years.

CARRIED.

#2: Chief Frank Solomon, Cape Croker
Mark Douglas, Rama

THAT if a Vice-President or a member of the Board
of Directors is charged with a serious offence,
he will automatically be suspended;
If convicted, the position be vacated; and if
not convicted, he will be reinstated on a
probationary period.

CARRIED.

#3: John Nadjiwan, Cape Croker
Chief Ether Delary, Chippewas of the Thames

THAT the Constitution be taken back to the Bands
for their review;
And that they make the necessary changes they
feel are needed.

CARRIED.

#4: Chief Frank Solomon, Cape Croker
Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of the Thames

THAT the funds available to the Southwest Region
from the Union of Ontario Indians be distributed
to the Region to hold Southwest Regional Meetings.

CARRIED.

DEL RILEY introduced the next item on the agenda, Indian Policing; the guest speaker -- Inspector Speaker and also in attendance was Staff Sergeant McIntyre.

CHIEF ETHER DELEARY questioned the wage difference between Indian Constables and the O.P.P. and the fact that the Indian Constables would be tax exempt, and which they aren't, because they are working on the Reserve.

The INSPECTOR replied that this was something that was worked out between the Federal, Provincial Governments and the Bands themselves.

CHIEF STINSON referred to the lack of provision for benefits that other Police Forces have; he stated that there had been no documentation on benefits that were to be taken care of, such as Insurance.

The reply was that overtime has been worked on and approved and the question of pension plans and saving plans were being worked on as well.

FRED JACKSON questioned as to why an application for a Police Constable position on the Reserve would take longer to fill than the suggested two weeks.

It was suggested, by Inspector Speaker, to call Toronto and find out what the delay would be in processing the application.

MARK DOUGLAS described the process of training for the Special Police Constables for the Reserves; and questioned as to why these Constables are not given special instructions on how to handle the By-laws of the Indian Act or how to conduct themselves in court under the Indian Act. He pointed out that these Constables are at present acting under the Criminal Code of Canada and the various Provincial Statutes, and are not using the Indian Act which has earned criticism from the Indian Band Councils. MR. DOUGLAS suggested a training session, specifically for these Special Constables and potential Special Constables, on the Indian Act.

INSPECTOR SPEAKER replied that the By-laws could be related to the same laws be they Provincial, Federal or By-laws, they still relate to the same principles; he stated that he would inform Toronto of this suggestion.

MOTION #11: Chief Norm Stinson, Chippewas of Rama
Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of the Thames
THAT a complete training session on the Indian Act
be included in the training of the Special Indian
Constables.
CARRIED.

MOTION #12: Chief Norm Stinson, Chippewas of Rama
Bev Bressette, Kettle Point
THAT there be an investigation as to the delay in
the process for the appointment of Special Indian
Constables.
CARRIED.

The subject of Senatorship was brought up; PAUL WILLIAMS stated that his understanding of Senatorship was to provide the kind of knowledge that they had acquired in their long service to the Indian people and give direction to the organizations. CHIEF STINSON commented that the Southwest Region felt that the Senators were there for a good purpose and that they were involved with the Organization at its conception and aided in the original aims.

JOE MICHANO suggested that the next U.O.I. Chiefs Meeting take place in Toronto.

MEETING ADJOURNED.