

UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS
ALL CHIEFS CONFERENCE
KING EDWARD HOTEL, TORONTO
JUNE 27, 28, 29, 1978

PRESENT:

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Benny Thomas, Summer Student
Roland Pangowish, Summer Student
Richard Powless, Summer Student
Janice Boissoneau, Summer Student
Alison Plain, Summer Student
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Terry Barnhart, Treaty Research Fieldworker

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Southwest

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BANDS REPRESENTED:

Southwest	Saugeen Chippewas of Nawash (Cape Croker) Chippewas of Rama Chippewas of Georgina Island Christian Island Chippewas of the Thames Muncey of the Thames Kettle & Stony Point Chippewas of Sarnia Caldwell Band Moose Deer Point Band
Southeast	Mississaugas of Scugog Alderville Curve Lake Golden Lake
Robinson-Huron	Shawanaga Magnetawan Sheshegwaning West Bay Sheguiandah Wikwemikong Garden River Spanish River Thessalon Serpent River Mississauga Nipissing Sucker Creek Henvey Inlet Wahnapiatae Whitefish Lake Parry Island

BANDS REPRESENTED:

Robinson-Superior

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

GUESTS:

Mr. Fred Boden, Director, Indian Community Secretariat
Dr. Owen Anderson, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario, DIAND
Mr. Rod Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ottawa, DIAND
Mr. Elmer Derrick, Director, Local Government, Ontario, DIAND
Mr. Dan Patterson, Training & Development, Ontario, DIAND
Mr. Ted Morton, Lands, Membership & Estates, Ontario, DIAND
Mr. Bhoo Agarwal, Planning, Ontario, DIAND
Mr. Brian Bennett, Intergovernmental Affairs, Ontario, DIAND
Mr. Gordon Mullin, Education, Ontario, DIAND
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Mr. John Conduit, Economic Development, Ontario, DIAND
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Mr. Gordon Conquergood, Engineering and Architecture, Ontario, DIAND
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Mr. Charles Cornelius, President, AIAI
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Ms. Mary Jamieson, Indian Community Secretariat
Ms. Ellen Kuper, Indian Community Secretariat
Ms. Pat Outram, Indian Community Secretariat
Ms. Elizabeth McLuhan, Indian Community Secretariat
Ms. Julie Fels, ONWA, Thunder Bay
Ms. Donna Phillips, ONWA, London
Ms. Carol Peters, Ontario Native Council on Justice

PROGRAM DISPLAYS:

Sports & Recreation

Ministry of Culture & Recreation
Indian Community Branch
Sports Ontario
Ontario Municipal Recreation Association
The Canadian Red Cross
Paris Playground Equipment Ltd.

Alcohol & Drug

Maurice LaForme, Director
Mary Atkins, Counsellor
Wanda Smith, Counsellor
Native Peoples Alcohol & Drug Centre,
Six Nations & New Credit

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1:

Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of the Thames
Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing Band

THAT we adopt the Agenda as it is presented
for the day.

CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS FOR
RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

- 1) Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetawan
nominated Chief Norm Stinson, Rama,
seconded by Chief Leslie Dolson,
Muncey of the Thames.
- 2) Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point
nominated Chief James Mason, Saugeen,
seconded by Chief Flora Tabobondung,
Parry Island.
- 3) Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
nominated Mr. Fred Nowgesic, Board
member, Gull Bay, seconded by Chief
Tim Esquega, Gull Bay.
- 4) Chief Glen Marsden, Alderville nominated
Mr. Roger Jones, Shawanaga, seconded by
Mr. Dan Simpson, Board member, Alderville.
- 5) Mr. Frank Shawbedees, Councillor, Saugeen
nominated Chief Marvin Wawia, Lake Helen
Band, seconded by Mr. Fred Nowgesic,
Gull Bay.

RESOLUTION#2:

Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point
Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

THAT the nominations be closed.

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RESOLUTION #3:

Mr. Toussant Michano, Pic Mobert Band
Mr. Harvey Ermatinger, Mississauga Band

THAT the Minutes of the Union of Ontario Indians All Chiefs meeting be made available within one month from the date of June 28, 1978.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4:

Chief Frank Solomon, Chippewas of Nawash
Chief Peter Johnston, Serpent River Band

THAT the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians recommend a moratorium be held until such time that all the Provincial organizations across Canada, organize and coordinate a referendum of all Status Indians to decide the membership issue, Section 12,(1) (a) and (b), before the Minister of Indian Affairs & Northern Development amends the Indian Act. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #5:

Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of Thames
Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah Band

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians request that the support program for Native recreation currently administered by Recreation Canada, Fitness & Amateur Sports Branch, be immediately transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs for administration.
FURTHER THAT a new five-year program be jointly developed between the Indian organizations and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development that will reflect funding needs and objectives of the Native Peoples.

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RESOLUTION #5:
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FURTHER THAT this program will not affect recreation funds currently allocated to Bands by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #6:

Chief Glen Marsden, Alderville
Chief Camille Chiblow, Mississauga Band
THAT the Minutes of the Union of Ontario Indians All Chiefs meeting held in Batchewana on August 16, 17, 18, 1977 be adopted.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #7:

Chief Wilfred Owl, Spanish River
Chief Wilfred Dokis, Dokis Band
THAT the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Indian Community Secretariat Branch, direct two-thirds of their allotment of funds to the Bands across Ontario.
AND WHEREAS that a field representative should be appointed just to deal with Indian Bands.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #8:

Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point
Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River
WHEREAS the Kettle Point Indian Reserve are experiencing very serious problems in the areas of fishing and hunting rights,

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RESOLUTION #8:
(continued)

NOW THEREFORE, all the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians completely and fully support the 14 Indian persons which have been charged for fishing on their reserves, and

FURTHER THAT a full and complete investigation be done by the office of the Union of Ontario Indians and a full report be given to the Kettle Point Indian Reserve in trying to resolve the situation to the satisfaction of the Chief and Council.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #9:

Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point
Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah

WHEREAS it is expedient and advisable to establish a War Chest,

NOW THEREFORE, the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians authorize the establishment of an Indian War Chest, and

FURTHER, Chief Peter Johnston, recommends that all the Bands of the Union of Ontario Indians voluntarily contribute an offering of \$50.00 in order to defend and to protect Indian hunting and fishing cases and that these funds be administered by the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians, and

FURTHER, that a listing be made available to Bands indicating the offering made and the amount collected.

CARRIED.

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RESOLUTION #10:

Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point
Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River

WHEREAS a large number of status Indian people have not been registered with the Province of Ontario, and

WHEREAS some status Indian people are incorrectly registered,

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians strongly recommend Birth Registration to the Province of Ontario to take the following procedure:

THAT a knowledgeable status Indian Senior Citizen be sworn in, in a form of an affidavit as legal evidence for Birth Registration with respect to status Indian people who are not registered, or incorrectly registered with the Province as it relates to the specific situation of the Indian concerned.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #11:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive have received Resolutions from Band Councils for action on environmental problems in Southern Ontario, and

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial governmental agencies are conducting large environmental contaminants testing for fish, water, and residents for Reserves represented by the Union of Ontario Indians, in 1978, and

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RESOLUTION #11:
(continued)

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive are being asked to participate in environmental tripartite committees and environmental public hearings, -
NOW THEREFORE, the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive should secure funds to operate an environmental group of resource people for the Bands who wish to investigate environmental issues within the jurisdiction of the Union of Ontario Indians.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #12:

Mr. Frank Shawbedees, Saugeen
Chief Camille Chiblow, Mississauga

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS the Band Council of Reserve #58 of Long Lac are aware of environmental health problems associated with their drinking water, and

WHEREAS the Reserve has only a septic tank sewage system for individual residences, and
WHEREAS the creek (Sucker Creek which flows from Sucker Lake) which supplies drinking water to the Reserve is stagnant because of three beaver dams, and

WHEREAS a farm on the shore of Sucker Lake contaminates the lake with animal manure and urine along with the overflow of the farm septic tank, and

WHEREAS this situation was reported to the zone office of Health and Welfare Canada and no answer has been received,

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RESOLUTION #12:
(continued)

THEREFORE, the Union of Ontario Indians should contact the appropriate government agencies to

- 1) Provide a central sewage system for the Reserve
- 2) Get permission to remove the beaver dams from Sucker Creek
- 3) Ensure for adequate controls on the agricultural waste dumping on the shores of Sucker Lake
- 4) To facilitate drinking water quality testing by Health and Welfare Canada.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #13:

Chief Timothy Esquega, Gull Bay Band
Chief Leslie Dolson, Muncey of the Thames

WHEREAS the 4 regions of the Union of Ontario Indians are experiencing serious fishing and hunting privileges, and

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, acting as agent of the Federal government enforcing the Game and Fisheries Act, allows its officers to directly misquote the law, thereby causing undue confusion from one area to the next.

NOW THEREFORE, the Robinson-Superior Treaty Chiefs request the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians to initiate action to require the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to make a uniform statement through all its officers on the hunting and fishing regulations in order to be consistent to law.

CARRIED.

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RESOLUTION #14:

Mr. Ben Wawia, Vice-President, Robinson-Superior
Mr. Frank Shawbedees, Saugeen

THAT the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario
Indians support the following Bands that
are asking for land and additional land,
namely, Pic Moberg Band, Rocky Bay Band,
Long Lac #58 Band, Whitesand Band and Sand
Point Band.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #15:

Chief Frank Solomon, Chippewas of Nawash
Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we the Chiefs of
Ontario stand united in that the Department
of Indian Affairs be solely responsible for
all status Indians' health and welfare, and
FURTHER THAT we reject in its entirety all
forms of payment by status Indian people as
required or proposed by the Department of
Health and Welfare.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #16:

Mr. Frank Shawbedees, Saugeen
Chief Margaret Jones, Shawanaga

WHEREAS a large number of status Indian
children have been adopted by non-status
people and are removed from the regular
Band List, and

WHEREAS these children that are adopted are
entered onto an "A-LIST" in the Department
of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
files, and

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RESOLUTION #16:
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WHEREAS the adopted children are not advised upon maturity of their Indian Rights or to which Band they have membership in, THEREFORE, may it be further resolved that the President of the Union of Ontario Indians strike a recognized permanent Committee comprised of four members from the four recognized Indian organizations in Ontario and one member from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development with one official from the Ontario Co-ordinators Office from Adoption, and one from the Children's Aid Society.

THE purpose of this recognized permanent Committee is to prepare a policy that will protect the potential parents and Indian Bands concerned regarding status Indian children who have been surrendered for adoption by the parent or parents and guaranteeing no infringement on human rights of the people concerned. AND when this policy is completed it should be presented to the Chiefs of Ontario for ratification prior to necessary legislation regarding the Child Welfare Act.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #17:

Chief Margaret Jones, Shawanaga
Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

WHEREAS the Indian Economic Development Direct Loan Order has been approved and registered under number SOR/78-22, December 29, 1977 PC 1977-3609. Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 112, No. 1, and

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RESOLUTION #17:
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WHEREAS Section 8 under the heading "Security" Sub-section (1), paragraph (a), states a mortgage on real property or a chattel mortgage on personal property may be required of the borrower to give as security for a direct loan, and

WHEREAS this directly encroaches on the protection of Indian Rights under Section 89, sub-section (1) of the Indian Act.

The Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians do hereby resolve that this paragraph be revoked and stricken from this order retroactively, and that this be amended through His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #18:

Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing Band
Chief Camille Chiblow, Mississauga Band

THAT at the next All-Chiefs meeting in August, that the first part of the Agenda be taken up by the Chiefs and thier concerns instead of have the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or the Provincial Government officials come in and waste quite a lot of our time to explain, or shall we say drum into our heads what has already been said to us at regional meetings and through correspondence with Bands.

CARRIED.

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RESOLUTION #19:

Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah
Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia

THAT the Chiefs of the Robinson-Huron Region recommend that a Hiring Committee be set up to hire a new Regional Director General of Ontario within the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #20:

THE FOLLOWING WAS READ OUT BY THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE. THE DECISION WAS THAT THIS BE TABLED UNTIL THE ALL-ONTARIO CHIEFS MEETING:

THAT the Chiefs of the Robinson-Huron Region recommend that the Constitution Committee from our Region meet with the Committees from the other Regions to come up with final recommendations to changes of the Union of Ontario Indians' Constitution.

RESOLUTION #21:

THAT the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians strongly recommend that the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development should not fund non-status Indian organizations and should fund only Indian Status and Band Councils, and

THAT the Department of Indian Affairs should release all information of what funds non-status or any other organizations that the Department is funding.

CARRIED.

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RESOLUTION #22:

Chief Wilfred Owl, Spanish River
Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia

FOR support of the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians and all other Provincial Indian Organizations and the National Indian Brotherhood:

THAT all lands known as Camp Ipperwash be returned to Kettle & Stoney Point Reserve and all demands made by that Band in regards to that land appropriated by National Defence, Government of Canada, in 1942.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #23:

Mr. Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake
Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of the Thames

THAT the Chiefs and Delegates of the Union of Ontario Indians request that the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development make available work program as a supplement to the subsidy Housing Program.

THAT WHEREAS the Bands in Ontario are experiencing great difficulty in meeting the housing needs of their communities with the present Housing Program Funds available.

WHEREAS the specific areas concerned are:

- 1) Providing for the housing needs of new family formations on a year to year basis;
- 2) Replacement of all existing uninhabitable and unrepairable housing;
- 3) Updating and renovating of the older and recently constructed houses to present National Housing Codes and Central Mortgage

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RESOLUTION #23:
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- and Housing Corporation standards, i.e. adequate insulation factor and completion of partially constructed units, etc.,
- 4) Installation of water and sanitation facilities on all new and older houses;
 - 5) That Bands also receive assistance in the planning and installation of central water and sewage systems.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Chiefs and Delegates of the Union of Ontario Indians request that the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development make available to all Bands the necessary funds to provide for the construction and installation in completion of all the normal housing requirements as demanded by the National Housing Corporation and C.M.H.C. standards, and FURTHER THAT these units be prepared and ready for occupancy through the program dollars requested.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #24:

Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point
Mr. Frank Shawbedees, Saugeen

THAT in all future Chiefs meetings of the Union of Ontario Indians, the staff be used to do Resolutions, or the Board of Directors, as the Delegates that are nominated to do these chores miss the majority of the meeting.

CARRIED.

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RESOLUTION #25:

Mr. Frank Shawbedees, Saugeen
Chief Norm Stinson, Rama

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians pay special tribute to Mr. Omer Peters who was one of the original founders of this organization.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #26:

Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle Point
Chief Paul Goulais, Nipissing

THAT the appointed officials, or the employees, of the Union of Ontario Indians, do not take part in local Band politics, and should only be available for all administrative advice.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #27:

Chief Norman Stinson, Rama
Chief Camille Chiblow, Mississauga

THAT the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians support the President, Delbert Riley, in his request to the Department of the Secretary of State to jointly develop a fair funding formula for distribution of core funds to the Indian organizations in Ontario.

CARRIED.