

R E S O L U T I O N S

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL

AUGUST 2 - 5, 1983

BIRCH ISLAND, ONTARIO

Resolution # 1:

THAT we adopt the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Seconded by: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River

CARRIED.

Resolution # 2:

THAT we accept the Union of Ontario Indians'
Auditors Report for the year ended
March 31, 1983 as presented.

Moved by: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Seconded by: Chief James Kwissiw, Pic Mobert

RECINDED.

Resolution # 3:

THAT we acknowledge the Union of Ontario Indians'
Auditors Report for the year ended March 31, 1983;
and,

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians set up a meeting
of the Finance Committee to make recommendations
to the Board of Directors, in regards to the
Auditors Report, for approval by September 1st, 1983.

Moved by: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Seconded by: Chief Ether DeLeary, Chippewas of the Thames

CARRIED.

Resolution # 4:

THAT the members of the Union of Ontario Indians support the Spanish River Band in their request for funding to do an Environmental Study of the Spanish River chemical spill.

Moved by: Mr. Ben Wawia, Grand Chief, Lake Superior Region
Seconded by: Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia

CARRIED.

Resolution # 5:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT if the National Chief moves away from the priorities of the Anishinabek, and if the Chiefs of the Anishinabek are not satisfied with the direction of the National Office of the Assembly of First Nations; then the Chiefs of the Anishinabek will give the authority to the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians or the Executive Council to pull out of the Assembly of First Nations by official resolution.

Moved by: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake
Seconded by: NO SECONDER

NOT CARRIED.

Resolution # 6:

THAT the Confederacy of Nations Representatives and the Regional Vice-Chief together be authorized to withdraw from the Assembly of First Nations at their option.

Moved by: Chief Joe Hare, West Bay
Seconded by: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga

23 In Favour; None Opposed; 4 Abstentions
CARRIED.

Resolution # 7:

WHEREAS some Band Councils were unilaterally cut in their OHIP Clerk Contract funds by Ontario Regional Office of Health and Welfare Canada; and,

WHEREAS the rationale presented by the Regional Office and Minister of Health and Welfare Canada for these cutbacks in funding involved a re-allocation of funds for increased CHR salaries in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS some Band Councils who lost OHIP Clerk Contracts and who did not have a CHR Contract actually lost substantial funding in this Regional Office re-allocation of funds.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the Shawanaga Band Council and other Band Councils who have lost on this re-allocation of funds for CHR salaries in their demands for reinstatement of funding for OHIP Clerks; and,

THAT the Regional and Zone Offices of Medical Services Branch, Department of National Health and Welfare, arrange specific meetings with these Band Councils to arrange appropriate increases in funding.

Moved by: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga
Seconded by: Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia

CARRIED.

Resolution # 8:

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has announced a \$63 million addition to housing dollars for the fiscal year 1983-84; and,

WHEREAS our Bands have not experienced the full benefit of other program dollars due to inefficient distribution between the Department of Indian Affairs' Headquarters to Department of Indian Affairs' Region to Department of Indian Affairs' District to Indian Bands, resulting in a surplus

of uncommitted funds being returned to Headquarters and Treasury Board.

THEREFORE we the Grand Council of the Anishinabek hereby direct Mr. Eugene Harrigan, Regional Director General, to take the responsibility to ensure that the total allocation of \$63 million is distributed to the Indian Bands in Ontario.

Moved by: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake
Seconded by: Senator Dick Pine, Garden River

CARRIED.

Resolution # 9:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of Superior require the services of a technical person from the Union of Ontario Indians to assist Band Councils negotiate Maintenance Management Contribution Agreements with the District Offices of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; and,

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians work out an "Opting Out" Clause for these Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Contribution Agreements involving the Band Council, and the final responsibility of the Minister of Department of Indian Affairs for delivery of services to the Bands when all other procedures have failed; and,

THAT the Regional Vice-President of Superior will set dates where all the Superior Bands will negotiate with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development during the same week, so that the Union of Ontario Indians' representative can make one comprehensive trip to cover all Bands.

Moved by: Chief James Kwissiw, Pic Mobert
Seconded by: Mr. George Finlayson, Long Lac #58

CARRIED.

Resolution #10:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Regional Grand Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation advertise in their respected Regions for suitable candidates to represent the Anishinabek Nation on the National Economic Development Board; and,

FURTHER THAT the required Grand Chiefs will post said notices no later than August 15, 1983; and,

FURTHER THAT after 30 days of the posting of notices, a meeting of the Executive Council of the Anishinabek Nation will be convened to review resumes and interview candidates for the final selection of the representatives for the Anishinabek Nation.

Moved by: Chief Ether DeLeary, Chippewas of the Thames
Seconded by: Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia

CARRIED.

Resolution #11:

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs directed nine hundred and thirty one thousand dollars (\$931,000) from the Ontario Economic Development dollars to the British Columbia Fishing Industry; and,

WHEREAS since these dollars were directed and no interest has been paid to the Indian Economic Development Programs - Ontario Region.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians empower the Regional Director General, Mr. Eugene Harrigan, to recover the nine hundred and thirty one thousand dollars (\$931,000), either from the Province of British Columbia or from the Department of Indian Affairs, with interest.

Moved by: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake
Seconded by: Senator Dick Pine, Garden River

CARRIED.

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Resolution #12:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation recognize the valuable contribution of the Indian Commission of Ontario Office and the activities of Justice Hartt and his staff; and,

THAT the Chiefs encourage the permanent establishment of this Office of the Indian Commission of Ontario, for the future, once Justice Hartt's mandate is completed in September of 1983.

Moved by: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake
Seconded by: Chief Phil Goulais, Nipissing

CARRIED.

Resolution #13:

IT is entirely fitting that we of the Anishinabek Nation shall from time to time review and renew the ideals and forces that have, in the past, bound us together as one.

IT is necessary for us to remind each other of those times of pain and peril when our Elders decided on a common cause and a common course.

WE declare that our Union, founded in times of trial and danger, shall remain strong. It shall remain as it was shaped by the perils of the past and in our lifetime by the great crisis of:

- The Revision of the Indian Act in 1951
- The White Paper on Indian Policy in 1968⁹
- The Canadian Constitution from 1979 to the present day.

WE have built with many hands, these tools and services:

1. The Fourteen Point Declaration of Anishinabek Rights;
2. The Best Indian News Magazine and Communication

System;

3. Expert negotiating teams in the fields of Treaty Rights, Health Policy, Social Services, Natural Resources, Education and Cultural Survival; and,
4. Technical Assistance in all fields of Indian Government endeavour.

WITH great pride we display our works and invite our people to see, to help, to improve and to continue the common effort into the far future.

WE must be ever watchful lest the gain of temporary benefit for any one of our Bands should deprive or endanger those benefits of others.

WE must ever strive for unity, above all other desires, so that by working together for a stronger Nation, we will make a secure future for the generations to come.

Moved by: Elder William Meawasige, Serpent River
Seconded by: Senator Dick Pine, Garden River

CARRIED.

Resolution #14:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation direct that the Health Care Aid Program for Native people in Southern Zone be continued to be funded through the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission at Fanshawe College in St. Thomas, Ontario.

Moved by: Chief Ether DeLeary, Chippewas of the Thames
Seconded by: Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia

CARRIED.

Resolution #15:

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Anishinabek have directed that a By-Law Handbook be prepared; and,

WHEREAS we the Grand Council have had before us a Draft By-Law Handbook for review as prepared by the Union of Ontario Indians.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the Draft By-Law Handbook as a working document in principle.

Moved by: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake
Seconded by: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga

1 Abstention
CARRIED.

Resolution #16:

✓ WHEREAS the Grand Council has directed that a Membership Code, for the Anishinabek, be developed; and,

WHEREAS the Membership Code which was reviewed by this Grand Council in 1982 has been revised by the Membership Committee, as mandated by that same Grand Council of 1982; and,

WHEREAS we have had before us for consideration this Draft Membership Code for the Anishinabek.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we the Grand Council of the Anishinabek herein assembled in August of 1983 adopt the Membership Code in principle.

Moved by: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah
Seconded by: Chief Yvonne Edgar, Mississaugas of Scugog

CARRIED.

Resolution #17:

WHEREAS the assembled Chiefs of the Anishinabek have given the mandate to the Constitution Committee to develop positions in all constitutional matters; and,

WHEREAS the assembled Chiefs recognize the on-going work of the Constitution Committee, made up of 2 members from each Region and 1 Co-ordinator from the staff of the Union of Ontario Indians; and,

FURTHER THAT the assembled Chiefs hereby direct the said Constitution Committee to use the following terms of reference:

- ✓ 1. Review all Assembly of First Nations documents produced on the constitutional issues and give a perspective on them to Regional Chiefs' meetings
- ✓ 2. Review all Union of Ontario Indians technical documents and make recommendations;
3. Discuss strategies for developing constitutional positions within the Anishinabek for presentation to National meetings;
4. Present recommendations to the Union of Ontario Indians Board and the Anishinabek Assembly of First Nations Representatives;
5. Discuss all Constitutional Committee meetings and developments at Band Council and Band public meetings throughout their Region;
6. To record the reaction of Band Councils and Band members on constitutional issues discussed and bring back to Committee meetings;
7. Develop a work plan to accomplish the above objectives with timeframes.

Moved by: Chief Cliff Meness, Golden Lake
Seconded by: Chief Ether DeLeary, Chippewas of the Thames

CARRIED.

Resolution #18:

WHEREAS the Assembly of First Nations has passed a Resolution #8, Winnipeg, May 16 - 18, 1983, (Chief John Snow, Stoney Band, Alberta; Chief Ron Bird, Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan) mandating the Assembly of First Nations to establish a Treaty Unit within its structure; and,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek have the following Treaties within our territory: Robinson-Huron Treaty, Robinson-Superior Treaty, 1805 Treaty, 1818 Treaty, 1827 Treaty, Saugeen 1836 Treaty, Manitoulin Treaty 1862, 1923 Treaty, Treaty of Niagara 1764 and Treaties outside of Canada.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians participate in the Assembly of First Nations Treaty Unit as representative of the Anishinabek; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians shall submit funding proposals to ensure full participant status in all activities that the Treaty Unit may be engaged in.

Moved by: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga
Seconded by: Senator Dick Pine, Garden River

CARRIED.

Resolution #19:

WHEREAS the Ojibways of Shawanaga Indian Band have been involved in a Supreme Court Case, since June 1981, in regard to the status of their roads on the Reserve; and,

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development are responsible for protecting the Band's land interest and providing the expenses required for the court case; and,

WHEREAS the Department has been negligent in providing these funds for the fiscal year 1982-83 in the amount of \$10,120.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Grand Council fully support the Shawanaga Band in their endeavours for this case, and request that the Department of Indian Affairs reimburse the Shawanaga Band for these expenses that were incurred for 1982-83 fiscal year, immediately.

Moved by: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga
Seconded by: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

CARRIED.

Resolution #20:

WHEREAS the Draft Membership Code of the Anishinabek has been reviewed at the 1982 Grand Council; and,

WHEREAS this Draft document has been agreed to in principle; and,

WHEREAS this Draft document has been revised by the Membership Committee; and,

WHEREAS much discussion and consultation will be required to select the appropriate Anishinabek Judges within a structured Membership Court.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grand Council

direct the Executive Council to canvas each Region for two delegates who will form a Steering Committee to recommend a structure for the Court, and a procedure to select Judges in the future.

THIS Committee should recommend:

1. The number of Judges
2. Qualifications of Judges
3. Length of term of office
4. Method of evaluation of Judges

THE structure of the Court should include:

1. How many times the Court meets each year
2. How expenses are paid
3. Whether Judges are paid
4. How a Band Council or Band members send a case into Court for review
5. What technical support people are needed
6. Various legal procedures followed within this Court
7. How this Court enforces its decision
8. How the Bands bind themselves to the Court's decision.

Moved by: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah
Seconded by: Mr. Ben Wawia, Grand Chief, Lake Superior Region

CARRIED.

Resolution #21:

WHEREAS the assembled Chiefs of the Anishinabek of the Grand Council recognize the importance of the position of the Assembly of First Nations Representative, Patrick Madahbee; and,

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek realize the significance of the work performed by Patrick Madahbee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs and Councils of the Anishinabek hereby pledge one day honourarium to be contributed to fund the Assembly of First Nations Representative on our behalf; and,

THAT this contribution be forwarded to the Union no later than one month from this day, August 5th, 1983.

Moved by: Virginia Henry, Saugeen
Seconded by: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga

CARRIED.

Resolution #22:

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation supports the continued representation by our delegate to the Assembly of First Nations meetings; and,

WHEREAS one representative is more advisable than an alternate system of rotating Chiefs to Assembly of First Nations meetings; and,

THAT a delegate to Assembly of First Nations will only travel if funds are available.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chiefs direct the Grand Council to explore all funding sources from the Government, Assembly of First Nations/ National Indian Brotherhood Offices and other sources; and,

THAT Band Councils make an effort to support their delegate travel expenses to Assembly of First Nations meetings and those Band Councils should send in their financial support to the Union of Ontario Indians Office; and,

THAT Chief Joe Hare, West Bay, be recognized by the Chiefs as an alternate to Patrick Madahbee to Assembly of First Nations meetings.

Moved by: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Seconded by: Chief Reno Dokis, Dokis

CARRIED.

Resolution #23:

WHEREAS some Band Councils of the Union of Ontario Indians have not signed any of the Health Contracts for Band delivery of Medical Services of Health and Welfare Canada; and,

WHEREAS this was done because Health and Welfare Canada unilaterally cut the OHIP Clerk Contracts for Bands in the Union of Ontario Indians; and,

WHEREAS it has been very difficult to get any meaningful negotiation meetings with Health and Welfare Canada - Southern Ontario Zone Office; and,

WHEREAS the Health and Welfare Canada Zone Office has indicated that if these various Health Contracts are signed in August, they will only cover budgets from August 1983 to March 31, 1984, and will not pay retroactively for April 1, 1983 to July 31, 1983.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Grand Council Chief set up the appropriate meetings with Health and Welfare Canada to negotiate these contracts, and that Health and Welfare Canada should fund the whole 1983 fiscal year.

Moved by: Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia
Seconded by: Chief Linwood Nicholas, Muncey of the Thames

CARRIED.

Resolution #24:

WHEREAS the funding is crucial for the on-going activities of the Union of Ontario Indians; and,

WHEREAS the funding of the Union of Ontario Indians by the Federal Government has been cutback, and sources of funding are very limited; and,

WHEREAS alternative resources need to be identified and secured.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs give direction to the Union of Ontario Indians the mandate to investigate the possibilities of generating revenue from existing tax paid by Indians which is currently being collected by Provincial and Federal Governments.

Moved by: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake
Seconded by: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah

CARRIED.

Resolution #25:

THAT we the Chiefs assembled here accept the Audit Report, for the year ended March 31, 1983, in principle, and to be sent back to the Finance Committee for perusal and sent on to the Board of Directors for approval.

Moved by: Chief James Mason, Saugeen
Seconded by: Chief Flora Tabobondung, Parry Island

CARRIED.