

R E S O L U T I O N S

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL

UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS

MAY 21, 22, 23, 1985

SKYLINE - TORONTO

**RESOLUTION # 1: AGENDA**

THAT the Agenda for the Anishinabek Grand Council for Day I be adopted as amended.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
SECONDED BY: Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle & Stoney Point

**CARRIED:** Tuesday, May 21, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 2: GRAND COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE**

THAT the Grand Council Rules of Procedure be adopted as presented.

MOVED BY: Chief Ether DeLeary, Chippewas of the Thames  
SECONDED BY: Chief Ron Wakegijig, Wikwemikong

**CARRIED:** Tuesday, May 21, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 3: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

THAT Allan Chrisjohn, Alan Roy, Carrie Hayward and Janice St. Germaine be appointed to act as the Resolutions Committee.

MOVED BY: Chief Ron Wakegijig, Wikwemikong  
SECONDED BY: Chief Edward Williams, Moose Deer Point

**CARRIED:** Tuesday, May 21, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 4: ELECTION OFFICER**

THAT Charles Cornelius be the Election Officer.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah  
SECONDED BY: Mr. Ben Wawia, Grand Chief, Lake Superior Region

**CARRIED:** Tuesday, May 21, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 5: ELECTION RULES**

THAT the Election Rules for Grand Council Chief/President be accepted as read.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River  
SECONDED BY: Chief Norman Stinson, Chippewas of Rama

CARRIED: Tuesday, May 21, 1985; Toronto.

**NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF/PRESIDENT:**

CHIEF JOE HARE nominated Joe Miskokomon. Nomination Accepted.  
Seconded by CHIEF NORMAN STINSON.

**RESOLUTION # 6: CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS**

THAT nominations for Grand Council Chief/President be closed.

MOVED BY: Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle & Stoney Point  
SECONDED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah

CARRIED: Tuesday, May 21, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 7: 1984 GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES**

THAT the Minutes of the Anishinabek Grand Council held May 22, 23, 24, 1984, at the Chippewas of Sarnia Reserve, be adopted.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Stinson, Chippewas of Rama

SECONDED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake

CARRIED: Tuesday, May 21, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 8: AGENDA FOR DAY II**

THAT we accept the Agenda for Day II of the Anishinabek Grand Council, May 21 - 23, 1985, Toronto, Ontario.

MOVED BY: Chief John Crowe, Alderville

SECONDED BY: Chief Yvonne Edgar, Mississaugas of Scugog

CARRIED: Wednesday, May 22, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 9: BILL C-31**

WHEREAS Bill C-31 does not meet the needs of First Nations Government in that the First Nations Governments would not have sole jurisdiction on decisions concerning Band membership; and,

THAT members recognized by First Nations would not necessarily be included on the status list of the Federal Government; and,

THAT the Federal Government does not guarantee adequate, or any, resources to cover the burden of returning or new Band members.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive to notify the All Ontario Chiefs' Conference and the Assembly of First Nations to raise this issue for discussion and action in 1985; and,

FURTHER THAT First Nations Governments be encouraged to develop Membership Codes in order to exert their jurisdiction; and,

FURTHER THAT a lobby be developed with the Members of Parliament and the Senate focused on the resolution of the above issues and concerns.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River  
SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

CARRIED: Wednesday, May 22, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 10: TREATMENT CENTER FOR THUNDER BAY AREA**

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Robinson Superior and Robinson Huron Regions have identified the need to establish a treatment center for drug and alcohol abuse in the Thunder Bay and for the North Shore of the Robinson Huron area; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Regional Needs Assessment verified the need for this center.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Nation supports the efforts of the First Nations of the Robinson Superior and Robinson Huron Regions to establish the treatment centre and urge Medical Services Branch Regional Office to release the appropriate funds for this center.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga  
SECONDED BY: Grand Chief Ben Wawia, Lake Superior Region

CARRIED: Wednesday, May 22, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 11: POLICING**

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has no plan in place for the future negotiations of Indian policing; and,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation acknowledge the need for Federal and Provincial recognition that First Nation governments have the authority to manage and administer Indian policing; and,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation want to establish a self-government base for the administration of justice in Indian Communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek adopt the initiatives contained in the policing plan tabled by Charles Cornelius at the General Assembly held May 21 - 23, 1985 which contains a plan to retain jurisdiction and outlines an option for the total management of policing of Indian communities; and,

THAT we recognize the need to maintain and enhance the existing spirit of cooperation between all parties involved in the Indian policing issues; and,

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians be responsible for negotiating the plan and the principles contained therein consistent with the on-going development of Indian government; and,

THAT the Anishinabek recognize that Band Council Resolutions may be necessary to indicate collective support allowing negotiations on this principle and the approval to implement as progress allows.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River  
SECONDED BY: Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle and Stoney Point

CARRIED: Wednesday, May 22, 1985; Toronto.



**RESOLUTION # 12: BILL C-31 - LEGAL OPINION**

WHEREAS Bill C-31 does not meet the needs of First Nations Governments in that the First Nations Governments would not have sole jurisdiction on decisions concerning Band Membership; and,

THAT members recognized by First Nations would not necessarily be included on the status list of the Federal Government; and,

WHEREAS the provisions in the Bill are unfair and discriminatory and arbitrarily exclude the Band Membership those Indian people who voluntary enfranchised with the encouragement of the Federal Government; and,

WHEREAS the process for reinstatement of First Generation Indian children is arbitrary and reflects the Federal Government's concern about costs; and,

THAT concerns about funding the reinstatement of Indian people who were wrongfully excluded from their communities is not a legitimate reason for not recognizing the sole jurisdiction of First Nations Governments on decisions concerning Band Membership.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive to obtain a legal opinion concerning the feasibility of making a constitutional challenge to the validity of Bill C-31; and,

FURTHER THAT a report be made to the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation at their next meeting.

MOVED BY: Chief John Crowe, Alderville  
SECONDED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga

ABSTENTIONS (2): Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
Roxy Jones, Chippewas of Nawash

CARRIED: Wednesday, May 22, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 13: AGENDA FOR DAY III**

THAT we accept the Agenda set for Day III of the Anishinabek Grand Council, May 21 - 23, 1985, Toronto, Ontario.

MOVED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River  
SECONDED BY: Chief John Crowe, Alderville

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 14: OJIBWE IMMERSION LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS the Anishinabek recognizes the critical importance of preserving the Ojibwe language; and,

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs has stated that they have no statutory responsibility to provide educational programs to children under 6 years old and, therefore, have not implemented the recommendations of meetings and conferences to discuss Ojibwe language courses; and,

WHEREAS the West Bay Band has successfully implemented an Ojibwe Language Immersion Program for pre-school children, but has only received a commitment for funding the program in the current fiscal year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Nation direct the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to recognize and fund the N'Ungosuk Ojibwe Immersion Language program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT similar programs identified by other First Nations also be given equal consideration as statutory education programs under the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

MOVED BY: Elder Ernest Debassige, Robinson Huron Region  
SECONDED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 15: SPECIAL EDUCATION**

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (I.N.A.C.) has initiated a Special Education Program to improve the quality of education by facilitating the provision of programs of study designed to meet the individual student's needs at a level that is equivalent to or surpasses provincial standards; and,

WHEREAS the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Regional Special Education Committee was established to review the implications of the Provincial Bill-82 and to determine how federal and Band-operated schools may implement a program of similar nature; and,

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Regional Special Education Committee is developing policies designed to identify procedures, structures and resources necessary to improve the quality of education available to Indian children with learning exceptionalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs in Grand Council formally appoint a technical representative from the Anishinabek Nation to participate on the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Regional Committee on Special Education and that the technical representative make formal reports to the Union of Ontario Indians' Board of Directors.

MOVED BY: Chief Ron Wakegijig, Wikwemikong  
SECONDED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 16: N.N.A.D.A.P.**

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation have expressed their need for new alcohol and drug program structures at the consultation workshops held across Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation supports the establishment of a self-government base for this program.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the option entitled the "Union of Ontario Indians' Abuse Council" be tabled for discussion at the All Ontario Chiefs Conference in June, 1985; and,

THAT the Grand Chiefs confer with their Regions and name 7 representatives to act as a working committee to oversee this process; and,

THAT this committee and the Health program be mandated to further develop this option and make recommendations to the next General Assembly.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga  
SECONDED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River  
CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 17: SUCKER CREEK - COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE**

WHEREAS the Community Health Representative of Sucker Creek has been on medical leave for several years and will not return to work for medical reasons; and,

WHEREAS the Band Council has been refused a new Community Health Representative contract because of the lack of training courses available by Medical Services Branch; and,

WHEREAS there are resource people on other Reserves in the neighboring area who could assist the Band in local training of a Community Health Representative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation support the concept of Sucker Creek Band Council arranging for Community Health Representative training on their Reserve; and,

THAT Medical Services Branch Regional Office be directed to consider a funding proposal for such a training program on Reserve.

MOVED BY: Patrick Madahbee, Sucker Creek  
SECONDED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 18: HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE' DRAFT POLICY DOCUMENT**

WHEREAS the Health Steering Committee of the Union of Ontario Indians have drafted a sample health policy for use by Band Councils of the Anishinabek; and,

WHEREAS all the Band Councils have received copies of this draft policy and a few Band Council representatives have criticized this draft document.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation arrange Band meetings to review this draft policy and request the attendance of the Health Steering Committee and Union of Ontario Indians' health staff as resource persons to aid in the discussions at these meetings.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah  
SECONDED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 19: RECREATION**

WHEREAS recreation activities are a vital component in building and maintaining a strong and healthy community life; and,

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians has not had a recreation program for the past five years thereby leaving a major gap in the coordinating function of recreation activities among member First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we the Assembly of the Anishinabek Nation request that the Union of Ontario Indians establish a full-time recreation program with a full-time coordinator position, and seek funds for this purpose; and,

THAT we recommend that funds be provided for program operation from existing Union of Ontario Indians' revenues as an interim measure; and,

FURTHER THAT we recommend member First Nations contribute one dollar per capita to support such a program; and,

FURTHER THAT we recommend the Union of Ontario Indians waive administration and overhead costs on the interim program; and,

WE FURTHER express the continuing need for expanded community based funding for recreation programs and direct the Union of Ontario Indians to organize and conduct a lobby to these ends.

MOVED BY: Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of the Thames  
SECONDED BY: Grand Chief Ben Wawia, Lake Superior Region

ABSTENTION (1): Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 20: ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS**

WHEREAS the Community Health Representative evaluation and various other evaluations have pointed out deficiencies in the training which has been developed and sponsored by Medical Services Branch; and,

WHEREAS Medical Services Branch Regional Office is anticipating recommendations on how training for Community Health Representatives and Drug and Alcohol Workers should proceed in the future; and,

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians has initiated the organization of a task group to consider the future development of an accredited core curriculum and plans for specialized training for these workers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Nation support the concept of Indian control of this training and the involvement of the Union of Ontario Indians health program in the development of this curriculum in a consultative process.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga  
SECONDED BY: Patrick Madahbee, Sucker Creek

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.



**RESOLUTION # 21: RIGHTS AND TREATY RESEARCH**

WHEREAS the Treaty Research Program has a mandate to perform Land Claims research and development on behalf of member Bands; and,

WHEREAS the Treaty Research Program is critically underfunded which has caused tension between the Union of Ontario Indians and some member Bands; and,

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs has indicated an intention to move toward direct block funding to Bands in service areas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Grand Council mandate the Treaty Research Program, under the supervision of the Treaty Research Steering Committee, to develop a Treaty Research Policy and Land Claims Research System that will anticipate block funding, community land research and co-ordinated political liaison.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River  
SECONDED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 22: BILL 77**

WHEREAS the representatives of the Union of Ontario Indians have been participating in a consultation process with the Ministry of C.O.M.S.O.C. with regards to implementation of the Child and Family Services Act; and,

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services made a commitment to continue the consultation process with respect to drafting regulations and rules of procedure and developing policy guidelines and training materials for the purpose of the Act.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Chiefs demand an open and comprehensive consultation process and reject the present policy of excluding us from the decision-making process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek demand disclosure of the names and locations of those children who have been removed from our communities so that we can proceed with repatriating our children; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Chiefs require the commitment of the federal and provincial governments to provide sufficient financial resources to enable Indian people to fully participate in the provision of Child and Family Services to Indian people; and,

FURTHER we demand an early proclamation date for the Indian specific sections of the Child and Family Services Act.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah  
SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 23: BILL 77 - CONSULTATION WITH URBAN INDIANS**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services is using divide and separate tactics to prevent full participation of all Indian and Native Organizations in the implementation of Bill 77.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Chiefs authorize the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians to initiate discussions with the Ontario Native Urban Organizations to discuss our respective positions in the provision of child and family services to Indian and Native people in Ontario and to report back to the Anishinabek Chiefs at their next meeting.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Stinson, Chippewas of Rama  
SECONDED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.

**RESOLUTION # 24: 1965 WELFARE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Ontario passed a resolution directing the Ontario Indian Social Services Council to negotiate the 1965 Welfare Agreement; and,

WHEREAS there needs to be further discussion of this item by the Chiefs of Ontario.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the issue of negotiation of the 1965 Welfare Agreement be placed on the agenda of the All Ontario Chiefs Conference scheduled for June 4 - 6, 1985.

MOVED BY: Chief Ether Deleary, Chippewas of the Thames

SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

CARRIED: Thursday, May 23, 1985; Toronto.