

GRAND COUNCIL  
RESOLUTIONS

MAY 3, 4, AND 5, 1988  
CURVE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION

1988 ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 1:

AGENDA - DAY I

THAT the Agenda for Day I of the Anishinabek Grand Council, Tuesday, May 3, 1988, be adopted.

MOVED BY: Chief Joe Hare, West Bay First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 2:

RULES OF PROCEDURE

THAT the Rules of Procedure be adopted as amended.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 3:

ELECTION OFFICER

THAT the recommendation of Charles Cornelius to act as Election Officer be accepted.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 4:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

THAT the Resolutions Committee, consisting of Carrie Hayward, Alan Roy and Tom Dockstader, for the Anishinabek Grand Council, May 3 - 5, 1988, be accepted.

MOVED BY: Chief Philip Goulais, Nipissing First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Leroy Dolson, Munsee-Delaware First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 5:

ELECTION RULES

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

MOVED BY: Chief Edward Williams, Moose Deer Point First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Joseph Thompson, Nipigon Ojibway First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 6:

NOMINATIONS OPENED

THAT nominations for the position of Grand Council Chief/President be opened.

MOVED BY: Chief Alphonse Shawana, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First Nation

CARRIED.



RESOLUTION # 9:

DRAFT AUDIT

THAT the Draft Audited Financial Statements as of March 31, 1988 be accepted in principle; and

FURTHER THAT upon finalization, the Union of Ontario Indians' Finance Committee will review same to make final approval.

MOVED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Philip Goulais, Nipissing First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #10:

1988-89 AUDITORS

THAT the Finance Committee, Union of Ontario Indians, be mandated to seek and appoint Auditors for the fiscal year 1988-89.

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

CARRIED.

ELECTION RESULTS:

R.K. (Joe) Miskokomon	39
Gary H. George	6

R.K. (Joe) Miskokomon re-elected Grand Council Chief/President

RESOLUTION #11:

BALLOTS

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

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

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #12:

AGENDA - DAY II

THAT the Agenda for Day II of the  
Anishinabek Grand Council, Wednesday, May  
4, 1988, be accepted.

MOVED BY: Chief Yvonne Edgar, Mississaugas of Scugog First  
Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #13:

SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH  
SERVICE DELIVERY MECHANISMS

WHEREAS the Joint Council of the Saugeen Territory Nation is considering the development of a service delivery mechanism to support their First Nations' health services; and

WHEREAS the Joint Council and the Anishinabek Chiefs have indicated their support for each First Nation's right to organize and develop services, individually or collectively, to meet their specific needs; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs-in-Assembly acknowledge that Medical Services Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, has responsibility for the funding of Indian Health Services and that recent periods of financial restraint have and will continue to promote disunity between the First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the Joint Council of the Saugeen Territory Nation in their endeavours to develop a health service delivery mechanism appropriate for their area.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First  
Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River First Nation

CARRIED.



RESOLUTION #14:

THE ONTARIO INDIAN HEALTH COMMISSION

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek have consistently asserted their right to health services through aboriginal title and the treaties, and that this principle guides the development of all Anishinabek initiatives; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council supported the review, study and assessment of First Nations' needs with respect to Indian health services, now provided by the Medical Services Branch of Health and Welfare Canada; and

WHEREAS the First Nations have sought more control over those health services in order to improve the services to, support and development of community health programs with the intent to positively impact the health status of each First Nation; and

WHEREAS a Steering Committee representing the First Nations has developed a model for the establishment of a Health Commission including principles, purpose, structure and service plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek accept the report entitled "Proposal for the Establishment of a Health Commission"; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this report concludes the consultation and development process mandated by the Grand Council; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT each First Nation which intends to participate in the Commission will submit a First Nation Council Resolution to the Union of Ontario Indians by July 29, 1988, which indicates:

- a) Support, in principle, of the report entitled "Proposal for the Establishment of a Health Commission"; and
- b) Direction to the Steering Committee and the Union of Ontario Indians to facilitate the further development of the Commission, on its behalf, until such time that a formal agreement is ratified by those First Nations establishing the Commission.

MOVED BY: Chief Philip Goulais, Nipissing First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Edward Williams, Moose Deer Point First Nation

32 In Favour

5 Opposed (For the Record: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga First Nation)

1 Abstention

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #15:

HEALTH COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council has mandated the development of an Indian management structure to assume responsibilities and functions to support Indian health services that are now delivered by Medical Services Branch of Health and Welfare Canada; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council has accepted a paper entitled "Proposal for the Development of a Health Commission" to achieve the above objective; and

WHEREAS the Commission Project Steering Committee is mandated to discuss the proposal with Medical Services Branch with a view to developing an agreement to establish the said Commission by April, 1989.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs undertake to provide an opportunity to review the proposed agreement between the Commission and Medical Services Branch through their regional meetings in order to provide feedback to the Commission Project Steering Committee.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Alphonse Shawana, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation

2 Opposed (For the Record: Chief Joe Hare, West Bay First Nation; Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga First Nation)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #16:

NATIONAL CHIEF

WHEREAS Georges Erasmus, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), has been successful in correcting the financial difficulties which AFN incurred prior to his administration; and

WHEREAS Georges Erasmus has served to advocate Anishinabek concerns at the national and international levels; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek support the candidacy of Georges Erasmus for re-election as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek donate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the campaign fund for the re-election of Georges Erasmus as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Sarazin, Golden Lake First Nation

1 Abstention

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #17:

HEALTH SCIENCE ACCESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations have acknowledged the need for Indian health professionals who understand the environment, cultural context and needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS our students often require additional assistance, support and preparation to meet university admission requirements for health science programs; and

WHEREAS the Universities of Lakehead, Laurentian, Trent and Toronto have responded to this need and have collaborated to develop a joint proposal for a Health Science Access Program that will provide health professional educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS this program will provide university academic preparation for health-related professions including nursing, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy and others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the concept of academic preparation programs at the university level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Health Science Access Program proposal being submitted to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and other relevant provincial Ministries establishing preparation programs at each of the four Universities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this  
Resolution be forwarded to the  
Universities involved with the proposal  
and to the relevant provincial  
Ministries.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First  
Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River First Nation

1 Opposed (For the Record: Chief Joe Hare, West Bay First  
Nation)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #18:

MONITORING OF NON-INSURED  
SERVICES

WHEREAS the monitoring of prescription drug billings by Community Health Representatives provides First Nations with valuable health data which is used for health education and promotion workshops, as well as censure of health professionals whose practices are harmful to their clients; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health and Welfare, through his staff, has advised the First Nations that they will no longer be able to review these billings prior to processing and payment by Medical Services Branch due to a problem experienced by one pharmacist and the privacy of medical information.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek demand that the First Nations' review of prescription drug billings be reinstated for those Anishinabek First Nations who follow this practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we encourage the Minister to assist in the resolution of such situations on an individual basis rather than making unilateral decisions which affect all First Nations, without consultation.

MOVED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Joe Hare, West Bay First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #19:

ADDICTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION

WHEREAS the Anishinabek have been developing a structure, under the direction and authority of First Nations, to provide support and program development services to the communities based on extensive consultation during the past 3 years; and

WHEREAS consultation and accountability are principles maintained and promoted by the First Nations in the development of new initiatives, policies, services, committees, boards and associations; and

WHEREAS the Addiction Research Foundation has developed a "Policy on Services to Native People in Ontario" and has established a Native Services Standing Committee, both of which neither reflect nor respect the above principles, and may jeopardize the Ontario Indian Health Commission; and

WHEREAS a formal procedure has not been established to seek information from the First Nations directly or to seek nominations from the First Nations in Ontario for representatives who have opportunities for regular consultation with, and reporting to, communities; and

WHEREAS the Addiction Research Foundation has been called upon by Medical Services Branch to participate in and conduct reviews of Native drug and alcohol programming without any appropriate direction or feedback from First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek hereby advise Health and Welfare Canada, including the Medical Services Branch, the Ontario Ministry of Health and the Addiction Research Foundation of our concerns with respect to the development, implementation and management of the "Policy for Services to Native People in Ontario"; and



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that any committee struck by the Addiction Research Foundation, with the intent to discuss and/or plan Native services, have equal representation appointed directly by the First Nations; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek do not support the "Policy for Services to Native People in Ontario" and will withhold support until such time as our concerns with respect to consultation and accountability have been effectively resolved; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Governments of Canada and Ontario be notified that this agency's policy shall not be used to impede any Anishinabek or First Nation, joint or individual, initiative.

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

1 Abstention

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #20:

ONTARIO NATIVE FIRE FIGHTERS' SOCIETY

WHEREAS the national statistics for fire loss to life and property on First Nations constantly remains 7% to 9% higher than the national average, which indicates that fire prevention must continue to be held as a high priority for our First Nations; and

WHEREAS there is a need to enhance and assist Native fire departments to achieve the maximum required standards in providing life and property saving skills at the First Nations' level; and

WHEREAS the Native fire fighters have identified a need for co-ordinated action to address these and other fire prevention and safety-related issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the organization of the Ontario Native Fire Fighters' Society whose objectives are described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the Society's internal structure comprised of: a President, Vice President, Committee and the First Nations' Fire Chiefs as voting members.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Stinson, Chippewas of Rama First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #21:

FIRST NATION FIRE CODE

WHEREAS the Ontario Native Fire Fighters' Society (O.N.F.F.S.) has received, reviewed and endorsed the First Nation Fire Code, First Nation Fire Prevention Implementation Manual and First Nation Emergency Response Plan documents as working documents for the development of a First Nation Fire Safety By-Law/First Nation Law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek hereby support and endorse the development of the First Nation Fire Code and Implementation Manuals to assist First Nations and Native Fire Fighters (Departments) to attain the maximum required standards in providing life and property saving skills at the community level.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Stinson, Chippewas of Rama First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Edward Williams, Moose Deer Point First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #22:

REGIONAL FIRE SAFETY OFFICER

WHEREAS Grand Council Resolution #86/8 resolved that the position of Regional Fire Safety Officer be maintained either at the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Regional Office or at a First Nation in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the current Regional Fire Safety Officer, Mr. Rutter, is retiring at the end of May 1988 and INAC has not announced or indicated the process for filling this position as of June 1st, 1988.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek reiterate their position as outlined in Resolution #86/8 (See Appendix A); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to post the position of Regional Fire Safety Officer at all First Nation Offices and other appropriate locations with a proper time frame for response from interested applicants.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Stinson, Chippewas of Rama First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #23:

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS the distribution of funds for Native Fire Prevention Officers has been made to First Nations' and/or Tribal Councils' Fire Prevention Programs; and

WHEREAS deficit situations at First Nation and Tribal Council levels have seriously jeopardized the much needed Fire Prevention Programs; and

WHEREAS First Nations and their Fire Departments need this support and expertise to maintain the level of service capability demanded by the Fire Safety Programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly request that the Regional Director General of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Eugene Harrigan, immediately revamp this funding process and make available at Regional level adequate resources for the Native Fire Prevention Officers to ensure continuity of the Fire Prevention Program for our First Nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly agree to lobby the Regional Director General and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to support this program.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Stinson, Chippewas of Rama First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Edward Williams, Moose Deer Point First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #24:

CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING  
CORPORATION (CMHC) - SECTION 56.1  
DEFAULTS

WHEREAS CMHC's Section 56.1 Social Housing Program is available for use by individual First Nations to meet their housing needs if a First Nation so decides; and

WHEREAS individual First Nations which choose to use this program enter into individual First Nation agreements with the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and CMHC; and

WHEREAS individual First Nations which choose not to use Section 56.1, do not enter into any agreements with other First Nations, INAC or CMHC; and

WHEREAS any individual First Nation which defaults on repayment of a loan issued under Section 56.1 is subject to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada taking measures for collection of the defaulted sum, including the possibility of recovering these sums from the capital-trust funds held for First Nations by the Government of Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Minister of Indian Affairs that he shall not use the capital-trust funds for all First Nations to repay the bad debts of individual First Nations which have defaulted on contracts with CMHC and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Aime Bouchard, Pays Plat First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #25:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY AT THE  
PROVINCIAL LEVEL

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is instituting new economic development policies which impact on the interests of First Nations; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has promised that First Nations would be consulted regarding the development of policies, program criteria and guidelines, but have not, in fact, carried out any meaningful consultation with Anishinabek First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek reject any economic development policy arising from this inadequate consultation process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive:

1. Inform Premier David Peterson and the Minister of Citizenship, Gerry Phillips, that the consultation process used to revamp Ontario's economic development policy is unacceptable to the Anishinabek;
2. Demand that no changes be made to the existing economic development policy until meaningful consultation has been held with Anishinabek First Nations and that such meaningful consultation be held by August 1, 1988; and

3. Demand that existing policies, program criteria and guidelines be maintained and that the flow of funding to First Nations' projects not be impeded by the policy review process.

MOVED BY: Chief Greg Sarazin, Golden Lake First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Nora Bothwell, Alderville First Nation

CARRIED.



RESOLUTION #26:

POST SECONDARY ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS  
STUDYING IN THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS Canadian Indian students have been living with their families in the United States of America and are taking advantage of State tuition payments, but require assistance to meet living expenses; and

WHEREAS these Canadian students have been in and will continue to attend American educational institutions; and

WHEREAS if Canadian Indian students studying in the U.S.A. were forced to return to Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) would incur greater program costs because of the need to pay the tuition as well as living costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek demand the continued post secondary assistance to Canadian Indian students attending United States' Colleges or Universities under the INAC E-12 guidelines in 1988/89 and in the future.

MOVED BY: Chief Alphonse Shawana, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Joe Hare, West Bay First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #27:

HOUSING STRATEGY

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek are extremely concerned with the conditions which exist on First Nations regarding housing; and

WHEREAS the response to the concerns of First Nations within the Anishinabek by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has been unsatisfactory; and

WHEREAS a response to the housing review of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is required from the Assembly of First Nations and from the Chiefs of the Anishinabek; and

WHEREAS strategies need to be devised to force the Government of Canada to respond to the housing needs of the First Nations of the Anishinabek.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek, by this Resolution, create an Ad Hoc Committee to develop alternate strategies dealing with housing; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek request that each region be represented on this committee; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Executive Council to appoint a Chairperson to this committee.

MOVED BY: Chief Nora Bothwell, Alderville First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Sarazin, Golden Lake First Nation

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #28:

EDUCATION STRATEGY

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek have grave concerns with education issues, such as: federal trust responsibility; post secondary education; high schools; elementary schools; and provincial involvement in education; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek desire to build a strategy response to all educational issues related to the education of Anishinabek students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chiefs of the Anishinabek, by this Resolution, create an Education Ad Hoc Committee to develop alternate strategies dealing with education;
2. The Chiefs of the Anishinabek request that each Region be represented on this committee; and
3. The Chiefs of the Anishinabek mandate the Executive Council of the Union of Ontario Indians to appoint a Chairperson for this committee.

MOVED BY: Robert Corbiere, Official Delegate, Sucker Creek  
First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #29:

SUPPORT FOR A LAND BASE FOR THE NIPIGON  
FIRST NATION

WHEREAS the members of the Nipigon First Nation, located throughout the District of Thunder Bay and at other places, belong to a Band within the meaning of the Indian Act, have no land for their exclusive use and benefit as a Reserve and at which the members of the Nipigon First Nation may live; and

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has continually refused to acquire lands for the exclusive use and benefit of the members of the Nipigon First Nation; and

WHEREAS the recent policy of INAC is not to create new Bands and/or new Reserves.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek:

1. Support the Nipigon First Nation in its efforts to have Indian and Northern Affairs Canada reverse their policy decision not to create new Reserves and to approve in principle the acquisition of lands for the exclusive use and benefit of the members of the Nipigon First Nation; and
2. Support the Nipigon First Nation's efforts to obtain funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in order to conduct a study to locate and acquire lands most suitable to the Nipigon First Nation for a Reserve settlement and to determine through consultation

between the Nipigon First Nation,  
the Province, Indian and Northern  
Affairs Canada and possibly other  
private sources, the best method of  
acquiring such lands for a Reserve.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Harvey Charlie, Fort William First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #30:

CHILD WELFARE NEGOTIATION FRAMEWORK

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek have consistently asserted their jurisdiction over matters related to child welfare and have sought recognition of this jurisdiction in numerous forums; and

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has undertaken an internal review of child welfare agreements, services and costs that has resulted in a report entitled, "Indian Child and Family Services in Canada"; and

WHEREAS this report includes principles for a national negotiation framework for future child welfare agreements, which does not address First Nation jurisdiction or First Nation rights to self-government; and

WHEREAS this framework for negotiation will limit the First Nations to tripartite agreements; and

WHEREAS INAC has recommended a consultation process of only one month duration to discuss the framework.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek firmly reject the negotiation framework for child welfare agreements which does not reflect our right to develop child welfare agencies which would enable First Nations to exercise their jurisdiction over these matters; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek reject the proposed consultation process as being completely inadequate and unrealistic to secure meaningful and effective input to these discussions and the recommendations put forward by INAC; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT any framework for negotiations must include the issue of jurisdiction and must respect the autonomy, special needs and concerns of individual and collective First Nations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly recommend discussion of this issue at the All Ontario Chiefs' Conference in May 1988 with the intent to establish a special committee to develop a First Nations' framework for negotiation of child welfare agreements, acceptable to Ontario First Nations.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Robert Corbiere, Official Delegate, Sucker Creek First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #31:

DECLARATION OF POLITICAL INTENT -  
EDUCATION

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations continue to assert that local control of Indian education is within their jurisdiction and an essential component of Indian self-government; and

WHEREAS two seminars were organized to receive direction from Anishinabek First Nations to provide direction to the Steering Committee (representative of the four Regions) to determine the objectives, implementation and recognition of this jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS this consultation has resulted in a report entitled "Anishinabek Nation Summary Report - Declaration of Political Intent Education Workshops" which has been tabled at the Grand Council; and

WHEREAS the Declaration of Political Intent identifies a process whereby the jurisdictional issues related to local control of Indian education can be discussed and lead to negotiations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek accept the "Summary Report" described above; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Executive Council of the Union of Ontario Indians to pursue negotiations regarding Indian Control of Indian Education; and



BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a report be provided at the next annual Anishinabek Grand Council outlining the results of these discussions.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Aime Bouchard, Pays Plat First Nation

1 Opposed (For the Record: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga First Nation)

2 Abstentions

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #32:

ONTARIO NATIVE ECONOMIC SUPPORT  
PROGRAM (ONESP) FUNDING

WHEREAS the Native Community Branch (NCB) over-committed its 1987-1988 ONESP funding for projects; and

WHEREAS NCB intends to cover its over-commitment of 1987-1988 by using its ONESP funds budgeted for 1988-1989.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek oppose any move by NCB to recover its over-commitment for 1987-1988 with 1988-1989 ONESP dollars thereby reducing the actual 1988-1989 program funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NCB be directed to seek an increase in their allocation for ONESP to ensure a base of at least five (5) million dollars for new projects for 1988-1989 and that this increase be in addition to meeting its 1987/1988 over-commitment.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Sarazin, Golden Lake First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #33:

ONTARIO NATIVE ECONOMIC SUPPORT  
PROGRAM (ONESP) REORGANIZATION

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is making changes to the Ontario Native Economic Support Program guidelines and reorganizing the Native Community Branch of the Ministry of Citizenship without consultation with Ontario First Nations; and

WHEREAS these changes are detrimental to the interests of First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive Council to intervene with the Government of Ontario to:

1. Halt changes to the ONESP guidelines and the reorganization of the Native Community Branch; and
2. Establish consultation and review processes which include meaningful input from the First Nations.

MOVED BY: Chief Greg Sarazin, Golden Lake First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Nora Bothwell, Alderville First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #34:

TREATY RESEARCH PROGRAM STRUCTURE

WHEREAS the Implementation Task Force of the Anishinabek outlined a structure for the Treaty Research Program; and

WHEREAS the Office Manager reported operational problems associated with the Treaty Research Program; and

WHEREAS the Chief holding the Treaty Research portfolio for the Anishinabek reported the problems and recommended a solution to the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors responded by outlining a structure for the Treaty Research Program as outlined herein (See Appendix B).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the structure approved by the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians for the Treaty Research Program be adopted by the Chiefs-in-Assembly, for the purposes of accountability within the Union of Ontario Indians and further that this structure in no way affects any funding formula aspect of the Treaty Research Program.

MOVED BY: Robert Corbiere, Official Delegate, Sucker Creek  
First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah First  
Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #35:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON TREATIES

WHEREAS the National Committee on Treaties was established under Assembly of First Nations' Resolution No. 21/87 with a mandate to pursue a Commission of Inquiry into the treaties and the Nation-to-Nation treaty process; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada does not honour the spirit and intent of our treaties; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of First Nations was directed to ensure First Nation participation in the review and improvement of the Specific Claims Policy under Resolution No. 10/87; and

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada proceeded to review the Specific Claims Policy without First Nation participation and has made the policy less responsive to First Nation requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the National Committee on Treaties to pursue the establishment of a public inquiry into the treaties, the Nation-to-Nation treaty process and the Specific Claims Policy; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Inquiry be established to facilitate First Nation presentations regarding their positions on implementation of rights and the resolution of outstanding issues; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the National Committee on Treaties should seek representation from and involvement of First Nations, Aboriginal groups, Government, Senate, opposition parties, churches and labour groups to participate in this Commission of Inquiry.

MOVED BY: Chief Vernon Roote, Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #36:

BAND REPRESENTATIVE FUNDING STRATEGY

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted the Child and Family Services Act, which recognizes First Nations' rights to intervene in child welfare matters; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has a trust responsibility for Indians and lands reserved for Indians, under Section 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867, which includes child welfare matters; and

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments have shown a lack of responsibility when they did not consider the cost of exercising these rights; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has limited its contribution to \$300,000.00 for Band Representative funding; and

WHEREAS the Province has agreed to contribute 7% of the total federal contribution; and

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial total contribution is insufficient to cover the cost of a one year program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek hereby advise the Federal government that \$300,000.00 is insufficient to meet our needs as identified in Grand Council Resolution #87/22; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek mandate the Grand Council Chief and the Executive Council of the Union of Ontario Indians to prepare a public relations strategy and to establish a series of meetings with federal and provincial Ministers to lobby for sufficient funding for the Band Representative Program; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Executive Council of the Union of Ontario Indians to develop a strategy which would lead to the identification and selection of a case to be used to illustrate our need for sufficient Band Representative funding and that this strategy be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

MOVED BY: Robert Corbiere, Official Delegate, Sucker Creek  
First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First  
Nation

CARRIED.



RESOLUTION #37:

TRANSFERRING MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS First Nations have an inherent right to self-determination which includes the right to determine their own citizenship; and

WHEREAS some First Nations have decided to implement their inherent right to determine their own citizenship through Membership Codes recognized in the Indian Act; and

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is interfering with the right of First Nations to apply their own criteria and codes in determining their own membership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to implement the directives of First Nations by making the appropriate administrative adjustments to reflect First Nation membership lists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Registrar of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to exercise his authority to adjust membership lists, according to the principle that a given individual's name should only appear on one First Nation's membership list, and that should be the list of the First Nation to which the individual has transferred and been accepted, according to the applicable First Nation's Membership Code.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #38:

WILD RICE

WHEREAS the First Nations of the Southeast Region and the Union of Ontario Indians' staff have organized opposition to the harvesting of wild rice by a non-Indian commercial air boat company in 1981 which led to the formation of the "Indian, Metis and Settlers Wild Rice Association" (IMSET), with a Board of Directors which included delegates from all the Union of Ontario Indians' Southeast Region First Nations, one Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' (AIAI) First Nation, and a representative of the local Non-Status/Metis Organization; and

WHEREAS the mandate of IMSET had been to conserve and expand the wild rice marshes in southeastern Ontario and to protect this fundamental resource; and

WHEREAS IMSET, as originally structured, could not use political processes and strategies necessary to ensure the continued availability of wild rice.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the formation of a new structure to utilize political processes and strategies with a Board of Directors which would invite and encourage the participation of each First Nation in the Southeast Region and the two First Nations within AIAI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the feasibility of financial support for technical assistance to that organization be investigated by the Executive Council of the Union of Ontario Indians.

MOVED BY: Chief Greg Sarazin, Golden Lake First Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Martin Restoule, Dokis First Nation

2 Abstentions

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #39:

KEEWATINOSAGIGANING POTTOWATOMI NATION

WHEREAS the Keewatinosagiganing  
Pottowatomi are members of the  
Anishinabek; and

WHEREAS the Keewatinosagiganing  
Pottowatomi have Nation-to-Nation  
treaties with the Crown and with the  
Government of the United States; and

WHEREAS the treaty relationship and the  
rights that flow from the treaties are  
not honoured by the United States or  
Canadian governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs  
of the Anishinabek recognize the  
Keewatinosagiganing Pottowatomi as an  
Indigenous Nation with aboriginal and  
treaty rights in Canada and in the United  
States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of  
the Anishinabek support the  
Keewatinosagiganing Pottowatomi Nation in  
its treaty entitlement claim against the  
Government of the United States.

MOVED BY: Chief Goldwyn Tabobondung, Parry Island First  
Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First  
Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #40:

NEGOTIATION OF LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

WHEREAS First Nations have the exclusive jurisdiction over the use of their lands, including the granting of rights-of-way for a number of general and specific uses, including the provision of utilities; and

WHEREAS Ontario Hydro has entered into a leasing arrangement with Bell Canada to allow the use of hydro poles on Whitefish River First Nation for the purpose of stringing telephone lines; and

WHEREAS Ontario Hydro disclaims any financial responsibility to the Whitefish River First Nation for lease of such poles to Bell Canada; and

WHEREAS the Regional Office of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is responsible for negotiating on behalf of Whitefish River, but is not acting in good faith nor with a commitment to benefit Whitefish River First Nation for such leasing arrangements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive Council to inform the parties concerned that the rights-of-way granted to Ontario Hydro for transmission poles does not also grant Ontario Hydro the authority to issue their own lease agreement to Bell Canada for the purpose of stringing telephone lines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Indian and Northern Affairs Canada be directed to negotiate a separate agreement for a First Nation in respect to Bell Canada sub-leasing the use of hydro poles and should INAC fail to negotiate an acceptably profitable agreement with Bell Canada and Ontario Hydro, the Department will be expected to reimburse all First Nations with appropriate compensation for lost revenues.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First  
Nation  
SECONDED BY: Chief Joe Hare, West Bay First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #41:

CORONER'S REPORT

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment in Little Current released a sensitive Coroner's Report concerning the cause of death of a family member of Whitefish River First Nation to a local newspaper on Manitoulin Island; and

WHEREAS the family and Whitefish River First Nations' members bitterly complained to the Chief and Council of Whitefish River First Nation concerning the release of such sensitive family information to the public by the OPP.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek express their shock and dismay at the OPP's lack of discretion in releasing such sensitive information to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive Council be directed to write a letter to the Solicitor General, Joan Smith, requesting a copy of the OPP policy for release of Coroner's Reports by local detachments and that a letter be written to the Manitoulin Recorder newspaper declaring the Anishinabek dismay and concern with the publishing of this story.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Joe Hare, West Bay First Nation

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #42:

ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Anishinabek Grand Council of May  
3-5, 1988, be adjourned.

MOVED BY: Chief Vernon Roote, Chippewas of Saugeen First  
Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Ether DeLeary, Chippewas of the Thames First  
Nation

CARRIED.