



**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL**

**R E S O L U T I O N S**

**JULY 21 - 22, 1990**

**FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION**

**RESOLUTION # 1:           AGENDA**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the Anishinabek Grand Council, July 21, - 22, 1990 be accepted as amended.

**MOVED BY:           CHIEF RALPH AKIWENZIE, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH**  
**SECONDED BY:       CHIEF LEROY DOLSON, MUNSEE-DELAWARE**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION # 2:           RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Grand Council Rules of Procedure be accepted as presented.

**MOVED BY:           CHIEF CHRISTI PERVAIS, FORT WILLIAM**  
**SECONDED BY:       CHIEF PHILLIP MANESS, CHIPPEWAS OF SARNIA**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION # 3:           1989 GRAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 1989 Anishinabek Grand Council Resolutions Follow-Up Report be accepted as presented.

**MOVED BY:           CHIEF MOSES KOWTIASH, ROCKY BAY**  
**SECONDED BY:       CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, WHITEFISH RIVER**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION # 4:           1989/90 UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS  
                                      FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario  
Indians Financial Statements for the year  
ended March 31, 1990 be accepted.

**MOVED BY:            CHIEF EARL COMMANDA, SERPENT RIVER  
SECONDED BY:        CHIEF MOSES KOWTIASH, ROCKY BAY**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION # 5:           1989/90 UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS  
                                      DEVELOPMENT FUND INC.**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario  
Indians Development Fund Inc. Financial  
Statements for the year ended March 31, 1990  
be accepted.

**MOVED BY:            ELDER ELSIE KNOTT, SOUTHEAST REGION  
SECONDED BY:        ETHER DELEARY, DELEGATE, CHIPPEWAS OF THE  
                                      THAMES**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION # 6:           1990/91 AUDITORS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Auditing Firm of  
Pogue, Betsworth, Loeng be appointed as  
Auditors for the Union of Ontario Indians for  
the 1990/91 fiscal year.

**MOVED BY:            ELDER HARRY MISKOKOMON, SOUTHWEST REGION  
SECONDED BY:        CARMEN ROOTE, DELEGATE, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION # 7:            TAXATION UNDER THE INDIAN ACT OF  
                                  ONTARIO HYDRO'S PROPERTIES ON  
                                  RESERVE**

**WHEREAS** Bill C-115 extends First Nations' powers of Section 83 of The Indian Act to non-Indian interests on reserves; and

**WHEREAS** Whitefish River First Nation has passed a by-law which would tax the interest of Bell Canada and Ontario Hydro on its reserve; and

**WHEREAS** the successful approval of the by-law from Whitefish River First Nation will set a precedent for all First Nations in Ontario and Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Bell Canada has accepted the authority of the First Nation to tax its interests and the Minister of Indian Affairs is expected to approve that portion of the by-law relating to Bell Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario Hydro refuses to submit to the First Nation legislated authority stating that Section 46 of the Power Corporation Act excludes them from any property taxation; and

**WHEREAS** the Minister of Indian Affairs is not expected to approve that portion of the by-law related to Ontario Hydro; and

**WHEREAS** Whitefish River First Nation is seeking assistance in convincing Ontario Hydro to submit to the property tax.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the taxation of non-Indian interests on reserves; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the property taxation by-law of the Whitefish River First Nation; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians to establish a working group and invite other First Nation political organizations to participate in the Union's working group; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the working group assist Whitefish River First Nation in any manner possible to have the taxation by-law accepted by Ontario Hydro and approved by the Minister of Indian Affairs.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF EARL COMMANDA, SERPENT RIVER**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, WHITEFISH RIVER**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION # 8:**

**OJIBWAY WARRIORS SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Grand Council of July 21 - 22, 1990 have addressed the establishment of the Ojibway Warriors Society; and

**WHEREAS** the All Ontario Chiefs' Conference (AOCC) Resolution #89/10 proposed the development of a mechanism for the protection and promotion of the rights of First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Anishinabek Grand Council mandate a working group to formally examine the establishment of the Ojibway Warriors Society utilizing AOCC Resolution #89/10 as a basis for the development of the role and terms of reference of the Warriors Society; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Anishinabek Working Group be comprised of:

Chief Earl Commanda  
Chief Phillip Maness  
Chief Leona Nahwegahbow  
Elder Ernest Debassige  
Darrell Boissoneau.

**MOVED BY: ELDER FLORA TABOBONDUNG, ROBINSON HURON REGION**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, WHITEFISH RIVER**

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 9:            SUPPORT FOR THE SIX NATIONS  
   CONFEDERACY**

**WHEREAS** the Six Nations of Kahnawake and Kanetasake First Nations are exerting their traditional rights over land; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Quebec is using force to interfere with the just and honourable cause of Kahnawake and Kanetasake; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is refusing to become actively involved in resolving this conflict; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek cannot be present with our brothers and sisters at this critical time.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek reject the confrontational tactics used by the Quebec authorities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the objectives of our brothers and sisters of the Confederacy of the Six Nations in asserting their rights.

**MOVED BY:            ROBERT CORBIERE, DELEGATE, OJIBWAYS OF SUCKER CREEK**

**SECONDED BY:        CHIEF MEL JACOBS, CURVE LAKE**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #10: UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is, at present, a member of the United Nations Security Council; and

**WHEREAS** it is incumbent on members of the United Nations Security Council to demonstrate to the World ways and means of enhancing peaceful co-existence; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has demonstrated a blatant disregard for the security of people living within the borders of Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has shown no ability to provide a leadership role in terms of promoting and maintaining peace within the borders of Canada.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the National Chief to inform the United Nations of this situation; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the National Chief be directed to impress upon members of the United Nations the importance of removing Canada from the United Nations Security Council; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the National Chief request that the United Nations send a peace-keeping force to act as a neutral buffer between Canada and its agents and the sovereign First Nations.

**MOVED BY: ROBERT CORBIERE, DELEGATE, OJIBWAYS OF SUCKER CREEK**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF MEL JACOBS, CURVE LAKE**

**CARRIED.**



**RESOLUTION #11: ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC PROGRAM  
STAFFING**

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has established the Canada Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy (CAEDS) to stimulate Native economic development in Canada through the coordination of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC), and Industry, Science, and Technology Canada (ISTC); and

**WHEREAS** the lead agency ISTC is responsible for the delivery of the Aboriginal Economic Programs which, as the major source of economic development funds for First Nation projects, will assist Native entrepreneurs in the areas of commercial ventures, joint ventures, research and advocacy, and pre-development studies (consultations); and

**WHEREAS** the office has not been staffed with a director or an appropriate number of staff even though the office has been in operation since the summer of 1989 and this is hindering the efforts of First Nation people in their economic development activities; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations have requested that the delivery of the program be decentralized through the use of First Nation delivery mechanisms.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** ISTC immediately begin a staffing process in order to staff the office completely; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that ISTC consult with First Nations in the staffing process and to establish need for offices to be placed in various locations throughout Ontario to enhance access to the programs by all First Nations.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN  
SECONDED BY: CHIEF LEROY DOLSON, MUNSEE-DELEWARE**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #12: ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS** Industry Science and Technology Canada (ISTC) delivers a major economic development program for Aboriginal people; and

**WHEREAS** the Union has been lobbying the Department for increased input into the formation of policy, design and delivery of program elements without seeing significant changes.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek request ISTC immediately begin consultation with the Union of Ontario Indians on the policies and programs being developed in the Department; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek encourage ISTC and the Government of Canada to recognize that the most expedient way of enhancing economic development in First Nations is through transfer of control of all aspects of economic development affecting First Nations to them and their institutions.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF PHIL GOULAIS, NIPISSING**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF PHILLIP MANESS, CHIPPEWAS OF SARNIA**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #13:        NATIVE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND  
                                 TRAINING STRATEGY**

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) invited the Native organizations in Ontario to participate in a process which would enhance the post-secondary education and training of Native students; and

**WHEREAS** the Native community has responded in a cooperative, dedicated fashion and in good faith with the MCU; and

**WHEREAS** a strategy was developed that would enhance the current education system and would ensure that the Native community would be involved in decision-making processes on issues that affect the Native community; and

**WHEREAS** the Minister of Colleges and Universities, the Honourable Sean Conway, had indicated willingness to correct the failure of the system to provide a proper environment for Native education.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek request from the Honourable Sean Conway an explanation as to the delays in seeking approval from Cabinet on the establishment of a Native Education Council; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians to lobby for the implementation of the strategy with the appropriate structures to ensure that Native concerns are met; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek reaffirm their commitment to Indian Control of Indian Education.

**MOVED BY:                CHIEF LEROY DOLSON, MUNSEE-DELEWARE**  
**SECONDED BY:        CHIEF CHRISTI PERVAIS, FORT WILLIAM**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #14:            PROVINCIAL HEALTH**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations have been considering the options and implications of enhanced and coordinated involvement with the Province of Ontario with respect to health care; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations already receive insured health care from Ontario and other programs in some instances; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs recognize that some First Nations will continue to rely on the Federal Government as opposed to the province for the provision of health services.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Anishinabek Chiefs mandate the Executive and the Health Program of the Union of Ontario Indians to initiate discussions with the Ministry of Health and/or Community and Social Services with the intent to access health programs for the Anishinabek First Nations; and to impact, whenever possible, on the provincial health policies as they affect our First Nations; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Health Program is directed to report back on the progress or activities which result from this resolution to the Executive on an ongoing basis; to the next Board of Directors' meeting and the Grand Council.

**MOVED BY:            CHIEF EARL COMMANDA, SERPENT RIVER**  
**SECONDED BY:        CHIEF RALPH AKIWENZIE, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #15: ANISHINABEK CHILDREN - MENTAL HEALTH**

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek children have been experiencing serious mental health problems which inhibit their social, emotional, educational and overall personal development; and

**WHEREAS** our young people have attempted and completed suicide more frequently than their non-Indian peers which indicates the serious nature of these problems; and

**WHEREAS** jurisdictional disputes and lack of resources have hindered First Nations' ability to provide the necessary support for their children's healthy development.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to prepare a proposal, in consultation with representatives of the organization, for submission by September 1, 1990 to the Laidlaw Foundation - Children At Risk Research Program and/or other funders, to identify and document the status of Anishinabek children's mental health and to develop options for addressing these needs.

**MOVED BY: ROBERT CORBIERE, DELEGATE, OJIBWAYS OF SUCKER CREEK**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF TOM BRESSETTE, KETTLE & STONY POINT**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #16: FIELD HEALTH PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations have discussed the issue of improved support for communities and their health workers for many years; and

**WHEREAS** direction was given via resolutions to proceed with the PY Conversion Proposal; and

**WHEREAS** the initiative has recognized the concerns of First Nations to develop alternate approaches if they so desire.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek endorse the PY Conversion, hereinafter referred to as the "Field Health Program"; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs acknowledge the requirement to indicate individual support through First Nation Council Resolutions by March 31st, 1991; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to have its health program staff available for First Nation meetings, as may be required, to discuss these resolutions with the Chiefs and Councils.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF NORA BOTHWELL, ALDERVILLE**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF JOHN RICE, WASAUKSING**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #17: CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ACT  
AMENDMENTS**

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Community and Social Services will be introducing amendments to the Cabinet Committee on Legislation to the Child and Family Services Act in the fall; and

**WHEREAS** Section 134 (A) (2) and 134 (A) (3) of the proposed amendments deal with the notification to a Band of an adoption; and

**WHEREAS** the Band will not be notified if every person who would have a right as a parent, does not consent to notification to the Band; and

**WHEREAS** this proposed amendment is an infringement on the collective right of the First Nation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek demand that the Ministry of Community and Social Services exclude Section 134 (A) (2) and Section 134 (a) (3) from the proposed amendments.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF DAN HARDY, LAKE HELEN**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, WHITEFISH RIVER**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #18: INDIAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES  
AGENCY MANAGEMENT REGIME  
DISCUSSION PAPER**

**WHEREAS** Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has introduced a Management Regime for Indian Child and Family Service organizations following circulation of the INAC Child Welfare Negotiation Framework which was rejected by resolution #88/30 of the Anishinabek Grand Council, resolution #88/26 of the Assembly of First Nations; and resolution #88/20 of the All Ontario Chiefs' Conference.; and

**WHEREAS** this Management Regime further restricts the development of Indian Child and Family Services by not recognizing First Nation jurisdiction, restricting operation and size of the Indian Child and Family Services and capping funding; and

**WHEREAS** to successfully address the issues surrounding the Management Regime, the Union of Ontario Indians requires both political and technical input.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we the Anishinabek Chiefs continue to reject the INAC Indian Child and Family Services Management Regime Discussion Paper and the proposed funding formula; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Anishinabek Chiefs accept the terms of reference for the Anishinabek Ad Hoc Technical Committee for Indian Child Welfare (enclosed in the General Assembly materials) whose overall mandate will be to provide input on these matters, and to develop an Anishinabek position.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF EARL COMMANDA, SERPENT RIVER  
SECONDED BY: CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN**

**CARRIED.**



**RESOLUTION #19:           HOMEMAKERS TRAINING**

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Community and Social Services has made available funding for training of Homemakers up to a minimum of the Red Cross Certificate Level II; and

**WHEREAS** a majority of the existing Anishinabek First Nations Homemakers do not have the Red Cross Level II training.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek endorse the Homemaker Training Project for the development of a Native Homemaker Training Certificate Program based on consultation with First Nations, Homemakers, Welfare Administrators, Elders, and other relevant parties; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the creation of a Steering Committee to guide the planning and development of this project.

**MOVED BY:           ROBERT CORBIERE, DELEGATE, OJIBWAYS OF SUCKER CREEK**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF RALPH AKIWENZIE, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #20:            GAMING**

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek believe that the Provincial Government has no jurisdiction to regulate gaming in First Nations territories, based on the lack of inclusion of First Nations in the Federal-Provincial Agreement that transferred authority for gaming solely to the province; and

**WHEREAS** this Agreement may therefore be unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS** inclusion of First Nations governments in provincial gaming legislation and regulations, with the same licensing capacity as municipalities, is unacceptable; and

**WHEREAS** it is recognized that gaming activities must be regulated, and that an independent Anishinabek Gaming Commission would be the best method of First Nations self-regulation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians to pursue discussions leading to tripartite negotiation of an Anishinabek Gaming Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario Indians continue to oppose the inclusion in provincial legislation of First Nations as licensors for, and enforcers of, provincial gaming regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario Indians be directed, in conjunction with other First Nation organizations, to present a legal challenge to the constitutional validity of the Federal-Provincial Agreement delegating control of gaming exclusively to the provinces; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the use of Legal Defence Fund monies to support the legal challenge, at an amount determined by the Legal Defence Committee.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF PHILLIP MANESS, CHIPPEWAS OF SARNIA**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF LEROY DOLSON, MUNSEE-DELEWARE**

**OPPOSED - 1: CHIEF NELSON TOULOUSE, SPANISH RIVER**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #21:          PROVINCIAL NATIVE ECONOMIC  
                            INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario through the Ontario Native Affairs Directorate (ONAD) has released the working paper on Ontario Native Economic Development Policy; and

**WHEREAS** the development and implementation of policies and programs must involve First Nations in order to be successful; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians has made representations to ONAD so that First Nation input will occur during the development and the implementation of the policy; and

**WHEREAS** the provincial government is not willing to allow First Nation input into the development and implementation of the Native Economic Development policy.

**WHEREAS** the department of the provincial government has been directed to develop and implement changes to their programs in line with the overall government policy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek protest the process of policy development and program implementation without substantive input from First Nations; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek request the Government of Ontario to make sufficient resources available to the Union of Ontario Indians for the identification of needs within the communities and to provide input into the implementation of the economic development policy; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek request Ontario Native Affairs Directorate to establish, with the Union of Ontario Indians, appropriate joint and cooperative processes for the implementation of the Provincial Native Economic Development Policy and strategies.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF TOM BRESSETTE, KETTLE & STONY POINT**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF RALPH AKIWENZIE, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #22: BURIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek want to ensure that First Nations have control of the disposition of any Aboriginal human remains and artifacts that are discovered; and

**WHEREAS** the Regulations for the Ontario Cemeteries Act pertaining to the discovery and disposition of Aboriginal human remains have not yet been completed; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government is proposing new national legislation for the protection and management of archaeological heritage, much of which involves Aboriginal artifacts; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government is also proposing new provincial heritage legislation which will also impact on the ownership of and responsibility for Aboriginal artifacts; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians has been participating in an Ontario-wide Burial Grounds Committee dealing with these issues, with Chief Nora Bothwell as our Chief Negotiator.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians to continue negotiation with the Federal and Provincial Governments regarding the above legislation; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appointment of Chief Nora Bothwell as Chief Negotiator be renewed.

**MOVED BY: HENRY PELTIER, DELEGATE, WIKWEMIKONG  
UNCEDED**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF MOSES KOWTIASH, ROCKY BAY**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #23: INDIAN HARVESTING STRATEGY**

**WHEREAS** Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms "existing treaty and aboriginal rights" which we assert includes the harvesting rights of the Anishinabek among other aboriginal and treaty rights; and

**WHEREAS** the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled, in the Sparrow decision, that Section 35 provides positive protection to harvesting rights and to "first priority access" to resources for harvesting purposes; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Court of Appeal has ruled, in the Agawa decision, that Section 35 also protects commercial harvesting rights; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Strategy Committee has developed certain principles to serve as a basis for negotiations with Governments to protect our harvesting rights consistent with the directions of the above Courts.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. This Assembly endorses the Harvesting Strategy Principles as a basis for negotiations with Governments; and
2. The Anishinabek Strategy Committee be directed to initiate negotiations with Governments and work towards implementation of the principles of First Nations resource management.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF MOSES KOWTIASH, ROCKY BAY**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF RALPH AKIWENZIE, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #24:            ROBINSON HURON FAMILY VIOLENCE  
                                      NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek have recognized that family violence is an issue affecting our First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** Resolution #28 of the 1989 Grand Council recognized and supported the initiatives undertaken by individual communities or groups; and

**WHEREAS** twenty-two, Robinson-Huron communities have undertaken a needs assessment and have produced a document.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the ongoing planning, development and implementation of services under First Nation control, which will assist Robinson-Huron and other communities in addressing family violence in an appropriate manner.

**MOVED BY:                    CHIEF LARRY NAPONSE, WHITEFISH LAKE  
SECONDED BY:                CHIEF EARL COMMANDA, SERPENT RIVER**

**CARRIED.**



**RESOLUTION #25: CANADA/ONTARIO RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS** the Canada/Ontario Resource Development Agreement (RDA) provides assistance to First Nations for the development and utilization of renewable resources through Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM); and

**WHEREAS** INAC is planning to devolve the funds to First Nations when the agreement expires in March, 1992; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations must instruct INAC on the allocation of these funds should they desire the continuation of the agreement; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario has expressed an interest in negotiating a new agreement; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians have reviewed the issue and have recommended Option 2: that the Anishinabek enter into an Anishinabek/Ontario agreement.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek accept Option 2, as recommended by the Board of Directors; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct INAC to make available a fair and equitable portion of the funds from Canada to allow the Union of Ontario Indians to enter into discussions with Ontario to establish a new Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Development Agreement; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians to establish a Chiefs' Committee to determine a mechanism for the allocation of these funds pursuant to the agreement.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF NORA BOTHWELL, ALDERVILLE**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, WHITEFISH RIVER**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #26:            ONTARIO HYDRO DEMAND/SUPPLY  
                                  HEARINGS**

**WHEREAS** Ontario Hydro is holding hearings on the long term demands and supplies of energy called the "Ontario Hydro Demand/Supply Hearings"; and

**WHEREAS** the hearings will examine issues of concern with respect to the amount and method of energy production and use in Ontario for the next 25 years; and

**WHEREAS** it is anticipated that the impacts on First Nations throughout Ontario, by the energy developments, will be major and potentially destructive; and

**WHEREAS** the Native groups, including First Nations, Provincial/Territorial Organizations, Independent First Nations and the Ontario Metis and Aboriginal Association have established a proposal for the Aboriginal Research Coalition (ARC) to be responsible for conducting joint research as it relates to the Demand/Supply Plan common concerns and relevance to all of the Aboriginal participants in the Demand/Supply Hearings; and

**WHEREAS** some of the major Aboriginal issues identified by the First Nations include: social, cultural, economic and environmental impacts; treaty and aboriginal rights and compensatory measures amongst other general issues; and

**WHEREAS** the ARC and its individual members have received inadequate funds for appropriate community consultation, expert assessment and staff requirements; and

**WHEREAS** at present the process of the review is that Ontario Hydro is responsible for the assessment and presentation to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment even though the federal lands (reserves) will be affected and as such the Federal Environmental Review Office should be involved in the impact studies.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support, in principle, the concept of the Aboriginal Research Working Committee as an intervention group activity in the environmental assessment review process; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of Anishinabek support the efforts to have Canada initiate and fund a judicial review to stop the current process whereby Ontario Hydro is seeking acceptance by the Ontario Environmental Assessment Board of the Ontario Hydro Demand/Supply Plan; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs support the Anishinabek First Nations as intervenors in their efforts to have the Federal Environmental Review Office process invoked.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF EARL COMMANDA, SERPENT RIVER**  
**SECONDED BY: CHIEF MOSES KOWTIASH, ROCKY BAY**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #27:           FEDERAL REQUIREMENT TO REPORT  
                                  SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS**

**WHEREAS** Revenue Canada has advised us that the regulations of the Income Tax Act would be amended to require reporting of social assistance payments for the taxation year 1990; and

**WHEREAS** The Indian Act exempts Indians and Indian property including income received on reserve from taxation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek request Revenue Canada exempt First Nations from the federal requirement to report social assistance payments.

**MOVED BY:           CHIEF RALPH AKIWENZIE, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH  
SECONDED BY: CHIEF CHARLOTTE CONTIN, HENVEY INLET**

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #28: ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM FUNDING**

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians has been involved with environment and resource development issues at the local, regional and national level for a number of years; and

**WHEREAS** neither the Provincial or Federal Government have funded our initiatives in any consistent manner; and

**WHEREAS** there is an expressed need from First Nations for assistance in the development of sound planning principles which will both facilitate economic development and protect the environment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the efforts of the Union of Ontario Indians to secure funding for an environment program; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** wherever possible the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to lobby for resources which would flow directly to the First Nations to support and enhance their environment and resource development initiatives.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF MOSES KOWTIASH, ROCKY BAY**  
**SECONDED BY: ELDER HARRY MISKOKOMON, SOUTHWEST REGION**

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