

R E S O L U T I O N S

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL

JULY 23 - 25, 1991

**ALGONQUINS OF GOLDEN LAKE
MAKWA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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ATTENDANCE

RESOLUTION # 1: AGENDA

THAT the Agenda for the Anishinabek Grand Council, July 23 - 25, 1991, be accepted as amended.

MOVED BY: Chief Leroy Dolson, Munsee-Delaware
SECONDED BY: Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 2: POLICING PILOT PROJECT

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Policing Pilot Project will be developed as set out within the terms of the final draft of the Proposed Structure, Anishinabek Policing Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Policing Pilot Project needs to be given first priority for increased constable complement in order to achieve its true potential.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Grand Council support the development of the Anishinabek Policing Pilot Project as set out in the Proposed Structure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Grand Council recognize and support the need for constable allocation priority to be given to the Anishinabek Policing Pilot Project when an increase in complement becomes available.

MOVED BY: Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek
SECONDED BY: Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 3: ELECTIONS OFFICER

THAT Greg Sarazin, Algonquins of Golden Lake, be Elections Officer for the Anishinabek Grand Council, July 23 - 25, 1991.

MOVED BY: Chief Clifford Meness, Algonquins of Golden Lake
SECONDED BY: Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 4: ELECTION RULES & PROCEDURES

THAT the Election Rules and Procedures for the Anishinabek Grand Council, July 23 - 25, 1991, be accepted as amended.

MOVED BY: Chief Tom Bressette, Kettle & Stony Point
SECONDED BY: Chief Leroy Dolson, Munsee-Delaware

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 5: PRESIDENT/GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF

THAT the nominations for President/Grand Council Chief be closed.

MOVED BY: Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek
SECONDED BY: Chief Roy Michano, Ojibways of Pic River

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 6: VICE-PRESIDENT/DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF

THAT the nominations for Vice-President/Deputy Grand Chief be closed.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River
SECONDED BY: Chief Leroy Dolson, Munsee-Delaware

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 7: FIRST BALLOT

THAT the Ballots be destroyed.

MOVED BY: Chief Roy Michano, Ojibways of Pic River
SECONDED BY: Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 8: SECOND BALLOT

THAT the Ballots be destroyed.

MOVED BY: Chief Henry Peltier, Wikwemikong Unceded
SECONDED BY: Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 9: DIRECTOR GENERAL - EDUCATION

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Anishinabek invited Mr. Harvey McCue to address the Grand Council to address post-secondary issues; and

WHEREAS the attitude displayed by Mr. McCue showed a lack of concern for First Nation issues and indifference towards the problems created by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for First Nations; and

WHEREAS Mr. McCue's lack of understanding and indifference has caused the Chiefs to lose confidence in Mr. McCue's ability to perform his duties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek demand that Mr. McCue be removed from his position forthwith.

MOVED BY: Chief Dan McGuire, Sandpoint
SECONDED BY: Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #10: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS education at all levels is an aboriginal and treaty right without qualification; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has a fiduciary responsibility to fulfill its financial obligations to First Nations people; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians First Nations project a shortfall of approximately three million dollars for the 1991-92 fiscal year, with this being a conservative estimate; and

WHEREAS we have seen a dramatic increase in the numbers of all students who wish to pursue post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS there is a high demand for post-secondary funding by mature students who wish to return to school and who are being denied financial support or given lower priority despite the proven success of these students once they have enrolled in post-secondary programs; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians considers post-secondary education to be vital to present and future development in First Nation communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to implement the attached plan of action; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada recognize and implement adequate post-secondary school education funds based on our aboriginal and treaty rights to education; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities by providing adequate funding to support the post-secondary education of all First Nation students.

MOVED BY: Chief Henry Peltier, Wikwemikong Unceded
SECONDED BY: Chief Dan McGuire, Sandpoint

CARRIED.

EDUCATION PLAN OF ACTION

The plan will deal with two areas:

- i) An Anishinabek Task Force, accountable to the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians; and
- ii) A publicity campaign.

TASK FORCE MANDATE:

- * To liaise with First Nations, with the intent to promote education as a priority.
- * To encourage and support First Nations in their efforts to develop and implement policies for the management of post-secondary funding which are consistent and based on established principles.
- * To negotiate changes to INAC's Education administration policies that would provide an adjustment period for First Nations which are entering Alternative Funding Arrangement agreements.
- * To prepare documentation on all applications, enrollments and allocations, including those of Bill C-31 students, which can be used by the Anishinabek to negotiate increased funding for post-secondary education.

PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN:

- * To compile statistics from each First Nation with respect to enrollment in post-secondary education, graduation and subsequent employment; and
- * To design a publicity campaign to bring recognition to the success of First Nation students who have pursued a post-secondary education.

RESOLUTION #11: ANISHINABEK NEWS AND TRAINING PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Advertising Management Trainee is a new position designed to help promote the Anishinabek News thus enabling us to increase the level of awareness of Native issues and better serve our member First Nations; and

WHEREAS the salary for the trainee will be derived from a grant which includes: wages, vacation pay and benefits; and

WHEREAS the primary function of the Advertising Management Trainee will be to increase circulation and advertising thus assisting the Anishinabek News in its goal of becoming self-supporting; and

WHEREAS the Advertising Management Trainee will be trained primarily by the Anishinabek News and employment under this program must be terminated by March 1, 1992.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Anishinabek News in its efforts to secure funding for the position of Advertising Management Trainee.

MOVED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek
SECONDED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #12: CHIEFS WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS the Chiefs Working Group on Governance is presently pursuing initiatives with respect to legislative alternatives to the Indian Act; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of First Nations Constitutional Working Group is pursuing initiative in respect of constitutional changes; and

WHEREAS the principles of the Anishinabek must be protected in both the above mentioned processes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Grand Council Chief to meet with and inform both groups of the principles of the Anishinabek; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Grand Council Chief to insure that no legislative or constitutional changes go forward without the proposed changes being firstly examined by the Chiefs of the Anishinabek; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Grand Council Chief to convene a Special Grand Council within six months to examine these and other issues.

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

WITHDRAWN.

RESOLUTION #13: CHIEFS COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

WHEREAS in response to a request for advice on land claims reform by Minister Siddon, a National Committee of Chiefs was established (Chiefs Committee on Claims) and after nationwide consultation tabled its recommendations on December 14, 1990 in a document entitled "First Nations Submission on Claims"; and

WHEREAS the First Nations Submission on Claims paper was adopted, in principle, by the Special Chiefs Assembly of the AFN on December 10, 11, 1990 through Resolution No. 18/90; and

WHEREAS by the same resolution (No. 18/90) the Chiefs Committee on Claims, was mandated to implement the recommendations contained in the First Nations Submission on Claims paper; and

WHEREAS limited progress has been made in respect of the implementation of the recommendations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek directed that these recommendations be implemented; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Grand Council Chief provide political direction and support to the Chiefs Committee on Claims.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River
SECONDED BY: Chief Tom Bressette, Kettle & Stony Point

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #14: DISABILITY

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations' membership includes children, adults and elders who are disabled; and

WHEREAS First Nations' attempts to provide support for their disabled membership are restricted by the lack of coordination amongst federal and provincial governments whose policies, programs and services include responsibility for disability; and

WHEREAS First Nations inability to support their disabled population results in frustration and poor self-esteem amongst these members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek request the Union of Ontario Indians' Health and Social Services programs research the issues of disability policy, programs, services and funding as they pertain to First Nations and share this information with all First Nations; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to convene a meeting between interested First Nations, the federal and provincial governments and agencies whose mandate includes disability to address coordination of policies, programs, services and funding; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT in the interim, the Union of Ontario Indians' Health and Social Services programs be directed to assist West Bay and other First Nations who have been unable to access support for their disabled membership.

MOVED BY: Chief Stewart Roy, West Bay
SECONDED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #15: DELIVERY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:
BINOOSIINYAG KINOOMAADWIN**

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council endorsed the development of a Native early childhood education diploma and this work is almost completed with the course beginning in September 1991; and

WHEREAS funding has been sought from both the federal and provincial governments for the delivery of the distance education option of Early Childhood Education: Binoosiinyag Kinoomaadwin which will meet the needs of employed, adult child care workers to complete their diplomas; and

WHEREAS to date the provincial government has not made any financial commitments to the delivery of the program despite their requirements for qualified staff in licensed facilities and an announcement of new child care places which will also need qualified personnel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the letters sent to Premier Bob Rae and the Minister of Community and Social Services, Zanane Akande, requesting a contribution towards the delivery of this program over the next four years; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs insist that the Ministry of Community and Social Services financially support this program in light of their position on qualified personnel in licensed centres.

MOVED BY: Chief Tom Bressette, Kettle & Stony Point
SECONDED BY: Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #16: PROVINCIAL FAMILY VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS the provincial government has identified family violence as a priority issue, and has recognized that Native communities have different needs in this area than non-Native communities; and

WHEREAS the provincial government has proposed the development of a comprehensive strategy and policy for dealing with aboriginal family violence; and

WHEREAS the government has agreed that a joint steering committee will be formed, be Native directed, and will include a Native Co-Chair; and

WHEREAS the government agreed that the consultation process should be done by the Native organizations at the community level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Union of Ontario Indians to participate in the Steering Committee to develop a strategy on Aboriginal Family Violence; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Intergovernmental Affairs Director to prepare a detailed budget and plan for consultation with the Anishinabek First Nations, in order to ensure that this Strategy meets the needs of the communities.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River
SECONDED BY: Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

CARRIED.

CHIEF NAHWEGAHBOW APPOINTED BY CONSENSUS.

RESOLUTION #17: REBUILDING THE ANISHINABEK

WHEREAS traditionally the Anishinabek have occupied vast territories in lands now known as Ontario, Manitoba, Kansas, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS as we strive to re-establish our traditional forms of government it is essential that we examine and reaffirm our relationships with our fellow Anishinabe in all of these provinces and states; and

WHEREAS preliminary work has been done to network and re-establish our ties with these groups.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek acknowledge the need to re-establish our traditional relationships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Grand Council Chief be directed to actively and aggressively contact our fellow Anishinabe as represented by their official spokes-persons in order to redevelop formal and ongoing relations in our effort to re-establish the Nation in its original form; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Grand Council Chief be mandated to convene a Grand Council meeting with all of our leadership within this territory.

MOVED BY: Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River
SECONDED BY: Chief Roger King, Gull Bay

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #18: ONTARIO METIS AND ABORIGINAL
 ASSOCIATION (OMAA)**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on economic development with the Ontario Metis and Aboriginal Association (OMAA); and

WHEREAS the agreement recognizes OMAA as a political organization representing Metis and off-reserve First Nation citizens; and

WHEREAS Chiefs and Councils are mandated through elections by First Nations citizens to represent all First Nation citizens regardless of residence; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Metis and Aboriginal Association Memorandum of Understanding undermines the recognition of First Nation governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand the Federal and Provincial Governments reaffirm their recognition of Chiefs and Councils as the true and only political representation of First Nation citizens regardless of residence; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Metis and Aboriginal Association be requested to provide the Union of Ontario Indians with a comprehensive membership list; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Federal and Provincial Governments to re-examine their acceptance of OMAA as a political organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to clarify the intent of the Federal and Provincial Governments in pursuing such political recognition of OMAA in relation to the legitimate representation of elected First Nation Councils; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Chiefs of Ontario begin discussion on resolving the issue of membership and how we will relate with each other in the future.

MOVED BY: Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River
SECONDED BY: Chief Max Assinewai, Sheguiandah

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #19: UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS/TRIBAL
COUNCIL RELATIONS**

WHEREAS the preliminary report on the Union of Ontario Indians/Tribal Council relations was tabled at the July 1991 Grand Council; and

WHEREAS there is a need to clarify the respective roles of the Union of Ontario Indians' Secretariat and the Anishinabek as a Nation; and

WHEREAS the report contains suggested responsibilities for the Union of Ontario Indians' Secretariat such as political advocacy, policy analysis, networking and the promotion of unity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT each Region, through the Regional Grand Chiefs, appoint delegates to a committee whose mandate will be to:

- a) Clarify the respective roles of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Anishinabek;
- b) Clarify the respective roles of the Union of Ontario Indians and Tribal Councils; and
- c) Recommend means of formalizing and improving relationships between the Union of Ontario Indians and Tribal Councils or other bodies created by the Chiefs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this committee prepare a report documenting options for future direction pursuant to this mandate and that this report be presented at the 1992 Grand Council.

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

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #20: SPECIAL ASSEMBLY AND 1992 GRAND
COUNCIL**

WHEREAS it is desirable for Anishinabek Assemblies to be held in various regions, in order to support the participation of all communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Special Assembly be held in approximately six months time within the Lake Superior Region; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the 1992 Grand Council be held at the Garden River First Nation.

MOVED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek
SECONDED BY: Chief Dan McGuire, Sandpoint

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #21: FIRST NATION - CROWN RELATIONS

WHEREAS First Nation - Crown Relations are based on our international human rights of self-determination which we hold in common with all distinct peoples on Mother Earth; and

WHEREAS our international treaties - before and after - Confederation with the Crown respect and affirm the inherent treaty-making capacity of all First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek uphold and honour our international human right of self-determination, our Nation-to-Nation relations between First Nations, and our Nation-to-Nation relations with the Crown and our treaties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT our Nation-to-Nation relations with the Crown in Canada uphold and honour our traditions, customs, laws, cultures, distinct societies, and our self-determined destiny on Mother Earth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the First Nations undertake to ensure that specific legislative measures by the Parliament of Canada do not violate or prejudice our international right of self-determination, our distinct cultures and societies, or our treaties with the Crown; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Grand Council Chief to convene a Special Assembly to examine these and other issues.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River
SECONDED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek

WITHDRAWN.

RESOLUTION #22: RESEARCH RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario and the federal government are currently funding an education pilot project, called Nda-Kenjge-Gamig; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Education and the Native Affairs Secretariat has agreed to fund additional pilot Native education projects, both inside the Declaration of Political Intent process, as well as independent of the process; and

WHEREAS the federal government, through the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Education Program has agreed to fund additional education pilot projects tabled and approved through the Declaration of Political Intent education negotiations; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians has been requested by Munsee-Delaware Nation (B.C.R. #856) to investigate and plan for a Research Resource Development Centre as an additional pilot project for the London District First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians' staff to develop such a proposal and to negotiate for the implementation of an education pilot project for the London Region First Nations.

MOVED BY: Chief Leroy Dolson, Munsee-Delaware
SECONDED BY: Chief Delbert Riley, Chippewas of the Thames

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #23: FIRST NATION - CROWN RELATIONS

WHEREAS First Nation - Crown Relations are based on our international human rights of self-determination which we hold in common with all distinct peoples on Mother Earth; and

WHEREAS our international treaties - before and after - Confederation with the Crown respect and affirm the inherent treaty-making capacity of all First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek uphold and honour our international human right of self-determination, our Nation-to-Nation relations between First Nations, and our Nation-to-Nation relations with the Crown and our treaties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT our Nation-to-Nation relations with the Crown in Canada uphold and honour our traditions, customs, laws, cultures, distinct societies, and our self-determined destiny on Mother Earth; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Grand Council Chief to withdraw from the Chiefs Committee on Governance and reaffirm our support of the Assembly of First Nations' mandate to seek constitutional reform.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River
SECONDED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek

1 Opposed: Chief Stewart Roy, West Bay

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #24: NATIVE COUNSELLING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians has conducted a province-wide "Native Counselling Needs Assessment" research study, by Dr. R. Common; and

WHEREAS the findings from this study have implications for training programs and changes in resourcing by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Union of Ontario Indians to pursue discussions with the provincial Ministry of Education and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, leading to implementation of the study's recommendations; and

BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians continue to oppose the development of a National Funding Formula by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, unless the formula is consistent with the recommendations of this counselling study.

MOVED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek
SECONDED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River

CARRIED.

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RESOLUTION #25: LONG TERM CARE

WHEREAS the First Nations have expressed their concerns with respect to the inadequacy of policy, programs and services as they pertain to long term care on reserve; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has reviewed its approach to long term care and will be conducting consultation with groups during the upcoming months; and

WHEREAS consultation with the Anishinabek First Nations is required to ensure that the proposed changes will incorporate First Nations needs for viable, culturally and administratively appropriate policies, programs and services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Health and Social Services Programs to continue their efforts to secure resources for an Anishinabek consultation process as well as resources for consulting in specific geographic areas; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the results of this consultation process be documented and distributed to the First Nations and submitted to the Board of Directors for action and follow-up with the appropriate government ministries and departments.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River
SECONDED BY: Chief Leroy Dolson, Munsee-Delaware

TABLED.

**RESOLUTION #26: ONTARIO CHIEFS COMMITTEE ON FIRST
 NATIONS FAMILY SERVICES**

WHEREAS the Chiefs mandated the Anishinabek Ad Hoc Technical Committee to have both political and technical input into the development of an alternative to the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Management Regime; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Chiefs Committee on First Nation Family Services, in reviewing the existing social services structures and processes, identified the Ontario Indian Social Services Council (OISSC) and the Indian Child and Family Services Agencies respectively, as responsible for policy planning and service delivery.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly adopt the report from the Ontario Chiefs Committee on First Nation Family Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly accept the terms of reference for the Association of Native Family Services Agencies (NFSA); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the OISSC, in conjunction with the Association of NFSA, negotiate with the appropriate funding sources to secure the necessary funding for this Association.

MOVED BY: Chief Tom Bressette, Kettle & Stony Point
SECONDED BY: Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek

1 Abstention: Chief Christi Pervais, Fort William

CARRIED.

