



# **RESOLUTIONS**

**ANISHINABEK SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**

**OCTOBER 21 - 22, 1991**

**THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO**

**RESOLUTION # 1:           AGENDA**

**THAT the Agenda for the Anishinabek Special Assembly  
be accepted as amended.**

**MOVED BY:           Chief Henry Peltier, Wikwemikong Unceded  
SECONDED BY: Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek**

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 2:           1990-91 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians  
Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March  
31, 1991 be accepted as presented.**

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

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 3:           1991-92 AUDITORS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the auditing firm of Pogue,  
Betsworth, Loeng be appointed as the Auditors for the  
Union of Ontario Indians for the fiscal year 1991-92.**

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

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 4: JAMES BAY HYDRO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS** the Grand Council of the Cree have experience with Quebec's first phase of the James Bay hydro development and have felt its negative impacts; and

**WHEREAS** the Grand Council of the Cree have formally rejected the Phase II Great Whale River Hydro Project and have noted that no environmental or socio-economic impact assessments have been conducted on this project; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations believe these types of mega energy projects are not in the best interest of the environment and are done at the expense of First Nations living in the north for the benefit of consumers in New York State.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek petition the federal Minister of the Environment to follow through on the plans for a Federal Environmental Assessment and to stop the Great Whale Project until this review process is completed.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek ask Premier Bob Rae to use his Office to influence the Premier of Quebec, specifically noting that this energy project has serious negative impacts on the Quebec Cree Nation and that aboriginal concerns regarding the issue have been ignored.

**MOVED BY:** Ernest Debassige, Elder, Robinson Huron

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 5:            PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS**

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians participates in the Pathways to Success initiative to assist in the development of Area Management Boards; and

**WHEREAS** the Pathways to Success consultation and Area Management Board development process has not been completed with all First Nations of the Anishinabek; and

**WHEREAS** funds are available to assist First Nations in these activities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to access the necessary funding to carry out consultation with and provide assistance to those First Nations who have not yet established Area Management Boards within the Pathways to Success initiative.

**MOVED BY:**            Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Leroy Dolson, Munsee-Delaware

**WITHDRAWN.**

**RESOLUTION # 6:            FIRST NATION ELECTORAL REFORM**

**WHEREAS** the people of the Anishinabek, since time immemorial, have determined how our members will be selected for leadership at all levels and the time has come to re-examine these processes.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek mandate a committee to examine options for determining leadership at the community, Tribal Council, Anishinabek, Ontario and National levels.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a preliminary report be prepared which outlines draft options for the selection of leadership and that this report be presented to the next Grand Council or Special Assembly.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek mandate the following persons to form this committee:

Chief Nelson Toulouse  
Chief Darrell Boissoneau  
Chief Leonard Gray  
Chief Leroy Dolson  
Regional Grand Chief Frank Onabigon

**MOVED BY:**            Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 7: ANISHINABEK FIREARMS POLICY**

**WHEREAS** a number of hunting charges involving firearms safety were laid against First Nation members within the Anishinabek territory; and

**WHEREAS** lawyers have advised the Anishinabek leadership that these charges are impossible to defend and can severely complicate the practice of aboriginal and treaty rights to hunt; and

**WHEREAS** there have been several serious firearm accidents involving bodily injury within the Anishinabek communities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek direct the Intergovernmental Affairs Program to negotiate funding for the development of a draft Firearms Safety Policy for community consideration.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** a number of Anishinabek volunteers be trained to offer firearms safety courses to First Nation community members.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Roy Michano, Ojibways of Pic River

**SECONDED BY:** Frank Onabigon, Lake Superior Grand Chief

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 8:           ONTARIO INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Indian Economic Development Board (OIEDB) reviews current issues for First Nations regarding economic development; and

**WHEREAS** all Native political organizations have representation on the Board.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs-in-Assembly appoint Greg Sarazin from the Algonquins of Golden Lake to represent the Union of Ontario Indians at the OIEDB.

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

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 9: TAX EXEMPT BORDER CROSSING**

**WHEREAS** the rights of the Anishinabek to transport their goods across all borders are recognized as aboriginal and treaty rights and are included within international law; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of the United States of America recognizes and accepts the above stated rights of the Anishinabek; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has announced its agreement to exempt First Nation's people within some border communities from custom duties and taxes.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Canada recognize and accept that Anishinabek people are exempt from all custom duties and taxes when bringing their goods into Canada; and
2. Canada and Ontario ensure that the above exemption applies in respect of all provincial taxes as well as federal duties and taxes.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Christi Pervais, Fort William

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**



**RESOLUTION #10: EASTERN ONTARIO COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EO-CEDP)**

**WHEREAS Premier Bob Rae has stated First nations will have greater access to government programs; and**

**WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology (ITT) delivers the Eastern Ontario Community Economic Development Program (EO-CEDP) which promotes economic growth, fosters community self-reliance and local initiatives by funding strategic planning and capital projects; and**

**WHEREAS Eastern Ontario municipalities are eligible to access the EO-CEDP; and**

**WHEREAS the First Nations of Golden Lake, Curve Lake and Alderville are supported by the Honourable Bud Wildman in their efforts to access the EO-CEDP; and**

**WHEREAS the Minister of ITT has excluded these First Nations from accessing the EO-CEDP due to unique administrative structures and federal sources of financing and such a decision is inconsistent with government policy.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the efforts of Golden Lake and others to gain access to the EO-CEDP.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that Premier Bob Rae and the Minister of ITT fulfill their government's commitment to greater access to provincial programs by First Nations by recognizing their eligibility for EO-CEDP.**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Director of Policy Development to assist the Algonquins of Golden Lake, as requested, to correct the inconsistent application of provincial government policy.

MOVED BY: Chief Mel Jacobs, Curve Lake  
SECONDED BY: Chief Leonard Gray, Alderville

ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

**RESOLUTION #11: FIRST NATION LANGUAGES AND LITERACY**

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs at the Assembly of First Nations 12th Annual General Assembly passed Resolution #12/91 on First Nations Languages and Literacy; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek demand government support for Mother Tongue Literacy; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek demand that the government provide adequate dollars for the establishment of a First Nations Foundation that would ensure that literacy and language dollars are available in every community; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs-in-Assembly supported the recommendation that funding be provided on a long-term, multi-year basis to ensure revitalization and retention of aboriginal languages.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs of the Anishinabek endorse and support Assembly of First Nations Resolution #12/91 calling for full government support to First Nations in the implementation of Aboriginal Languages and Literacy Programs.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario Indians Education Program be directed to actively support the Assembly of First Nations Aboriginal Languages and Literacy Steering Committee in their strategy to seek and receive Anishinabek First Nations input on the proposed Aboriginal Languages and Literacy Foundation and the proposed federal Aboriginal Languages Act.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION #12: INDIAN TAXATION POLICY REVIEW**

**WHEREAS** First Nations have advocated a reassessment of the taxation relationship between the federal government and the First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government has established an Indian Taxation Policy Review which will hold discussions, conferences and workshops with First nations to develop information on required changes to the tax system; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to have First Nation input into the process to advance First Nation principles and policies; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Finance has stated that a discussion paper will be developed and include issues identified by First Nations pursuant to these discussions; and

**WHEREAS** this paper will become the starting point for further discussion with First Nations on changes to the taxation relationship between the federal government and First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians Director of Policy Development to monitor the activities of the Indian Taxation Policy Review and to assist First nations to participate in the review, if they so desire.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the Grand Council Chief be directed to correspond with the Department of Finance to ensure that the final documents resulting from the Indian Taxation Policy Review be circulated to each First Nation and that resources be provided for further consultation on any recommended changes affecting Indian taxation.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Leroy Dolson, Munsee-Delaware

**WITHDRAWN.**

**RESOLUTION #13: ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS Industry, Science and Technology Canada delivers the Aboriginal Economic Program; and**

**WHEREAS the equity requirement has been raised from a minimum of 10% to a minimum of 20%; and**

**WHEREAS the increase is creating additional hardship for First Nations and First Nation entrepreneurs who have difficulty in accessing adequate resources.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Industry, Science and Technology Canada return the equity requirement to the original amount of 10%.**

**MOVED BY: Chief Richard Kahgee, Chippewas of Saugeen**

**SECONDED BY: Chief Christi Pervais, Fort William**

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION # 14: CEIC FUNDING**

**WHEREAS** the Regional Office of CEIC has notified First Nations in Ontario that substantial surpluses have resulted from funding allocations (\$5 million) in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** such large surpluses at year end sends the wrong type of message to the Government of Canada and Treasury Board and contributes to poor planning procedures; and

**WHEREAS** Government agencies have used the issue of surpluses to justify subsequent cut-backs in future regional budgets.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs-in-Assembly request that the Regional Director of CEIC and the Ontario Regional Management Board of Ontario (RAMBO) produce a report on the status and reasons for these surpluses.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this report make the commitment that these past surpluses will not result in future cut-backs in CEIC 1992 -93 funding.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** Chief Joseph Hare, Co-Chairman of the Regional Management Board (RAMBO), be asked to report back to the Union of Ontario Indians on the progress of such a report.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION #15: CHIEF SHINGWAUCOOSE (SHINGWAUK)**

**WHEREAS** Chief Shingwaucoose (Shingwauk) and his sons, Chief Augustin Shingwauk and Chief Buhgwujjenene are three of the acknowledged founders of the "Teaching Wigwam" at Sault Ste. Marie for the education of the Ojibway Nation of this area and also for the other First Nations across this great country; and

**WHEREAS** the buildings, facilities and land of the Teaching Wigwam were called Shingwauk after the founders, such as Shingwauk Home, later called Shingwauk Hall; and

**WHEREAS** Shingwauk Home, later called Shingwauk Hall, was the Native Education Centre from 1874 to the 1960's; and

**WHEREAS** in 1874 the Earl of Dufferin, the Governor General of Canada, laid the corner stone of the Shingwauk Home; and

**WHEREAS** the land and facilities of the Shingwauk Residential School came under the control of the university board and administration in the early 1970's; and

**WHEREAS** the name Shingwauk was arbitrarily removed and changed to Algoma University.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the name "Shingwauk" be restored immediately to its rightful place in the history of the Ojibway People of the Garden River First Nation, First Nations of Canada, Canada, Ontario and in the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the University be called "Shingwauk University".

**MOVED BY:** Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION #16:            CONSTITUTION**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Constitutional Reform Process detracts First Nations from becoming involved in the Constitutional debate; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly would collectively like to participate in the Constitutional Reform; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitutional issues addressed by the Chiefs-in-Assembly need to be addressed by various strategies and activities; and

**WHEREAS** a draft workplan and scheduling of activities to address these issues at the community level will have to be planned and co-ordinated to formulate an Anishinabek response/position paper.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs -in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Executive to develop a plan of action detailing objectives for the workplan and scheduling of activities.

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

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**



**RESOLUTION #17: INTER-TREATY PROTOCOL**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the wording in the draft protocol entitled - "Inter-Treaty Harvesting Accord" be accepted in principle for utilization by First Nations within the Anishinabek territory.**

**MOVED BY: Chief Mel Jacobs, Curve Lake  
SECONDED BY: Chief Leonard Gray, Alderville**

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION #18: INDIAN TAXATION POLICY REVIEW**

**WHEREAS** First Nations have an inherent right to exemptions of federal and provincial taxation; and

**WHEREAS** these rights are identified through Section 87 of the Indian Act and Section 35 of the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS** these rights have been eroded by the Department of Finance through policy development and non-judicial means; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Finance has stated that a discussion paper will be developed which will attempt to develop taxation policy in relation to taxation of First Nations pursuant to these discussions.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Intergovernmental Affairs Director to facilitate the development of an Anishinabek Taxation position paper to be directed to the Department of Finance which interprets the legislative intent of non-taxation of First Nation people.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the Grand Council Chief be directed to correspond with the Department of Finance to ensure that the final documents resulting from the joint First Nation / Department of Finance Policy Review be circulated to each First Nation and that resources be provided for further consultation on any recommended changes affecting Indian taxation.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Richard Kahgee, Chippewas of Saugeen  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

RESOLUTION #19:            FIRST NATION GOVERNMENT AGENDA

WHEREAS First Nations are presently involved in a number of different processes with the federal and provincial governments in an effort to protect our rights, to enhance recognition of our inherent governance powers and to settle outstanding claims and entitlement issues; and

WHEREAS First Nations respect each others autonomy and do not interfere in each others internal affairs; and

WHEREAS First Nations are committed to seeking consensus on the fundamental aspects of our relationship with the Crown and to mutual support.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all First Nations support recognition of our inherent right to self government in the Constitution of Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all First Nations agree to respect and maintain the fundamental principles of inherent self government and the government-to-government relationship in all dealings with the federal and provincial governments.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the other processes that First Nations are involved in, such as litigation, claims negotiations, self government negotiations, legislative change, policy change and local program initiatives, will be used as stepping stones between constitutional recognition of our rights and the practical implementation of our rights and that those processes will respect the fundamental principles of inherent self government.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Indian political leadership take their direction in these matters from all of the Chiefs, and take action to support all processes that First Nations are involved in to enhance their rights and to improve the quality of life for their citizens.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT First Nations must be directly involved in all consultation processes to ensure that the aspirations of their citizens are heard.**

**MOVED BY: Chief Mel Jacobs, Curve Lake**

**SECONDED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek**

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION #20:**

**OJIBWAYS OF PIC RIVER**

**WHEREAS** the Ojibways of Pic River have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Joint Land Management Agreement in an area of influence around the Reserve proper, including 100 square miles of Crown land (A, B, C, D reference to attached map); and

**WHEREAS** the boundaries drawn by the First Nation in relation to the MOU relates to the Traditional territory of the community as well as the available Crown land in relation to the provincial township; and

**WHEREAS** this Joint Land Management area is essential to the community for long range economic development and cultural activities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the concept of this MOU being a function of self-government and economic self-sufficiency.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario Indians petition the provincial government to adopt sections A, B, C, D of the draft map of the MOU and schedule that territory for full Reserve land status in the future.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Nelson Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION #21: GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ANISHINABEK**

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly have supported the concept of bringing together the Anishinabek Nation, as directed through Grand Council Resolution #91/17; and

WHEREAS the Grand Council Chief has established a preliminary planning meeting to be held October 25, 1991 at the Garden River First Nation; and

WHEREAS in order to carry out the planning and to ensure a successful Assembly, a Co-ordinator is required.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that a proposal be developed to include all related logistics, along with the contracting of a Co-ordinator, for the Grand Council of the Anishinabek.

MOVED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek  
SECONDED BY: Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River

ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

**RESOLUTION #22: FIELD HEALTH ADVISOR PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Special Assembly of October 21 - 22, 1991 has discussed three options involved in the future structure of the Field Health Advisor Program; and

**WHEREAS** there was a stated need to negotiate future relationships between First Nations and Tribal Councils for health service delivery in the various regions; and

**WHEREAS** there was a stated need to develop a workplan and schedule of discussions for negotiations to determine which authority will supervise health service delivery in a given region.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs-in-Assembly adopt the Status Quo for the Field Health Program , with a transition period to resolve the service delivery supervision going to First Nations and Tribal Councils (Option #2).

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario Indians' Health Portfolio Committee draft a workplan and schedule of discussions in each region that will lead to the facilitation of this transfer of supervision and authority to First Nations and Tribal Councils.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Tom Bressette, Kettle & Stony Point

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**

**RESOLUTION #23:       HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Native Housing Repair and Rehabilitation Program, On-Reserve, requires that program allocations should be expended by March 31, 1992; and

**WHEREAS** only 40 First Nations have submitted for and received the \$27,907.00 available to a First Nation as of October 11, 1991.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of Ontario Indians co-ordinate a process, including time frames, so as to ensure utilization of all identified program funds.

**MOVED BY:**       Chief Darrell Boissoneau, Ojibways of Garden River

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River

**ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.**