



ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS

**Mnjikaning First Nation -
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June 5-7, 1995

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
 MNJIKANING FIRST NATION
 JUNE 5, 6, 7, 1995

RESOLUTIONS

#	SUBJECT	MOVER	SECONDER	RESULT
95/01	Agenda	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	Chief Keith Knott	consensus
95/02	Resolution Report	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	consensus
95/03	Audited Financial Statements	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Joyce Tabobondung	consensus
95/04	Audit Service	Ray Rogers, Elder	Frank Lewis, Elder	consensus
95/05	Education Self-Government	Chief Mike Esquega	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	consensus as amended
95/06	Allocation of INAC Education Funding	Chief Mike Esquega	Chief Nora Bothwell	consensus
95/07	Taxation	Chief Earl Commanda	Chief Tom Bressette	consensus
95/08	Forestry	Chief Angus Toulouse	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	consensus as amended
95/09	SS-Long Term Care	Chief Joyce Tabonbondung	Chief Bill McCue	consensus as amended
95/10	SS-Family Violence	Chief Roy Michano	Chief Mike Esquega	consensus
95/11	SS-Employment	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	consensus
95/12	SS-Band Representative	Chief Nora Bothwell	proxy Adam Debaissage	further clarification
95/13	Health-MSB	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Earl Commanda	consensus
95/14	Health-Strategic Regional Plan	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	consensus
95/15	Health-AHWS	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Earl Commanda	consensus
95/16	Health-Commission	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Leroy Dolson	consensus
95/17	Health-Computers	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	consensus

95/18	Health-AFN Delegate	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Earl Commanda	consensus
95/19	Health-Authorities	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	consensus
95/20	Health-FAS	Chief Del Riley	Chief Jeffrey Monague	consensus
95/21	Health-Training	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	consensus
95/22	Treaty Research	Chief Joyce Tabobondung	Chief Jeff Monague	consensus as amended
95/23	Feasibility Report and Economic Development Strategy	Chief Nora Bothwell	Chief Roy Michano	consensus as amended
95/24	UCCM - Operation Rainbow	Chief Glen Hare	Proxy, Georgina Pelletier	withdrawn
95/25	Restoring FN Jurisdiction	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	Chief Christie Pervais	consensus as amended
95/26	Anishinabek Land Use Strategy	Chief Mike Esquega	Chief Christie Pervais	consensus as amended
95/27	Support for Superior Framework Agreement	Chief Aime Bouchard	Chief Earl Commanda	consensus
95/28	On Relations	Chief Phil Maness	Chief Earl Commanda	consensus
95/29	Constitutional Reform Committee	Elder Ray Rogers	Chief Tom Bressette	consensus
95/30	UOI functions	Chief Eugene Manitowabi	Chief Leroy Dolson	consensus

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/01

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of the 1995 Grand Council
Agenda**


MOVED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS the Chiefs in Grand Council have reviewed and made all revisions necessary to the draft agenda:

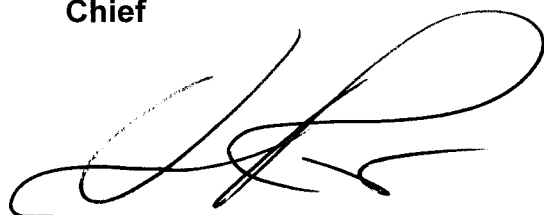
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the Anishinabek Grand Council 1995, held at Mnjikaning June 5, 6, & 7, 1995, be accepted as amended.

SECONDED BY:
Chief Keith Knott,
Curve Lake First
Nation

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
MNJIKANING FIRST NATION - RAMA
JUNE 5 - 7, 1995**

RESOLUTION # 95/02

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the 1994/5 Resolution Report

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS the Chiefs in Grand Council have reviewed the report of follow-up to the 1994/5 resolutions:


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council accept the 1994/5 resolution report.

SECONDED BY:

Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
WIKWEMIKONG
UNCED NATION

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
MNJIKANING FIRST NATION - RAMA
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RESOLUTION # 95/03

SUBJECT: Audited Financial Statements 1995

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31st, 1995 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians and the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc.; and,

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee:

SECONDED BY:

Chief Phil Maness,
Chippewas of
Sarnia

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council do hereby approve the March 31st, 1995 audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc.

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
MNJIKANING FIRST NATION - RAMA
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RESOLUTION # 95/04

SUBJECT: Audit Services

MOVED BY:
Chief Glen Hare,
West Bay First
Nation

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has reviewed the submissions for providing audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1996; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Roy
Michano, Ojibways
of Pic River

WHEREAS the Finance Committee recommends the firm of KPMG, Peat, Marwick and Thorne Chartered Accountants; and,


WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council do hereby approve that the services of the firm, KPMG, Peat, Marwick and Thorne Chartered Accountants be retained to prepare the March 31st, 1996 audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc.



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

**SUBJECT: Self-Government Agreement Respecting
Governance of Education**

MOVED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega,
Rocky Bay First
Nation

WHEREAS Education is an Aboriginal and Treaty right;
and,

WHEREAS First Nations have, and always will have, an
inherent right to determination and governance; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS Canada wishes to act on the premise that the
inherent right of self-government is an existing Aboriginal
right within the meaning of Section 35 of the Constitution
Act of 1982; and,

WHEREAS the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern
Development is prepared to act on this premise that the
inherent right of self-government includes jurisdiction in
respect to education; and,

CONSENSUS


WHEREAS the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern
Development and the Anishinabek Chiefs wish to create
specific examples of an expression of the implementation
of this inherent right in respect to education; and,



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS Minister of Indian Affairs is expressing strong
interest in negotiating self-government agreements across
the country; and,

WHEREAS INAC is devolving its responsibilities for direct
level educational services to First Nations; and,



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

WHEREAS the Anishinabek are desirous of exercising
increased jurisdiction and self-governance over education
and not merely devolution of existing INAC education
programs; and,

WHEREAS there is a need for an agreement that will
facilitate the regional implementation of the concept of self-
government; and,

WHEREAS the MiqMauq and the Manitoba Chiefs are currently negotiating self-government agreements; and,

WHEREAS each negotiated agreement may reduce flexibility of the future negotiations due to precedent setting constraints and formulas; and,

WHEREAS some of these agreements being negotiated have a potential for failure and could therefore negatively impact on future negotiations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Grand Council direct the UOI Education negotiators to enter into negotiations to conclude a self government agreement respecting the governance of education that assumes complete Anishinabek jurisdiction and control over education from early childhood to secondary to post-secondary and adult education; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these negotiations be conducted with the objectives of completing an agreement by March 31, 1996, and that a full report be given to the Board of Directors for ratification; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that these negotiations and the final agreement will not prejudice in any way, the negotiations of any individual First Nation or group of First Nations on education; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this agreement shall abrogate or derogate from Aboriginal or Treaty rights to education and that this agreement shall be made without prejudice to the inherent right to self-determination or to subsequent self-government negotiations.

**SUBJECT: Allocation of Indian Studies Support
Program**

MOVED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega,
Rocky Bay First
Nation

WHEREAS a program support fund has been available from INAC for last 5 years to support initiatives in aboriginal and provincial post-secondary and training institutions; and,

WHEREAS First Nations technical institute (AIAI) has been receiving the majority of the funds available throughout the years and is now receiving regularized funding; and,

SECONDED BY:
Nora Bothwell,
Alderville First
Nation

WHEREAS there are currently 3 training institutes in our territory that will require regularized baseline funding in the future:


CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly instruct the UOI Education Program to negotiate an agreement with INAC for a proportionate allocation of the ISSP fund, utilizing the PPC formula, for the Anishinabek; and,



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Chiefs Committee be appointed to screen the applications from the Anishinabek territory for all proposals; rather than having an INAC proposal selection committee reviewing all proposals.



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

SUBJECT: Strategic Plan To Address Taxation

MOVED BY:
Chief Earl
Commanda,
Serpent River
First Nation

WHEREAS the equitable distribution of wealth has always been and continues to be the jurisdiction of First Nations; and,

WHEREAS this jurisdiction and immunity from taxation is part of the sovereignty, treaty and inherent rights of First Nations and is given expression by our government -to-government relationship with the Crown; and,

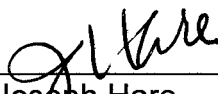
SECONDED BY:
Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS the power to raise revenues through taxation within traditional First Nations Territory is within the exclusive jurisdiction of First Nation Governments; and,

WHEREAS the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to impose their taxation systems and laws upon First Nations; and,

CONSENSUS

WHEREAS the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has tabled a strategic plan which purposes to establish a bilateral process with Canada to resolve outstanding taxation issues facing all First Nations; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

WHEREAS the first step in proceeding with a bilateral negotiation is to secure a moratorium on audits and assessments so as protect individuals who are currently being pursued by Revenue Canada; and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Union of Ontario Indians to continue working with the AFN to address taxation in a strategic way that protects the interests of First Nations and their members; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians focus their activities on an educational process through workshops and other communication to provide information on the full taxation issue and the rights of Anishinabek.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/08

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Forestry Committee

MOVED BY:
Chief Angus
Toulouse,
Sagamok
Anishnawbek

WHEREAS the Anishinabek recognizes that forestry and other resources are essential to the economic, social and cultural well being of First Nations; and,

WHEREAS First Nations have historically been shut out of the forestry industry and have suffered economically as a result while non-Native communities and businesses have benefited; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS the Environmental Assessment Board has rendered a decision mandating the Ministry of Natural Resources to negotiate with First Nations in a number of areas including increasing allocations and providing jobs for Aboriginal peoples; and,


CONSENSUS

WHEREAS the Anishinabek has been involved in forestry issues and has set up a committee to discuss these issues:



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Anishinabek Forestry Committee to approach the province to negotiate in order to resolve these outstanding issues and produce a framework agreement; and,



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek/Union of Ontario Indians continue to advocate the resolution of forestry issues by supporting the Anishinabek Forestry Committee and/or any First Nation or Regional Traditional Land Use Authority.

SUBJECT: Long Term Care Reforms

MOVED BY:
Chief Joyce
Tabobondung,
Wasauksing First
Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek communities and their members have not been well served by and current arrangements for Long Term Care (LTC) services; and,

WHEREAS the Long Term Care Reforms was initiated in 1991 and First Nations consultations took place in 1992/93 and where the Anishinabek view LTC as an immediate and a pressuring concern; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Bill McCue,
Chippewas of
Georgina Island

WHEREAS the Anishinabek proposed amendments to Bill #173 to confirm the role of Aboriginal communities in planning, managing and delivering enhanced services for their members; and,

CONSENSUS

WHEREAS Bill #173 provides an optional opportunity for First Nations to negotiate funding proposals; and,

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health, will identify resources, so that a First Nation or a group of First Nations can enter into an agreement based on their comprehensive proposals:



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly accept the recommendations from the UOI Board of Directors which identify the need for the First Nations, Tribal Councils, and/or Strategic Areas to begin the Long Term Care negotiations with the Ministry of Health; and,



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Social Services program of the Union of Ontario to secure an equitable portion of the funding based on needs identified and further to provide support to First Nations in the development of their comprehensive proposals.

SUBJECT: Federal Family Violence Initiative

MOVED BY:
Chief Roy
Michano, Pic
Heron Bay First
Nation

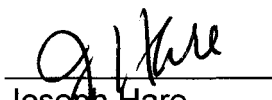
WHEREAS the First Nations communities have consistently identified a need for family violence funds for programming; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega, Rocky
Bay First Nation

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indian will coordinate the initiative and distribute planning project and support their Family Violence Programming; assist the Anishinabek in preparation of required documentation for the contribution agreements; and monitor the initiatives of the communities within the UOI; and,

CONSENSUS

WHEREAS the Anishinabek identified a need to develop a lobby strategy for increased funds, and that an evaluation process must be implemented, to demonstrate the need for on-going funding:



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians Social Services Program to develop a lobby strategy to pressure the government and demand that the INAC and MSB continue to fund the existing services and to lobby for additional resources, including staffing to assist the communities in their specific initiatives; and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians will distribute the funding, workplans, self-evaluations which are built into the agreement, which clearly outline the objectives and impacts within the First Nations communities.

**SUBJECT: First Nation Employment Fund/ Innovation
Framework**

MOVED BY:
Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony
Point

WHEREAS the First Nations Employment Fund is a Provincial Short-Term Reform Strategy aimed at preparing communities for a full-scale Long-Term Reforms "Innovations", which is alternative framework for First Nations; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS First Nations recommendations and response to the provincial proposal of "Job Link" stated that it must allow for a creative and flexible options for "job creation" to be viable in all First Nation communities; and,

WHEREAS First Nations are committed to the idea of developing individual models under the Innovations Framework, which will provide an opportunity to enhance job creation, economic development, education and training; and,

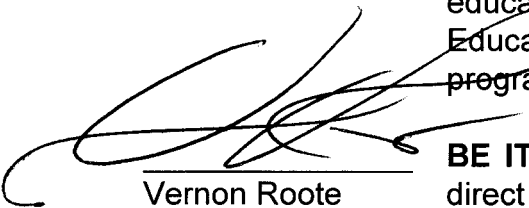
CONSENSUS

WHEREAS support must be given to First Nations to determine what direction their communities will take in their continued developmental and planning work of the Year 2 of FNEF and Innovations, in anticipation of the amalgamation of these initiatives:



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the communities must continue to plan and develop "linkages" to First Nations education and training facilities such as the Anishinabek Educational Institute and existing support programs/services; and,



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians, Social Services Program to coordinate planning and assist that community programs to ensure effective service delivery and aid in avoiding the duplication of service.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/12

SUBJECT: Band Representative Funding

MOVED BY:
Chief Nora
Bothwell, Alderville
First Nation

WHEREAS the Band Representative funding is essential so that First Nations can ensure the Welfare of all children; and,

WHEREAS the Band Representative funding has been capped at \$350,000 which is inadequate to actively pursue First Nation child welfare cases; and,

SECONDED BY:
Proxoy, Adam
Debassigai, West
Bay

WHEREAS Resolution # 94/6 gives direction to the Union of Ontario Indians to seek funding for the assertion of First Nation Jurisdiction over Child and Family Services:


CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Social Services Program to work with the Anishinabek First Nations in the development of a strategy for the welfare of their children; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Social Services program to re-visit the definitions of band representatives, to lobby, on behalf of the First Nations, for additional funding for the Band Representatives and to explore other options to enhance resources; and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Social Services Program provide support and information to the First Nations in their endeavours to pursue recognition of First Nation jurisdiction over matters affecting their children.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/13

**SUBJECT: Medical Services Branch (MSB) Corporate
Health Services**

MOVED BY:
Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony
Point

WHEREAS M.S.B. Headquarters is trying to takeover control of specific Regional Management funding to reduce costs; and,

WHEREAS that transfer of control of Management and Capital projects will prevent regional flexibility to accommodate local First Nations needs and will prevent consultation with First Nations:


SECONDED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Regional Director of Ontario MSB to formally object to this transfer of Management and Capital Health funding to corporate headquarters control, thus maintaining management flexibility by M.S.B. Region and zones.

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/14

SUBJECT: Ontario Regional Health Strategic Plan

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony
Point

WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC) for Ontario authorized the structure, mandate and activities of the First Nations/Medical Services Branch strategic health planning process in 1994; and

WHEREAS four subcommittees on Role Review, Finance, Training, and Communications have made their recommendations to the Ontario First Nations/M.S.B. Steering Committee for new strategic directions for health services in Ontario; and

SECONDED BY:

Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS Anishinabek Health Commissioner, Earl Commanda was appointed by the PPC of Ontario to represent the Anishinabek on this political committee, who has attended all briefing meetings for the Strategic Health Planning of this committee;

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council mandate Anishinabek Health Commissioner, Earl Commanda to take part in the decision making process for the future of the Ontario Health Strategic Plan on behalf of the Anishinabek.



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy
(AHWS) ADMINISTRATION**

MOVED BY:
Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS Union of Ontario Indians has experienced a lack of cooperation from First Nations in meeting the accounting and reporting requirements for AHWS under our Anishinabek Framework Agreement during 1994-1995; and,

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians does not have enough staff to follow up and remind each First Nation of their accounting requirements:

SECONDED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

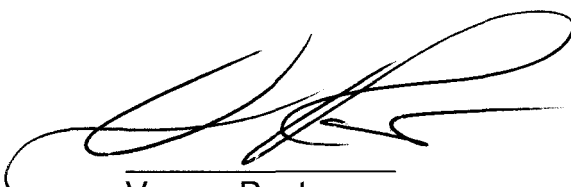
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council agree to immediately submit the name of a First Nation staff person who can be contacted for follow-up by the Union of Ontario Indians staff; and,

CONSENSUS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each First Nation will review the accounting requirements under their Health Contribution Agreement with the Union of Ontario Indians and routinely report to the Union of Ontario Indians at appropriate times each year for those agreements.



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/16

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Health Commission

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony
Point

WHEREAS Grand Council approved the feasibility of the Anishinabek Health Commission in 1990; and,

WHEREAS several groups of First Nations in different areas of the Union of Ontario Indians have formed their local Area Health Board and are ready to conduct Health Program Planning for their First Nations; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Leroy
Dolson, Munsee-
Delaware

WHEREAS funding will be available from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services Branch to support the Anishinabek Health Commission activities and mandate; and,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Health Commissioner has been hired by the Union of Ontario Indians Board in April 1995:

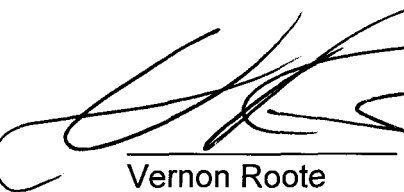
CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Health Commission facilitated by the Anishinabek Health Commissioner be mandated to perform the following responsibilities:



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

- Formulate Anishinabek Health Funding arrangement recommendations for First Nations
- Produce priority Health issue statements on behalf of the Anishinabek.
- Negotiate with the Government and other Indian organizations in Ontario.
- Facilitate Health Planning within each of the seven strategic areas of the Union of Ontario Indians.



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/17

SUBJECT: First Nations Health Computers

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony
Point

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians member First Nations will be receiving new Health Information computers from Medical Services Branch; and,

WHEREAS there are multiple funding sources, health planning and a need to coordinate First Nations health programming services and funding which flow from the Union of Ontario Indians, MSB and the Ministry of Health; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS it would be advisable for these computers to be compatible and capable of linking with the First Nations, tribal councils, and the Anishinabek Health Commission:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Anishinabek Health Director to investigate the feasibility of such a common Anishinabek computer format and that a consultant be retained to make recommendations to the Health Commission for such a system; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Board of Directors select the appropriate option for a common format and that the Anishinabek Health Commissioner negotiate the implementation of that system.



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/18

SUBJECT: Assembly of First Nations Health Delegate

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony
Point

WHEREAS the Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC) delegated the Grand Chief of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians as the Portfolio holder for health to the Assembly of First Nations in 1990; and,

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians has been concerned about the lack of reporting and communication regarding the activities and positions taken by the Ontario representative; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Earl
Commanda,
Serpent River First
Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek regularly produce position papers and Health Program Consultation Reports which are not incorporated into the Assembly of First Nation's Health Issue Statements:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief to raise this issue at the PPC and suggest that an evaluation of these activities occur, and that if necessary a different delegate be nominated for Ontario; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Health Commissioner be directed to establish a liaison with the Assembly of First Nations Health Commission and that the Commissioner speak on behalf of the Anishinabek Nations Health issues; and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief to write a formal letter, outlining the Anishinabek concerns, to the National Chief and the Assembly of First Nations Health Director regarding national Health Issues.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/19

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Local Health Authorities

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony
Point

WHEREAS there are many sources of Health funding coming from the Federal and Provincial government for First Nations Health programming; and,

WHEREAS local planning to coordinate this funding and program development under Long Term Care, Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy , Brighter Futures, Building Healthy Communities, Diabetes Strategy, Non Insured Health Services and others; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Leroy
Dolson, Munsee-
Delaware Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Health Commission Feasibility Study identified seven strategic areas with the Union of Ontario Indians as the basis of local Health Authorities; and,

CONSENSUS

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Health Commission concept is based on the concept of delegates from each of those seven strategic local Health Authorities:



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chiefs in Grand Council direct each of the seven areas to implement Local Area Health authorities, to appoint delegates to the Anishinabek Health Commission and to coordinate area Health Program development with the various sources of Health funding and regional allocations of funding; and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of two delegate appointees to the Commission from each of these areas will be forwarded to the Health Commission by September 1995.

**SUBJECT: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol
Effects Pilot Program**

MOVED BY:
Chief Del Riley,
Chippewas of the
Thames

WHEREAS the incidence of F.A.S./F.A.E. maybe affecting
up to 50% of First Nations' People; and,

WHEREAS the knowledge of prevention of alcohol
consumption during pregnancy must occur prior to puberty;
and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Jeff
Monague,
Beausoleil First
Nation

WHEREAS the First Nation schools can address culturally
appropriate approaches to learning:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in
Assembly agree that First Nation schools should include
the Union of Ontario Indians' Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
Education Program for grades four and eight as part of the
1995-96 curriculum; and,

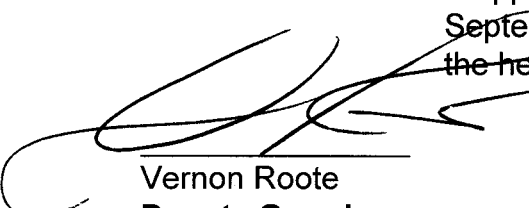
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each First Nation, with a
First Nation school, will pass a FNCR, and formally
approach the school board and arrange to have the
curriculum made available to teachers; and,



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario
Indians will approach Beausoleil First Nation and
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation for pilot testing in
September 1995, due to their location for easy access to
the health promotion consultant.



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Health Training Course

MOVED BY: Chief
Tom Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony
Point

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians has been involved in the development of several Health Worker Training Curriculums for the First Nations Health workers:

- **Native Community Care: Community Development**
- **Provincial Health Worker Training**
- **Anishinabek Homemaker (Long Term Care)**
- **Several Health Promotion Manuals**

SECONDED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Education Institute has received the copyright on Native Community Care: Community Development Curriculum Modules and are presently negotiating with community colleges in Ontario to take over the delivery of that course; and

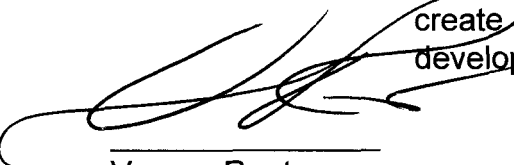
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WHEREAS the Anishinabek Education Institute plans to develop a centre of expertise for health worker training:


Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of the Grand Council direct the Anishinabek Education Institute to take over the development of Health Worker training courses for the Union of Ontario Indians territory; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Union of Ontario Indians Health continue to do needs training assessments and create funding opportunities for Health Training development for the Anishinabek Education Institute.


Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 95/22

SUBJECT: Treaty Research Funding

MOVED BY:
Chief Joyce
Tabobondung
Wasausking First
Nation

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians have coordinated the allocation of Treaty Research funding Treaty Unit by Treaty Unit and First Nations with individual mailing arrangements; and,

WHEREAS this system has created an imbalance of allocations among the First Nations thus requiring re-examination and resolution; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Jeff
Monague
Beausoleil First
Nation

WHEREAS the political leadership of the First Nations must collectively determine research priorities and an appropriate funding allocation:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Treaty Research Coordinator and the regional researchers to table research issues and reports with Regional meetings of Chiefs; and,


Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Region will determine priorities and corresponding allocation of resources on an annual basis or another process that best meets the needs within that region, such as an adhoc regional treaty research committee.


Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Anishinabek Feasibility Report and
Economic Development Strategy**

MOVED BY:
Chief Nora
Bothwell, Alderville
First Nation

WHEREAS the Grand Council of the Anishinabek, 1994 passed resolution 94/5 and mandated the Union of Ontario Indians to prepare a study to identify the feasibility and impacts of assuming control of regional type services; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Roy
Michano, Ojibways
of Pic River

WHEREAS the major finding of this work is that the most serious challenge facing First Nations is the lack of access to sources of capital; and,


CONSENSUS

WHEREAS a feasibility report and economic development strategy has been prepared which recommends the development of an Anishinabek Credit Union, a First Nations Opportunity Fund, a Business Opportunity Centre, a Native Business Assistance and Development Association, Inter-First Nation Trade Agreements, a Trade Commission, the Anishinabek Nation Management Group; and the Traditional Land Use Management Authorities/Forums and,


Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

WHEREAS there is an opportunity for all to benefit from these new arrangements and partnerships; and,

WHEREAS the management function is to be provided by the Union of Ontario Indians which will provide a major source of revenue which will contribute to the goal of financial independence:


Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council accept the report as presented and mandate the Board of Directors to further consider these initiatives.

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**RESOLUTION # 95/24
WITHDRAWN**

**SUBJECT: Support for UCCM Defense of Operation
Rainbow**

MOVED BY:
Chief Glen Hare,
West Bay First
Nation

WHEREAS the inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of First Nations have never been surrendered or extinguished and are guaranteed by Treaties signed by the Crown and First Nations on a Nation to Nation basis; and,

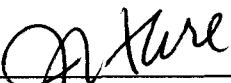
SECONDED BY:
Proxy, Georgina
Pelletier, Nipissing
First Nation

WHEREAS these rights are also guaranteed under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and have been defended by the Supreme Court of Canada through the Sparrow case:

WHEREAS "Operation Rainbow" and the subsequent charges laid on First Nation members violated the constitutionally protected Treaty Rights of harvesters within the UCCM communities; and,

WITHDRAWN


WHEREAS the defense of these rights has been a long and very costly process which has depleted the resources of the UCCM; and,



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS a meeting has been convened in Toronto for June 27, 1995 with Audrey Doerr, Regional Director General of INAC to discuss these issues and possible emergency funding to ensure that the operations of UCCM can be maintained:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council hereby offer any and all support possible for the UCCM Chiefs at this meeting in defense of the Treaty and Aboriginal harvesting rights of their members.



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Restoring Jurisdiction to Anishinabek
People / Recognition of Anishinabek First
Nations Governments / Transfer of Indian &
Northern Affairs Functions**

MOVED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek people have the inherent right to govern themselves and this right has been usurped by the federal government; and,

WHEREAS the Chiefs and Councils of the First Nation communities of the Anishinabek Nation are the local governments of the Anishinabek people and the recognition of their essential and rightful role and purpose, over time, has been denied by the federal government; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Christi
Pervais, Fort
William First
Nation

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has begun to transfer its functions and programs to the First Nations and such transfer is basically only for administration:


CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief to develop a strategic plan restoring jurisdiction to the Anishinabek People, to ensure recognition of the jurisdictional capacity of Chiefs and Councils and to transfer the functions and programs of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to the appropriate government forums of the Anishinabek People; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategic plan be tabled for review and change by the Chiefs in Grand Council at a special meeting for that purpose (fall 1995); and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that an investigation and audit be conducted of the administrative and management functions of the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Western and Sudbury District offices.

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Land Use Strategy

MOVED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega, Rocky
Bay First Nation

WHEREAS we, the Anishinabek, have always and will always retain our interest in our traditional territories; and,

WHEREAS we entered Treaties with other Governments in order to share lands in return for guarantees of our continued way of life, our self-sufficiency, and our self-determination; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Christi
Pervais, Fort
William First
Nation

WHEREAS these Treaties have not been respected by the other Governments, in particular the British Crown and later the Canadian Government; and,

WHEREAS, as a result, our lands and our way of life have been continually threatened and severely damaged:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek re-assert the full spirit and intent of our Treaties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of our Treaties, including our rights:

- to maintain our lifestyle and our economies;
- to fulfill the social, education and health needs of our people;
- and to receive just compensation through our annuities, land allotments and our proportionate share of resource revenues are outstanding obligations of the Crown and must be fulfilled; and,


Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief


Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek oppose any unilateral occupation or use of our lands and resources without due regard to our perpetual interest; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any proposed activity within our territory must therefore first be considered and agreed upon by our Governments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly establish, in each region, Anishinabek Traditional Land Use Authorities to consider all future use and occupation of our land; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such authorities shall constitute jurisdiction over lands and resources within the full extent of the traditional territory of each region; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation support the Robinson-Superior Treaty area, or any other area, in taking the necessary steps toward implementing land use strategies in their area; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation be signatories to the Declaration of Anishinabek Peoples on resources, lands, waters, air, and wildlife.

SUBJECT: Support On Framework Agreement

MOVED BY:
Chief Aime
Bouchard, Pays
Plat First Nation

WHEREAS; in 1990, a Framework Agreement was negotiated with Fort William First Nation, Michipicoten First Nation, Pays Plat First Nation, Pic Mobert First Nation, Rocky Bay First Nation, and Sandpoint First Nation, the Federal and Provincial Governments known as Land and Larger Land Base negotiations, (L.L.L.B.); and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Earl
Commanda,
Serpent River First
Nation

WHEREAS the parties committed themselves to use their best efforts to negotiate and conclude agreements regarding Land and a Larger Land Base, including but not limited to working toward balancing the following objectives:

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1. Ensuring and maintaining a pristine environment and unspoiled wilderness.
2. Developing and managing land for surface harvesting of renewable resources.
3. Developing, managing and reclaiming land for subsurface mineral extractions
4. Water management and possible exporting
5. Economic and Socio-Economic Development
6. Meeting social needs.


Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

In a spirit of goodwill and good faith; and,

WHEREAS in 1992 the process was extended for two years because of the lack of progress in negotiating the terms of the L.L.L.B. process; and,


Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

WHEREAS the unwillingness of the Federal and Provincial Governments to discuss the full terms of the Framework Agreement has exhausted the 1992 extension which end on August 5, 1995; and,

WHEREAS the First Nations involved believe that the Federal and Provincial Governments have breached the - terms of the Framework Agreement by limiting discussions to land for housing needs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians support the participating First Nations in the L.L.L.B. process in their demands to extend and expand the negotiations to include the full terms of the Framework Agreement.

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RESOLUTION # 95/28

SUBJECT: On Relations

MOVED BY:

Chief Phil Maness,
Chippewas of
Sarnia

WHEREAS we the Anishinabek Nation tabled the principles of our relations in 1980; and,

WHEREAS we have stated and affirmed our rights and responsibilities as Anishinabek since time out of memory; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Earl
Commanda,
Serpent River First
Nation

WHEREAS we have relations with other First Nations for the purposes of alliance and mutual support; and,

WHEREAS we also have relations with the European Nations through our Treaties and described by the Covenant Chain which states our government-to-government relationship and our mutual respect for one another; and,


CONSENSUS

WHEREAS we must determine our relationships in a way that will ensure respect, sharing, and caring for all Anishinabe and in a way that protects our rights and responsibilities as the Anishinabek Nation:


Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct that a representative group of Chiefs and Councilors meet (tentatively June 15) to discuss and carefully consider our relationships; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee table a position for further direction and ultimately ratification by the Anishinabek at the upcoming caucus of Anishinabek Chiefs prior to the All Ontario Chiefs Conference, June 1995; and


Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that these discussions be continued until such a time that there is clarity amongst all Anishinabe and those Nations and entities with whom we have relations

**SUBJECT: Recall of Anishinabek Constitutional
Committee**

MOVED BY:
Elder Ray Rogers,
Chippewas of
Sarnia

WHEREAS the next constitutional conference has been set
for the year 1997; and,

WHEREAS the documentation from the previous rounds of
talks has been gathered; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Sarnia

WHEREAS the Chiefs have indicated that more dialogue is
required in order to fully instruct the Anishinabek on which
direction to move on the implementation of the inherent
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of First Nations; and,

WHEREAS the need for dialogue on issues such as
taxation and First Nations jurisdiction has also been
indicated; and,

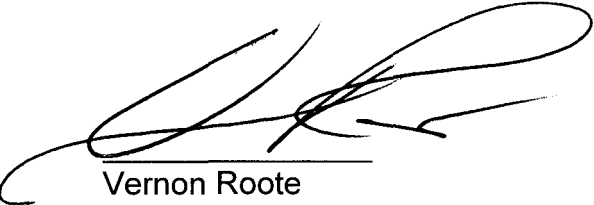
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WHEREAS in the early 1980's, a constitutional committee
had been struck to discuss all of these issues:



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the constitutional
committee be reassembled to discuss the issues and
further the dialogue and consultation among First Nations.



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

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RESOLUTION # 95/30

SUBJECT: Clarifying U.O.I. Functions

MOVED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians has two distinct functions: as a program secretariat and as political advocate for the Anishinabek Nation; and,

WHEREAS these functions are both essential to the growth and well being of the Anishinabek Nation:

SECONDED BY:
Chief Leroy
Dolson, Munsee-
Delaware Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council mandate the Grand Council Chief to focus on political advocacy, promoting the recognition of Aboriginal and Treaty rights and the inherent right of self-determination and nation-building; and,

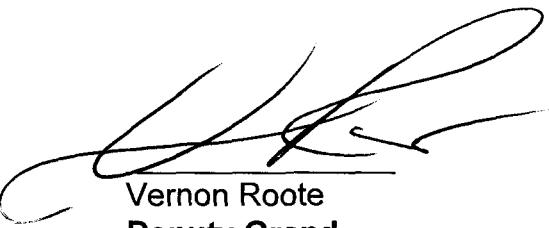
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Deputy Grand Council Chief focus on the program secretariat function to ensure that these programs and initiatives meet the ongoing needs and aspirations of the Anishinabek Nation; and,



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors further discuss and consider an development of a Development Corporation.



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief