



ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS

**West Bay First Nation
June 5-7, 1996**

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
UCCM Complex, West Bay First Nation
June 5, 6, 7, 1996

RESOLUTIONS

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96/01	Acceptance of Agenda	Chief Glen Hare	Chief Roy Michano	Consensus
96/02	Acceptance of Namaygoosisagagun First Nation	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Mike Esquega	Consensus
96/03	Call for Justice at Ipperwash	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Phil Maness	Consensus
96/04	Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle	Chief Tom Bressette	Robert Corbiere, Proxy	Consensus
96/05	Establishment of the CAS Native Services Unit	Chief Leona Nahwegahbow	Chief Leroy Dolson	Consensus
96/06	Support for Pic River - Sustainable Forest License	Chief Mike Esquega	Chief Sam Stone	Consensus
96/07	Anishinaabemowin Teg	Chief Dennis Jones	Chief Angus Toulouse	Consensus
96/08	Pays Plat Drinking Water	Chief Roy Michano	Chief Mike Esquega	Consensus
96/09	Casino Gaming Revenue Distribution	Chief R.K. (Joe) Miskokomon	Elaine Johnston, Proxy	Consensus
96/10	Strategic Health Planning Ontario Health Forum June 6 & 7, 1996	Chief Tom Bressette	Chief Phil Maness	Consensus
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96/28	Anishinabek Education Conference to Establish Agenda	Chief R.K. (Joe) Miskokomon	Chief Joyce Tabobondung	Consensus
96/29	Anishinabek Social Services Conference to Establish Agenda	Chief R.K. (Joe) Miskokomon	Chief Leona Nahwegahbow	Consensus

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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JUNE 5 - 7, 1996**

RESOLUTION # 96/01

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of the 1996 Grand Council
Agenda**

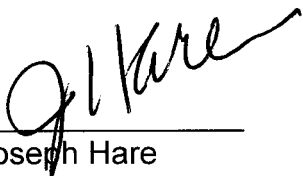
MOVED BY:
Chief Glen Hare,
West Bay First
Nation

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

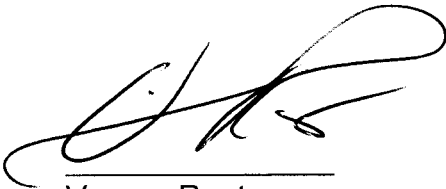
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the Anishinabek Grand Council 1996, held at West Bay First Nation June 5, 6 & 7, 1996, be accepted as amended.

SECONDED BY:
Chief Roy
Michano, Ojibways
of Pic River

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of Namaygoosisagagun First
Nation to the Anishinabek Nation**

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

WHEREAS the Chief and Councilor of
Namaygoosisagagun First Nation made a presentation to
the Anishinabek Grand Council regarding the membership,
location and description of their community; and,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation is open to membership
to all Anishinabek communities demonstrating their history
and membership for approval of the existing Chiefs of the
Anishinabek Nation:

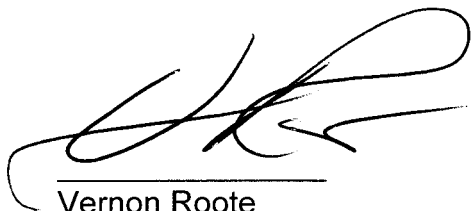
SECONDED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega, Rocky
Bay First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek
Chiefs in Grand Council welcome the membership of
Namaygoosisagagun First Nation.

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

SUBJECT: Call for Justice at Ipperwash

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point First Nation

WHEREAS on September 6, 1995, Dudley George, a member of the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point, was shot and killed by the Ontario Provincial Police; and,

WHEREAS recent evidence has been discovered that members of the government of Ontario including the office of the Premier Mike Harris was involved in the decision to confront the people at Camp Ipperwash; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Phil Maness,
Chippewas of
Sarnia First Nation

WHEREAS Dudley George was unarmed and had been previously threatened by the Ontario Provincial Police while defending a sacred burial site of his ancestors; and,

WHEREAS this incident has been treated with contempt and disrespect by the Ontario Government and the Ontario Provincial Police; and,

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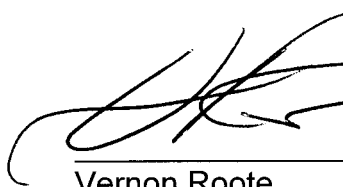
WHEREAS the OPP had mugs, hats and other symbols made to celebrate the events of Ipperwash:



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly demand that Thomas O'Grady, the Commissioner of the OPP, Charles Harnick, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs and Premier Mike Harris apologize immediately to the George family; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly demand that an inquiry immediately be called to address the many serious concerns surrounding this issue and avoid any similar incidents like this in the future.



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

**SUBJECT: Aboriginal Labour Force Development
Circle**

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

WHEREAS the Anishinabek have entered in negotiations for a Regional Bi-lateral Agreement (RBA) for training and labour force development as was agreed in Anishinabek resolution 96/02 (Special Assembly); and,

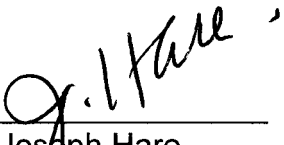
WHEREAS one of the goals of this initiative is to maximize the funding available to directly support community training and to minimize administrative costs; and,

SECONDED BY:
Councillor Robert
Corbiere, Proxy,
Wikwemikong
Unceded First
Nation

WHEREAS the provincial Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle continues to obstruct progress towards these ends through insistence on coordination through the Circle, hampering the RBA negotiations and further leading to administrative and other costs:

CONSENSUS


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly again assert the bi-lateral relationship of the Anishinabek Nation and the Federal Government and re-assert the direction of the Human Resource Development strategy for the Anishinabek Nation; and,



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle must not impact on or diminish these negotiations in any way; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle neither mandates nor has responsibility, involvement or relevance to the negotiations of regional bi-lateral agreements.



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
WEST BAY FIRST NATION
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RESOLUTION # 96/05

SUBJECT: Establishment of the CAS Native Services Unit

MOVED BY:

Chief Leona
Nahwegahbow,
Whitefish River
First Nation

WHEREAS the Association of Native Child and Family Services in Ontario is in receipt of the attached memorandum from the local Sudbury Ministry of Community and Social Services indicating the need to establish a Native Services Unit within the Sudbury CAS; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Leroy
Dolson, Munsee-
Delaware Nation

WHEREAS the Federal Government, the Government of Ontario and First Nations have embarked on the creation and development of Native Services' Agencies to provide a Native Child Welfare Services Delivery model that is culturally appropriate to meet the needs of Native children and families; and,

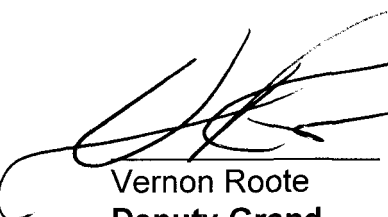
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WHEREAS during the past number of years, Native Services' Agencies have made tremendous improvements in Family Healing, Family Reunification, and Community Healing; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

WHEREAS the recent establishment of a Native Services' Unit under the Sudbury CAS directly conflicts and challenges our authorities to develop our own culturally appropriate service delivery systems; and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly are strongly opposed to these unilateral decisions being made with the Sudbury CAS and will take all necessary steps to ensure that the autonomy of our First Nations is respected:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly denounce this move by the Ministry of Community and Social Services office, and the Children's Aid Society throughout Anishinabek territory; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly will provide support through political and technical resources as necessary in a combined effort to

ensure such a move does not take place and, that it will participate assertively and proactively in whatever manner to ensure that a Native agenda in child welfare is not lost; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly insist that the Ministry of MCSS immediately take action to halt all development of Native Units within the Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Leadership and UOI social services will participate in future meetings with our primary focus on the technical and political issues relating to Native Child Welfare issues.

**SUBJECT: Support for the Ojibways of the Pic River
First Nation - Sustainable Forestry License
on the Steel River Crown Management Unit**

MOVED BY:

Chief Mike
Esquega, Rocky
Bay First Nation

WHEREAS the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation have used the lands and resources within their territory from time immemorial; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Sam Stone,
Michipicoten First
Nation

WHEREAS the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation were party to the Anishinabek Land Claim asserting aboriginal title to the territory in 1982; and,

CONSENSUS


WHEREAS the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation submitted a revised statement of claim asserting aboriginal title on their own behalf in 1995, and the lands and resources claimed by the Pic River First Nation includes those lands and resources now contained within the Steel River Crown Management Unit; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

WHEREAS the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation have been involved in the developing their own economic base to ensure they are in a position to profit equitably from the lands and resources within their defined territory, including participation in the timber sector; and,

WHEREAS the development of the forestry program in the Pic River First Nation has evolved progressively during the past ten years from a harvesting operation and now includes a silvicultural and management component; and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

WHEREAS the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation wish to proceed with value added activity including a sawmill and a chipping program; and,

WHEREAS the fibre on the Steel River Crown Management Unit has been identified as a potential source of fibre for the proposed sawmill/chipper and is currently unencumbered by wood directives or prevailing third party licenses; and,

WHEREAS the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation currently have a proposal before the Government of Ontario entitled "The Making of a First Nation" dated 1990, to secure an aboriginal sustainable forestry license for the Steel River Crown Management Unit in conjunction with a comprehensive management program and have carried on numerous negotiations with provincial governments (ONAS) on a co-management land agreement from 1990 through 1995 without final resolution of agreement; and,

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, represented by the Ministry of Natural Resources has committed on numerous occasions to reduce third party allocations in favour of Pic River First Nation and independent operator Mr. Ken Dooley of Schreiber, Ontario and the provincial government has given preferred allocation to Great West Timber (Buchanan and Co.):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Council of the Anishinabek supports the efforts of the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation to acquire a sustainable forest license on the Steel River Crown Management Unit; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under the progressive recommendation of Condition #77 of the Class Environmental Assessment of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Board 1992 ruling, the executive and appropriate staff of the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to provide assistance to the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation in securing this license to set up a formal process to negotiate a resolution to the ongoing allocation issues.

SUBJECT: Anishinaabemowin Teg

MOVED BY:

Chief Dennis Jones,
Ojibways of Garden
River

WHEREAS the retention, use and promotion of the Anishinaabe language is the foundation of the Anishinabek Nation; and,

WHEREAS a number of concerned individuals from across Anishinaabe territory, with years of experience in Anishinaabe teaching and language retention, have met to discuss strategies and to organize an annual language conference; and,

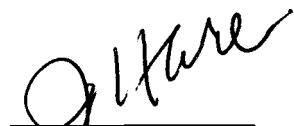
SECONDED BY:

Chief Angus
Toulouse, Sagamok
Anishnawbek

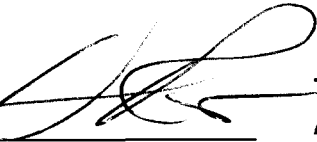
WHEREAS these individuals have created a non-profit corporation, 'ANISHINAABEMOWIN TEG' for the following purposes:

- to promote the teaching and development of the Anishinaabe language and cultural pride;
- to recognize the language and culture as embodied by Anishinaabeg People;
- to provide Anishinaabe language services where the Anishinaabeg live and work;
- to facilitate Anishinaabe language programs with community organizations where the Anishinaabe live and work;
- to promote the development of opportunities for the Anishinaabe to regain and retain the Anishinaabe language in cooperation with Anishinaabe language foundations, organizations, groups, and individuals;
- to establish learning centres to facilitate the educational purposes of Anishinaabemowin Teg

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the key importance of the objectives outlined above; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs support the creation of Anishinaabemowin Teg; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Anishinabek Executive and UOI Education offer support and coordination as required with Anishinaabemowin Teg and report on activities annually with the Grand Council of the Anishinabek.

SUBJECT: Pays Plat Drinking Water

MOVED BY:
Chief Roy
Michano, Ojibways
of the Pic River
First Nation

WHEREAS the Pays Plat First Nation documented illness in the community related to contaminated drinking water supplies due to inadequate septic systems; this drinking water problem and remedial action is identified in a May 1996 report; and,

WHEREAS Pays Plat has retained consultants Burnside and Associates with Department of Indian Affairs funding to develop a water and sewer system study; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega,
Rocky Bay First
Nation

WHEREAS the \$2.1 million engineering capital funds have been set aside at the regional office of DIA in Toronto for 1996; and,

CONSENSUS

WHEREAS there is a barrier to the release of the DIA capital funds to Pays Plat First Nation due to the refusal of the department to recognize the Pays Plat Council; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the executive of the Union of Ontario Indians to arrange a mediation process involving INAC, the Anishinabek Nation, and Pays Plat First Nation to direct DIAND to release the capital funds in order to commence the construction of the recommended water and sewer systems.



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

SUBJECT: Casino Gaming Revenue Distribution

MOVED BY:
Chief R. K. (Joe)
Miskokomon,
Chippewas of the
Thames

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has lead the development of First Nation involvement, management and control in the casino industry in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS a primary principle of this involvement has always been that all Anishinabek communities would have access to long-term sustainable benefit from First Nation casino development; and,

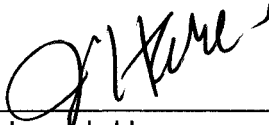
SECONDED BY:
Councilor Elaine
Johnson, Proxy,
Serpent River First
Nation

WHEREAS all gaming revenues from CASINO RAMA must be strategically allocated as a stable and secure First Nation resource base; and,

WHEREAS a simple distribution of revenue to First Nations will not create this stability and lead only to near-sighted, short term and fragmented results; and,

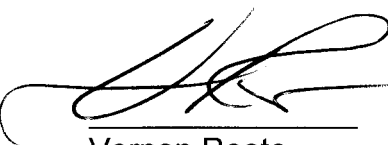
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WHEREAS gaming revenues from CASINO RAMA must never diminish or negatively impact Government programming and the ongoing fiduciary and Treaty obligations of Canada to First Nations:


Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Grand Council direct that 20% of the gross revenues and a portion of the net revenues from CASINO RAMA must adhere to the principles of:

- Anishinabek management and control
- long-term stability and security; and,


Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an **Anishinabek Trust** be established to govern this revenue with the following objectives:

- to secure a base amount in perpetuity
- to provide loans to First Nation capital projects
- to invest for further income generation
- to design and manage grants programs with revenue, *in excess of base amount*, for First Nation community development initiatives including but not limited to

culture, language, social services, economic development, and education; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Trust will be mandated by the Chiefs of First Nations but function as a private entity with representatives appointed from the First Nation business and entrepreneurial community to act as a Board of Directors without political affiliation to any First Nation council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Trust will be part of the development of First Nation investment and financial institutions and therefore must ultimately be administered by the Anishinabek Nation; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief, in conjunction with the Chief and Council of the Chippewas of Mnjikaning, the Southeast Regional Grand Chief and the Anishinabek representatives to the Revenue Distribution Committee, to further develop this position for presentation and acceptance at the All Ontario Chiefs conference and with the Government of Ontario.

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 96/10

**SUBJECT: Strategic Health Planning Ontario Health
Forum June 6 & 7, 1996**

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS the MSB has funded Chiefs of Ontario office to hold a strategic planning Health Forum in Toronto on June 6&7/ 96 for the First Nation leadership of Ontario; and,

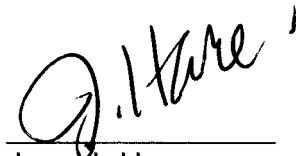
WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council attended by leadership from 42 First Nations was held in West Bay on June 5, 6, & 7, 1996 and therefore in conflict with the Ontario First Nation Health Forum:

SECONDED BY:

Chief Phil Maness,
Chippewas of
Sarnia First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of Anishinabek Grand Council direct the Regional Director of Medical Services Branch acknowledge this conflict and provide resources for an Anishinabek Health Strategic Planning forum to discuss the same issues and recommended strategies that were discussed at the Chief's of Ontario Forum.

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

SUBJECT: Ojibwe Cultural Foundation Funding

MOVED BY:

Chief Joyce
Tabobondung,
Wasauksing First
Nation

WHEREAS the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) has been incorporated since 1974 with an initial number of seven supporting First Nations; and,

WHEREAS the funding allocation for the OCF was established on the basis of the Centre's share of the Program's National Budget for the year of 1974; and,

SECONDED BY:

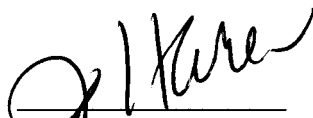
Councillor Elaine
Johnston,
Proxy, Serpent
River First Nation

WHEREAS eight additional First Nations have supported the OCF through Band Council Resolution and have received services from the OCF; and,

WHEREAS there has never been additional funding for the added services OCF has provided to First Nations:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly instruct the Director of Indian Program Funding Allocators Directorate to recognize this and provide adequate funding immediately to the OCF according to its membership.



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

SUBJECT: Social Security Pilot Projects

MOVED BY:
Chief Bill McCue
Chippewas of
Georgina Island

WHEREAS the four Anishinabek Social Security Pilot Projects of Wikwemikong Unceded, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Red Rock Indian Band have been involved in negotiations with Canada and Ontario to establish jurisdiction over social assistance on a pilot project basis; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Shirley
Lesperance, Red
Rock Indian Band

WHEREAS the unique tripartite arrangement was established to explore ways in which First Nations can be more effective and efficient in designing and delivering their system of social assistance; and,

CONSENSUS

WHEREAS despite previous commitment, several meetings and communication with the Provincial government, Ontario has failed to support this initiative and in particular has not recognized the flexibility required for the communities to proceed with implementation; and,


Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS throughout the evolution of the pilot projects barriers to self-reliance under the current system have been identified by the participating First Nations; and,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek must continue to establish options for development and enforcement of First Nations laws which will require capacity building within our communities to revive and re-assert our own laws, policies and programs:


Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly mandate the Pilot Projects to explore and proceed with a bi-lateral agreement with the Federal Government which will create an exemption from the current arrangements of the 1965 Welfare Agreement for the duration of the pilot project for the four First Nations participating in this project; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek continue to support these projects as a priority for the efforts of the Anishinabek Nation in re-asserting our jurisdiction.

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RESOLUTION # 96/13

SUBJECT: Resumption of Ontario Energy Corporation Activities

MOVED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega, Rocky
Bay First Nation

WHEREAS Pic Mobert and other First Nations participate in energy sector investments in northern Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has decided to suspend operations of the Ontario Energy Corporation (OEC); and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Roy
Michano, Ojibways
of Pic River

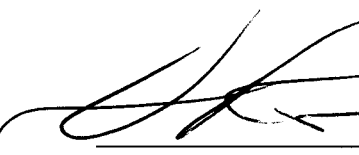
WHEREAS Pic Mobert is presently completing the financing of a joint venture with the New Generation Power Corporation on a co-generation plant near White River, Ontario and is presently pursuing other opportunities; and,

CONSENSUS

WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Corporation fulfills a vital role in facilitating First Nation involvement in energy sector investments in the North by providing professional/technical advisory support as well as access to funds to finance First Nation participation; and,


Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS the decision to suspend the operations of the OEC has created serious consequences for further involvement by the Pic Mobert First Nation in the White River project:


Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly demand that the commitments made by the OEC to the Pic Mobert First Nation be respected and upheld by the government of Ontario; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any preparation of Cabinet submissions be initiated in close consultation with the Pic Mobert First Nation and other northern First Nations; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Grand Council request the direct intervention of Charles Harnick, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs and Chris Hodgson Minister of Northern Development and Mines on this matter.

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Declaration Implementation Process

MOVED BY:
Chief Phillip
Maness,
Chippewas of
Sarnia

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians was the original First Nation organization of the Assembly of Chiefs in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the principles of the Anishinabek Nation have always maintained the spiritual, social, cultural and economic values of our forefathers; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Roy
Michano, Ojibways
of the Pic River


WHEREAS the various treaties signed by the Anishinabek with colonial governments have been consistently and deliberately ignored and the intent of the treaties has not been implemented as understood by our people; and,

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WHEREAS the policies of the governments of Canada and Ontario have seriously encroached upon and significantly altered the true spiritual, social, cultural and economics of our territories; and,


Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

WHEREAS the issue of restoring jurisdiction in the draft document "Restoring Jurisdiction Recommended Approaches" as tabled by Grand Chief Joe Hare has established the foundation for restoring the inherent right and will be developed into our own laws to deliver the true implementation of Anishinabek jurisdiction; and,


Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

WHEREAS the various communities of the Anishinabek have been implementing the goals and objectives of the Restoration of Jurisdiction project:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly unanimously support the implementation of the goals and objectives of the 1980 Anishinabek Declaration; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly agree to support regional, community based processes of education and implementation related to the restoration of

the Anishinabek Nation; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Executive Council assist the Grand Council Chief in setting priorities to immediately advance the Restoration of Jurisdiction strategy.

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RESOLUTION # 96/15

**SUBJECT: Amendments To Power Corporation Act
And Public Utilities Act**

MOVED BY:
Chief R. K. (Joe)
Miskokomon,
Chippewas of the
Thames

WHEREAS the current Government of Ontario has repeatedly supported and committed to facilitating First Nation community and economic development; and,

WHEREAS the laws and policies of the Government of Ontario currently contain barriers to First Nation economic development resulting in severe disadvantages for First Nations; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Phil Maness,
Chippewas of
Sarnia

WHEREAS the Power Corporations Act and the Public Utilities Act both contain advantages for Municipalities, through special 'Municipal rates' that are currently not available to First Nations:

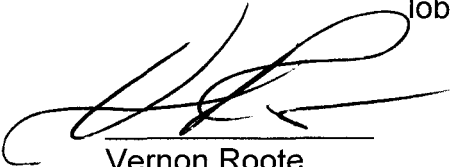
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Grand Council direct that the Government of Ontario to move immediately to remove this barrier and unfair treatment for First Nations through amendments or clarification to the Power Corporations Act and the Public Utilities Act to allow First Nations to purchase hydro at 'municipal rates'; and,



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate and lobby this position with the Government of Ontario.



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

SUBJECT: Treaty Research

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS there is a need in all First Nations and regions for increased resources for Treaty research; and,

WHEREAS there is a need to establish specific objectives and terms of reference for reporting on Treaty Research in order to establish documentation for those increased needs and rationale for funding:

SECONDED BY:

Chief Roy
Michano, Ojibways
of Pic River

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Treaty research program to distribute funding equally to all member First Nations; and,

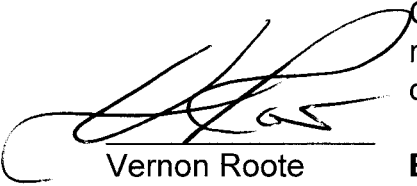
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that requests from First Nations for extraordinary and specific need, such as that presented at this Grand Council by Wahnapiitae First Nation, will be entertained by all First Nations and an equal portion of their funding set aside (in this case \$1200 per First Nation) for one-time emergency research in the interest of Anishinabek unity and support; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Finance Committee identify all possible opportunities now, and in the future, to enhance the funding distributed to First Nations for Treaty research; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treaty Research Committee continue to develop and maintain effective reporting, documentation, inventory, and enhancement options for the benefit of all First Nations; and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the activities of the Treaty Research program be evaluated on an ongoing basis to ensure maximum use and benefit of Treaty research funding.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
UCCM Complex, West Bay First Nation
JUNE 5 - 7, 1996**

RESOLUTION # 96/17

SUBJECT: Cuts to Non Insured Health Benefits

MOVED BY:

Councillor Elaine
Johnston, Proxy,
Serpent River First
Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek remind the Federal Government that health is a First Nations treaty right; and,

WHEREAS Medical Services Branch notified First Nations (January 1996) of a revision to the Dental Schedule of Non Insured Health Benefits retroactive 3 years; and,

WHEREAS the revised Dental Schedule represents a further restriction of services to First Nations which has had serious consequences in First Nations; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of Kettle
and Stony Point

WHEREAS Medical Services Branch is proposing a further revision to the Non Insured Health Benefits in other areas of health; and,

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WHEREAS Drug Companies, Pharmacies, Doctors and other non First Nations are making money at the expense of First Nations; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

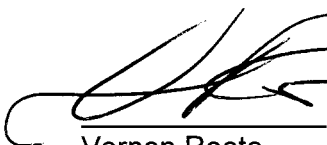
WHEREAS the First Nations people have suffered sub-standard conditions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Anishinabek Grand Council Chief to send a formal letter of complaint on behalf of the Anishinabek; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Health Commission with the Union of Ontario Indians Health Program be directed to draft an issues/position paper on Non Insured Health Benefits within the next two months; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this issues paper be used to develop a political strategy with the Grand Council Chief and all interested Chiefs of the Anishinabek territory; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this issue be brought forward by the Grand Council Chief to the AOCC for the development of an Ontario-wide collective political position.



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

SUBJECT: Anishinabek Security Council

MOVED BY:

Chief Thomas
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS the Southwest Region has begun to develop an Anishinabek Security Council in response to the recent crisis situations at Ipperwash and other areas; and,

WHEREAS it has been noted that Provincial Police have been able to block off roads, restrict access of First Nations members to their homes, sources of food and infringe on their rights at times of these crisis situations; and,

SECONDED BY:

Elder Ray Rogers,
Chippewas of
Sarnia

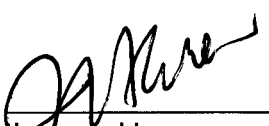
WHEREAS the Anishinabek response in support of these First Nations in times of crisis has been Ad-Hoc and much time has been lost in the initial response to a First Nations needs:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of the Anishinabek Grand Council direct the Board of Directors to appoint delegates from each region to form an Anishinabek Security Council; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Security Council be mandated to:

- develop a sample emergency plan for the Anishinabek
- have a communications plan for the Union of Ontario Indians in its coordination function;
- to develop a plan of action to be given to the Anishinabek Peacekeepers at the appropriate time and,
- other needs and functions as mandated by the Chiefs of the Anishinabek.



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

SUBJECT: First Nation Casino Revenue

MOVED BY:

Chief Leroy
Dolson, Munsee-
Delaware First
Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation entered into discussions with the Government of Ontario for involvement in the casino industry with the full understanding that all revenue would benefit the First Nations of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Government made explicit commitments regarding the revenue of CASINO RAMA to be entirely targeted for First Nation benefit and not encumbered by any tax or levy of any kind by the Government of Ontario; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS despite these commitments, the Government of Ontario unilaterally decided to capture 20% of the gross revenue from CASINO RAMA on February 8, 1996; and,

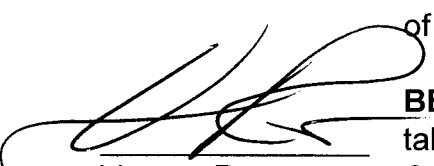
WHEREAS since that time, the Government of Ontario has refused to enter into any discussions or negotiations with the First Nations to address this situation:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly demand that the Government of Ontario re-instate the original understanding and ensure that the 20% of the gross revenue be directly allocated for the management, control and benefit of First Nations; and,


Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Grand Council Chief advocate and lobby this position with the Government of Ontario; and,


Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Grand Council Chief take this position forward to the All Ontario Chiefs Conference and take all steps necessary to advocate this position including participation in a legal challenge or other steps as necessary.

SUBJECT: Veteran's Land Entitlements

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS during the Second World War, volunteers from the Anishinabek Nation served in the Canadian Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS these Veterans were promised tracts of land in return for their service at the conclusion of the war; and,

WHEREAS these lands were to be in addition to existing First Nation lands; and,

SECONDED BY:

Elder Ernie
Debaissage, West
Bay First Nation

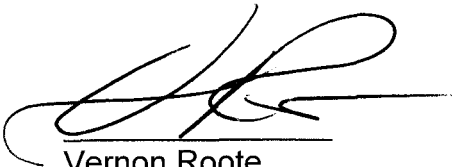
WHEREAS veterans, upon their return, to their respective First Nations did not receive the lands entitled to them:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief to support these Veterans in their efforts to receive fair compensation for the lands that have not been received.



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

SUBJECT: Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association

MOVED BY:

Chief Bill McCue,
Chippewas of
Georgina Island

WHEREAS the Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association was formed by interested Land Managers to be a vehicle for the professional exchange of information and support, as well as the professional development of First Nations Lands Management and Administration; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS the Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association will provide an opportunity to assist various levels of government and Provincial Territorial Organizations as to existing and future management of First Nations Lands:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabe Chiefs in Assembly support the actions of the Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association and also support a Funding Proposal to the Department of Indian Affairs for the professional development for the members of the Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association.



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
UCCM Complex, West Bay First Nation
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RESOLUTION # 96/22

SUBJECT: Support for Poplar Point Lodge First Nation

MOVED BY:

Chief Mike
Esquega,
Rocky Bay First
Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the original occupants of Poplar Point Lodge as occupying the area on the eastern shore of Lake Nipigon in the vicinity of Eva township, Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the land in the Robinson Superior Draft Historical Report Document No. 390, Item 145 noted "the Indians should have a piece of land one mile along the shore and a half mile inland":

SECONDED BY:

Chief Sam Stone,
Michipicoten First
Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly assert that the occupants (presently the Kowtiash Family) of Poplar Point Lodge First Nation should have Aboriginal Entitlement to the land as stipulated in the Robinson Superior Historical Treaty Document;

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
UCCM Complex, West Bay First Nation
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RESOLUTION # 96/23

SUBJECT: Audited Financial Statements 1996

MOVED BY:

Chief R.K. (Joe)
Miskokomon,
Chippewas of the
Thames

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31st, 1996 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 Roy
Michano, Ojibways
of Pic River

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council do hereby approve the March 31st, 1996 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

SUBJECT: Third Corporation Implementation

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point First Nation

WHEREAS the financial resources to support the political advocacy function of the Union of Ontario Indians is a non-funded activity; and,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians mandated the incorporation of a third corporation for profit (formerly Anishinabek Management Group) Anishinabek Nation First Nation Services Incorporated (ANFNSI) by resolution 1994/93 at Rocky Bay First Nation; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief R.K. (Joe)
Miskokomon,
Chippewas of the
Thames

WHEREAS the purpose of the ANFNSI is to provide financial resources necessary to support the political advocacy functions of the Anishinabek Nation and Union of Ontario Indians:

CONSENSUS


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council acknowledge and support the implementation of the Anishinabek Nation First Nations Services Incorporated (ANFNSI); and,



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs direct the Finance Committee to oversee the activities of the ANFNSI and report to the Board of Directors; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the ANFNSI develop an effective reporting mechanism with all Anishinabek First Nations to ensure accountability on their progress and activities on a bi-annual basis.



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
UCCM Complex, West Bay First Nation
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RESOLUTION # 96/25

**SUBJECT: Support For Munsee-Delaware Nation
Aboriginal Health Access Centre**

MOVED BY:
Chief Phil Maness,
Chippewas of
Sarnia

WHEREAS the government of Ontario has made funding available for an Aboriginal Health Access Centre in the Southwestern Ontario Region; and,

WHEREAS the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy will be the process used for proposal submission; and,

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

WHEREAS there have been no successful applicants to date and a recall for proposals will occur soon; and,

WHEREAS the Munsee-Delaware Nation has received previous support from the Southwest Region of the Union of Ontario Indians:

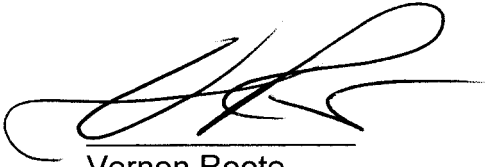
CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly fully support the proposal of the Munsee-Delaware Nation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians provide technical support services to the Munsee-Delaware Nation.



Joseph Hare
Grand Council
Chief



Vernon Roote
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION # 96/26

**SUBJECT: Re-establishment of Intergovernmental
Affairs Program**

MOVED BY:
Chief Joe
Miskokomon,
Chippewas of the
Thames

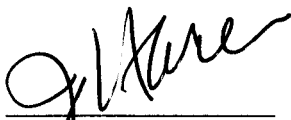
WHEREAS the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians attempted to reduce costs and stream-line the operations of the previous Intergovernmental Affairs by eliminating the Intergovernmental Affairs program; and,

WHEREAS this arrangement has placed far too many issues on the Executive and other staff without a specific focus on intergovernmental affairs issues, in particular land, resource, and other tripartite negotiations:

SECONDED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega, Rocky
Bay First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Executive to re-establish the Intergovernmental Affairs program, including a Director and appropriate technical staff on specific issues to ensure adequate capacity on all intergovernmental affairs issues.

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

SUBJECT: Land Claim Process

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom
Bressette,
Chippewas of
Kettle and Stony
Point

WHEREAS the current federal Land Claim Process and dealing with First Nation Land Claim in Ontario is increasingly cumbersome; and,

WHEREAS the First Nation claims take years to get to the stages of negotiation and involve federal/ provincial/ municipal and now other third party interests, further hindering the length in time; and

SECONDED BY:

Chief Leroy
Dolson, Munsee-
Delaware Nation

WHEREAS this First Nations must spend far too many resources and lose far too much of their traditional lands in the process of attempting to settle; and,

WHEREAS the current process places the onus on Aboriginal people to prove rightful ownership and the only the alternative reasonable avenue appears to be through law suit and court action:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly object by registering disappointment to current Land Claim process; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly reject Municipality and Third Party consultation; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians lobby for greater expedience to the Land Claim process.



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
UCCM Complex, West Bay First Nation
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RESOLUTION # 96/28

**SUBJECT: Anishinabek Education Conference to
Establish Agenda**

MOVED BY:

Chief R.K. (Joe)
Miskokomon,
Chippewas of the
Thames

WHEREAS education is a key area of concern for the Anishinabek Nation requiring effective strategy development in the coming year 1996/1997:

SECONDED BY:


Chief Joyce
Tabobodung,
Wasauksing First
Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of the Anishinabek Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief and UOI Education organize an education conference to deal with the following agenda items in the coming year:

- post-secondary education tuition
- self-government in education
- curriculum development
- post-secondary institutional development
- and the establishment of negotiation and lobby teams to lead the development of strategy in these areas
- alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
UCCM Complex, West Bay First Nation
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RESOLUTION # 96/29

**SUBJECT: Anishinabek Social Services Conference to
Establish Agenda**

MOVED BY:

Chief R.K. (Joe)
Miskokomon,
Chippewas of the
Thames

WHEREAS Anishinabek social services are under constant pressure and require an effective strategy in the coming year 1996/1997:

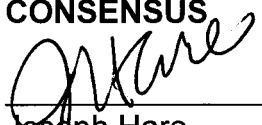
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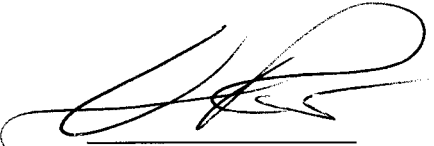
Chief Leona
Nahwegahbow,
Whitefish River
First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of the Anishinabek Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief and UOI Social Services to organize a social services conference to deal with the following agenda items in the coming year:

- social security reform plan
- alternative arrangements to 1965 Indian Welfare agreement
- workfare
- child welfare
- child custody and Native Child and Family Services;
- and other issues requiring a broad political strategy in social services.

CONSENSUS



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**