



# **ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Ojibways of Pic River First Nation  
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**RESOLUTION # 98/01**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1998 GRAND  
COUNCIL AGENDA**

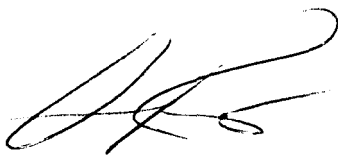
**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have reviewed the draft agenda:

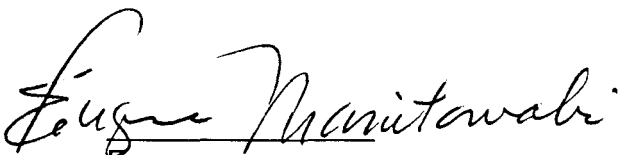
**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Gary  
Williams, Curve  
Lake First Nation

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the Anishinabek Grand Council 1998, held at Ojibways of Pic River First Nation May 26, 27, 28, 1998, be accepted as amended.

**CONSENSUS**



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**SUBJECT: ANISHINABEK WOMEN'S ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Leona  
Nawegahbow,  
Whitefish River  
First Nation

**WHEREAS** at the 1992 Anishinabek Grand Council a steering committee of Women Chiefs was directed to begin addressing issues relating to violence against women, employment training and other issues; and,


**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Ted Roque,  
Wahnapitae First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** at the Robinson-Huron Chiefs meeting held in April 1998 a resolution was passed reconfirming their commitment to Anishinabek women and the protection of their rights; and,

**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the challenges facing women include a lack of service support, duplication of representation, lack of employment and training, justice, health, bill C-31, aboriginal and treaty rights and government cutbacks; and,

**WHEREAS** there is a need to create a process to increase local awareness and increase support and advocacy on women's issues by the Anishinabek leadership.

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Women's Advisory Committee be implemented to address, prioritize and provide advisory services to the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors for further advocacy and action; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indians work in conjunction with a team of women Chiefs to coordinate a Women's Conference in the summer or early fall of 1998; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this conference is intended to bring an ad-hoc committee of First Nation women together to table issues and develop terms of reference for the proposed advisory committee

**SUBJECT: FORMATION OF A YOUTH ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**MOVED BY:**  
Blaine Belleau,  
Proxy, Garden  
River First Nation


**WHEREAS** it is recognized that the greatest gift given to the Anishinabek people by the Creator is our children and it is everyone's responsibility to help our youth shape and develop healthy minds, bodies and spirits; and

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Lorraine  
McRae, Mnjikaning  
First Nation

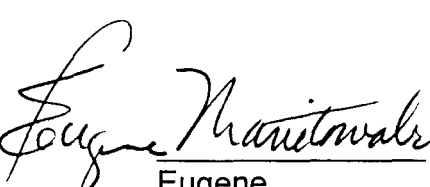
**WHEREAS** the youth represent the leaders of tomorrow and therefore have a vested and inherent interest in the positive development of the Union and our Nation by upholding the integrity of our special relationships through our treaties and Aboriginal rights; and

**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** Grand Council of the Anishinabek Nation represented by the Union of Ontario Indians has a sacred trust to care for and involve the youth in discussions and decision-making; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Education Institute has created a Youth Coordinator position and has been active in promoting participation of youth in activities relating to the Anishinabek Nation.

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation hereby endorse the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee to work directly with the Union of Ontario Indians' Board of Directors; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funding for this initiative be sought from appropriate federal and provincial ministries as well as other funding agencies; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Education Institute be directed to take a lead role in coordinating the activities of this Youth Advisory Committee; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that an Youth Advisory Committee meeting be held at the Garden River First Nation, an historical gathering place of the Anishinabek people, during the summer of 1998 so that draft terms of reference and membership of the Committee may be determined.

**SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

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

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Regional Bilateral Agreement (RBA) was first in effect in the 1997-98 fiscal year and also applies in 1998-99; and,

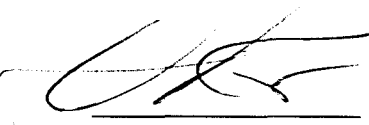
**SECONDED BY**  
Chief Alfred  
Bisaillon,  
Thessalon First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** administration of the RBAs was undertaken in order to build capacity as a foundation for Nation building; and,

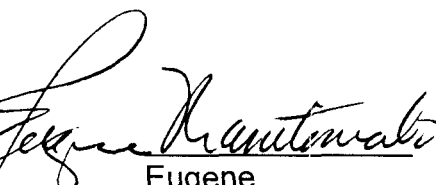
**WHEREAS** there has yet to be an independent evaluation of the RBA experience, including the experience of the ten (10) Local Delivery Mechanisms (LDM's); and,

**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) has made a commitment to a new Aboriginal Human Resource Development Strategy (AHRDS) over a period of five years; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** HRDC has identified the issue of "critical mass" in the development of the AHRDS, and there may be a concern with the relatively large number of LDM's in Ontario, compared with the previous system of 15 Area Management Boards; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**WHEREAS** HRDC is contemplating the use of 1996 census data to allocate AHRDS across Canada, which may result in Ontario First Nations losing \$17 million from the current \$47 million allocation; and,

**WHEREAS** the 1996 census seriously under-reported the First Nation population of Ontario, in part because 37 First Nations refused to participate in the census;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Anishinabek Grand Council is mandated to participate in negotiations starting this summer on the new AHRDS; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the negotiation positions of the Anishinabek shall be guided by the input of the LDM's and the experience gathered from the current RBA administration; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly reject the HRDC plan to use the 1996 census data, and the Chiefs direct the use of one or more of the following alternative resources: (1) 1991 census data, (2) INAC Band Lists, and (3) a special Ontario First Nation census; (4) First Nation community membership list; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that funding shall be sought for a meeting this fall for the presentation of an AHRDS delivery model that would address governance structure, cost efficiency, and building on best practices from the RBAs experience.



**SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF CASINO RAMA  
REVENUES**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Glen Hare,  
West Bay First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the distribution of revenues derived from Casino Rama has been delayed due to a number of circumstances including the effect of the Lovelace case presently in the Supreme Court of Canada; and,

**SECONDED BY:**

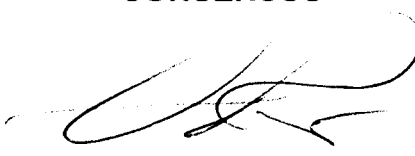
Chief John  
Beaucage,  
Wasauksing First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** a rolling draft has been developed by the First Nations Revenue Sharing Committee for the Anishinabek Grand Council to consider; and,

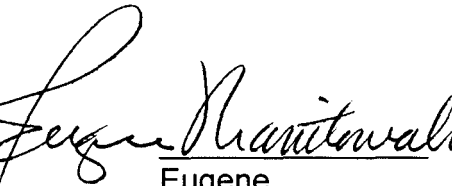
**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of Ontario is making representation on behalf of Ontario First Nations to the Supreme Court of Canada.

**CONSENSUS**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council agrees in principle with the rolling draft with the exception of the clauses relating to unauthorized casinos on First Nations territory; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council authorizes Ontario Regional Chief Thomas Bressette to put forward the above position and sign the rolling draft to facilitate a transfer of funds from the Ontario Casino Corporation to a First Nations Trust; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we recommend an implementation team consisting of members from each of the PTO's, independents and Mnjikaning First Nation to be established with the following goals and objectives:

- Establishment of a First Nations Trust
- Development of a mechanism and procedures for administration of the fund; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Trustees for the First Nations fund include one member from Mnjikaning First Nation; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council direct the UOI Board of Directors to appoint a trustee on behalf of the Anishinabek Nation within a one month period; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Chiefs of Ontario legal team consult with the Union of Ontario Indians Executive Council immediately to ensure the Anishinabek First Nations are fully informed on the nature of the litigation and have an opportunity to provide input to strengthen the action; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rolling draft eliminate the unemployment and isolation factors from the agreement; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the formula include a base amount to be determined plus a per capita share to each First Nation and that this direction be forwarded to the All Ontario Chiefs Conference for approval.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Ojibways of Pic River First Nation  
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**RESOLUTION # 98/06**

**SUBJECT: 3% Application Fee Policy**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Angus  
Toulouse,  
Sagamok  
Anishnawbek

**WHEREAS** we the Chiefs in Assembly at this 1998 Anishinabek Grand Council are in total support of a united effort to address the Nation Building Framework; and,

**WHEREAS** we the Chiefs in Assembly agree that an extra effort be made to seek alternate methods of raising funds required to cover the expenses of the Nation Building strategy plans; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Diane  
Abotossaway,  
Ojibways of  
Sucker Creek

**WHEREAS** we the Chiefs in Assembly strongly believe we are the first line of responsibility for the well being of our community members and we realize the dangers of diverting funds intended to address the needs of our communities; and,

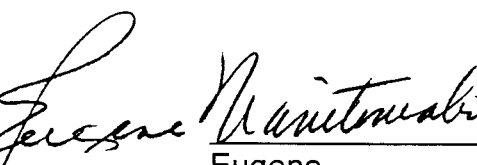
**TABLED**

**WHEREAS** it is not appropriate to apply 3% fee from the First Nations funds that are essential in meeting the needs of our communities and in turn implement a Nation Building project; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the rights of all age groups must be respected as recommended by the youth presentation on day one of the 1998 Anishinabek Grand Council; and,

**WHEREAS** there will be a direct negative impact on our youth if this year's summer student employment projects are reduced by 3%; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**WHEREAS** there will be a direct negative impact on health service delivery if funding is reduced by 3%.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council direct the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors to eliminate the 3% fee policy; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all program funds be released to the member First Nations without the 3% application fee.

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Ojibways of Pic River First Nation  
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**RESOLUTION # 98/07**

**SUBJECT: FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THE  
ABORIGINAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS  
STRATEGY (AHWS)**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Earl  
Commanda, First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission directed the UOI health staff to facilitate First Nations consultations on various models for the future management of the AHWS; and

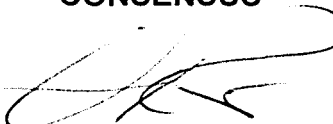
**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Leroy  
Dolson, Munsee-  
Delaware Nation

**WHEREAS** the seven area Health Boards of the Anishinabek Nation arranged for the UOI staff to review the different models for future management with community health representatives in each of the seven areas; and


**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the consultation reports from all seven areas showed that community representatives overwhelmingly supported the existing management model but recommended several improvements based on the experience of some of the Anishinabek communities; and



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission is recommending that the Anishinabek formally endorse the existing management model and that this position be taken to the All Ontario Chiefs Conference (AOCC) by an Anishinabek representative;



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Grand Council support the results of Anishinabek Health Commission consultations to date; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation formally endorse the existing AHWS management structure and that the Chairperson of the Anishinabek Health Commission communicate this position to the AOCC and the Joint Steering Committee of the AHWS.

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**RESOLUTION # 98/08**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE ONTARIO REGIONAL  
HEALTH SURVEY**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Robert  
Whiteduck,  
Algonquins of  
Golden Lake First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the AOCC directed a working group of First Nations representatives to coordinate an Ontario regional health survey; and,

**WHEREAS** many Anishinabek First Nations participated in answering the health questions for this survey; and,

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

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Health Director was nominated to the working group and contributed to the coordination of the survey; and,

**WHEREAS** a first draft of the results from this survey were sent out to each First Nation in Ontario for comment on this report; and,

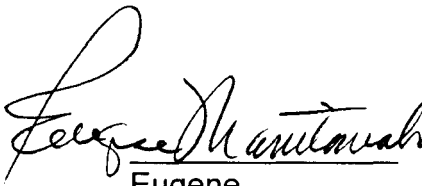
**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission and many community health workers have found this survey's results very useful for future health status assessments; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission and the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors recommends the formal acceptance of this document.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council formally recognizes the work of the Ontario regional health survey group and specifically the work of the UOI Health Director; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Grand Council accepts the Ontario Regional Health Survey Report.

**SUBJECT: DENTAL FEES**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Wesley  
Marsden, Alderville  
First Nation

**WHEREAS** up until the end of 1995, the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) voluntarily negotiated on an annual basis with Medical Services Branch (MSB) to provide dental services to status Indians pursuant to the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NHIB) plan sponsored by Health Canada; and,

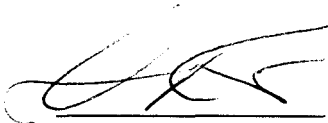
**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Gary  
Williams, Curve  
Lake First Nation

**WHEREAS** up until 1995, the ODA agreed that they would accept 90% of the current ODA fee guide as payment in full for dental services covered by the NIHB plan, sponsored by Health Canada and administered by Liberty Health; and,

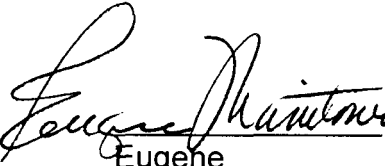
**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** part of this annual agreement stipulated that dentists would not bill patients for the balance between the negotiated 90% and their usual fees; and,



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** since 1996, MSB has refused to undertake its annual negotiations with the ODA and MSB arbitrarily froze reimbursement to patients at 90% of the 1995 ODA fee guide; and,



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the ODA has subsequently advised its members that in the absence of an agreement, they would seek payment from the patient for any outstanding balance between their fees and what is reimbursed by the 1995 NHIB plan; and,

**WHEREAS** section 2, paragraph 34 of the professional misconduct regulations under the Dentistry Act of 1991 states that it is professional misconduct for a dentist to waive a portion of the dental fee, unless the dentist has made reasonable efforts to collect the balance from the patient or has written consent of the third party payer; and,

**WHEREAS** certain dentists serving First Nations clients in the southeast region have commenced the process of collecting the outstanding 10% from First Nation clients for services that are covered under non-insured health

services plan; and,

**WHEREAS** it is the Canadian government's fiduciary obligation to ensure all health needs are provided through the MSB of Health Canada and to ensure that negotiations between MSB and Health Canada do not compromise the rights of First Nation clients.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation or a duly appointed representative take active steps to coordinate a strategy that ensures negotiations between MSB and the ODA are conducted in such a manner that does not compromise the services that First Nation clients are entitled to receive pursuant to our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the final position of the Anishinabek Nation is that any outstanding bills not covered by the Ontario Dental Association, dentists or Medical Services Branch that are charged to First Nations will be the responsibility of Medical Services Branch and the NIHB program; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this position will be communicated to Medical Services Branch and the AOCC by a representative of the Anishinabek; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council Chief demand a review meeting with senior officials of MSB of Health Canada within the next two months to obtain specific commitments from the NIHB program to cover these costs as a fiduciary responsibility of the federal government.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL**  
**Ojibways of Pic River First Nation**  
**MAY 26 - 28, 1998**

**RESOLUTION # 98/10**

**SUBJECT: ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS POLICING  
AGREEMENT**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Angus  
Toulouse,  
Sagamok  
Anishnawbek

**SECONDED BY:**

Deputy Chief John  
Sawyer, Proxy  
Nipissing First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Ontario First Nations Policing Agreement (OFNPA), endorsed by the federal and provincial governments in good faith, clearly stipulates the need to provide a level and standard of police service at the First Nation level at least equivalent to that provided in non-Aboriginal communities with the equivalent police workload, population and location; and,

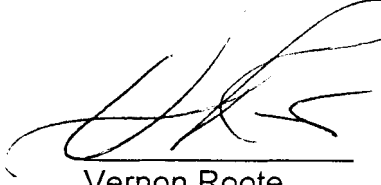
**WHEREAS** a further objective of the OFNPA is to provide around-the-clock police coverage to any First Nation territory where such coverage would be provided to a non-Aboriginal community in Ontario with the equivalent police work-load, population and location.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation, represented by the Union of Ontario Indians, request that the Province of Ontario and Canada provide efficient and effective policing services to First Nations, as promised under the OFNPA; and,

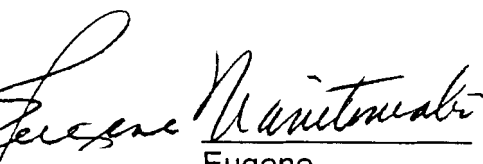
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Province and Canada must augment their policing contributions in the areas of human resources, capital dollars, equipment and training in order to meet their OFNPA commitments; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation hereby request that the Province of Ontario, Canada and the Anishinabek Police Service represented by the Police Governing Authority commence re-negotiations as soon as possible to meet and enhance the financial resources of the Anishinabek Police Service.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the APS negotiations shall not affect the re-negotiation of the UCCM Policing Agreement due to begin in June 1998.



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief



**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
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**RESOLUTION # 98/11**

**SUBJECT: FORESTRY**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

**WHEREAS** a number of Superior Region First Nations have requested joint Sustainable Forest Licence (SFL) arrangements which include other First Nations and forestry companies on the Auden, Lake Nipigon and Lakehead forests within the Robinson-Superior Treaty area; and,

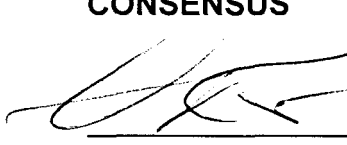
**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Roy  
Michano, Ojibways  
of Pic River


**WHEREAS** Term and Condition # 77 of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Board (OEAB) decision on Timber Management Planning directs the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to provide increased forestry access to First Nations as well as greater involvement in related negotiations; and,

**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** MNR has failed to meet its Condition # 77 and other OEAB obligations to First Nations in both the Robinson-Superior and Robinson-Huron Treaty areas.

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council directs the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) to protest MNR's breach of their OEAB obligations; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Grand Council hereby mandates the UOI Executive to petition for resources in support of First Nations gaining full control of natural resources owed to them under their jurisdictional rights.

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL ABORIGINAL FORESTRY  
STRATEGY**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Angus  
Toulouse,  
Sagamok  
Anishnawbek

**WHEREAS** the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in 1993 passed a resolution (#21/93) to establish a committee to develop a First Nations Forest Strategy and to solicit federal cooperation in this strategy; and

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

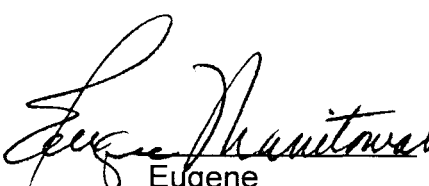
**WHEREAS** the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) formulated recommendations addressing the need to develop First Nations' institutional capacity for sustainable forest land management and to increase First Nation access to resources; and,

**WHEREAS** in their response to the RCAP, "Gathering Strength", the federal government has made a commitment to work in partnership with the AFN to implement RCAP recommendations, including a commitment through the Lands and Trust Services (LTS) Review to define the primary land management issues and propose policy options in a holistic manner; and,



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** RCAP, the Courts, the National Forest Strategy, and other strategic initiatives continue to strengthen the recognition and protection of Aboriginal and treaty rights within the forestry sector; and,



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the joint INAC/Canadian Forestry Service (CFS) First Nation Forestry Program (FNFP) ends in 2001 with no replacement mechanism being contemplated and currently fails to address the full range of First Nation forestry issues, including forest management on Reserve lands; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations currently lack the capacity to respond to requests for consultation, the development of forest sector partnerships and partnerships and participation in forest land matters, particularly the technical expertise and organizational infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS** there is a need for central and regional structures to collect and disseminate information on First Nation forestry issues to all First Nations across Canada.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation support the need for the AFN and the National Aboriginal Forestry Association (NAFA) to develop an appropriate national institutional arrangements to allow all interested First Nations to participate in the definition, development and implementation of sustainable forest land management initiatives in a coordinated and consistent manner; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation support the AFN and NAFA in any efforts they may choose to exercise towards the development of a national agenda for action on First Nation forestry.

**SUBJECT: ANISHINABEK EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGY**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Robert  
Whiteduck Jr.,  
Algonquins of  
Golden Lake

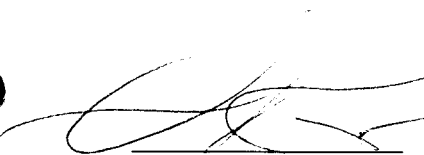
**WHEREAS** through Resolution # 96/18 the Chiefs and delegates of the Anishinabek Grand Council directed the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians to form an Anishinabek Security Council that would develop a plan of action for First Nation emergency response; and,

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Irvin George,  
Chippewas of Kettle  
and Stony Point

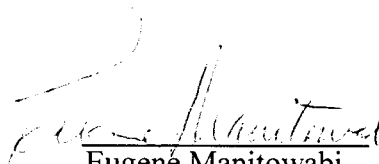
**WHEREAS** the UOI facilitated community based emergency response strategy sessions at Mnjikaning and Fort William First Nation in February and March 1998, as a means of fully understanding local concerns and expectations regarding First Nation emergency response; and,

**WHEREAS** participants at the community consultation sessions contributed directly to the development of an Emergency Response Strategy whereby they unanimously concluded that an Interim Working Group be formed to implement the Strategy; and,



Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**

**WHEREAS** workshop participants further concluded that the Working Group should eventually be replaced by a permanent Advisory Committee once the Strategy is implemented and an Emergency Response Framework is in place; and,



Eugene Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**WHEREAS** the Emergency Response Strategy outlines an eight (8) step process leading to the development of an Emergency Response Framework, starting with the need to petition INAC, Emergency Measures Ontario (EMO), Emergency Preparedness Canada, Health Canada and other government agencies for funding; and,

**WHEREAS** the mandate of the proposed Emergency Response Advisory Committee will include all of the mandated responsibilities of the Anishinabek Security Council outlined within Resolution #96/18.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation direct the UOI Board of Directors to form an interim Working Group to finalize and implement the draft Emergency Response Strategy; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Working Group take into full consideration, and the eventual Emergency Response Advisory Committee assume, all responsibilities originally mandated to the Anishinabek Security Council; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Working Group and eventual permanent Advisory Committee report to the UOI Board of Directors in support of First Nation emergency situations; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Working Group seek funding for this initiative from the appropriate federal and provincial authorities.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL**  
**Ojibways of Pic River First Nation**  
**MAY 26 - 28, 1998**

**RESOLUTION # 98/14**

**SUBJECT: Long Term Care Funding First Nation Envelope**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Robert  
Whiteduck,  
Algonquins of  
Golden Lake

**WHEREAS** the government of Ontario began reforming Long Term Care services in 1991; and,

**WHEREAS** extensive consultations identified Long Term Care needs in 1992-93; and,

**SECONDED BY:**


Chief Irvin George,  
Chippewas of  
Kettle and Stony  
Point

**WHEREAS** Ontario announced an allocation of \$11.5 million in 1996 for First Nations to develop and enhance their Long Term Care services; and,

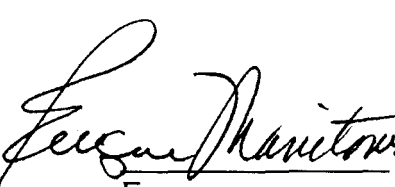
**WHEREAS** Ontario is now reneging on over half of the commitment to First Nations by arbitrarily and unilaterally refusing to allocate the balance of \$5.825 million; and,

**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** Ontario has indicated their intent to transfer the balance to the Homemakers and Nurses Service Act, without consultation with First Nations and without a matching funding commitment from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations have expended significant time and resources to develop Long Term Care proposals to meet growing community needs;

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs direct the Anishinabek Grand Chief and the Ontario Regional Chief to demand that Ontario honour its commitments by reinstating the \$5.825 million to the Long Term Care First Nations envelope; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Ontario designate a proportionate First Nation share of the new \$1.2 billion allocated to improve Long Term Care in the largest ever expansion of health services in the history of the province.

**SUBJECT: First Nations Inuit Child Care Initiative**

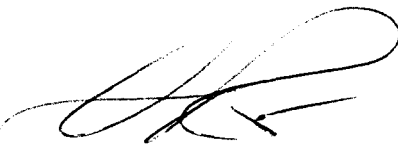
**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Angus  
Toulouse,  
Sagamok  
Anishnawbek

**WHEREAS** the First Nations Inuit Child Care Initiative (the "Initiative") was designed to provide an allocation of \$6,000. per space for child care facilities, to be funded and administered by the Aboriginal Relations Office of the Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC); and,

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

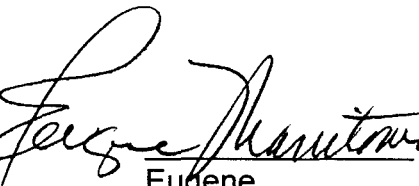
**WHEREAS** the Ontario region was prejudiced during the developmental phase of the Initiative as account was taken in the "Halifax formula" of existing child care infrastructure and existing federal and provincial funding through the 1965 Welfare Agreement; and,

**WHEREAS** the Ontario allocation per space is \$2,200., compared to the national base level of \$6,000., leading to an accumulated Ontario First Nation loss of \$10.098 million or \$3.366 million per year; and,



Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**

**WHEREAS** HRDC acknowledged the inequity of the Halifax formula, and in the first year of the Initiative allocated the national 5% administrative component to Ontario and Alberta, the other region prejudiced by the formula; and,



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**WHEREAS** in the second year of the Initiative, HRDC distributed the 5% component nationally, subject to the assurance that the Halifax formula would be replaced after the developmental period (to March 31, 1998);

**WHEREAS** HRDC unilaterally extended the application of the Halifax formula for the 1998-99 fiscal year; and,

**WHEREAS** HRDC has the responsibility to identify new funding to address the under-funding of Ontario and Alberta under the Halifax formula;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly demand that HRDC provide the targeted allocation of \$6,000. per space to Ontario First Nations in 1998-99; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly are seeking the support of the All Ontario Chiefs Conference and the national Assembly of First Nations Conference in 1998.



**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Ojibways of Pic River First Nation  
MAY 26 - 28, 1998**

**RESOLUTION # 98/16**

**SUBJECT: FIRE PROTECTION FOR FIRST NATIONS**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Glen Hare,  
West Bay First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Council and Citizens of the Garden River First Nation were without any fire protection for a period of one day; and,

**WHEREAS** this situation put the lives and property of the people and community at high risk, which could have resulted in a tragic situation; and,

**SECONDED BY:**

Blaine Belleau,  
Proxy, Garden  
River First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Minister of Indian Affairs Jane Stewart, representing the Government of Canada has rejected and refused to fund Garden River's proposal for a full time fire fighting unit.

**CONSENSUS**

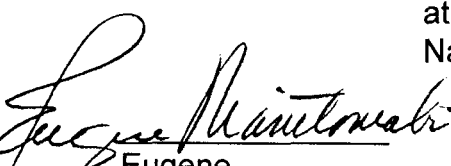
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Garden River First Nation proposal; and,



Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Grand Council Chief and the Union of Ontario Indians communicate this direction forthwith to the Minister of Indian Affairs; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that further support be sought at the All Ontario Chiefs Conference in West Bay First Nation in June 1998.



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Ojibways of Pic River First Nation  
MAY 26 - 28, 1998**

**RESOLUTION # 98/17**

**SUBJECT: ANMGI STRATEGIC PLAN**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Glen Hare,  
West Bay First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have approved the creation of the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. (ANMGI); and,

**WHEREAS** the mandate of the ANMGI is to generate revenue and create a financial base to support the nation building goals of the Anishinabek Nation; and,

**SECONDED BY:**

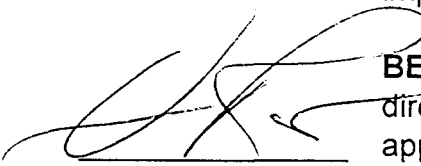
Chief Bill McCue,  
Chippewas of  
Georgina Island

**WHEREAS** the ANMGI Board of Directors has developed and approved the strategic plan for the ANMGI.

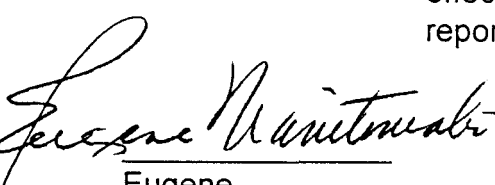
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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly acknowledge and support the implementation of the strategic plan; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs direct the Finance Committee to review the activities and approval of the budget of the ANMGI and report to the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the ANMGI implement an effective accountability mechanism to ensure annual reporting on their activities to all Anishinabek First Nations.

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Ojibways of Pic River First Nation  
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**RESOLUTION # 98/18**

**SUBJECT: GREENSTONE CASE (MUNICIPAL  
AMALGAMATION)**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Rocky Bay First Nation and its citizenship are descendants of Aboriginal people who have governed our territories since time immemorial; and,

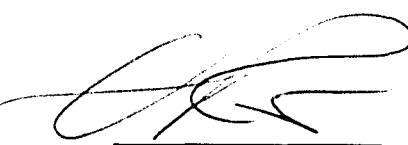
**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Pierre  
Kowtiash, Poplar  
Point First Nation

**WHEREAS** within the boundaries of the Robinson-Superior Treaty area lies the non-Aboriginal municipalities of Geraldton, Longlac, Beardmore, and Nakina;

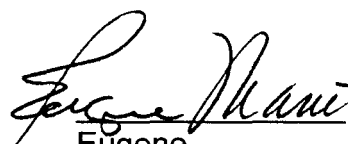
**WHEREAS** the province of Ontario and the municipalities approved an amalgamation (i.e. the Greenstone municipality) and a huge territorial expansion in 1997; and,

**WHEREAS** the expansion area also encompasses Trans-Canada Pipeline (TCPL) property, provincial highways, Ontario Hydro facilities, rail lines, and other users in our territory; and

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the principal purpose of the territorial expansion was the inclusion of Trans Canada Pipe Line (TCPL) for property taxation; and,

**WHEREAS** the municipal expansion was highly prejudicial to the territorial Aboriginal and Treaty rights of several First Nations, including Long Lac #58; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the municipal boundary expansion was rushed through without any good faith attempt to consult with affected First Nations;

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Court (General Division) ruled that the Greenstone amalgamation and territorial expansion were unlawful, in part because the province had failed in its obligation to properly consult with First Nations; and,

**WHEREAS** the Court was particularly critical of the role of the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat (ONAS), which utterly failed to represent First Nation interests to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, which was in charge of the Greenstone process; and,

**WHEREAS** the province has appealed the Greenstone ruling;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly are opposed to the Greenstone amalgamation and expansion project;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly condemn the decision of the province to continue the litigation process, as opposed to negotiating on a government-to-government basis; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly authorize the Grand Chief to seek funding that would allow the Anishinabek to intervene in the appeal in support of Long Lac #58 and the other First Nation parties; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly hereby notify the province that future amalgamation initiatives will not be recognized and supported without full government-to-government good faith consultations with First Nations and their ultimate consent.

**SUBJECT: POST SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Glen Hare,  
West Bay First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** open ended funding for the First Nation post-secondary education is a Treaty right and is an element of the fiduciary duty of the federal crown; and,

**SECONDED BY:**

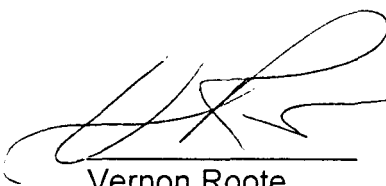
Chief Leroy  
Dolson,  
Munsee-Delaware  
Nation

**WHEREAS** capacity development through fully funded post-secondary education is critical to long-term economic development and the implementation of the inherent right to self-government

**WHEREAS** the demand on current post-secondary funds at the First Nation level has surpassed the INAC transfer payments for post-secondary participation; and,

**CONSENSUS**

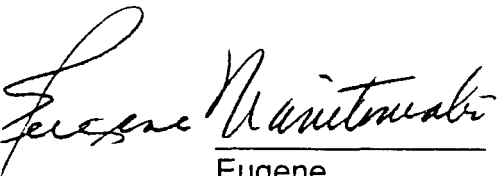
**WHEREAS** the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities have lifted the ceiling for post-secondary tuition fees by up to 20%; and,



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the increases in the cost of living have not been reflected in the current post-secondary funding levels;

**WHEREAS** in the 1998 budget package, the federal government announced that the Indian program expenditure envelope will be frozen (0% growth) making it that much more difficult for INAC to meet its lawful obligations in post-secondary education and other areas.



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the federal government, via INAC, must be held accountable and responsible for increased contributions in post-secondary funding for First Nations; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council Chief is directed to work with the Chiefs of Ontario, the Assembly of First Nations and INAC to secure a return to permanent open ended funding for the post-secondary education program.

**SUBJECT: DEVOLUTION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Bill McCue  
Chippewas of  
Georgina Island

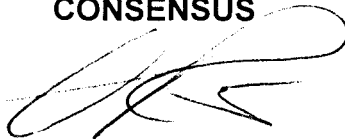
**WHEREAS** the Grand Chief of the Anishinabek Nation wrote to the INAC Ontario Regional Director General (RDG) on May 7, 1998 outlining key barriers to devolution brought forward to leadership by the UOI Devolution Working Group regarding INAC's seeming adversarial approach and position to discussions on devolution; and

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Grand Chief stated in his letter that devolution discussions could not be taken seriously by First Nations if INAC maintains program and service funding at current levels; and

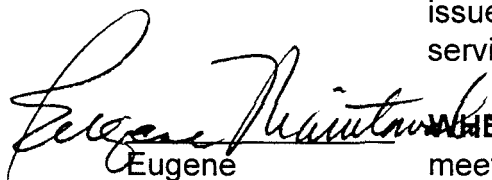
**CONSENSUS**



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the Grand Chief's letter included a detailed chronology of events prepared by the UOI Devolution Working Group substantiating their claims that INAC is in breach of the spirit and intent of the devolution terms of reference; and

**WHEREAS** the RDG responded to the May 7 correspondence on May 13, disagreeing with many of the points raised by the Grand Chief while failing to address the issue of chronically under-funded INAC programs and services; and



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**WHEREAS** current INAC programs and services do not meet the needs of First Nation people and devolution of the status quo would place undo hardship on First Nation people; and,

**WHEREAS** the RDG's letter further states that the critical views of the UOI Devolution Working Group are inconsistent with the willingness of area First Nations and Tribal Councils to proceed with devolution discussions;

**WHEREAS** a technical working group identified a needs assessment as crucial to addressing program service needs and funding requirements.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation take the firm position that devolution is not acceptable as INAC program and services remain chronically under-funded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation pledge their unanimous and unequivocal support for the position taken by the Grand Chief in his letter of May 7, 1998 to the RDG; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the RDG actively make amends by restoring negotiations that will support the devolution of adequately funded INAC programs and services that will meet the needs of First Nation people while maintaining fiduciary responsibility.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Ojibways of Pic River First Nation  
MAY 26 - 28, 1998**

**RESOLUTION # 98/21**

**SUBJECT: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1998**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Angus  
Toulouse,  
Sagamok  
Anishnawbek

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31st, 1998 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians, the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Management group Inc.; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

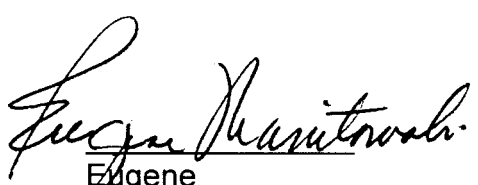
**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee; and,

**CONSENSUS**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the principles of the auditor's review of the Union of Ontario Indians, the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc.



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief



**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL**  
**Ojibways of Pic River First Nation**  
**MAY 26 - 28, 1998**

**RESOLUTION # 98/22**

**SUBJECT: ASSERTION OF ANISHINABEK LAWS AND AUTHORITY**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek are the original people of this Land called Turtle Island; and,

**WHEREAS** the non-Aboriginal explorers and settlers came to Turtle Island as friends and would not have been able to survive without the support and kindness of the Anishinabek; and

**SECONDED BY:**  
Elder Ray Rogers,  
Southwest Region

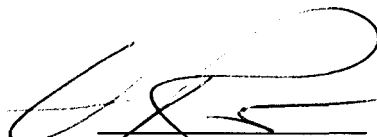
**WHEREAS**, having survived and having acquired basic knowledge from the Anishinabek, the non-Aboriginal people moved to oppress the Anishinabek and to confine them to reserves;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Treaties, the non-Aboriginal governments are under a sacred trust obligation to protect the reserves and to take other measures for the benefit of the Anishinabek;

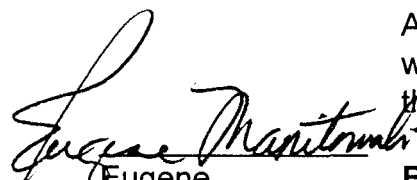
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the leaders from the different Anishinabek territories hereby notify the non-Aboriginal governments that the Land is still ours and that we intend to exercise our authority and stewardship over that Land; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, when the non-Aboriginal governments want to consult our First Nations, the opportunity to meet our leaders and our people shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Anishinabek, and in accordance with the Laws of the Anishinabek; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the inherent and independent rights and jurisdiction of the Anishinabek are recognized, but not created, by section 35 of the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982 and other Canadian laws and policies.



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL**  
**Ojibways of Pic River First Nation**  
**May 26-28, 1998**

**RESOLUTION #98/23**

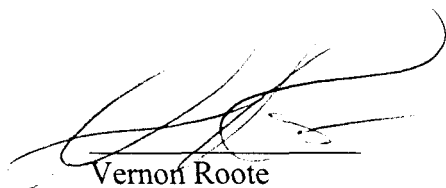
**SUBJECT: AUDIT SERVICES**

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

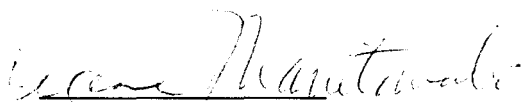
**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has recommended the firm of Doane Raymond for the provision of audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999.

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Glen Hare,  
West Bay First  
Nation

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly approve that the services of the firm Doane Raymond be secured to prepare the March 31, 1999 audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Management Services Inc.



Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**



Eugene Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**Anishinabek Nation Special Assembly  
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**Resolution #98/25**

**Subject: Treaty Research Restructuring**

**Whereas** there Union of Ontario Indians Treaty Research program has been under review since the May 1998 Grand Council at the Ojibways of Pic River First Nation; and,

**Moved by:**  
Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

**Whereas** a technical committee was convened to identify problems within the program and provide recommendations back to the Chiefs in Assembly; and,

**Whereas** a technical committee has considered a number of options and has recommended that centralized administration be considered as a new method of delivering the program.

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Lyle Sayers,  
Garden River First  
Nation

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Chiefs in Assembly accept the Union of Ontario Indians Treaty Research Restructuring Proposal; and,

**Passed by  
Consensus**

**Be it further resolved** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Treaty Research program change its administration from a decentralized delivery of funding to a centralized administration.

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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**Subject:** Support for First Nation Bingo Operations

**Moved by:**  
Chief Glen Hare  
M'Chigeeng First  
Nation

**Whereas** on October 30, 1998 Nipissing First Nation was raided by the Ontario Provincial Police and the community's bingo equipment was seized; and,

**Whereas** numerous band employees and volunteers were charged with operating a common gaming house; and,

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Earl  
Commanda,  
Serpent River First  
Nation

**Whereas** First Nation Constables have been put in the position where they have to act as intermediaries in many circumstances, which in turn, forces them to act against the interests of those communities they have sworn to protect; and,

**Whereas** the revenues from bingo operations in First Nations support numerous charitable operations on reserve which are not funded by the federal government; and,

**Passed by  
Consensus**

**Whereas** a Chiefs working group was formed in March 1998 to negotiate with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations to address jurisdictional issues as they relate to bingo operations on reserve; and,

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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly endorse the work of the Chiefs Working Group; and,

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs direct that the Anishinabek Police Services Board, the UCCM Police Services Board, the Wikwemikong Police Services Board and Anishinabek leadership meet to discuss this issue and seek an appropriate level of involvement for First Nation police services within the next two weeks.

**Subject: Support for Homeless Anishinabek in Urban Areas**

**Whereas** there has been an increase in the number of First Nations' people migrating to urban areas due to the lack of employment, housing and social programs available to them in First Nation communities;

**Whereas** the high number of cases of native homelessness is a direct result of such things as chronic alcoholism and lack of adequate treatment centres;

**Moved by:**  
Chief Glen Hare,  
M'Chigeeng First  
Nation

**Whereas** this has resulted in a substantial increase of native homeless people often having to seek refuge in squalid unfit shelters;

**Whereas** due to the lack of adequate programs and shelters the death rate of native homelessness has increased;

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Bill McCue,  
Chippewas of  
Georgina Island  
First Nation

**Whereas** according to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples Report, the use of social services in First Nations is increasing at an alarming rate and is forecasted to continue to climb in the future;

**Passed By  
Consensus**

**Whereas** the Ontario Government has taken steps to cut its costs of social assistance by forcing recipients to comply with legislation, Ontario Works, a program that will only be successful if people are taken off the welfare rolls and put to work for their benefits; however, employment opportunities are limited in First Nation communities;

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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

**Whereas** Ontario Works legislation does not meet the needs of native people, and as a result, native people have fallen through the cracks of the system;

**Whereas** the Chiefs in Assembly recognize that there are existing organizations in urban areas that provide support to Aboriginal homeless people;

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the concept of a center in Toronto for homeless Anishinabek people to access assistance and shelter as required.

**Subject: Changes to Minor Capital Funding Guidelines**

**Whereas** the Ontario region of the Ministry of Indian Affairs has unilaterally developed a pilot program that drastically affects the manner in which major capital projects are funded; and,

**Moved by:**  
Chief Diane  
Abotossaway,  
Ojibways of  
Sucker Creek

**Whereas** this new approach requires First Nations to commit one third of their Annual Minor Capital allocation and 100% of the Annual Discretionary Infrastructure Budget for a three to five year period; and,

**Whereas** this puts an unreasonable burden on First Nations and restricts the First Nation's ability to carry out other activities for the period that the major capital project is developed.

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Leona  
Nahwegahbow,  
Whitefish River  
First Nation

**Whereas** this regional initiative is a result of an inadequate level of funding for First Nation major capital projects; and,

**Passed By  
Consensus**

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct this approach be withdrawn by the Regional Director General until such time as an alternative approach is negotiated between First Nation representatives and Ontario region.

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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**Subject:** **MSB Cutbacks – Non-insured Health Benefits / Medical Transportation**

**Whereas** the Health of First Nations' citizens is of prime importance; and,

**Moved by:**  
Chief Kelly Riley,  
Chippewas of the Thames

**Whereas** the RCAP report has identified numerous areas that must be improved in the quest to elevate the health status of First Nations; and,

**Whereas** the MSB of Health Canada has recently announced their unilateral decision to arbitrarily reduce the amount of compensation paid for medical transportation in Ontario region; and,

**Seconded by:**  
Elder Ray Rogers, UOI  
Board of Directors

**Whereas** these cuts directly affect medical drivers in Anishinabek First Nations; and,

**Passed By Consensus**

**Whereas** these cuts, will in all likelihood, be implemented province wide next fiscal year regardless if a transportation agreement is in place or not; and,

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**Vernon Roote**  
**Grand Council Chief**

**Whereas** the access to health services requires the use of medical drivers in Anishinabek First Nations; and,

**Whereas** the new rate of 9.7 cents per kilometer will not enable medical drivers to transport patients for treatments; and,

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**Eugene Manitowabi**  
**Deputy Grand Council**  
**Chief**

**Whereas** the decision was received on November 16, 1998 and is to be implemented on November 30, 1998 with no discussion; and,

**Whereas** this conduct by MSB does not reflect the statement of political relations and does not reflect proper conduct for a fiduciary.

**Therefore be it resolved** that MSB rescind its unilateral decision to reduce the medical transportation funding; and

**Be it further resolved** a process that requires First Nation participation and agreement to changes of the Non-Insured Health Benefits be instituted immediately.

**Subject: Marathon Landfill Site**

**Moved by:**  
Chief Roy  
Michano, Ojibways  
of Pic River

**Whereas** the community of Marathon, Ontario has been following a provincial site selection process for some time in support of their need to establish a new landfill site; and

**Whereas** Pic River First Nation is seriously committed to its stewardship responsibility regarding the protection of Mother Earth and, as such, has participated in the Marathon landfill site selection process from the outset; and

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Ernie  
Tremblay,  
Namaygoosisagag  
un First Nation

**Whereas** throughout the site selection process Pic River First Nation has continuously stressed the need to avoid locating a landfill site near local watercourses including the Pic and Black Rivers; and

**Passed By  
Consensus**

**Whereas** Marathon has identified the preferred site of its landfill site is within the watershed of the Black and Pic Rivers, against the wishes of the Pic River First Nation located directly downstream.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Ojibways of Pic River in their efforts to have the preferred site of the Marathon landfill moved from the Black River and Pic River watersheds.

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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**



**Subject: Anishinabek Forestry Rights and Condition #77**

**Whereas** First Nations throughout Anishinabek territory repeatedly stated their interests in obtaining a more equitable share of forest resources in northern Ontario; and,

**Moved by:**  
Chief Angus  
Toulouse,  
Sagamok  
Anishnawbek

**Whereas** the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has received direction through Condition #77 of the Environment Assessment Board of Ontario to negotiate with First Nations to ensure First Nations receive benefits through timber management planning; and,

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Mike  
Esquega, Rocky  
Bay First Nation

**Whereas** Bill Thornton, Director of the Forest Management Branch at MNR, made a presentation to a Senate committee on the state of the Boreal forest ; and,

**Whereas this presentation outlined publicly MNR's position regarding Condition #77; and,**

**Passed by  
Consensus**

**Whereas this message stated that First Nations have surrendered title to the land; and,**

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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

**Whereas Mr. Thornton also stated that increases to First Nation allocations would take away from existing forest companies and would force MNR to provide compensation; and,**

**Whereas Mr. Thornton also stated that MNR intends to force industry to implement Condition #77.**

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Robinson-Huron Chiefs assert their commercial timber harvesting rights and are prepared to exercise these rights in the most effective way possible; and,

**Be it further resolved** that the Chiefs direct that a framework is required to initiate meaningful dialogue between First Nations, Canada and Ontario; and,

**Be it further resolved** that this framework must take into consideration long term land management planning initiatives (including Lands for Life) and resource specific initiatives; and,

**Be it finally resolved** that a meeting with officials from the Robinson-Superior Treaty Area, the Robinson-Huron Treaty area, other affected First Nations, MNR and Canada be held in the immediate future to facilitate the development of this framework.

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**Resolution #98/32**

**Subject: Potential Agreement-in-Principle on Health**

**Moved by:** **Whereas** the Anishinabek Health Commission has received its mandate to oversee health delivery within the Anishinabek Territory; and

Chief Roy  
Michano, Ojibways  
of Pic River **Whereas** the federal government continues to make unilateral decisions regarding health delivery while maintaining their envelope systems, examples being changes to non-insured health benefits and medical transportation; and

**Seconded by:** **Whereas** the Union of Ontario Indians is currently involved in Agreement-in-Principle negotiations on governance and education.

Chief Leona  
Nahwegabow,  
Whitefish River  
First Nation **Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Anishinabek Health Commission to investigate the feasibility of pursuing an Agreement-in-Principle on health;

**Passed By  
Consensus** **Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Health Commission consult with its member First Nations during the course of its investigation;

**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief** **Be it finally resolved** that the Anishinabek Health Commission report on the progress of its investigation at the 1999 Grand Council annual general assembly.

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**Subject:** **Support for British Columbia Treaty Processes**

**Moved by:**  
Chief Mike Esquega,  
Rocky Bay First Nation

**Whereas** First Nations across Canada share in the difficult process of asserting our aboriginal and treaty rights over lands and resources, and establishing our inherent land title within the processes set out at the Federal and Provincial government levels; and

**Whereas** the First Nations of British Columbia (BC Chiefs) under the Supreme Court of Canada Delgamuukw decision have initiated new areas of potential development for all First Nations across Canada; and

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Ernest Tremblay,  
Namaygoosisagagun  
First Nation

**Whereas** all First Nations in Canada have the right to determine for themselves the exact process of asserting our aboriginal and treaty rights over lands and resources, and establishing our inherent land title in any form that we deem appropriate.

**Passed by  
Consensus**

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Nation, as represented through the 43 member First Nations, hereby acknowledge the work which has been completed by the BC Chiefs for all our benefit and learning; and

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**Vernon Roote**  
**Grand Council Chief**

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Nation hereby declares its political support behind the continuation of this work by the First Nations people in British Columbia; and

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**Eugene Manitowabi**  
**Deputy Grand Council  
Chief**

**Be it finally resolved** that the Union of Ontario Indians arrange a meeting with the Assembly of First Nations Confederacy to further discuss these important land issues directly with the appropriate representatives of the BC Chiefs.

**Subject:**                    **Support for the First Nation Independent Fuel Handlers Association (FNIFHA) Initiatives**

**Whereas** the Union of Ontario Indians acts as the political advocate for its member First Nations on a variety of issues; and,

**Whereas** economic development is an important element of the Union of Ontario Indians' mandate; and,

**Moved by:**  
Chief Glen Hare,  
M'Chigeeng First  
Nation

**Whereas** there are numerous problems with the administration of First Nations' tax exemption as it relates to the sale of gasoline on reserve; and,

**Whereas** the First Nation Independent Fuel Handlers Association (FNIFHA) have been pursuing a method of automating the administrative process between First Nation Fuel Handlers and the Ontario government; and,

**Seconded by:**  
Chief Richard  
Shawanda,  
Sheguiandah First  
Nation

**Whereas** the FNIFHA have developed a pilot project which will streamline the administration process and improve the turn around time for rebates; and,

**Passed by  
Consensus**

**Whereas** excise taxes on gasoline continue to be imposed on First Nations.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly pledge their support to the pilot project which will streamline administration through an automated process; and,

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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs call for the elimination of the excise tax imposed on the delivery of fuel to First Nation retailers.

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

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**Resolution #98/35**

**Subject: Anishinabek Nation Management Group Incorporated Three  
(3) Year Strategic Plan**

**Moved by:** Chief Roy  
Michano, Ojibways  
of the Pic River  
First Nation

**Whereas,** the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Incorporated (ANMGI) has been mandated by the Chiefs in Assembly to pursue revenue generating opportunities to support the Nation building goals of the Anishinabek Nation; and

**Whereas,** the ANMGI Board of Directors have provided the Chiefs in Assembly with a three (3) year strategic plan for the ANMGI Corporation; and

**Seconded by:** James Maness,  
Chippewas of  
Sarnia First Nation  
(Proxy)

**Whereas,** the ANMGI has requested that the Chiefs in Assembly approve the three (3) year strategic plan for implementation.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council accept the strategic plan as presented.

**Passed by  
Consensus**

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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

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**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**