

SUBJECT: INCLUSION AND RECOGNITION OF POPLAR POINT FIRST NATION, SAND POINT FIRST NATION AND NAMAYGOOSISAGAGUN FIRST NATION AS FULL AND PARTICIPATING FIRST NATIONS.

MOVED BY:
Chief Angus
Toulouse,
Sagamok
Anishnawbek

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians is currently negotiating governance and education under Canada's Inherent Right Policy; and,

WHEREAS during the negotiation processes the Government of Canada rejected Poplar Point First Nation, Namagoosisagagun First Nation and Sand Point First Nation as members of the Anishinabek Nation; and,

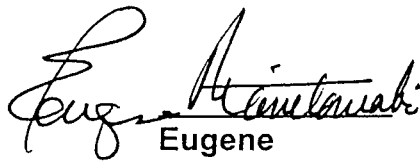
SECONDED BY:
Chief Norman
Shawnoo
Chippewas of
Kettle and
Stony Point

WHEREAS Poplar Point First Nation, Namagoosisagagun First Nation and Sand Point First Nation are members in good standing of the Anishinabek Nation, as affirmed through Grand Council Resolutions and other collective decisions; and,

WHEREAS under Canada's Inherent Right Policy fails to give recognition of Poplar Point First Nation, Namaygoosisagagun First Nation and Sand Point First Nation under the definition of the meaning of the Indian Act, and therefore take this position.


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chief's in Assembly direct that the Education and Governance negotiations teams continue to include Poplar Point First Nation, Sand Point First Nation and Namaygoosisagagun First Nation as participating First Nations within the self-government negotiations under Canada's Inherent Right Policy.


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of Ontario Indians, through our traditional form of government in the Anishinabek Grand Council, embrace our First Nations and take the position that they are recognized in the Grand Council to be part of these negotiations.

CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF ANISHNAABE ANOKIIWIN
AANOKIITOOJIG - THE ANISHINABEK NATIONS
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

MOVED BY:
Chief Lisa
Eshkakogan,
Algonquins of
Pikwakanagan

WHEREAS resolution #95/25 directed the Union of Ontario Indians to enter into negotiations with Canada under the Restoration of Jurisdiction process;

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians is currently negotiating governance and education self government agreements under Canada's Inherent Right Policy; and,

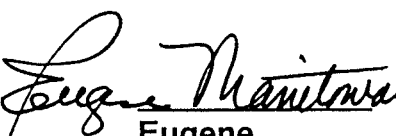
SECONDED BY:
Chief John
Peterson,
Michipicoten
First Nation

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Executive Council advised that a Chief's committee on governance should be created for the purpose of providing direction in any self-government negotiations; and,

WHEREAS an ad hoc chief's committee on governance was developed with two representatives from each of the regions of the Anishinabek Nation;


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS the ad hoc chief's committee on governance met in January and May of 1999 and formally developed terms of reference and formally ratified the name of the committee as Anishnaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig -The Anishinabek Nation Governance Committee;


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

WHEREAS Anishnaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig - The Anishinabek Nation Governance Committee terms of reference as ratified in May 1999 were reviewed with the Chiefs in Grand Council

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council approve of the Anishnaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig – The Anishinabek Nation Governance Committee and its terms of reference as ratified by Anishnaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig – the Anishinabek Nation Governance Committee in May 1999.

CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS

**SUBJECT: DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE
ANISHINABEK SELF-GOVERNANCE AGREEMENTS**

MOVED BY:
Chief Gary
Williams, Curve
Lake First Nation

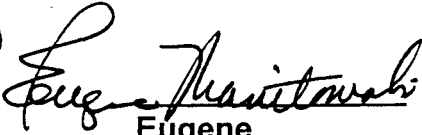
WHEREAS the Government of Canada has taken the position that determination of membership may be a First Nation responsibility and that the determination of Indian status is a federal government responsibility; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega, Rocky
Bay First Nation

WHEREAS the Government of Canada intends that levels of funding in the funding agreements supporting the self-governance agreements will be based, in part, on status and not on membership; and,


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS population projections produced by the Government of Canada suggest that no status Indians, as defined by the *Indian Act*, will be born after the year 2040 if the *Act* continues to apply; and,


Eugene
Manitoushi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

WHEREAS the United Nations Conventions on genocide and indigenous rights are unequivocal in supporting the right of peoples to determine their own identities; and,

WHEREAS the Chiefs in Assembly firmly believe that membership and status are not divisible; and,

WHEREAS the Government of Canada recently decided that all Indian status cards are to be replaced with cards with expiry dates that imply that status is time limited.

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Chiefs in Assembly reject the notion that status cards and Indian status are to be subject to expiration; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be no differentiation between membership and status in the provisions of the self-governance agreements between Canada and the Anishinabek Nation; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the members of the Anishinabek Nation, regardless of place of residence, shall be given the same opportunity to participate, in the same manner, in the self-government negotiation processes.

**SUBJECT: HEALTH COMMISSION GOVERNANCE
POLICY**

MOVED BY: WHEREAS the Ogemawahj Tribal Council communities within the Southeast Region have been involved in the MSB Health Transfer process in March 1997; and,

SECONDED BY: WHEREAS the Pre-Health Transfer Steering Committee, and the Ogemawahj Tribal Council Chiefs have directed the Ogemawahj Tribal Council to investigate the option of entering the Integrated Phase 1 process with associated funding attached; and,

WHEREAS the Pre-Health Transfer Staff and the Ogemawahj Health Portfolio Chief met with Mae Katt, MSB Regional Director on April 28th where they were told that the UOI received core funding which would provide coordination and support for health programming and development, and the Ogemawahj Tribal Council proposal for the integrated phase 1 process was denied; and,

WITHDRAWN WHEREAS the Ogemawahj Tribal Council staff met with the UOI Health Program staff and were informed that the Health Commission dollars received from MSB were for health coordination, policy analysis, and advocacy; and,

WHEREAS the Ogemawahj Chiefs met in Georgina Island on May 11th and agreed to opt out of the transfer process due to MSB lack of commitment to the transfer process; and

WHEREAS a letter was sent to the Ogemawahj Chiefs on May 28th which reiterates MSB's position that this falls within the UOI mandate, and which the UOI receives dollars for and to fund the Ogemawahj Tribal Council in this process would be considered double-funding; and

WHEREAS the Ogemawahj Tribal Council Chiefs feel that there is no direct service delivery within the mandate of the Health Commission and the whole structure is focused on the support for management of health issues by Area Health Boards for the whole Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemawahj Tribal Council Chiefs request the Health Commission Governance Policy be put on hold until the Area Health Boards and the Ogemawahj Tribal Council communities are fully aware of the effects and implications of the UOI Health Program overall strategic plan as it relates to the Governance Policy, the proposed Health AIP and devolution of MSB to UOI and have made an informed decision in this regard.

**SUBJECT: ANISHINABEK HEALTH COMMISSION
GOVERNANCE**

MOVED BY: **WHEREAS** the Health Commission at a retreat in
September 1998 drafted a Governance Policy; and

WHEREAS the draft policy has been reviewed by all of
the seven (7) Area Health Boards, reviewed twice by the
UOI Board of Directors and at four Regional Chiefs
Meetings in April and May of 1999; and

SECONDED BY: **WHEREAS** all three dozen amendments suggested by
these different groups have been included in the Final
Draft of the Health Governance Policy by the UOI Health
Staff.

WITHDRAWN **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of
the Anishinabek Grand Council accept and ratify this
Final Draft of the Anishinabek Health Commission
Governance Policy as the acceptable process for doing
business in the area of Health for the Anishinabek
Nation.

**SUBJECT: DEVOLUTION OF HEALTH CANADA
MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH (MSB) REGIONAL
CORPORATE SERVICES**

MOVED BY:
Chief Glen Hare,
M'Chigeeng First
Nation

WHEREAS the MSB Corporate Health Services feasibility study on devolution was discussed at the 1997 All Ontario Chiefs Conference in Thunder Bay; and,

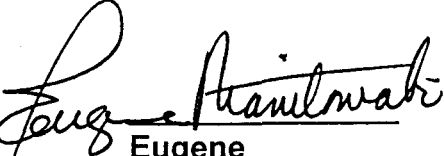
SECONDED BY:
Chief Leona
Nahwegahbow,
Whitefish River
First Nation

WHEREAS an AOCC resolution of support was passed and a PPC resolution for a preferred devolution management model was adopted, leading to an Executive Director of the Chiefs of Ontario being appointed to implement the model; and,

WHEREAS a formal management board is now required with an appointed delegate from each Ontario Political Territorial Organization, in order to move this devolution initiative forward; and,


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS Chief Earl Commanda of the Serpent River First Nation has been involved with this devolution initiative over the last three years;


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly recognize the need for a formal management board on this devolution initiative; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly appoint Chief Earl Commanda as their representative to this management board.

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

SUBJECT: Regional Director of MSB Ontario Region

MOVED BY:
Chief Earl
Commanda,
Serpent River
First Nation

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Ontario office participated in the hiring of the Regional Director for MSB Ontario Region; and

WHEREAS MSB always talks about 'Partnership' which is a mutual respect relationship; and

SECONDED BY:
Chief Leona
Nahwegahbow,
Whitefish River
First Nation

WHEREAS the Regional Director MSB has been making unilateral decisions that affects First Nations in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has issues with the unilateral decisions made by the Regional Director MSB and with the decisions made by MSB nationally.


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a performance review be conducted of the MSB Ontario Regional Director by First Nation PTO's; and


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a strategy be developed by a working committee of Chiefs, Elders and Health technicians for the Anishinabek Nation in regards to Health and our Treaty Rights; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Grand Chief meet with the MSB Ontario Regional Director to discuss the Anishinabek Nation's health issues.

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

SUBJECT: ASSERTIVE ACTION ON HEALTH ISSUES

MOVED BY:
Chief Kelly
Riley,
Chippewas of
the Thames

WHEREAS the UOI Health Portfolio and the Chair of the Anishinabek Health Commission both made Health Issue presentations at the 1999 June Anishinabek Nation Grand Council; and

WHEREAS Chiefs and Delegates responded to those Health Presentations by calling for more 'assertive' and proactive actions on the part of the Nations and the Anishinabek communities; and

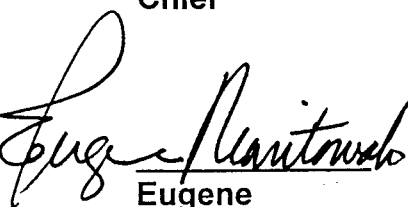
SECONDED BY:
Chief Leona
Nahwegahbow,
Whitefish River
First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the Anishinabek Grand Council recognize that a new approach to health issues is required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission be directed to develop strategies that will create opportunities for more assertive political actions by the UOI Executive, First Nations of the UOI and the Board of Directors of the UOI; and


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the UOI Executive and the Board of Directors be expected to implement those strategies for a more 'assertive' political action in relation to the issues raised by the UOI communities through the Health Commission.


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS

Subject: CONTRACTING OUT MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH (MSB) SERVICES TO OUTSIDE HEALTH AGENCIES

MOVED BY: **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission noted at its May 12, 1999 meeting a report from Dilico Child and Family Services that referenced MSB subcontracting First Nation health work to provincial health agencies without consultation; and
Chief Gary Williams, Curve Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission expressed alarm at such a development, particularly work usually done by Public Medical Officers for epidemiology services in the Thunder Bay area, which led to the Commission passing Motion # 6 on this issue at its May 12, 1999 meeting; and
Chief Mike Esquega, Rocky Bay First Nation


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS Curve Lake First Nation has been billed for First Nation health services by a local provincial health unit and MSB refuses to pay the bill; and,

WHEREAS there are serious jurisdictional implications associated with MSB's off-loading of First Nation service delivery to provincial agencies.


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly condemn the unilateral actions of the Regional Director of MSB regarding Anishinabek health service off-loading agreements with provincial agencies; and

CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the federal government to uphold its fiduciary duty and fully fund medical services in First Nations; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED and that the Chiefs in Assembly forbid the Regional Director of MSB to enter into any such agreements without prior and proper consultation with affected First Nations.

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF GREAT LAKES WATER

MOVED BY:
Chief Lyle
Sayers,
Ojibways of
Garden River

WHEREAS both subsistence and commercial fishing have always been, and remain to this day an important cultural component of the Anishinabek way of life; and

SECONDED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega,
Rocky Bay First
Nation

WHEREAS our rights to these resources are well recognized, and these resources are under constant threats from over fishing, habitat destruction and impediments to access for our people; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Chief take an active role with other Anishinabek Leaders in the Great Lakes basin to coordinate native input to the International Joint Commission (IJC) who are currently reviewing the legal and ecological impacts of consumption, diversion and export of water from the Great Lakes and other water quality and quantity issues which may significantly impact the jurisdiction of our resources; and



Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Grand Council recommend the appointment of an advisor to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission who will represent Anishinabek interests.



Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL BY-LAWS OF THE UOI

MOVED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega,
Rocky Bay First
Nation

WHEREAS there is a need to review the Constitutional By-Laws to ensure consistency with the current policies and processes of the Union of Ontario Indians; and

WHEREAS the last review and amendments to the by-laws took place in July 1989; and

SECONDED BY:
Chief Ted
Roque,
Wahnapitae
First Nation

WHEREAS there are various recommendations on revisions to the structure of the UOI Board of Directors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly agree to review the Constitutional By-Laws of the Union of Ontario Indians to reflect the goals, objectives and discussions that have altered the matters of policy and process of the Chiefs and/or Directors of the Corporation; and


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a review and consultation on possible options be undertaken to bring options back to the Chiefs in Assembly at the next Anishinabek Nation Grand Council.


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF WIKWEMIKONG
REPRESENTATIVE TO UOI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MOVED BY: WHEREAS Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation has been a member in good standing of the UOI since its inception; and,

WHEREAS Wikwemikong has been a strong supporter of the nation building concept; and,

SECONDED BY: WHEREAS Wikwemikong is a large First Nation in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the UOI is presently reviewing its Constitutional By-Laws

WITHDRAWN THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve is requesting a permanent seat on the UOI Board of Directors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointment of this person will be conducted by the Wikwemikong Chief and Council under the same terms and conditions of the by-laws.

**SUBJECT: RULES OF ORDER FOR GRAND
COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES**

MOVED BY: **WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians has identified a
Chief Glen Hare, necessity for clarity and understanding of process for
M'Chigeeng Grand Council Assembly proceedings, and desires to
First Nation have formalized Rules of Order for Grand Council
Assemblies; and

SECONDED BY: **WHEREAS** the development of such Rules of Order will
Chief Mike lead to more orderly, clear and expeditious proceedings
Esquega, Rocky and decision making at these assemblies; and
Bay First Nation

WHEREAS the present draft tabled for approval today
was developed and circulated for review in May 1998;
and


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS the present draft Rules of Order was
consulted and reviewed by Chiefs at their regional
assemblies in April and May of 1999 and further input
was received from these forums; and


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

WHEREAS the Chiefs in the process of these
consultations have endorsed the need for the
formalization of Rules of Order for Grand Council
Assemblies.

CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in
Assembly hereby formally approve of the adoption of the
Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly Rules of
Order; as presented to the Chiefs today to govern
conduct and procedure at Grand Council Assemblies.

SUBJECT: STONEY LAKE CARVINGS OR TEACHING ROCKS

MOVED BY:
Chief Gary
Williams, Curve
Lake First
Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabe people have recognized the rock carvings at a place near Stoney Lake in 'Peterborough County' as central to their understanding of their creation story, migration and clan history, as a sacred place for ceremonies and fasting; and

SECONDED BY:
Chief Earl
Commanda,
Serpent River
First Nation

WHEREAS traditional Anishinabe from the western doorway areas of Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota have retained birch bark scrolls which have the same recorded stories and have recognized this place where the carvings or teaching rocks can be seen as sacred and worthy of protection; and


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS Elders from Curve Lake First Nation have spoken of gathering at these carvings or teaching rocks, and rolling back the mosses which protected them before they were 'discovered' by non-Natives in the early 1950s; and


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

WHEREAS Curve Lake First Nation is the closest First Nation geographically to the carvings or teaching rocks; and

WHEREAS Curve Lake First Nation members and other Anishinabe people have been fasting, holding feasts and other ceremonies at or near the carvings or teaching rocks; and

WHEREAS this place is now called Petroglyphs Park by the government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the government of Ontario has recognized Curve Lake First Nation as the territory which as primary responsibility as 'keeper' of the carvings or teaching rocks; and

WHEREAS Anishinabe Elders affiliated with Trent University have also recognized Curve Lake First Nation as the traditional keepers of the carvings or teaching rocks; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation affirms and supports the role of Curve Lake First Nation, with ongoing guidance from traditional Anishinabe, as the keepers of this place where the carvings or teaching rocks are located, as a responsibility on behalf of the entire Anishinabek Nation; and

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Curve Lake First Nation will continue as traditional keepers of the carvings or teaching rocks, protecting them for all generations of Anishinabe yet to be born.

**SUBJECT: FOURTH ANNUAL SOCIAL SERVICES
CONFERENCE**

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

WHEREAS the Ontario government has introduced Ontario Works without consultation with First Nations as per the 1965 Welfare Agreement; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario government has introduced legislation to have social workers and social service workers registered through the Ontario College of Social Workers without consultation with First Nations; and,

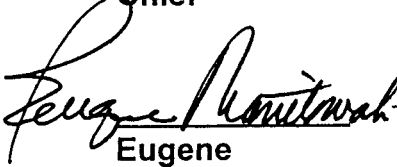
SECONDED BY:
**Chief Ed
Williams,
Moose Deer
Point First
Nation**

WHEREAS the Ontario government refuses to continue funding Long Term Care without being reimbursed by the Department of Indian Affairs; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario government has introduced changes to the Child and Family Services Act without consultation with First Nations.


**Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Social Services Department to host a Fourth Annual Social Services Conference to address these important issues; and,


**Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that this meeting be held in the Southeast Region.

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the conference will provide to the Chiefs, a strategic plan, on the progress towards implementing jurisdiction over social services including but not limited to child adoption and repatriation, more foster care homes, alternatives to social assistance, funding for child care, long term care and the agreement in principle towards jurisdiction over social services.

SUBJECT: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1999

MOVED BY:
Robert
Corbiere, Proxy,
Wikwemikong
Unceded First
Nation

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31, 1999 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians, the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc., and;

SECONDED BY:
Mary Jane
Wardell,
Thessalon First
Nation

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


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

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 Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc.


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS

SUBJECT: AUDIT SERVICES

MOVED BY:
Robert
Corbiere, Proxy,
Wikwemikong
Unceded First
Nation

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has recommended the firm of Grant Thornton for the provision of audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

SECONDED BY:
Chief Gary
Williams, Curve
Lake First
Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly approve that the services of the firm Grant Thornton be secured to prepare the March 31, 2000 audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians, the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc.



Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief



Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

**SUBJECT: ANISHINABEK NATION SEVENTH
GENERATION CHARITIES**

MOVED BY:
Chief Norm
Shawnoo,
Chippewas of
Kettle and
Stony Point

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc., has undergone major changes in its mandate over the past year; and

WHEREAS this new mandate reflects the direction of the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation to have the corporation involved more directly in supporting charitable activities within First Nation territories; and

SECONDED BY:
Doug Chevrier,
Proxy,
Nipissing First
Nation

WHEREAS the organization is desirous of changing its corporate name in order to be more reflective of its new mandate; and

WHEREAS the legal business name was changed from the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. to the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities on March 29, 1999.


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities be adopted as the new legal name of the organization and the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. be abandoned.


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

**SUBJECT: MNAA-GEAAZWAT KWEOK –
CELEBRATION OF WOMEN 1998**

MOVED BY: **WHEREAS** several resolutions from 1992 to 1998 were passed at Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assemblies, giving a clear direction that the Anishinabek Grand Council appoint a steering committee to the Women's Chiefs and establish priorities and resource these initiatives with First Nations; and

SECONDED BY: **WHEREAS** the Robinson Huron Chiefs passed a resolution which recommended that the Union of Ontario Indians host an Anishinabek Women's Conference and that a planning group be set up to address their concerns through this conference; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors supported the Terms of Reference of the Women's Ad Hoc Committee, and the Chief's supported the convening of this conference which was established and took place on November 27 to 29, 1998; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly support the next steps to be taken, and that an Interim Women's Committee and strategies be developed further on implementing the recommendations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the four (4) representatives on the Interim Women's Committee be chosen by each of the four (4) Anishinabek Nation regions.

**SUBJECT: WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES ON UOI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MOVED BY: **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Grand Council through Resolution 98/02 and Resolution 98/08 directed that issues concerning Native women be tabled and that a terms of reference for a proposed advisory committee be developed; and

SECONDED BY: **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Grand Council through Resolution 96/14 at West Bay First Nation accepted the principles and implementation of the Restoration of Jurisdiction Strategy which included the women in the political decision making of the Nation,

WHEREAS the Anishinabek women met in Sault Ste. Marie on November 28, 29 and 30th 1998 to begin discussions on some tabled issues and elected their representatives to join the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians; and

WHEREAS the decision to elect representatives as part of the decision making process is based on traditional Ojibwe institutions, the adopted Restoration of Jurisdiction Strategy and the present direction of the Anishinabekwe'ok.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Grand Council at Curve Lake First Nation on June 2, 1999 respects and recognizes the decision of the Anishinabekwe'ok to take their place on the Board of Directors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Grand Council directs that the by-laws be amended to include the Anishinabekwe'ok representatives to be ratified at the next Grand Council.

SUBJECT: ANMGI ANNUAL REPORT 1999

MOVED BY:
Robert
Corbiere, Proxy
Wikwemikong
Unceded First
Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. (ANMGI) was created to generate revenue and create a financial base to support the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the ANMGI Board of Directors developed a strategic plan which was approved by the Chiefs in Assembly; and


SECONDED BY:
Chief Kelly
Riley,
Chippewas of
the Thames

WHEREAS the ANMGI Board of Directors have begun to implement the strategic plan and produced an Annual Report on activities for the past fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly accept the Annual Report dated June 1999.



Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief



Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL
Curve Lake First Nation
June 1 – 3, 1999**

Resolution 99/21

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF
FIRST NATIONS TO HOLD A NATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO
SELF-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS.**

**MOVED BY:
Chief Norm
Shawnoo,
Chippewas of**

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians is currently negotiating governance and education under Canada's Inherent Right Policy;

**Kettle and
Stony Point
First Nation**

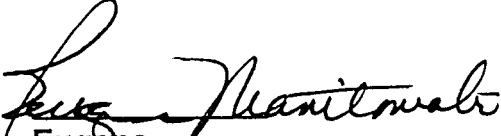
WHEREAS many other First Nations are currently negotiating self-government under Canada's Inherent Right Policy; and,

**SECONDED BY:
Chief Mark
Peters, Munsee-
Delaware Nation**

WHEREAS a need has been identified to have a more strategic national approach to the various issues all communities address in self-government negotiations.


**Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chief's in Grand Council request that the Assembly of First Nations organize and hold a national conference on a strategic approach to self-government negotiations under Canada's Inherent Right Policy.


**Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF TRADITIONAL HARVESTED GOODS

MOVED BY:
Chief Norman
Shawnoo,
Chippewas of
Kettle and
Stony Point

WHEREAS the First Nations of North America have traded and shared traditional goods and services since time immemorial as demonstrated through various agreements and treaties including the *Jay Treaty of 1794*; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Mike
Esquega, Rocky
Bay First Nation

WHEREAS these historic trading relationships pre-date the introduction of colonial and other western governments and modern political boundaries; and

WHEREAS all northern Ontario treaties re-affirm traditional Aboriginal rights to hunt, fish, trap and pursue other related harvesting activities within their traditional areas; and,


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and other provincial ministries, has continually restricted the flow and exchange of traditional goods harvested by Aboriginal people in the northern part of the province over an extended period of time, thereby having a derogatory impact on traditional harvesting rights; and,


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Deputy Grand
Council Chief
**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly endorse the development of a standing agreement between First Nations regarding the transportation of traditionally harvested goods, including, but not limited to moose, deer, bear, fish, fur bearing animals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transportation of said goods be subject to the prior approval of the respective Chiefs and Councils.

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Anishinabek Emergency Response Strategy

MOVED BY:
Chief Gary
Williams, Curve
Lake First
Nation

WHEREAS Grand Council Resolution #98/13 directed the development of an Anishinabek Nation Emergency Response Strategy; and,

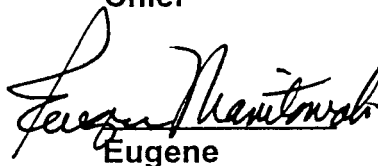
SECONDED BY:
Chief Ted
Roque,
Wahnapiatae
First Nation

WHEREAS the response to requests of assistance from the First Nations in a crisis has not historically been as effective as desired; and,

WHEREAS this plan will assist in the provision of basic needs, humanitarian in nature and will help protect the rights of our people in times of crisis whether the emergency is natural or human made.


Vernon Roote
Grand Council
Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly accept and approve the Union of Ontario Indians Emergency Response Plan; and,


Eugene
Manitowabi
Deputy Grand
Council Chief

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individuals listed in the plan will change from time to time and that they be authorized to implement this Emergency Strategy.

**CARRIED BY
CONSENSUS**

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF ANISHINABEKWEOK

MOVED BY: **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation's Women and Elders were called to meet in Sault Ste. Marie in 1997 by the Grand Chief to discuss the role of women and elders within the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabekweok felt quite strongly that the women must support the Leaders of the Nation and must have meaningful participation within the Anishinabek Nation; and

SECONDED BY: **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation's women were called to a conference in 1998 in Sault Ste. Marie and the report was presented at the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council June 2, 1999 in Curve Lake; and

TABLED **WHEREAS** the Anishinabekweok's recommendation *again is for meaningful participation within the* Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS as the Anishinabek Nation we believe Our Creator has given us roles and responsibilities as men, women and children to our Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has celebrated a historical event at the Grand Council June 1-3, 1999 in Curve Lake in the creation of our Eagle Staff, Drum and the use of the Circle for our Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in a positive step toward building our Anishinabek Nation, steps must be taken in our Governance structures to involve men and women in a balanced way as much as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we all have a responsibility for our Anishinabek Nation at every level of our Governance; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation acknowledge the roles and responsibilities we all have and give thanks to the Creator for these gifts given in trust to us.