UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

# SUBJECT: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2000-2001

MOVED BY:Whereas the Union of Ontario Indians FinanceChief TomCommittee has reviewed and recommended forBressette,approval, the March 31, 2001 audited financialChippewas ofstatements for the Union of Ontario Indians, theKettle and StonyAnishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities and<br/>the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc., and;

# SECONDED BY:Whereas the Union of Ontario Indians Board of DirectorsChief Angushas approved the recommendation of the FinanceToulouse,Committee.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians, the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001 as presented.

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Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

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Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

#### UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

#### SUBJECT: Tender of Union of Ontario Indians Audit Services

Moved by: Chief Patrick Madahbee Ojibways of Sucker Creek **Whereas** members of the Union of Ontario Indians have requested a tendering process be utilized for the 2001-2002 auditing services for the Union of Ontario Indians.

Therefore be it resolved that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Union of Ontario Indians tender the audit services that will be provided to the Union of Ontario Indians and that the successful tender be approved for three years.

#### Seconded by: Chief Joe

Miskokomon Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

#### Carried

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

#### SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF POPLAR POINT OJIBWAY FIRST NATION IN THE UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS

#### MOVED BY:

Chief Paul Gladu Sand Point First Nation WHEREAS the Chiefs in assembly recognize that Poplar Point Ojibway First Nation has occupied its traditional territory on the eastern side of Lake Nipigon since time immemorial; and

#### SECONDED BY:

Chief Roy Michano, Ojibways of Pic River First Nation WHEREAS the Chiefs in assembly recognize that the current leadership of Poplar Point Ojibway First Nation present at the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council assembly represents the interests of Poplar Point Ojibway First Nation; and

### RESOLUTION TABLED

WHEREAS Poplar Point Ojibway First Nation is recognized as a member of the Robinson Superior Treaty Chiefs and is recognized as being entitled to be a member of the Union of Ontario Indians pursuant to a meeting held in the Fort William First Nation territory on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2000; and

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Chiefs in Assembly recognize Poplar Point Ojibway First Nation as a member of the Union of Ontario Indians; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that we the Chiefs in assembly fully support the Chief and Council of Poplar Point Ojibway First Nation in their effort to gain full recognition as a "Band" with reserve status under the Indian Act.

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

#### SUBJECT: RESCINDING OF RESOLUTION 2001/01

MOVED BY: Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point Whereas it is important to prevent confusion regarding the corporate matters of the Union of Ontario Indians, the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group; and,

**Be it resolved** that resolution 2001/01 which approved the audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians, the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group is hereby rescinded.

#### SECONDED BY:

Chief Angus Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek

Carried

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

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Velson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

### SUBJECT: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2000-2001

#### MOVED BY:

Norma Diamond, Proxy, Sagamok Anishnawbek

SECONDED BY:

Whereas the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31, 2001 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians, and;

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

#### Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River First Nation

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001 as presented.

#### Carried

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief **Be It further resolved** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians oversee the work of the task group conducting the Financial Management Plan and Recovery Plan for the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. and the investigation of the Anishinabek Engineering Limited (AEL) within six (6) months.

UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4,5,6,7, 2001

## SUBJECT: THUNDER BAY FEATHERMAN HAWKS JR. 'A' FIRST NATION HOCKEY TEAM

MOVED BY: Chief Paul Gladu, Sandpoint First Nation Whereas the Robinson Superior Chiefs support the need to establish a First Nation Hockey team for the youth in the Robinson Superior Treaty area; and,

Whereas the Featherman Hawks First Nation Hockey Team is supported by the Robinson Superior Chiefs, pursuant to a Resolution passed on December, 2000; and

#### SECONDED BY:

Chief Mike Esquega, Biinjitawaabik Zaaging First Nation **Therefore be it resolved** that we, the Chiefs in Assembly, fully support the Featherman Hawks in securing funding to operate the team for this year;

**Finally be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly hereby support the management of the Featherman Hawks in this effort to secure long term funding for the team from any place they deem necessary.

Carried

Vernon Roote

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Grand Council Chief

UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

#### SUBJECT: HOUSING

MOVED BY:Whereas housing is in short supply on all First Nations inChief Glen Hare,<br/>M'Chieeng FirstOntario; and,

Whereas Section 95 (NHA) housing is a viable alternative for acquiring housing for all First Nations; and,

Whereas the CMHC budget for Ontario was reduced by
almost \$5 million this budget year resulting in approximately
six fewer housing projects for our communities.

SECONDED BY: Chief Mike Esquega, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishnaabek

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**Therefore be it resolved that** the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly call for a return of previous budget levels and demand a review of the budget allocation process.

Carried

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

#### UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

#### SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO BY-LAW CHANGES PROPOSED BY ARCHIPELAGO AREA PLANNING BOARD

Moved by:Whereas the Great Manitoulin Island and 23,000 islandsChief Wilmerwere set aside for the exclusive use and benefit of all IndiansNoganosh,forever by the Bond Head Treaty of 1836; and,MagnetawanMagnetawan

Whereas islands have never been ceded or our aboriginal title to these islands have never been validly extinguished by and treaty; and,

Seconded by: Chief Glen Hare, M'Chigeeng First Nation

**First Nation** 

Whereas the Archipelago Area Planning Board is holding a public meeting to amend the minimum lot standards on the islands located in the unincorporated townships of Henvey and Wallbridge; and,

Whereas this by-law amendment will increase the minimum lot requirement significantly for newly created parcels of land

Whereas the Archipelago Area Planning Board's action is a direct infringement of our aboriginal and treaty rights and

infringes our aboriginal title to the exclusive use and benefit

of our islands as guaranteed by the Bond Head Treaty of

on these islands located in Georgian Bay; and,

Carried

Vernon Roote Grand Council

Chief

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1836. **Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council oppose the creation of any new parcels of land for patent or sale by the province of Ontario on the

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief write to the Archipelago Area Planning Board, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to voice our opposition to these actions; and,

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council demand that the Province of Ontario place a moratorium on the sale and patent of Crown land until all outstanding land claims and matters related to Aboriginal title are resolved.

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#### SUBJECT: ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AMALGAMATION PROCESS

MOVED BY:Whereas the Ontario government has proceeded with the<br/>unilateral creation of a number of new municipalities through<br/>the process of amalgamation as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2001; and,<br/>Biinjitiwaabik

Whereas the newly formed municipalities encompass the reserve lands and traditional territories of Anishinabek First Nations; and,

SECONDED BY: Chief Paul Gladu, Sandpoint First Nation Whereas the affected First Nations have previously and continue to oppose the creation of the new municipalities and the process of municipal amalgamation without the participation and acknowledgement of First Nations' interests directly to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Tony Clement to no avail.

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Therefore be it resolved that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby oppose the creation or amalgamation of municipalities, as well as the authority of the municipalities and their agencies over the affected First Nations territory, traditional lands and the treaty areas; and

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelsén Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

**Therefore be it further resolved** that the creation or amalgamation of municipalities and its effect on Crown Lands infringes upon and/or unnecessarily encumbers our Aboriginal and Treaty rights, which are protected by section 35 of the Constitution of Canada; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the Union of Ontario Indians actively lobby the Department of Indian Affairs to intervene on our behalf in amalgamation or creation of municipalities in the fulfillment of its fiduciary duty to us; and

**Finally be it resolved** that this strengthened position be delivered by the Union of Ontario Indians to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs together with a position that the First Nations are willing to commence legal challenges against the federal and provincial governments if our rights are not preserved and protected.

#### SUBJECT: ONTARIO GOVERNMENT LAND USE PLANNING PROCESSES

**MOVED BY:** Whereas a number of land use planning processes have been implemented by the Ontario government (Ministry of Chief Ted Natural Resources) and are underway across the Roque, Anishinabek Nation territory (including the Ontario Lands for Wanipitea First Nation Life, and the resulting Ontario Living Legacy Strategy, the Great Lakes Heritage Coast Project, the Lake Nipigon Basin Planning Process, as well as the National Marine Conservation Area [Federal initiative]); and,

### SECONDED BY:

Chief Wilmer Nagonosh, Magnetawan First Nation Whereas it has been the constant political position of the Anishinabek Grand Council Assembly that the process of consultation and the involvement of First Nations must be conducted on a fair and equal government-to-government basis; and,

Carried

Whereas the previous response to Minister Snobelen by the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly to oppose the Ontario Lands for Life process has gone unheeded; and

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Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

Whereas these land use planning processes will negatively impact on Anishinabek First Nations land claims and the right of First Nations to access traditional territory for economic opportunities.

Therefore be it resolved that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly once again state their collective opposition to the Ontario Government land use planning processes as they are currently being conducted by the MNR across Anishinabek Nation territory; and **Be it further resolved** that the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to communicate our collective opposition to the Ontario Government land use planning processes as they are currently being conducted, to the Ministry of Natural Resources; and

**Finally be it resolved** that the Union of Ontario Indians also be directed to once again attempt to establish discussions between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Anishinabek First Nations to deal with the specific issue of Ontario Government land use planning processes in a fair and open manner.

#### SUBJECT: GOVERNANCE AND EDUCATION NEGOTIATIONS -MODERN GOVERNANCE ACT

MOVED BY:Whereas the Chiefs in assembly believe in the principlesIsadore Peltier,of accountability and transparency with respect to FirstProxy, BeausoleilNation governments; andFirst NationFirst Nation

Whereas the Union of Ontario Indians is currently negotiating Governance and Education Agreements-in-Principle on behalf of the Anishinabek Nation and are examining Anishinabek processes of accountability and transparency; and

SECONDED BY: Chief John Baeucage, Wasauksing First Nation

Whereas the May 2001 Assembly of First Nations resolution rejects the unilateral imposition of legislation, seeks to have First Nations and Political Territorial Organizations boycott the consultations with respect to the Modern Governance Act; and, seeks to have First Nation's keep aware of the issue; and

Abstention: Dan Namahbin, Proxy, Aamjiwnaang First Nation

Carried

**Whereas** the Chiefs of Ontario region resolution of May  $4^{\text{th}}$ , 2001 indicates that Chiefs: reject the process for the development of the new Act; want a referendum on the Bill; and, that funding implications of the Bill must be examined; and

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

<sup>′</sup> Nelson Tóulouse Deputy Grand Chief

**Therefore be it resolved** that Chiefs in Assembly reject the unilateral imposition of the Modern Governance Act and the inadequate consultation process that it entails.

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UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

#### SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE THUNDER BAY STREET PATROL

MOVED BY:Whereas the Thunder Bay Street Patrol is a volunteer streetChief Mikepatrol with the task of watching for citizens of the city ofEsquega,Thunder Bay who may be experiencing trouble on the street,Biinjitiwaabikincluding those who may need medical attention, rides andZaagingpeer counseling or providing assistance to strandedAnishnaabekindividuals; and,

Whereas the Thunder Bay Street Patrol as a volunteerBY: organization has been operating on personal donations received from individuals; and

SECONDED BY: Chief Paul Gladu, Sandpoint First Nation

Whereas a needed service which includes service to Anishinabek people who from time to time may require assistance or referrals to appropriate agencies; and,

#### Carried



Whereas the Thunder Bay Street Patrol has determined that additional and consistent funding is required to carry out their activities and the Thunder Bay Street Patrol has presented a proposed annual budget reflecting start up costs in the amount of \$87,299.50 to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly.

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the principles of the Thunder Bay Street Patrol as a volunteer organization; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly provide this resolution in support of the Thunder Bay Street Patrol to seek funding to cover the proposed budget start up costs in the amount of \$87,299.50 as presented.

#### UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

#### SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING AN ANISHINABEK NATION JUSTICE CENTRE

MOVED BY:Whereas the First Nations require legal services to address a<br/>range of issues related to protecting, preserving and<br/>promoting Aboriginal, Treaty and other legal rights of the<br/>Nations and their members; and,Zaaging FirstXaaging First

Whereas the First Nations wish to explore the option of developing the capacity to address these legal issues within the Anishinabek Nation through the establishment of a Justice Centre; and,

#### SECONDED BY:

Chief Wes Marsden, Alderville First Nation **Therefore be it resolved that** the Union of Ontario Indians In-House Legal Counsel research the development of the Anishinabek Nation Justice Centre and report to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly on possible structures and financing for the Justice Centre; and,

Carried

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Therefore be it further resolved that the research work be conducted in consultation with the First Nations.

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

#### UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY **Chippewas of the Thames First Nation** June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

#### CONTRIBUTION TO CHIPPEWAS OF AAMJIWNAANG SUBJECT: JUDICIAL REVIEW

Moved by: Whereas the Chippewas of Aamjiwnaang prepared a First Nation by-law outlining an alternative social assistance Dan Namahbin, program to the provincial Ontario Works program; and, Proxy,

> Whereas the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs approved the Chippewas of Aamjiwnaang social assistance by-law; and,

Whereas the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs refuses Seconded by: to provide the financial resources necessary to implement the Chief Tom approved by-law; and Bressette. Chippewas of

Whereas the Minister's unlawful decision can be overturned through a Judicial Review of the Minister's decision in the Federal Court of Canada: and

Whereas the Ontario Chiefs in Assembly have expressed

Carried

support for the initiative through a COO Resolution passed at the February 2001 Special Chiefs Assembly; and

Kettle and Stony

Point First Nation

Aamnjiwnaang First Nation

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse **Deputy Grand** Chief

Whereas the Chippewas of the Thames, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point and the Chippewas of Aamjiwnaang have committed a total of \$30,000 to the Judicial Review; and

Whereas the Chippewas of the Thames, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point and the Chippewas of Aamjiwnaang have previously requested the financial support of the Union of Ontario Indians through a Resolution of the Southwest Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians; and

Whereas the implementation of the approved by-law will benefit all First Nation communities in the province of Ontario.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Union of Ontario Indians will contribute \$50,000 from the Community Legal Defense Fund to the Chippewas of Aamjiwnaang judicial review; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Union of Ontario Indians will also provide additional legal and logistical support to the Chippewas of Aamjiwnaang judicial review where appropriate; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chippewas of Aamjiwnaang shall provide the Union of Ontario Indians with regular summaries of the legal and financial status of the judicial review; and

**Be it finally resolved** that any excess or surplus funds will be returned to the Union of Ontario Indians Community Legal Defense Fund at the conclusion of the judicial review.

### SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE OF FIRST NATION LEADERSHIP HONORARIUMS TO HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CANADA (HRDC)

MOVED BY: Chief Paul Gladu, Sandpoint First Nation

**Whereas** Anishinabek First Nation leadership (Chiefs, Councillors, Elders, etc) perform meaningful and time consuming duties within our First Nations; and,

Whereas the tradition of giving gifts in the form of honorarium in recognition of an individual's efforts and expenses incurred while in the service of our First Nations has been a long standing practice of Anishinabek First Nations; and,

#### SECONDED BY:

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

**Whereas** Anishinabek First Nations have been approached by the Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) to disclose the honorariums paid to First Nation leadership.

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**Therefore be it resolved** that the Union of Ontario Indians review the manner in which Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) collects information on how First Nations honorariums are paid and how it adversely affects Employment Insurance (EI) claims by Anishinabek First Nation leadership as either Chiefs, Councillors, Elders etc.

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**Be it further resolved** that once the review is completed, a report and possible options paper/strategy be developed and distributed to each First Nation to deal with this issue with HRDC, and if necessary the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA).

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

**Be it finally resolved** that this review and report will be completed for distribution within six (6) months.

#### PIKANGIKUM SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATION **OPPOSITION OF INDIAN AGENT**

Whereas the Minister of Indian Affairs has betrayed the **MOVED BY:** trust of the people of Pikangikum First Nation and has Chief Tom failed in fulfilling Canada's constitutional responsibilities; Bressette. Chippewas of and, Kettle and Stony

Point First Nation Whereas the people of Pikangikum are currently being subjected to the third party management process which includes the introduction of an Indian Agent in the First Nation and also requires the First Nation to enter into a **SECONDED BY:** co-management agreement with the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada; and,

> Whereas Pikangikum has demonstrated successful management of its own fiscal affairs and absolutely opposes the current unilateral action of the federal government; and,

#### **ABSTENTION:**

**Chief Patrick** 

Sucker Creek

Madahbee. Ojibways of

Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation

Carried

Vernon Roote **Grand Council** Chief

**Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand** Chief

Whereas the Chief of Pikangikum has made an appeal for support.

Therefore be it resolved that the Chiefs in Assembly condemn Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for its unilateral imposition of third party management and comanagement agreement and placement of an Indian Agent in the First Nation; and,

Be it further resolved that the Chiefs in Assembly demand that the Minister of Indian Affairs must acknowledge. in writing, Pikangikum's past fiscal responsibility; and,

Be it further resolved that the Chiefs in Assembly support Pikangikum's position to manage its own affairs and demand that Pikangikum not be subjected to third party management or any form of co-management agreement: and,

First Nation

**Be it further resolved** that the Chiefs in Assembly demand that INAC respect the inherent rights of Pikangikum to determine their own destiny, over their traditional territory and respect the integrity and status of the people of Pikangikum as keepers of the land since time immemorial; and,

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council contact Pikangikum First Nation for the purposes of offering support to the community to help restore its rights with respect to its traditional territory; and,

**Be it finally resolved** that the Chiefs in Assembly demand that the Minister of Indian Affairs deal with Pikangikum fairly, in good faith and return full entitlement and administration to the people of Pikangikum.

### SUBJECT: ANISHINABEK HEALTH DISTRIBUTION FORMULA

MOVED BY:Whereas the Anishinabek Health Commission receive lumpChief Leonasum funding for health service delivery, training andNahwegahbow,consultation

Whereas the Anishinabek Health Commission has established a Funding Formula Subcommittee to develop two formulas for distribution of federal and provincial government health funds received for the Anishinabek First Nations; and,

#### SECONDED BY:

First Nation

Dan Nahmabin, Proxy, Aamjiwnaang First Nation Whereas the funding guidelines that apply to this lump sum funding provides the Anishinabek with the opposition to apply internal funding formulas for the distribution of the funds to the First Nations of the Anishinabek; and

Eight (8) Abstentions Whereas the formulas developed are as follows: 1) community health programming (12% base, 88% per capita for each First Nation), and 2) training and consultation (even distribution amongst the seven Area Health Board); and,

Whereas each Area Health Board reviewed the formula options developed by the Health Commission Subcommittee and provided feedback at the Health Commission meeting in Sault Ste. Marie in June 2000; and,

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Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief Whereas the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors have agreed on the formula in principle and the Anishinabek Health Commission have approved the formula at Pikwakanagan First Nation in September 2000; and,

**Whereas** the Anishinabek Health Commission would require a distribution formula if the Union of Ontario Indians pursues a bilateral agreement for health with the Federal government; and,

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly ratify the Anishinabek Health Distribution Formulas and direct the Health Commission to distribute health funds according to the formulas.

Opposed by: Chief Patrick Madahbee. Ojibways of Sucker Creek **First Nation** 

#### UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

#### SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

MOVED BY:Whereas the Anishinabek Nation was created to advance the<br/>political, economic, cultural and legal interests of its memberChief Patrick<br/>Madahbee,<br/>Ojibways ofFirst Nations; and,

Whereas the member First Nations face challenges in the areas of housing, environment, education, economic development, job creation, health, water, sewer, and information technology and capital infrastructures.

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Joe Miskokomon, Chippewas of the Thames First

**Be it further resolved** that a report be provided back to the Chiefs during the fall assembly.

#### **Opposed by:**

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Sucker Creek

First Nation

Chief Angus Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek

Carried

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

### SUBJECT: HYDRO DEREGULATION

#### **MOVED BY:**

Chief Roy Michano, Ojibways of Pic River First Nation

#### SECONDED BY:

Chief Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point

#### **ABSTENTION:**

Chief Patrick Madahbee, Ojibways of Sucker Creek;

Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation

**OPPOSED BY:** Chief Paul Gladu,

Sandpoint First Nation

Carried

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Foulouse Deputy Grand Chief Whereas the Province of Ontario is in the process of deregulating the electricity sector; and,

Whereas Anishinabek First Nations are in a unique position to collectively secure a bulk rate for electricity as a result of the deregulation process, leading to a relative financial advantage to Anishinabek Nation members; and,

Whereas Hydro One Networks Inc. must renegotiate all Indian Act legal arrangements that have allowed electrical facilities including transmission corridors to be located on Anishinabek Nation reserves, creating an opportunity to negotiate for an increase in the level of First Nation compensation granted for the use of these lands; and,

Whereas most Anishinabek First Nations are in an advanced stage of renegotiating legal agreements directly with Hydro One as part of the deregulation process; and,

Whereas the deregulation process creates a number of economic development and grievance resolution opportunities for Anishinabek First Nations.

Therefore be it resolved that the Anishinabek Chiefs in assembly instruct the Union of Ontario Indians to negotiate a bulk rate for the purchase of electricity for Anishinabek First Nations and members living both on and off-reserve;

Be it further resolved that the Anishinabek Chiefs in assembly instruct the Union of Ontario Indians to report on the research being conducted and gather more information for the Anishinabek First Nations in support of resolving historical grievances, promoting economic development opportunities and securing fair compensation for the use of reserve land for electricity production, transmission, distribution and related facilities.

#### SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

MOVED BY:Whereas the Anishinabek Chiefs have fully supported theChief Glen Hare,Union of Ontario Indians development of an emergencyM'Chigeeng Firstpreparedness program to support First Nations in emergencyNationtraining and in times of need; and,

Whereas a number of First Nations have benefited from the increased emphasis on emergency training; and,

#### SECONDED BY:

Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation Whereas there have been occasions when the emergency preparedness program has assisted First Nations when they have been forced to declare an emergency in their community; and,

Whereas the emergency preparedness program has not

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been properly supported by the Department of Indian Affairs or the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor-General; and, Whereas the emergency preparedness program is now

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

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jeopardized by a lack of funding despite the success of the program and long standing support of the Anishinabek Chiefs; and

Whereas the UOI Emergency Response Coordinator continues to be requested to provide support/facilitation and capacity building by First Nations.

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly reaffirm their support for the emergency preparedness program; and,

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly demand that the Department of Indian Affairs, Health Canada and the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor-General work with the Union of Ontario Indians to establish a reasonable funding base for this important initiative; and,

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Chief to communicate this position to the Department of Indian Affairs, Health Canada and other appropriate government departments and agencies.

#### SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF ANISHINABEK NATION CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

MOVED BY: Isadore Peltier, Proxy, Beausoleil First Nation Whereas the Chiefs Committee on Governance has directed that language and culture be included in everything we do;

Whereas the Chiefs Committee on Governance established the Anishinabek Repatriation Committee pursuant to draft clauses of the Agreement in Principle on Governance and the Agreement in Principle on Education;

Whereas the Anishinabek Repatriation Committee has

developed a five (5) phased approach to the

SECONDED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First Nation

Carried

Chief

Vernon Roote Grand Council Would

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

development and implementation of policy and process for the protection, return and care of Anishinabek cultural artifacts, language, traditional knowledge and intellectual property Whereas the first two (2) years called the "first phase", would bring about the development of a statement of

Whereas the first two (2) years called the "first phase", would bring about the development of a statement of Anishinabek ethics that would serve as the basis for the development of policies for the protection and care of Anishinabek cultural artifacts, language, traditional knowledge and intellectual property;

Whereas the Chiefs' Committee on Governance supports this initiative and considers it to be a fundamental priority in the restoration of jurisdiction of the Anishinabek Nation;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the work of the Anishinabek Repatriation Committee;

**Be it further resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek Repatriation Committee in seeking funding to cover the costs of the first phase of this initiative, for two years, commencing in 2001; and, **Be it finally resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that this process include the development of policies and procedures on that care and protection of these items and for working with the First Nations.

#### UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY Chippewas of the Thames First Nation June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2001

#### SUBJECT: GOVERNANCE AND EDUCATION NEGOTIATIONS CONSTITUTION-BASED MODELS OF GOVERNANCE

community consultations;

MOVED BY:Whereas the Union of Ontario Indians is currently negotiatingChief JohnGovernance and Education Agreements-in-Principle on<br/>behalf of the Anishinabek Nation; and

Whereas Anishinabek community members generally support the Traditional and Nation-based models of governance; and

#### **SECONDED BY:**

Wasauksing First

Chief Mark Peters, Munsee-Delaware Nation **Whereas** Anishinabek community members generally support the concept of constitutional governments; and

Whereas this support was evidenced through the recent

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Therefore be it resolved that the Traditional and Nationbased models be further developed through continued consultation of the First Nations and their members and research to provide concrete information on the formal structure, scope and cost of a proposed Model of Governance for the Anishinabek Nation; and

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief **Be it further resolved** that the Governance and Education agreements use Constitutions as building blocks for the proposed Anishinabek Governance Structures.

#### **MOVED BY:**

Chief Mark Peters, Munsee-Delaware Nation

#### SECONDED BY:

Chief John Beaucage, Wasauksing First Nation

#### ABSTENTIONS

Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation

Dan Nahmabin, Proxy, Aamnjiwnaang First Nation

Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation

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Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

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Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

**Whereas** the Union of Ontario Indians is currently negotiating Governance and Education Agreements-in-Principle; and

Whereas it has been recommended to the Chiefs in Assembly that the Community Facilitators consult with Chiefs and Councils and community members on the issue of Non-Member Representation within our Education System and within our Governance Structures to determine direction on this issue; and

**Whereas** recommendations have been made to amend and develop the Anishinabek Nation Community Consultation Strategy and it has been revised accordingly; and

**Therefore be it resolved** that the recommendations regarding the Anishinabek Nation community consultations be accepted by the Chiefs in Assembly; and

**Be it further resolved** that training for community facilitators on ways to engage the community members and ways to improve coordination of community facilitator meetings with community events and structures; and that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Anishinabek Nation community consultations as a valuable and integral part of our internal, unilateral initiatives to unify and strengthen the Anishinabek

**Resolution #2001/24** 

### SUBJECT: ONTARIO FIRST NATION LANGUAGE INITIATIVES

MOVED BY:Whereas First Nations in Ontario consider languages to beChief Angusthe foundation of our individual and social society; and,Toulouse,Toulouse,

Whereas First Nations languages have been seriously eroded and First Nations are struggling to revive and sustain them; and,

Whereas there is a need to collectively support First NationSECONDED BY:Ianguages and effectively advocate for the inclusion of<br/>language in all facets of First Nations activities; and,

Chief John Beaucage, Wasauksing First Nation

Whereas the First Nations in Ontario should bring to the forefront of their community's agenda and participate in strategies that are being developed to ensure the preservation and growth of our Aboriginal languages.

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Whereas we need to support the efforts of all interested organizations, especially Community language keepers dedicated to promoting and enhancing the Anishnaabemowin language in our communities.

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Assembly are committed to the revitalization of our Anishnaabemowin language; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Anishinabek Chiefs in

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

**Be it further resolved** that in order to further our commitment and to realize our goal in revitalizing and promoting our language, we recognize that we must take concrete measures and support our people who work to promote Anishnaabemowin; and

**Be it finally resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize and support the Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle in the establishment of an Aboriginal Language Immersion Centre as an innovative and necessary initiative.

#### SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM REVIEW

MOVED BY:Whereas the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have indicatedChief Earlthat a thorough review of UOI programs must take place in aCommanda,fall Grand Council assembly; and,Serpent River

Whereas the Chiefs in Assembly want a review of the mandate of programs.

SECONDED BY:Therefore be it resolved that the UOI Board of DirectorsChief Wilmerreactivate the Structural Review Committee to review the<br/>mandates of programs, the UOI corporate structure and its<br/>reporting relationships and present a report on the review at a<br/>fall Grand Council Assembly; andMagnetawanFirst Nation

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First Nation

**Be it further resolved** that the Structural Review Committee provide specific recommendations and options to the UOI Board of Directors who will report on these recommendations and options to the Chiefs in Assembly for consideration and decision making on necessary enhancement.

Vernon Roote Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse Deputy Grand Chief

Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL Chippewas of Thames First Nation June 5, 6, & 7, 2001

#### SUBJECT: Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. Financial Management Plan and Recovery Plan

MOVED BY:Whereas the Chiefs in Assembly affirm that the<br/>economic development goals of the Anishinabek Nation<br/>Management Group Inc. are of great importance; and,River First

Whereas the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. has recognized a loss on all items relating to its investments in Anishinabek Engineering Ltd. ; and,

Whereas Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. currently owes money to the Union of Ontario Indians for a letter of credit posted by the Union of Ontario Indians in favour of the Seneca Nation of Indians; and,

SECONDED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee Ojibways of Sucker Creek First Nation

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Whereas Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. intends on using its best efforts to repay the sum of \$450,000.00 to the Union of Ontario Indians over the long term;

Therefore be it resolved that Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. be directed to assemble a task group to develop a Financial Management Plan and Recovery Plan for the revenue generation, economic development and the possible recovery of monies related to the Seneca Nation of Indians project within the next four months; and

**Therefore be it further resolved** that the task group report back to the Anishinabek Chiefs upon completion of the Financial Management Plan and Recovery Plan.