

**Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly  
Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
June 4, 5, 6, 2002**

**Resolution #2002/01**

**SUBJECT: Implementing the Recommendations of the Structural Review Committee**

**MOVED BY: Chief Ted Roque,** Wahnapiatae First Nation  
**WHEREAS** the Structural Review Committee has completed an exhaustive review of over 70 documents, including reports, strategic plans, minutes of meetings and evaluations of the Anishinabek Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians spanning over 40 years of the existence of the Union of Ontario Indians; and,

**SECONDED BY: Bonnie Bressette,** Proxy, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point  
**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations membership have provided input on the issues of central government for the Anishinabek Nation, leadership selection at the First Nation and the Anishinabek Nation level, among other issues through a survey conducted by the Structural Review Committee; and,

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the Structural Review Committee has reviewed and analyzed the input from the Anishinabek First Nations membership; and,

**WHEREAS** the Structural Review Committee has presented 16 recommendations based on its research to the Chiefs-in-Assembly;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly accept in principle the recommendations presented by the Structural Review Committee; and

  
**Vernon Roote**  
Grand Council  
Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors to appoint a Commissioner on Governance to oversee the implementation of the recommendations from the Structural Review Committee Report with priority to recommendation #12 to be completed within a 1 year period; and,

  
**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that each region appoint a representative to comprise an Implementation Committee that will receive reports from and provide direction to the Commissioner on Governance on the implementation of the recommendations from the Structural Review Committee Report; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Commissioner on Governance and the Committee report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at every annual assembly until the implementation is complete.

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**Resolution 2002/02**

**SUBJECT: Anishinabek Educational Institute**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Mike  
Esquega,**  
Biinjitiwaabik  
Zaaging  
Anishinaabek

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs in Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians Education directorate to formally establish the Anishinabek Education Institute in accordance with the specific model submitted to the Grand Council (Resolution 94/13); and,

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

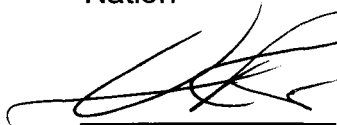
**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Education Directorate has established the Anishinabek Education Institute in accordance with resolution 94/13 and now requires further resolution to respond to the increasing educational and training needs of the Anishinabek; and,

**CARRIED**


**WHEREAS** Anishinabek Education Institute is outgrowing its current structure as a program of the Union of Ontario Indians and in order to continue to develop and to attract viable partnerships with private industry and the public sector, it must review its organizational structure; and,

**Abstention:**  
**Pauline Hacker,**  
Proxy, Moose  
Deer Point First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Education Institute seeks to develop sustainable partnerships to ensure resources are reinvested back to support Anishinabek curriculum, resources and program development.

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the formation of a task force to develop a proposed organizational structure model and workplan for an Anishinabek Educational Institute College/University and to secure the necessary funding to implement the model and workplan; and,

  
**Nelson  
Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Task Force report back to the Chiefs in Assembly in 2003 for ratification of the final proposal that will include: a) AEI's governance structure with provisions for the appointment of two representatives to the Anishinabek Education Institute College/University governing body by each Regional Chief; b) advisory councils; c) operational setup; d) *business plan and revenues*; e) implementation strategy and time frames; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that an Anishinabek Endowment Fund be established for the purpose of ensuring a return of investment back to the Anishinabek in the continued growth and development of educational and training resources and programs.

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**Resolution 2002/03**

**SUBJECT: AEI – INAC ISSP Funding Allocation.**

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

**WHEREAS** the First Nations of the North Shore Tribal Council (NSTC) within the Robinson-Huron Treaty Region continue to be rejected from annualized ISSP funding within INAC Ontario Region; and,

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

**WHEREAS** a submission to INAC for the fiscal year 2002-2003 was jointly submitted to INAC and the UOI for political lobbying and consideration for the reallocation of the status quo funding for the Anishinabek territory prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002; and

**WHEREAS** no process has been developed for resolving how NSTC / AEI resourcing issues concerning INAC ISSP funding from INAC –Ontario Region be addressed.

**CARRIED**

**Abstention:**  
**Pauline Hacker,  
Proxy Moose  
Deer Point First  
Nation**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the CEO of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Grand Council Chief to immediately develop a working relationship and capacity building process to continue support for post secondary program initiatives within the North Shore Region of the Anishinabek Nation and report to the Board of the Union of Ontario Indians at their next meeting.



**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**



**Nelson  
Toulouse  
Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**SUBJECT:** Election of the Grand Council Chief and the Deputy Grand Council Chief

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

**WHEREAS** previous Grand Council resolutions have called for the election of Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Chief by the members of the Anishinabek First Nations; and

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Leona  
Nahwegahbow,  
Whitefish River First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nation membership indicated that they should be entitled to vote for the Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Chief through a survey conducted by the Structural Review committee; and,

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Implementation Committee and Commissioner on Governance develop, implement and complete a Consultation Plan in coordination with the Chiefs of the Anishinabek First Nations in order to clearly define the role of the Grand Council Chief and the Deputy Grand Chief in relation to the First Nation leadership and in relation to the First Nation members;

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that the Consultation Plan be completed prior to the First Nation members' election for the Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Chief; and,

  
Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Commissioner on Governance and the Implementation Committee establish a workplan with timeframes, budget and activities for the Consultation Plan and a separate workplan for the elections process, procedures and timeframes; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the membership of all First Nations will conduct the election for the Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Chief of the Anishinabek Nation at its own cost for the next election to be conducted in June 2003 if the consultation is complete. If the Implementation Committee and Commissioner on Governance deem consultations incomplete, the existing election system for Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Chief will be maintained for 2003 and the First Nations members will vote for the Grand Council Chief and the Deputy Grand Chief in June 2006.

**SUBJECT** Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Council

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Mike Esquega,**  
Bijitiwaabik Zaaging  
Anishinaabek

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Council is established with the overall goal to support "Wedokdownin", Nation Building of the Anishinabek Nation and to work towards the inclusion and resolution of issues of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief John Beaucage,**  
Wasauksing First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Grand Council established the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Council to meet the unique needs and aspirations of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk; and,

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the council shall consist of one Anishinabe Kwe representative and one alternate from each of the four regions of the Anishinabek Territory: Southwest, Southeast, Robinson Huron and Robinson Superior for a term of two years; and,



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

**WHEREAS** one of the objectives is to achieve the goal of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Council to work towards the holistic well being of Anishinabe Kwe Wuk at the First Nations level and to support community education to strengthen and promote healthy family life, Anishinabek culture and language.



**Nelson Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand Chief**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Assembly support the establishment of the terms of reference for the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Council; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly recognize the establishment of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Council under the terms of reference.

**SUBJECT:** Establishing an Anishinabek Nation Pension Plan Fund

**MOVED BY:** **WHEREAS** the Federal and Provincial income security system has failed First Nation people in the past, and it is predicted that income security for senior population of Canada will continue to be a challenge into the future; and,  
**Chief Joe Miskokomon,**  
Chippewas of the Thames

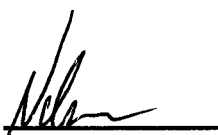
**SECONDED BY:** **WHEREAS** there is a need to establish our own Anishinabek Income security system for our elder population; and,  
**Chief Ted Roque,**

Wahnapitae First Nation **WHEREAS** the First Nation's Future Generations Fund was established for the benefit of our people and criteria for its use must be established by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002; and

**CARRIED BY CONSENSUS** **WHEREAS** by resolution 2001/52 the Union of Ontario Indians was directed to withdraw the Anishinabek per capita share of the Future Generations Funds and transfer it to a recognized financial institution for investments managed by a Board of Trustees and this is currently in the process; and

  
**Vernon Roote**  
Grand Council Chief

**WHEREAS** there is a need for First Nation's to begin to manage and administer their own pensions, investments and utilize this activity as an economic development opportunity.

  
**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly that once the per capita share of the Future Generations Fund of the Ontario Limited Partnership is transferred it be utilized to capitalize an Anishinabek Pension Plan; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a proposal be developed to organize and manage the Anishinabek Pension Plan; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the proposed structure of the Anishinabek Pension Plan, including an investment pro forma and actuarial analysis, be brought forward to the Chiefs in Assembly in June of 2003 and that each First Nation needs to approve the final proposal for their community.

**SUBJECT: Eshkenijig Advisory Council**

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

**WHEREAS** it is recognized that the greatest gift given to the Anishinabek people by the creator is our children and youth and it is everyone's responsibility to help foster these young people to lead healthy lifestyles as Anishinabek; and

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Valerie  
Monague  
Beausoleil First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Eshkenijig represent the leaders of tomorrow and therefore have a vested and inherent interest in the development of the Anishinabek Nation and will continue to uphold the principles and integrity of the Anishinabek;

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Grand Council established the Eshkenijig Advisory Council (Resolution # 98/03) to develop a terms of reference that would represent the voice and inclusion of Eshkenijig to the overall development of the Anishinabek Nation; and

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**

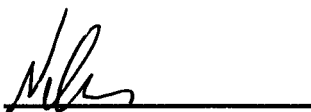
**WHEREAS** the Eshkenijig Advisory Council have developed and received feedback from youth within the Anishinabek Nation to a Terms of Reference; and



**Vernon Roote**  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors have accepted the terms of reference as presented at the Board of Directors meeting, March 1, 2002, Nipissing First Nation; and

**WHEREAS** the Eshkenijig Advisory Council will support the "Wedokdodwin", Nation building of the Anishinabek Nation and work towards the inclusion and resolution of issues of the Eshkenijig; and



**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand Chief

**WHEREAS** the Eshkenijig Advisory Council shall consist of one male and one female Eshkenijig from each of the four regions of the Anishinabek Nation for a term of one year;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby accept the terms of reference from the Eshkenijig Advisory Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the continued development of Eshkenijig Advisory Council under the terms of reference;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the development of Eshkenijig Advisory Councils within the First Nations communities; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly encourage the First Nations Chiefs and Councils to establish one or more positions for representatives from the First Nations Eshkenijig Advisory Councils to advise Chief and Council.

**SUBJECT:** Establishing an Anishinabek Nation Justice Center

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Patrick**  
**Madahbee,**  
Ojibways of  
Aundeck Omni  
Kaning

**WHEREAS** research on establishing a Justice Center was completed in accordance with Resolution 2001/14; and,

**WHEREAS** four regional workshops were held to review the results of this work with representatives from the First Nations; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Lisa**  
**Ozawanimke,**  
Algonquins of  
Pikwakanagan

**WHEREAS** during the workshops the First Nations expressed a strong desire to continue to explore the option of developing the capacity to address these legal issues through the establishment of a Justice Center; and,


**CARRIED BY**  
**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** during the workshops the First Nations clearly stated the need for legal services to address a range of issues related to protecting, preserving and promoting Aboriginal, treaty and other legal rights of the Nations and their members; and,

**WHEREAS** the recommendations from the workshops were presented to the Chiefs-in-Assembly;

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of Ontario Indian's In-House Legal Counsel implement the recommendations advanced by the First Nations and attached to this resolution; and

  
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**Nelson**  
**Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the implementation work be conducted in consultation with the First Nations at the regional meetings and a final report on the establishment of the Justice Center be presented to the Grand Council Assembly in June 2003.



**SUBJECT:** Acceptance in Principle of Anishinabek Trapping  
Harmonization Agreement

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Mike  
Esquega,  
Biinjitiwaabik  
Zaaging  
Anishinaabek

**WHEREAS** Resolution #94/10 mandated the Union of Ontario Indians to negotiate an agreement to resolve outstanding issues regarding trapping in Ontario; and,

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians has negotiated an approach that recognizes the need to protect international markets for Anishinabek trappers while implementing our own management regime; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Doug Chevier,  
Proxy Nipissing First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** this agreement is in its final draft stage and requires approval in principle in order to proceed with the development of an implementation process; and,

**CARRIED**

**Whereas** this agreement returns royalties from the Ontario government back to the trappers, establishes a grievance process for return of traplines and provides First Nations with a first right of refusal when a trapline becomes vacant; and,

Opposed  
Chief Patrick  
Madahbee, Sucker  
Creek First Nation

**WHEREAS** this agreement *does not* affect the Aboriginal or Treaty right to trap but instead protects a very vulnerable international market through the establishment of a management system, administered by UOI, that is required under the *International Agreement for Humane Trapping Standards*; and,



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS** the content of this agreement has been reviewed and discussed by the Chiefs in Assembly.



Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly endorse the final draft and provide their approval to the Grand Council Chief to sign the final agreement once it has been reviewed and approved by the UOI Board of Directors.

**SUBJECT:** Rejection of the First Nation and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) Client Consent Communications Strategy.

**MOVED BY:** **WHEREAS** the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch is in final development of a "NIHB Client Consent" communications strategy which is a process for obtaining Client Information consent on forms before processing non-insured health benefits; and,  
**Chief Laurence Boyer,**  
Mississauga #8  
First Nation

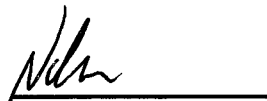
**SECONDED BY:** **WHEREAS** the "NIHB Client Consent" communications strategy has been developed with little input from the First Nations and required the immediate involvement of First Nation's regional Provincial Territorial Organization representation and the Assembly of First Nations; and  
**Chief Earl Commanda,**  
Serpent River  
First Nation

**CARRIED BY CONSENSUS** **WHEREAS** the Assembly of First Nations representatives of the Joint Working Group addressing this issue, generally agreed that this process of obtaining client consent is effectively forced consent.



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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly reject the current "Client Consent" process and that the Union of Ontario Indians make our position known to FNIHB, Ontario Region and Health Canada; and,



**Nelson**  
**Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that any response to the above position be reported back to the Anishinabek Health Commission.

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Resolution #2002/11

**SUBJECT:** Protection of Children: Zero Tolerance for Pedophiles

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

**WHEREAS** children are sacred and recognized as the future of our people; and,

**WHEREAS** children are one the most vulnerable members of our communities, particularly in the area of sexual and physical assault; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Patrick  
Madahbee, Ojibways  
of Aundeck Omni  
Kaning

**WHEREAS**, in many circumstances, the justice system is not adequately protecting children from convicted sexual offenders, by failing to deem these offenders as dangerous or long term offenders; and,

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** it is incumbent upon us, as Chiefs and community leaders, to take a lead role in the protection of children and ensure that all protective measures are taken to ensure these dangerous offenders do not harm anyone in our communities.



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly hereby assert that there will be zero tolerance in the Anishinabek First Nations for convicted pedophiles; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly call for stricter measures to ensure the safety of children in First Nation communities including having any convicted pedophile report to local First Nation police and Chief and Council prior to attempting to make any attempt to re-enter a First Nation community.



Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand Chief

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly state that it is incumbent upon each First Nation to develop its own mechanisms and measures to protect the safety of their children in situations of abuse.

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Resolution #2002/12

**SUBJECT: Lake Nipigon Basin Signature Site**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Mike**  
**Esquega,**  
Biinjitiwaabik  
Zaaging  
Anishinaabek

**WHEREAS** the Robinson-Superior First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation desire to meet with the Ontario government on the Lake Nipigon Basin Signature Site initiative on a government to government basis;

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government must ensure that the Lake Nipigon Basin Signature Site initiative must address the Aboriginal and Treaty rights of the Anishinabek First Nations, including but not limited to, fishing, hunting and harvesting rights, and the resolution of outstanding land claims;

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Paul**  
**Gladu,**  
Sandpoint First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the importance of maintaining buffer zones between parks and First Nations territory must be addressed through this process; and,

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation wants to be involved in devising a strategic plan to determine their involvement in this process;

**CARRIED BY**  
**CONSENSUS**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to investigate the availability of funding resources for addressing the Lake Nipigon Basin Signature Site initiative; and



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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Union of Ontario Indians coordinate the development of a position on behalf of the Robinson-Superior Chiefs and actively support and represent the position of the Chiefs in this regard; and,



**Nelson**  
**Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Robinson Superior First Nations will direct the extent to which they will be involved in the Lake Nipigon Basin Signature Site initiative upon further investigation of the matter.

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Resolution #2002/13

**SUBJECT: Closure of Lake Nipigon Commercial Walleye Fishery**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Judy Wawia,**  
Red Rock Indian  
Band

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek have fished and harvested on their territory since time immemorial as a means of providing for the food needs of Anishinabek families; and,

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Natural Resources has closed the walleye/sauger commercial fishery for the 2002 season and licences will be amended to reflect the closure prior to the June 10 opening; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Louis Brizard,**  
Proxy, Poplar Point  
First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Natural Resources did not consult with or respect the First Nation Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of the Robinson-Superior First Nations regarding its decision to unilaterally close the walleye/sauger fishery; and,

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Natural Resources did not close the walleye/sauger fishery to the recreational anglers in Ontario; and,

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the Nipigon Watershed Advisory Committee members commented that from their perspective walleye appear to have experienced a comeback since shutting down the fishery in Ombabika Bay a few years ago; and,



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

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Natural Resources has said they respect traditional knowledge but they have not demonstrated their respect on this issue by actively seeking it out.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly denounce the unilateral decision to close the fishery of Ministry of Natural Resources; and,



**Nelson Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand Chief**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to assist the Anishinabek First Nations who rely on the Lake Nipigon fishery to coordinate a position; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly also direct the Union of Ontario Indians to assist these First Nations in seeking out the means to work with the Ministry of Natural Resources for the future care and management of the Lake Nipigon fishery; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to assist the Lake Nipigon First Nations in obtaining necessary funds to research the history of the First Nation management and use of the commercial fishery on Lake Nipigon.

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Resolution 2002/14

**SUBJECT: Support for Wasauksing First Nation.**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Mike**  
**Esquega,**  
Biinjitiwaabik  
Zaaging  
Anishinaabek

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 found that the Corporations Act has the effect of superceding Aboriginal rights and community tradition; and,

**WHEREAS** Wasauksing First Nation is no longer able to control its own resources accruing from land surrendered by its membership in 1969; and

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Patrick**  
**Madahbee,**  
Ojibways of  
Aundeck Omni  
Kaning

**WHEREAS** Wasauksing First Nation will continue to appeal the lower court decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly agree with and support Wasauksing First Nation in its action to establish control over its own rightful resources; and,

**CARRIED BY**  
**CONSENSUS**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly confirm the right of First Nations and their citizens to maintain control over its land and resources.



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



**Nelson**  
**Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

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Resolution #2002/15


**SUBJECT:** Ontario's Electricity Transmission Grid

**MOVED BY:** **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations have a direct interest in the privatization of Hydro One, the transmission arm of the electricity industry, as electricity consumers and as the owners of lands through which the transmission lines run; and,  
**Chief Keith Knott**, Curve Lake First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** **WHEREAS** there has been no clear determination of the costs and benefits of putting Hydro One in private hands; and,  
**Chief Joe Miskokomon**

Chippewas of Thames  
**WHEREAS** there is yet to be a proper debate on Hydro One's future and the impact of privatization on Anishinabek First Nations and their members; and,


**CARRIED BY CONSENSUS** **WHEREAS** the Ontario Court's have decided that the Ontario government does not have the authority to offer shares in Hydro One to the public; and,

  
**WHEREAS** Hydro One is in disarray with the resignation of the entire Board of Directors on June 4, 2002

**Vernon Roote**  
Grand Council  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly oppose any plan to privatize Hydro One; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to seek funding and to implement a consultation process to determine the Anishinabek First Nations position on the privatization of Ontario Hydro; and,

  
**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to advance the Anishinabek Nation position on this issue.

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Resolution #2002/16


**SUBJECT: Protection of First Nation Energy Consumers**

**MOVED BY:** **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations members have  
**Chief Glen Hare,** been subjected to unscrupulous electricity retailers whose  
**M'Chigeeng First** door-to-door salespersons use high-pressure tactics and  
**Nation** misleading sales tactics; and,

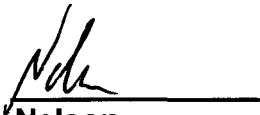
**SECONDED BY:** **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek First Nations support the  
**Chief Mike** establishment of stronger enforcement powers to protect First  
**Esquega,** Nations consumers from unscrupulous electricity retailers;  
**Biinjitiwaabik** and,  
**Zaaging**

**Anishinaabek** **WHEREAS** many electricity retailers impose a penalty for  
early termination of their contracts that requires customers to  
continue to pay that company money for the term of the  
contract; and,

**CARRIED BY** **WHEREAS** the *Consumer Protection Act* only allows  
**CONSENSUS** customers 10 days to cancel a contract with written notice;  
and,

  
**Vernon Roote** **WHEREAS** there are legislative and regulatory changes to  
**Grand Council** the electricity market that directly affect Anishinabe First  
**Chief** Nations and First Nations are generally unaware of these  
changes.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly  
direct the Union of Ontario Indians to actively advocate for  
legislative and regulatory changes to increase consumer  
protection for Anishinabek First Nations members from  
energy companies; and,

  
**Nelson** **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-  
**Toulouse** in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to present  
**Deputy Grand** information and some analysis on the options for purchasing  
**Chief** electricity to the First Nations and their membership;



**SUBJECT: Recognition of the Uniqueness of the Urban Native Housing Program**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief John**  
**Beaucage,**  
Wasauksing First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada, through its agent, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, is accountable for the Urban Native Housing Program; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has agreed to devolve its fiduciary and administrative responsibilities for the Urban Native Housing Program to the provincial level; and,

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has decided to devolve funding and administration authority for the Urban Native Housing Program to the municipal level of Government; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Doug Chevrier,**  
Proxy, Nipissing  
First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Urban Native Housing Program is considered to be a unique housing program that offers low income housing and support to Aboriginal families and seniors who are considered to be First Nations People who experience cultural sensitive housing issues; and,

**CARRIED BY**  
**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has responsibility for the matters relating to First Nations Peoples; and,

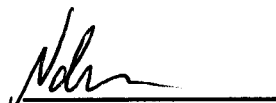
**WHEREAS** all levels of Government must acknowledge and respect the autonomy of the program.



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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly recognizes that the Government of Canada has full responsibility and jurisdiction for the for the Urban Native Housing Program; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and/or Deputy Grand Council Chief express to the Government of Canada, and to the Province of Ontario, the serious issue of the financial viability of the Urban Native Housing Program because of devolution; and,



**Nelson**  
**Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Grand Council Chief and/or the Deputy Grand Council Chief express to all levels of Government that the Urban Native Housing Program must remain a separate and unique federal Aboriginal housing program, that the autonomy of the program be respected as such and that the Federal Government has the sole responsibility to administer the program .

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Resolution #2002/18

**SUBJECT: Support for use of Wood Products**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief John**  
**Beaucage,**  
Wasauksing First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation supports the sustainable use of wood products in building; and,

**WHEREAS** a prosperous wood industry is important to the northern Ontario economy; and,

**WHEREAS** wood offers design flexibility and is cost competitive with other construction materials.

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation commits to requesting that a wood option be included for consideration in all building construction Requests for Proposals and that if the wood option successfully meets the project criteria, it be considered.

**CARRIED**

**Abstained**  
**Chief Patrick**  
**Madahbee,**  
Ojibways of  
Aundeck Omni  
Kaning First  
Nation



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



**Nelson**  
**Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

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Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
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**Resolution #2002/19**

**SUBJECT: Financial Support for Leon McCrady**

**MOVED BY:**

**Chief Roy  
Michano,  
Ojibways of Pic  
River**

WHEREAS Leon McCrady has been diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome with Spina Bifida Occulta; and,

WHEREAS he is in desperate need of computer equipment, software and educational support services in the amount of \$7,000.00 in order to advance his education; and,

**SECONDED BY:**

**Chief Paul  
Gladu,  
Sandpoint First  
Nation**

WHEREAS band funding and other funding sources are not available to purchase the equipment and support that is necessary;

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to seek and support an application for funding to cover the costs, up to \$7,000.00 for this equipment and necessary support for Leon McCrady to complete his education.

  
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**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

  
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**Nelson  
Toulouse  
Deputy Grand  
Chief**

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Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  
June 4, 5, 6, 2002

Resolution #2002/20

**SUBJECT: Revenue Distribution Formula for Casino Rama Revenue**

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

**Whereas** there is no formula or mechanism of the Future Generations Fund; and,

**Whereas** some First Nations have proposed a change in this formula without adequate consultation with the First Nations leadership of Ontario; and

**Seconded by:**  
**Chief Peter Collins,**  
Fort William First  
Nation

**Whereas** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly continue to support the application of the existing formula.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the revenue distribution formula for Casino Rama remain at the existing 50-40-10 distribution formula.

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**



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



**Nelson Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

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Resolution #2002/21

**SUBJECT: Distribution of the Future Generations Fund**

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

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have endorsed the 50-40-10 formula for the distribution of profits from Casino Rama; and,

**WHEREAS** The Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly wish to have the Future Generations Fund distributed to the First Nations in accordance with the Casino agreements; and,

**Seconded by:**  
**Chief Peter Collins,**  
Fort William First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** The Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have passed a resolution directing that the Anishinabek First Nations share of the Future Generations Fund will be applied to the pension plan described in Grand Council Resolution 2002/06; and,

**CARRIED BY  
CONSENSUS**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly endorse the distribution of the Future Generations to First Nations immediately after July 31, 2002 in accordance with the agreements;

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

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the funds to be distributed to the Anishinabek First Nations be applied in accordance with Grand Council Resolution 2002/06

  
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**Nelson Toulouse**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**