

Anishinabek Nation Special Assembly  
Mnjikaning First Nation  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Resolution #2002/22

**SUBJECT:** Anishinabek First Nation Chiefs Support Phase Three of  
Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS)

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Douglas  
Moses, Pays Plat  
First Nation

**WHEREAS** four provincial ministries have partnered with nine  
(9) Aboriginal organizations who represent the Aboriginal  
membership in Ontario and are known as the Aboriginal  
Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS) Joint Management  
Committee (JMC); and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Roger  
Thomas  
Munsee-  
Delaware Nation

**WHEREAS** AHWS has provided resources to UOI First  
Nations through various health initiatives including the  
Anishinabek Health Commission, Community Wellness  
Workers, Health Access Centres, Healing Lodges and  
Shelters; and,

**WHEREAS** phase two of AHWS is nearing completion and is  
expected to terminate March 2004; and,

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission and three  
Area Health Boards participated in an AHWS renewal/review  
consultation process that was completed October 31, 2002,  
and a phase three of AHWS was supported during the  
consultation process.



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** be it resolved that UOI Chiefs  
in Assembly direct the provincial government ministries to  
continue funding AHWS into phase three at the same or  
enhanced level of funding as a measure to improve the health  
status of Aboriginal citizens in Ontario.



Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**SUBJECT: Deposits in Anishinabek Nation Credit Union**

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek Nation Credit Union began operations November 15, 2001; and,

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

**WHEREAS** after one year of operation the Credit Union has grown to serve over 700 First Nation members, has grown to over \$1.7 million dollars in assets, and lent out more than \$1.1 million in loans, and therefore at these levels the Credit Union's capacity to issue new loans and conduct other business is now exhausted; and,

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

**WHEREAS** a key strategy of the Credit Union as it enters its second year of operation is to secure long term stable funds from the First Nations and their related organizations to fund specific programs and redistribute these investments with the Credit Union back into the First Nation territories for community development and improvement; and,

**WHEREAS** in order to realize this strategy and the long term objectives and mission of the Anishinabek Nation Credit Union it is necessary to secure additional core deposits into the Credit Union; and,



**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

**WHEREAS** the success and viability of the credit union system has been shown to be fully contingent on community involvement and support.



**Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the membership of the Union of Ontario Indians agree to confirm their support for the Credit Union by actively seeking to place their excess liquid investments into the Credit Union for extended periods of time, and to seek to use the financial services of the Credit Union for their banking needs, wherever practicable.

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**SUBJECT: Social Services Regional Framework Lobby Strategy Initiative**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Knott  
Curve Lake First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs in Assembly acknowledge the Social Assistance bilateral process that currently exist within Ontario; and,

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

**WHEREAS** the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs is in the process of entering into discussions with groups of First Nations concerning a bilateral social assistance process; and,

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation is interested in developing a Social Assistance Regional Framework that will support the interests of its member First Nations; and,

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Social Services Department has been working collectively with political leadership and technical staff on the development of a Work Plan and Terms of Reference to set the parameters for a Social Services Regional Framework.

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Workplan and Terms of Reference to develop a Social Services Regional Framework with the intent of pursuing a Memorandum of Understanding as a negotiations strategy; and,

  
Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the establishment of a Chiefs Working Committee to develop a position for Social in conjunction with an Advocacy Council which will provide technical support with respect to child welfare.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support a strategy to lobby MPP's for their support on the development of an Anishinabek Nation Regional Social Services Framework; and,  
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Union of Ontario Indians to seek financial support from the Federal government to pursue this initiative.

**SUBJECT:** Support for Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children and Increase Funding Allocation or Changes to Mandatory Requirements

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

**WHEREAS** the Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children initiative is funded through the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness strategy by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Tom  
Bressette  
Chippewas of  
Kettle and Stony  
Point

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Health Commission has determined the need for increased support funding or changes to the mandatory requirements be made, which would enable UOI First Nations to meet, the mandatory requirements set out by the Ontario government; and,

**WHEREAS** the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy – Joint Management Committee – Aboriginal Caucus, and Aboriginal Co-Chair have been requested to assist with meeting the increased funding requirements; and,

**WHEREAS** the support requested has not been met.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** be it resolved the UOI Chiefs in Assembly support the need for more suitable and equitable funding allocation be defined and disbursed to ensure complete success of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children initiative; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** in the event increased and equitable funding cannot be provided that the mandatory program criteria be re-examined and made more realistic and in line with the current funding allocations and liability identified by First Nations; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Health Commission Chair and First Nation representatives meet with the Joint Management Committee of the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy to pursue increased funding; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** in the event increased and equitable funding cannot be provided that the mandatory criteria be re-examined (prior to Phase III of the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy) through the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to meet First Nation requirements.



**Vernon Roote**  
Grand Council  
Chief



**Nelson Toulouse**  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**SUBJECT: Support for First Nation Veterans**

**MOVED BY:** **WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly recognize the valuable role of First Nation war veterans in securing Canada's rightful place within the international community; and,

**Chief Joe  
Miskokomon  
Chippewas the  
Thames**

**WHEREAS** Canada recognizes the historical wrongs that First Nation veterans have faced; and,

**SECONDED BY:** **WHEREAS** the First Nation veterans have had to contend with a denial of equal access to compensation because of racism on the part of the Canadian government; and,


**Chief Roy  
Michano  
Ojibways of Pic  
River**

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs acknowledge that there are aging First Nation veterans who would like to accept the compensation package finally being offered, while other First Nation veterans wish to hold out for additional benefits to be included in their compensation package; and,

**WHEREAS** it is Canada who has an obligation to compensate all First Nation veterans and their families; and,

  
**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Anishinabek Nation First Nation support each First Nation veteran that is prepared to accept the compensation package as offered by Canada; and

  
**Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation supports the First Nation veterans who engaged in armed conflicts that wish to continue to demand compensation for themselves and their families, as well as, the descendants of those who were engaged in said conflicts who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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**SUBJECT: Mekwaatawgsajig Council Annualized Funding Support**

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

**WHEREAS** the functions of the Mekwaatawgsajig Council is to provide an effective communication channel between First Nation communities and the two Manitoulin hospitals; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Walter**  
**Manitowabi**  
**Wikwemikong**  
**Unceded Nation**

**WHEREAS** Mekwaatawgsajig Council provides hospital staff of Manitoulin Health Center educational and awareness presentations of healing ceremonies, traditional medicines, traditional health practices and concepts; and,

**WHEREAS** the Mekwaatawgsajig Council ensures upon request to facilitate ceremonies for patients and their families within the hospital. A room in each hospital has been designated where traditional ceremonies take place, on occasion the ceremony may have to take place in the patients room; and,

**WHEREAS** Traditional Healers are permitted to treat hospitalized patients when so requested by the patient and/or family. Communication between the Healer and attending physician is encouraged; and,

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

**WHEREAS** the Manitoulin Health Center corporation has come to respect that Traditional medicines and western medicine can be complementary, benefiting the health and welfare of Aboriginal clients.

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief's support and advocate for the Mekwaatawgsajig Council in securing annualized funding from the aboriginal Health Office of the Ministry of Health; and,

**BE IT FINAL**

**LY RESOLVED** the Chiefs are committed to making efforts to secure adequate increases in funding to expand this service as required.

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**SUBJECT: FEDERAL GUN LEGISLATION**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Wilfred  
King  
Gull Bay First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the federal gun control legislation has been proclaimed as law in Canada; and,

**WHEREAS** the First Nations peoples have rights that are constitutionally protected as per section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Victor  
Lesperance  
Bijnjitiwaabik  
Zaaging  
Anishinaabek

**WHEREAS** the members of the Robinson Superior Treaty area continue to exercise their treaty right to hunt as they have since time immemorial; and,

**WHEREAS** the treaty right to hunt includes the use and possession of fire arms; and,

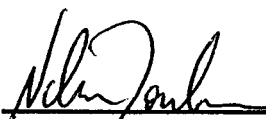
**13 In Favour**  
**5 Opposed**  
**5 Abstentions**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs support any member of the Robinson Superior Treaty area in the exercising of their right to hunt with the use of firearms; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation is to make available the necessary resources to individuals who would like to challenge the federal gun legislation.



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief



Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**SUBJECT: Ontario Living Legacy**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Wilfred  
King,  
Gull Bay First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Robinson Superior First Nations are entrusted from the Creator with the inalienable right to govern themselves and they are reminded by their Elders of the Laws and Teachings that they are to follow; and,

**WHEREAS** the section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* states the following: "the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples are hereby recognized and affirmed"; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Victor  
Lesperance  
Biinjitiwaabik  
Zaaging  
Anishinaabek

**WHEREAS** the Canadian courts have recognized that there must be **meaningful** consultation with First Nations and their consent is necessary and required and,

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Living Legacy, Lake Nipigon Basin Signature Site Strategy and Great Lakes Heritage Coast initiatives must not affect First Nation land claims and Aboriginal and Treaty rights; and,

**WHEREAS** the Robinson Superior First Nations have made known to the government their opposition to the Lake Nipigon Basin Signature Site Strategy and Great Lakes Heritage Coast and to date have been ignored;

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Robinson Superior First Nations demand a meeting with the federal and provincial Ministers to access resources to hire their own consultants to devise their own Robinson Superior Strategy, as well as, the necessary resources to execute the plans of a Robinson Superior Strategy once it is developed; and,

  
Nelson Toulouse  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution and the proposed meeting shall not prejudice any negotiations individual First Nations may have with the government; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the provincial and federal governments are not to enter onto Robinson Superior Territory to consult with a First Nation unless they first obtain the consent and approval of the First Nation.