

ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS GENERAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY



Opaskwayak Cree Nation
January 18 & 19, 2011

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General Chiefs Assembly
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Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

**RE: INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) / ASSEMBLY
OF FIRST NATIONS (AFN) MANITOBA REGIONAL EDUCATION
ENGAGEMENT SESSION**

Seconded by:

Chief Garrison Settee
Pimicikamak Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada announced on December 10, 2010 the creation of a joint INAC / AFN Expert Panel on First Nations Education to explore and advise on the development of options, including legislation, to improve elementary and secondary education outcomes for First Nation children who live on and off-reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Expert Panel on First Nation Education will travel across Canada to hear from First Nation leaders, parents, students, elders, teachers, provinces and others to discuss how to enhance the education system and outcomes of First Nation learners; and

WHEREAS, the INAC Minister has stated that the Expert Panel will *"hear views and opinions on how best we can improve and reform the governance and accountability of the First Nation education system...to make concrete and positive changes for First Nation students"*; and

WHEREAS, the AFN will be involved in the development of the Expert Panel's mandate and the appointment of its members; and

WHEREAS, one (1) National Engagement Session and eight (8) Regional Engagement Sessions will be held from February to May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the input of First Nations in Manitoba is necessary as First Nations governments in Manitoba represent over 20% of the national First Nations children and youth population in Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba has expressed an interest in participating in the Manitoba Regional Education Engagement Sessions; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has failed in its responsibility to provide adequate First Nation Education funding that is equivalent or better than the general public; and

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ENGAGEMENT SESSION (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, First Nations leaders in Manitoba expressed concern that First Nations voice regionally and nationally must not be undermined by this process but rather must be guided by key principles, including: Treaty holders and signatories are the recognized decision makers on all matters related to First Nation education; and

WHEREAS, First Nations seek assurance that this national/regional process will not impede, delay or negatively impact existing government funding commitments and processes or First Nation education initiatives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC call upon the INAC Minister as the federal representative to ensure adequate funding is provided for the education for all First Nations students that is equitable or greater than that provided through provincial school divisions; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that AMC coordinate the INAC / AFN Manitoba Regional Engagement Session in February 2011 and that the national and regional process must not undermine the First Nations voice but rather must be guided by key principles including:

- Inherent and Treaty rights holders must be recognized the fundamental decision makers;
- UNDRIP and other UN Convention principles must be incorporated into the process;
- seek assurance from Canada that this process does not impede or negatively impact each First Nations existing government funding commitments and processes or First Nations education initiatives such as schools, feasibility studies, etc.; and
- remedy the funding discrepancies between First Nation education resources compared to that of the Province of Manitoba; and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that First Nations be encouraged to send Education Directors, parents, students, elders and teachers to participate in the Regional Education Engagement Session and/or to present community positions papers or letters to the sessions; and,

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba be invited to observe the discussions of the Manitoba Regional Education Engagement Session.

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Moved by:

Chief Barry Swan
Lake Manitoba First Nation

Seconded by:

Councillor Lyle Morriseau
Sagkeeng First Nation
Proxy

**RE: CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE HOUSING AND
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has started developing an Human Resource Strategy in the housing industry based on resolution May-07.06 passed at the May 2007 General Assembly at Sioux Valley Dakota Nation that states: "*Finally be it resolved that AMC support and facilitate the training of First Nation people for all housing construction trades within First Nation communities*"; and,

WHEREAS, the results of strategy meetings and workshops is to propose an initiative seeking to build capacity by improving access to training and career opportunities in the housing industry while also focusing on the need to improve housing quality in the Manitoba First Nation communities; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative will offer pre-employment skills upgrading and construction trade specific training building partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Project seeks to empower a new generation of First Nation workers by facilitating partnerships between the construction industry, educational institutions, and all levels of government, First Nation organizations, communities, the private sector, and many non-profit agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project will be discretionary to all First Nation citizens regardless of whether or not they live on or off reserve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to immediately enter into discussions to secure new funding and submit an application for funding to Human Resources Skills and Development Canada – Skills and Partnership Fund for this project.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this project will not impede, delay or negatively impact existing government funding commitments, processes and current First Nation housing and construction projects.

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Moved by:

Chief Duke Beardy
Tataskweyak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall
St. Theresa Point First Nation

**RE: ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JORDAN'S
PRINCIPLE**

WHEREAS, Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation, lived all his short life of five years in hospital because of jurisdictional wrangling by Federal and Provincial authorities over who would pay for his health care cost; and

WHEREAS, people around the world have been inspired by Jordan's experience to advocate for Jordan's Principle, the Child First Principle, to help the child first, without delay or disruption, with the Crown governments deciding later who pays the bill; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2007, the Members of Parliament in the House of Commons voted unanimously to support Jordan's Principle, through a motion "That, in the opinion of the House, the government should immediately adopt a child first principle, based on Jordan's principle, to resolve jurisdictional disputes involving the care of First Nations children"; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2008, the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada reached an agreement "to implement Jordan's principle in Manitoba so that First Nations children with multiple disabilities will continue to receive needed care without delays or disruptions resulting from jurisdictional disputes"; and

WHEREAS, Jordan's Principle applies to all government services to children and families, as a Child First Principle, and includes but is not limited to multiple disabilities; and

WHEREAS, neither Manitoba nor any other jurisdiction in Canada has implemented Jordan's Principle, to help the Child First and settle funding disputes later; and

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RE: ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE (cont'd)

WHEREAS, Canada has signed the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child, United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and other documents which require the State to provide health, education, social and other services of equal quality to indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, Canada and Manitoba have held bilateral meetings and blocked any involvement of Manitoba First Nations becoming involved in these talks; and

WHEREAS, federal & provincial representatives continue to be involved in the Inter-Governmental Committee on Manitoba First Nations Health and other multilateral bodies, and have that opportunity to formally discuss with Manitoba First Nations and move action on Jordan's Principle, and choose not to do so; and

WHEREAS, we believe the memory of Jordan River Anderson must be honored by action to implement Jordan's Principle, to ensure his experience never happens to another First Nation child.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs in Assembly do hereby endorse our "Help the Child First Five Point Plan" to implement Jordan's Principle, and mandate the AMC Grand Chief and Chiefs Task Force on Health to undertake this plan:

1. AMC Chiefs in Assembly endorse and issue our public "Declaration on Action for the Implementation of Jordan's Principle", the Child First Principle (attached).
2. AMC Grand Chief, AFN Regional Chief, Chiefs and Councils engage the Assembly of First Nations National Chief and Executive, and leaders across the country in implementing Jordan's Principle.
3. Grand Chief, Chiefs and Councils advocate for the implementation of Jordan's Principle with Federal Prime Minister, Ministers, and Provincial Premier and Ministers, and senior civil servants of all levels to implement Jordan's Principle.

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**RE: ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JORDAN'S
PRINCIPLE (cont'd)**

4. AMC promote Manitoba First Nations Jordan's Principle Expert Review Panel to adjudicate requests from children and families for services they cannot access on reserve.
5. AMC and Manitoba First Nations undertake a Public Awareness & Partnership Building Campaign to implement Jordan's Principle.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC work in partnership with the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society, Canadian Paediatric Association, the Canadian Medical Association, Amnesty International, and a growing list of individual and organizational supporters in Canada and the world, to ensure that action is taken this year to fully, and without equivocation, implement in spirit, intent, and practice Jordan's Principle in his homeland of Manitoba, and across Canada.

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Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENT
CANADA ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING FOR GENETIC
RESOURCES PROPOSED POLICY**

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall
St. Theresa Point
First Nation

WHEREAS, First Nations that attended the June 2009 Environment Canada Access and Benefit Sharing meeting stated very clearly the meeting was for information purposes only and not to be construed as consultation; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Environment Canada contacted AMC to attend a June 2010 meeting along with the 5 National Aboriginal Groups in Gatineau, QC to provide information on its document: Managing Genetic Resources in the 21st Century: Domestic Policy Guidance for Canada Discussion Paper; and

WHEREAS, All 5 National Aboriginal Organizations rejected Canada's proposed policy in its current form for many reasons including:

- no reference or acknowledgement of Indigenous inherent rights and Aboriginal and Treaty rights;
- the policy separates the concepts of "genetic resources" and "traditional knowledge" which Indigenous people view as interconnected, also defines and separates "genetic resources" from First Nations peoples without notice, discussion or free, prior and informed consent;
- developing policy instead of legislation means Canada does not have to conduct a comprehensive consultation strategy and plan;
- the policy does not offer new protections or innovative ways of protecting Indigenous knowledge resulting in continued theft and misappropriation of traditional knowledge and medicines; and

WHEREAS, Recommendations and questions were posed to Environment Canada to respond to all 5 National Aboriginal Organizations within a specified timeframe; and

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENT
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RESOURCES PROPOSED POLICY (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, At the International level, the Conference of the Parties, Convention of Biological Diversity adopted the Nagoya Protocol (October 2010) which states countries must ratify and put in place national access and benefit rules and regulations with the aim of ensuring traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources that is held by Indigenous peoples/communities is accessed with the “prior and informed consent or approval and involvement” of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, UNDRIP Article 24 states, “Indigenous peoples have the right to their traditional medicines and to maintain their health practices, including the conservation of their vital medicinal plants, animals and minerals. Indigenous individuals also have the right to access, without any discrimination, to all social and health services.”

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Regional Traditional Healers Gathering held August 2010 made recommendations that includes a collective need to work together, to determine how to protect and preserve traditions and promote healing for all First Nations, while protecting genetic resources. Traditional Healers and Medicine people must take a lead role as holders of traditional understandings and responsibilities and that First Nations leadership and technicians can assist in these endeavours for knowledge sharing and lobbying; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Traditional Healers Gathering Report 2010 was endorsed by the partners of the Intergovernmental Committee on Manitoba First Nations Health (ICHMFN) comprised of federal, provincial and First Nations officials.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly reject Environment Canada’s draft policy and demand that the federal government honor and uphold its international obligation to obtain First Nations free, prior, and informed consent in its duty to honour the Crown’s obligations; and

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RESOURCES PROPOSED POLICY (cont'd)**

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the development of First Nation specific laws, authorities and powers over genetic resources and traditional knowledge and further to declare along with other Indigenous Nations worldwide, Indigenous traditional territories as Access Free Zones for Genetic Resources.

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Moved by:

Chief David McDougall
St. Theresa Point First Nation

RE: ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE “STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE FIRST NATIONS HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES IN MANITOBA”

Seconded by:

Councillor Rhonda Abraham
Black River First Nation
Proxy

WHEREAS, The health care system is not meeting the needs of First Nations people; and

WHEREAS, Canada is experiencing a shortage of health care providers; and

CARRIED

6 - Abstain

WHEREAS, An increase in First Nations people working within all health fields has been identified as the key to improving health care delivery for First Nations consistent with the recommendations presented in the 1999 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples Report; and

WHEREAS, First Nations students often do not have the math and science courses required to pursue a career in health; and

WHEREAS, First Nations people are underrepresented in health fields of study in post secondary institutions; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations led the development of the Manitoba First Nations Health Human Resources Strategic Framework (HRSF) (2006); and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Health Human Resource Sub-Committee has engaged with First Nations Education and Health Directors, along with youth and program managers to develop a 5 Year Strategic Action Plan to achieve intergovernmental, interdepartmental, and multi-sectoral collaboration that is required to secure a stable and optimal workforce as outlined in the HRSF 2006.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the “Strategic Action Plan for Sustainable First Nations Health Human Resources in Manitoba” and share it appropriately within their respective communities and organizations; and

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RE: ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE “STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE FIRST NATIONS HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES IN MANITOBA” (cont’d)

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs develop a Memorandum of Understanding for First Nations, federal and provincial partners to declare their commitment to the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan and future sustainability planning for health human resource needs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs through the Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative provide support to communities and organizations in the development of community and organization-based Health and Human Resources action plans; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief seek funding and engage in negotiations with the Federal and Provincial government stakeholders to achieve a formal agreement to support the implementation of the “Strategic Action Plan for Sustainable First Nations Health Human Resources in Manitoba”.

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Moved by:
Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

**RE: SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION ON THE
REVISED "MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS HEALTH GOVERNANCE
MODEL"**

Seconded by:
Chief David McDougall
St. Theresa Point First Nation

WHEREAS, On March 24th, 2010, the Chiefs-in-Assembly directed the AMC Chiefs Task Force on Health to develop options on next steps to revise the Manitoba First Nations Health Council through community engagement; and

CARRIED

3 - Opposed


WHEREAS, Option One: Next Steps was endorsed by the Chiefs Task Force on Health on April 28, 2010 the Executive Council of Chiefs on April 29, 2010 to move forward with community engagement sessions to be facilitated by Community and Tribal Council Health Directors; and

WHEREAS, First Nations Health Technicians Task Group consists of eight members selected by the Manitoba First Nations Health Technicians Network to begin the work necessary to develop a community engagement process, which would be brought to the Chiefs Task Force on Health for review and direction; and

WHEREAS, Barriers were identified that need to be addressed to ensure meaningful community engagement which requires a phased-in approach, extended timeline, and appropriate resources to support these efforts which must not fall upon the already over-burdened and under-resourced Tribal Councils and community Health Directors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the First Nations Health Technicians Task Group and AMC Secretariat to develop a proposal and budget to support the community engagement and feedback process to be completed by July 2011 Annual General Assembly, and a 3-day First Nation Gathering on Health to be held at the earliest date to include leadership, First Nation people and health technicians, Ministers of Health and senior officials to be invited to Day 3 to hear issues and action plan commitments.

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Moved by:

Chief Derek Nepinak
Pine Creek First Nation

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) AND ABORIGINAL
ISSUES COMMITTEE OF CABINET (AICC) - JOINT
COMMITTEE**

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

WHEREAS, In follow up to the Province of Manitoba's invitation to co-host a Roundtable on Consultation (March 2009), the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs established a six member Chiefs Committee on Consultation and Accommodation (CCCA) on April 29, 2010; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The CCCA and the Province of Manitoba representatives coordinated the Joint AMC/Province of Manitoba Roundtable on Consultation and Accommodation on June 4, 2010; and

WHEREAS, At the June 4, 2010 Roundtable, the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, Eric Robinson, offered AMC to work together with his colleagues on the Aboriginal Issues Committee of Cabinet (AICC) on a "First Nations Committee" to: formalize a joint policy; carefully examine the Crown/First Nation consultation and accommodation matters that were raised at the Roundtable; examine the Manitoba Participation Fund; and develop a policy on resource revenue sharing through a proposed AMC and AICC Joint Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines, Dave Chomiak, also committed to review the Manitoba *Mines and Minerals Act* with the participation of all the communities around the table; and

WHEREAS, The CCCA reported to the AMC Annual General Assembly in July 2010 and the mandate of the CCCA was extended by Resolution JUL-10.07 'to participate on a joint table with the Province of Manitoba - Aboriginal Issues Committee of Cabinet'; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the coordination of the CCCA in follow up to the Resolution has not been confirmed, thereby impacting progress on the implementation of the Joint Committee; and

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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) AND ABORIGINAL
ISSUES COMMITTEE OF CABINET (AICC) - JOINT
COMMITTEE (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, The Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, Eric Robinson, in follow up to AMC's proposal for funding sent a letter (October 25/10) to have an initial meeting with the CCCA Co-Chairs to 'come to a mutual understanding and vision of what the discussions will entail and the best way of proceeding';

WHEREAS, No formal meeting has been scheduled to date due primarily to lack of confirmed funding and it is important to secure funds from various sources including industry and donor foundations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly directs the AMC and CCCA as follows:

- That meetings begin to be held immediately between the CCCA Co-Chairs and Minister Robinson and Minister Chomiak to establish the main table for the joint AMC/AICC consultation and accommodation.
- That the Chiefs affirm the CCCA representatives for a total number of 12 Chiefs.
- That the AMC/AICC main table be formally organized and established prior to any other consultation and accommodation sub-table being created through AMC.
- That an "AMC/AICC Joint Committee on Consultation and Accommodation" be established by a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Manitoba as represented by Minister Eric Robinson and Minister Dave Chomiak and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs CCCA Co-Chairs.
- That the CCCA identify internal protocols on the coordination of other tables such as the proposed Mining Table and how they may relate to the AMC/AICC Joint Committee table.

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ISSUES COMMITTEE OF CABINET (AICC) - JOINT
COMMITTEE (cont'd)**

- AMC Secretariat seek funding for this initiative through proposals and letters to industry and foundations.
- That a letter of information on this initiative be distributed to the First Nations Chief and Councils, Tribal Councils, Independent First Nations and Regional Political Organizations of Manitoba.
- That the CCCA report to the AMC Chiefs in Assemblies.

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Moved by:

Chief Ovide Mercredi
Misipawistik Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

CARRIED

RE: MANITOBA TREATY STRATEGY – HOST ROUNDTABLE

WHEREAS, The Creator has bestowed upon First Nations as original peoples to have distinct status as sovereign nations with an identifiable population, language, culture, law, territory and government; and

WHEREAS, As Original peoples indigenous of this land, we as First Nations assert the Inherent right to self-determination and Treaty right to make decisions for our peoples and our lands, waters and resources within our territory; and

WHEREAS, Treaties were entered into as sacred international covenants between First Nations and the Crown of Great Britain that did not extinguish our Inherent Rights as peoples and sovereign nations, and created sharing and co-existence on this land as long as the sun shines, grass grows and rivers flow; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs through past actions by means of litigation, resolution and declaration have achieved successes in working collectively to advocate for First Nations to support the protection, preservation and implementation of the Treaties and Treaty relationship and seek to develop a Manitoba Strategy on Treaties and host a roundtable on Treaties in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly of First Nations has been mandated to advocate Treaties at a national level with the endorsement of AFN Resolution #07/2010 (“Sacred Treaties – Sacred Trust: Working Together for Treaty Implementation and Advancing our Sovereignty as Nations”) which is based on the mandate of the 2007 Political Agreement signed between AFN and Federal Crown as represented by INAC for consideration of a Treaty Process – toward the development of a National Treaties Implementation Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports several treaty initiatives that need to be considered in the development of a Manitoba Treaty Strategy including – Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba in 2005; Treaty #1 to #11 Gatherings; Resolution July 2010 ‘to establish a joint AICC/AMC Committee on Consultation and Accommodation’; July 2010 ‘to adopt the UNDRIP and develop a strategic plan’; and Chiefs Committee on Mining January 2011.

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**RE: MANITOBA TREATY STRATEGY – HOST ROUNDTABLE
(cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Chiefs in Assembly instruct the AMC Grand Chief and AFN Regional Chief to advocate and negotiate funding to host a roundtable on post 1867 Treaties with AFN as one process to the development of a Manitoba Strategy on Treaties and to include the Treaty 1-11 to this table.

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Moved by:

Chief Derek Nepinak
Pine Creek First Nation

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF TREATY COMMISSIONER, TREATY
RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA**

Seconded by:

Chief Duke Beardy
Tataskewayak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement between Her Majesty in the Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (INAC) and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) as represented by the Grand Chief was signed on November 19, 2003; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Section 4.0 – Establishment of a Treaty Relations Commission and Treaty Commissioner states:

- 4.4.1 The Parties will agree upon a Terms of Reference for the Treaty Commissioner;
- 4.4.2 The Parties will apply criteria set out in the Terms of Reference in recommending candidates to the Minister;
- 4.4.3 The appointment of the Treaty Commissioner will be effected by an Order In Council of the Government of Canada (term to be identified);
- 4.4.4 The Treaty Commissioner will hold office for an initial term of five years;
- 4.4.5 The Treaty Commissioner may be removed prior to expiry of his or her term by mutual agreement of the Parties;
- 4.4.6 The Treaty Commissioner may hold office for an additional period as determined by mutual agreement of the Parties; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.1.1. states the Treaty Commissioner shall be responsible for overseeing the operations of the Treaty Relations Commission according to the purpose and principles contained herein; and

WHEREAS, the Accountability Profile states the primary focus of the Treaty Commissioner's position is to maintain and uphold "the honour of the Crown" in every aspect of the Treaty relationship between First Nations in Manitoba and Canada and maintains the independence of the TRCM from political, partisan or interest group pressures of any kind; and

WHEREAS, the five year term of the first Treaty Commissioner was June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2010; and

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**RE: APPOINTMENT OF TREATY COMMISSIONER, TREATY
RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, an interim Treaty Commissioner was appointed for a 10 month term from June 18, 2010 to March 31, 2011;

WHEREAS, the term of office has still not been confirmed by Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2010 the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs: approved the criteria on the demonstrated skills, knowledge and expertise and experience for the selection of a candidate; considered an Evaluation process for the existing Treaty Commissioner; and considered eleven candidates for the position of Treaty Commissioner; and

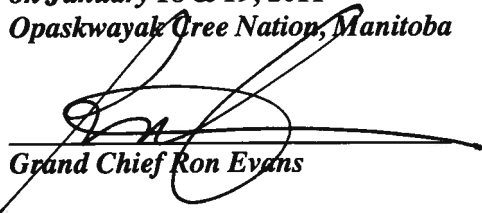
WHEREAS, the AMC Grand Chief sent a letter on December 10, 2010 to the INAC Minister on the joint selection of Treaty Commissioner and new timeline of January 31, 2011.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs to identify a short list of three candidates for interviews by January 28, 2011 and submit to INAC Minister for discussion with Grand Chief on the successful candidate for the appointment of Treaty Commissioner of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and that the Grand Chief report back to the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs.

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Moved by:

Chief Ovide Mercredi
Misipawistik Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

CARRIED

**RE: TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA –
FACILITATED EDUCATION TABLE**

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba signed International Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 with the British Crown from 1871 to 1906; and

WHEREAS, the numbered Treaties have included written references to the Crown providing schools and teachers but that First Nations have always understood and maintained that the Treaty Right to Education includes all aspects of lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, First Nations have always held the position that the “spirit and intent” of Treaties have not been adhered to by the Federal Crown; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has consistently failed to uphold and honour the “spirit and intent” of Treaties by not providing First Nations with the necessary education support for all aspects of lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Government of Canada have agreed to establish the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) with a mandate for facilitation, communication and research on Treaty matters and the historical relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly supported the renewal of the mandate of the TRMC; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs organized a Workshop to discuss Education in the Treaty Context in preparation for a proposed Facilitated Education Table to be administered by the TRCM.

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**RE: TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA –
FACILITATED EDUCATION TABLE (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the concept of a Facilitated Education Table to continue discussion on education in the Treaty context to be facilitated by the TRCM and that regular updates be provided to the Chiefs-in-Assembly and the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs.

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Moved by:

Chief Phillip Buck
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall
St. Theresa Point First Nation

CARRIED

3-Abstain

RE: TRIBAL COUNCIL INVESTMENT GROUP

WHEREAS, the Tribal Councils Investment Group (TCIG) was established by the 7 Tribal Councils of Manitoba through individual Tribal Council Investments; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council represent 55 First Nations that are shareholders of TCIG; and

WHEREAS, AMC Resolution May-07.10 referenced a lack of transparent accountability to its 55 member First Nations owners, ultimate shareholders of TCIG; and

WHEREAS, Chiefs-in-Assembly remain concerned about the lack of information and interaction between TCIG and Manitoba shareholders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC Grand Chief to arrange a meeting between the Chiefs that are represented as Board Members of TCIG and Chiefs appointed by the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs immediately; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that each parties bring technicians for recording purposes only to discuss and implement the issues and concerns regarding TCIG; and

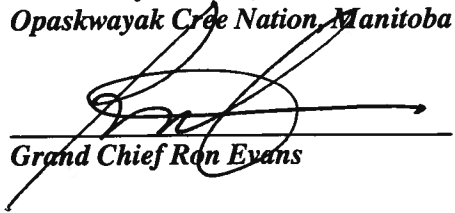
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the TCIG Board members report to the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs prior to the next Assembly; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that report be brought back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly as approved and directed by the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs.

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Moved by:

Councillor Nathan McGillivray
Opaskwayak Cree Nation
Proxy

RE: NORTHERN MANITOBA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Seconded by:

Councillor Joe Antsanen
Northlands Denesuline Nation
Proxy

WHEREAS, Canada endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in November 2010; and

WHEREAS, Article 24.2 in the UNDRIP states that “Indigenous individuals have an equal right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. States shall take the necessary steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of this right”; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, northern Manitoba is in short supply of physicians, nurses and other health professionals; and

WHEREAS, First Nation citizens are forced to go to other larger centers for medical attention; and

WHEREAS, northern Manitoba has historically been excluded from having professional medical schools; and

WHEREAS, a School of Medicine in northern Manitoba would provide equal opportunities to northern First Nations people who are not able to or desire to not relocate in order to obtain medical school training.

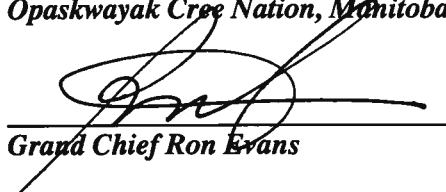
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the establishment of a School of Medicine in northern Manitoba to support the OCN in their initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Northern Manitoba School of Medicine be integrated into the AMC Health Human Resources Strategy to ensure that there are opportunities for training more northern health professionals.

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Moved by:

Chief Phillip Buck
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Shirley Neepin
Fox Lake Cree Nation

RE: TRADITIONAL AND SPIRITUAL TEACHING

WHEREAS, H1N1 flu virus had a negative impact on First Nations communities; and

WHEREAS, traditional men and women healers should be utilized to provide medicine / teachings to our people; and

WHEREAS, the lack of preparedness for the H1N1 flu virus was considered a wake-up call for our people; and,

WHEREAS, traditional medicine teaching are not given consideration to receive funding under the federal and provincial health program and services to support First Nation health care.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that traditional healers and medicine / teachings be recognized and made mandatory to receive funding under the federal and provincial health programs and services for First Nations respective communities to share their knowledge, teachings, and wisdom for healthier communities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs advocate to the federal and provincial Ministers for mandatory funding support to be provided to each respective First Nation community traditional healers and medicine / teachings as part of First Nations wellbeing and health care.

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