

# **ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



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OF  
ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

**Brokenhead Ojibway Nation  
August 12, 13 & 14, 2008**

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation  
August 12, 13 & 14, 2008**

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTIONS**

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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) TO HOST A  
NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION EVENT IN  
MANITOBA**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Dennis Meeches  
Long Plain First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Oliver Okimaw  
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2006 the Government of Canada formally accepted and signed the "Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement" and on June 11, 2008 the Prime Minister of Canada offered his official apology on behalf of Canada to the Indian Residential School Survivors and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC has ensured that its member First Nations and its citizenship are kept informed of the procedures and criteria, and helped survivors and families apply for the Common Experience Payments (CEP), ensure information is provided on the Independent Assessment Process (IAP), the Commemoration Fund, the Healing Fund, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) activities; and

**WHEREAS**, AMC has proven experience through hosting the following: the National Residential School Survivors Conference held in April 30-May 2, 2007, with over 1600 participants; the National Churches and Aboriginal Leaders Tour with over 400 participants; and a reception for over 1000 Residential School survivors and their families to hear to the televised apology by the Prime Minister of Canada, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is planning to host seven national events on commemoration and the truth and reconciliation across Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC has expressed interest in hosting one of the national events in Manitoba to provide a forum in a culturally appropriate and safe environment for Indian Residential School survivors to express their experiences.

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NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION EVENT IN  
MANITOBA (cont'd)**

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to advocate on behalf of member First Nations to have a minimum of one of the TRC national events to be held in Manitoba; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to promote public education and awareness of Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings which will focus on impacts of residential schools including the intergenerational effects.

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**AUG-08.03**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR MISSING PERSON JENNIFER LEIGH  
CATCHEWAY**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Ovide Mercredi  
Misipawistik Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer Leigh Catcheway of Skowan First Nation has been missing since June 19, 2008; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Harvey Nepinak  
Skowan First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the friends and family have been searching for her on a daily basis; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the family of Jennifer Leigh Catcheway are frustrated with the lack of cooperation with the RCMP regarding regular progress and status information and require continued political and financial support.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly provide political support and direct the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to arrange a meeting with the division commander of RCMP Division "D" and ensure ongoing monitoring of the RCMP on this case for reporting to the Chiefs-in-Assembly; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly and their respective communities assist by providing financial support to help continue the search for Jennifer Leigh Catcheway (Deposits can be made to: CIBC Bank-Transit #77-Account # 5471532, 7 Saskatchewan Ave. East, Portage la Prairie, MB); and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that anyone with information leading to the location of Jennifer Catcheway call The Manitoba Search and Rescue at (204) 777-0553.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASS  
ACTION LAWSUIT ON INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS  
CANADA (IRSC)**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Chris Baker  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Murray Clearsky  
Waywayseecappo First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Anishinabe, Inniwak, Dakota, Oji-Cree and Dene children and youth of our First Nation communities in Manitoba have been stripped of their right to our language and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anishinabe, Inniwak, Dakota, Oji-Cree and Dene people have been directly affected and impacted by the Indian Residential Schools and the current Indian Education system by the lack of comprehensive language program funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has failed in their fiduciary responsibility to the First Nation children and youth of Manitoba in ensuring access to a quality education including language and culture programming in our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has allocated 5 billion dollars to address the impacts and affects of the issue of Residential School compensation and that no monies have been allocated to our children and youth to learn, retain and preserve their ancestral languages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of First Nations National Chief delivered a passionate speech on the Residential School Compensation Package but failed to outline any long-term strategy for current and future generations in enhancing and preserving our languages and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba First Nation language teachers and educators are working in partnerships to develop language materials and teaching methods to teach the youth our languages with little or no funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs of Manitoba have repeatedly passed supporting resolutions at Chiefs' Assemblies for the federal government to provide adequate funding for language and culture revitalization for our children and youth.

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CANADA (IRSC) (cont'd)**

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs provide support for the Manitoba First Nation children and youth to launch a class action lawsuit against the federal government for language and cultural genocide as a result of the Indian Residential Schools Canada; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the class action lawsuit be named the Indian Residential Schools Canada lawsuit against Canada for compensation for our children and youth in the preservation of our languages and culture.

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**AUG-08.05**

**RE: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM  
(CEOP)**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Wilfred C. McKay  
Rolling River First Nation

**WHEREAS**, Economic Development and Tourism are a vital entity for Manitoba First Nations in creating own source revenue for their respective communities; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Norman Bone  
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway  
Nation

**WHEREAS**, effective June 30, 2008 funding for the CEOP was frozen nationwide by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC); and

**WHEREAS**, the freeze on funding was done without consultation or discussion with any First Nations in Manitoba and Canada; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, projects that were identified for funding under the CEOP prior to the freeze are now being affected, as Contribution Agreements were received after June 30, 2008.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) to begin negotiations with INAC (Manitoba) and INAC Headquarters (Ottawa) to lift the freeze on funding that affects CEOP; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief and AMC to set a timeline for the funding to be lifted by September 15, 2008.

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**AUG-08.06**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR COMPENSATION FOR INDIGENOUS  
CHILDREN**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Debbie Chief  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Francine Meeches  
Swan Lake First Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Residential School Compensation system does not include Indigenous children attending non recognized residential schools, foster homes and similar government and privately operated institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous children not attending recognized residential schools suffered similar abuses and were especially susceptible to slave labour; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly have been presented with documentation regarding abuse and suffering of the Stolen Children of Children's Aide Society through the Warriors of Lost Boys and Girls Survivors of Group Foster Care; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics reveal that the number of First Nation children in child welfare care across Canada since the 1960's is three times the number of First Nation residential school attendees at the height of the residential school era.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:


1. Direct the AMC to develop and undertake a research strategy to document the personal testimonies of any First Nations people who were taken by the child welfare system and analyze the impact that the child welfare system has had on Manitoba First Nations since the 1960's scoop;
2. Direct the Grand Chief of AMC take all required steps to begin the development and negotiation of the compensation system for these stolen children;
3. Support the development of a fair compensation package for Indigenous children that fall outside of the Indian Residential School Compensation System.

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**RE: SHOOTING OF CRAIG MCDOUGALL BY THE WINNIPEG  
POLICE**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Jerry Knott  
Wasagamack First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief Billyjo De La Ronde  
Pine Creek Anishinabe  
Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, Craig McDougall (26) of Wasagamack First Nations was walking home in the early morning hours on Saturday, August 2, 2008 when he was confronted by six Winnipeg police officers and fatally shot; and

**WHEREAS**, the McDougall family has questioned the actions of the police; has asked for the TRUTH to come out in the fatal shooting of their family member, and has demanded the implementation of a Special Independent Investigation Unit and a full Public Inquiry into the Winnipeg Police Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the youth have expressed fear of police brutality and the parents have expressed fear for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Island Lake Chiefs have vowed to halt the increased regularity of incidents of police harassment and brutality by police toward First Nation youth and people by engaging in political and legal strategies and public support; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of another youth at the hands of the Winnipeg Police has reignited a call by the First Nations for police accountability and a call to the Province of Manitoba to implement the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry recommendations by amending the *Provincial Police Act* to create a Special Independent Investigation Unit in Manitoba and for a full Public Inquiry into the Winnipeg Police Service; and

**WHEREAS**, further political and legal actions must be developed, that will also have official international strategies to create awareness of the human rights violations against our people by inaction by governments and the actions of the Winnipeg Police Service.

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POLICE (cont'd)**

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in order to protect our youth and people and to prevent further human rights violations and continued atrocities by the Winnipeg Police Service, the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the following actions:

1. Development of a Technical First Nations Justice Committee comprised of representatives from Island Lake Tribal Council, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Southern Chiefs Organization mandated to develop strategies in dealing with issues relating to the Winnipeg City Police Service and the implementation of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry Recommendations;
2. To meet with the Winnipeg City Police Chief with the purpose of convincing the City of Winnipeg Police Service to change policy in the use of deadly force and to address the issue relating to community racial profiling;
3. To call for a full Public Inquiry into the operations of the Winnipeg Police Services;
4. To ensure a joint First Nation/Province of Manitoba implementation of a Special Independent Investigation Unit is established in Manitoba as recommended by the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry;
5. To file all legal claims and police complaints in appropriate bodies and agencies including the use of United Nations instruments;
6. To organize, if required, a major public rally in the City of Winnipeg to pressure government action and to promote public awareness on the human rights violations against our peoples.

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**AUG-08.08**

**RE: COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS  
INTERGENERATIONAL IMPACTS OF INDIAN RESIDENTIALS  
SCHOOLS**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Norman Bone  
Kecseckoowenin Ojibway  
Nation

**WHEREAS**, the descendents of survivors of Indian Residential Schools continue to be impacted by the experiences of their grandparents, parents and other relations who attended residential schools over many generations; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Chris Baker  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree  
Nation

**WHEREAS**, children and youth in Manitoba First Nations families and communities are suffering from the intergenerational impacts of the Residential School era including: imposition of foreign parental styles; disruption of family, culture, language and spiritual ties; and understanding of their own identity as First Peoples of this land and the country; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need for significant funding to be targeted to First Nations governments to develop and deliver community based programs to address intergenerational impacts of the Residential School era.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to strongly advocate for allocation of significant dollars specifically from the \$5.2 billion dollar compensation fund, and other sources, for urgently required First Nations community based programs.

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**AUG-08.09**

**RE: GAMING ISSUE, (SENATE) BILL S-213**

**Moved by:**

Chief Dennis Meeches  
Long Plain First Nation

**Seconded by:**

Chief David Crate  
Fisher River Cree Nation

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, Bill S-11, now known as Bill S-213, is in First Reading in the House of Commons an Act to amend the *Criminal Code* (lottery schemes) to limit the locations where video lottery terminals (VLTs) and slot machines can operate; and

**WHEREAS**, should Bill S-213 receive Royal Assent (comes into force 3 years after Royal Assent), it will be illegal for those Manitoba First Nations without casinos, race-courses or betting theatres to operate VLTs and thus significantly impact VLT gaming jurisdiction on First Nation's lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) received legal opinion as attached; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMC Gaming Chiefs and site selection Chiefs met with National Chief Phil Fontaine, Assembly of First Nations (AFN); Rod Bruinooge, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Federal Interlocutor For Métis and Non-Status Indians; Tina Keeper, Member of Parliament; and Anita Neville, Member of Parliament during the AMC Annual General Assembly on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 to voice their opposition to the Bill. As a result, National Chief Fontaine, Mr. Bruinooge, Tina Keeper and Anita Neville agreed to work with the Chiefs of Manitoba to oppose Bill S-213.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs of Manitoba will individually and collectively oppose Bill S-213; and

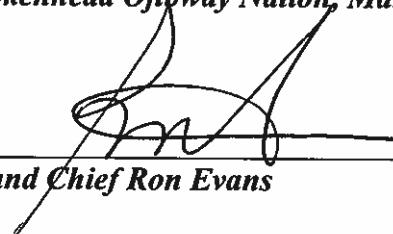
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief and Manitoba Regional Chief of AFN along with the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee to work collectively in devising a strategy to oppose the Bill S-213.

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## Briefing Note

### Bill S-213

#### An Act to Amend the Criminal Code – Lottery Schemes

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If the Bill becomes law it could significantly impact video lottery terminals (VLTs) gaming on First Nation reserves in Manitoba.

#### **Background:**

The purpose of Bill S-213, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (lottery schemes), is to restrict “lottery schemes” that are operated on or through a video lottery terminal or slot machine to racetracks, casinos and betting theatres. It will not take effect until a maximum of three years after receiving Royal Assent.

Control over gambling is a provincial matter, and all provinces have their own laws and regulatory bodies. Under the *Criminal Code*, provinces may license VLTs in locations of their own choosing. The Province of Manitoba permits VLTs to be located in bars, as well as in other locations including on First Nation reserve lands.

If passed, this Bill will prohibit Manitoba's ability to locate VLTs in bars, lounges, restaurants, legions, and on First Nation reserves in Manitoba (and across Canada) unless the place where the VLT machines are installed can come under the definitions of “*casinos*”, “*race-courses*” and “*betting theatres*”.

#### **Definition of Casinos**

There is no definition of “casino” within the Criminal Code. However, the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation Act Regulations have defined “casino” as meaning:

A lottery scheme under which the games commonly known as “blackjack” or “roulette” or both are played either by themselves or in conjunction with other lottery schemes and the betting limit is more than \$1.

Furthermore, the same regulation states that “all casinos within Manitoba shall be conducted and managed by the corporation at times, and in premises approved by the board.”

Therefore, while this definition may not ultimately be the definition of “casino” for the purposes of the Criminal Code, it does provide a guideline. If there are facilities on reserves in Manitoba that house VLTs, they will also have to be licensed as a casino by the MLC in order to continue operations.

In Manitoba, if the Bill becomes law, the two existing First Nation casinos should not be

impacted.

### **Definition of Betting Theatre**

“Betting theatre” is also not defined in the Criminal Code, but it is defined in the Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations as referenced in s. 204(8)(e) as:

An enclosed structure that is used for theatre betting, that is affixed to the land and that contains seating for 75% of the number of persons permitted by the appropriate municipal authority to occupy the structure.

While this definition may not ultimately be the definition of “betting theatre” for the purposes of the Criminal Code, it does provide a guideline.

The location of VLTs on Manitoba First Nations reserves probably does not meet the definition of a “betting theatre”. This is not certain or definitive, however, because there is no definition of “betting theatre” in the Criminal Code.

### **Impact on Manitoba First Nations**

If the Bill becomes law, it will be illegal for those Manitoba First Nations without casinos, race-courses or betting theatres to operate VLT's.

Manitoba First Nations stand to lose significant gaming revenue.

Furthermore, the VLT Siteholder Agreements signed by Manitoba First Nations would likely be terminated by the MLC on the basis that the First Nation Siteholder will have breached s. 5.01(iii) of the Agreement by not complying with the Criminal Code. Section 16.01 of the Siteholder Agreement also allows the MLC to terminate the agreement on 7 days written notice.

### **Action by Manitoba First Nations**

The following options exist:

1. Lobby the Province of Manitoba to join other provinces who have strongly opposed the Bill. If it becomes law, Manitoba also stands to lose significant revenue. Manitoba could argue that if this Bill becomes law it will contravene the 1985 federal/provincial/territorial agreement that removed the Federal authority to operate lottery schemes. In that agreement, Canada undertook to “ensure that the rights of the Province in that field (of gaming) are not reduced or restricted”. This amendment would restrict the right of the Province of Manitoba to set the rules and regulations under which these activities may be conducted and would thereby be in contravention of the agreement.

2. Manitoba First Nations (individually and collectively through AMC) can also voice their opposition to the Bill.

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**AUG-08.10**

**RE: IDENTIFICATION AND COMMEMORATION FOR  
GRAVESITES OF OUR RELATIONS WHO WERE IN INDIAN  
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND TUBERCULOSIS (TB)  
SANITORIA**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Oliver Okimaw  
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, many of our people, including children, lost their lives from unexplained circumstances while in residence and in care of Indian Residential Schools, including TB sanatoria, or traveling to and from these institutions; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Chris Baker  
O-Pipon-Na-Prwin Cree  
Nation

**WHEREAS**, the families of these people who passed on in this way have never been advised of how or when their loved ones passed, or where they were buried; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the families are seeking respect for their loved ones, and a way in which to heal from their loss.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs negotiate with the Governments of Manitoba and Canada including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for adequate funding to establish a Manitoba First Nations commemoration fund which will:

- develop a process whereby First Nations people who lost their lives in residential schools and TB sanatoria be identified, and their families notified;
- ensure their gravesites be appropriately marked and maintained;
- ensure that an overall commemoration ceremony is held to enable First Nations relations to express their grief and love for their loved ones;
- ensure restoration and protection of these burial sites in Manitoba, and other related sites such as the National Indian Residential Schools of Canada.

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**AUG-08.11**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR TRADITIONAL HEALERS, MEDICINES, AND  
OUR HEALING WAYS**

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**Moved by:**

Chief Donovan Fontaine  
Sagkeeng First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly resolved to support the Manitoba First Nations Health & Wellness Strategy (Jan.05-01), which includes the protection and strengthening of traditional medicine and traditional healers as a key element and essential part of going forward; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Chris Baker  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree  
Nation

**WHEREAS**, between 2006-2008, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) organized a series of workshops of Traditional Healers from the Cree, Dakota, Dene, Anishinaabe and OjiCree territories, and worked with a core group of representatives of these workshops to plan for the regional healers gathering; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Traditional Healers Gathering was held in Sagkeeng First Nation, June 2008, with the healers sharing their traditional knowledge regarding healing and medicine, with their understanding that traditional medicines and healing ways are needed to heal our own peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, the traditional healers expressed their wish to continue to meet and provide advice to the leadership.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AMC:

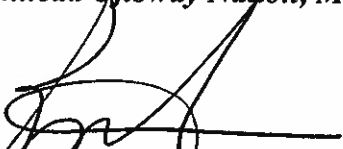
1. Host Annual Regional Meetings of Traditional Healers, and workshops each alternate year of Healers within their own language territories;
2. Ensure that traditional medicines and sacred lands are protected within our traditional territories, by ceremonies, caretaking of our lands and waters, demarcation on maps, and other means;
3. Ensure the AMC develop a comprehensive strategy to protect and strengthen First Nations languages, so that the bond between healers, elders and youth be strengthened when teachings are shared in our own languages.

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**AUG-08.12**

**RE: SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON THE CROWN DUTY TO CONSULT**

**Moved by:**

Chief Glenn Hudson  
Peguis First Nation

**WHEREAS,** the Chiefs-in-Assembly are concerned that Crown governments, industry and others are aligning against First Nations Treaty and Inherent Rights to our traditional territories and resources; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Dennis Mecches  
Long Plain First Nation

**WHEREAS,** the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is hosting a Special Assembly on the Duty to Consult, prior to the March 2009 National AFN Economic Summit.

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that an Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Special Assembly be held prior to the National Assembly, on the Crown Duty to Consult as it pertains to natural resources, lands and waters, with the purpose to establish a protocol for implementation of the duty to consult and accommodate.

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***of a resolution adopted  
on August 12, 13 & 14, 2008  
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, MB***

  
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**Grand Chief Ron Evans**

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS  
20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
BROKENHEAD OJIBWAY NATION  
AUGUST 12, 13 & 14, 2008**

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

**AUG-08.13**

**RE: MANITOBA STRATEGY TO ADDRESS MOLD IN FIRST  
NATION COMMUNITIES**

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Moved by:

Proxy Ken Whitecloud  
Dakota Plains First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches  
Swan Lake First Nation

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of First Nations; Housing and Infrastructure have been actively engaged with the First Nation Indoor Air Quality Committee to develop a national strategy to address the mold in First Nation Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the strategy includes raising awareness and building capacity in First Nations to prevent mold problems from occurring and to effectively remediate existing problems; and

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), Canada Mortgage and Housing Canada (CMHC), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), and First Nation Political Territorial Organizations (PTOs) have a working group lead by FNIHB and have met sporadically; and

**WHEREAS**, CMHC and INAC have distanced themselves from any responsibility or financial liability regarding substandard housing practices that have led to the current mold and air quality problems currently experienced by First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) to engage with Health Canada, INAC and CMHC to establish a working committee to develop a strategy to address the mold problem experienced by our First Nation Communities; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to ensure Canada include the required financial resources to remediate the mold problem.

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**AUG-08.14**

**RE: FIRST NATIONS RCMP CASE REVIEW**

**Moved by:**

Chief Glenn Hudson  
Peguis First Nation

**WHEREAS**, recent incidences between First Nations people and police services have resulted in serious questions on the conduct and review of cases; and

**Seconded by:**

Chief Chris Baker  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree  
Nation

**WHEREAS**, previous resolutions spoke to specific cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly require an overall consultation and review with RCMP on existing cases that involve First Nations and the RCMP.

**CARRIED**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to arrange a meeting with the RCMP to review the process of how they handle First Nation cases.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba (AMC) Chiefs Grand Chief seek an update and analysis on the Protocol Agreement between AMC and RCMP and provide a report at the next Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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**Grand Chief Ron Evans**