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## AFN RESOLUTION 01/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE ORANGE STANDARD: AN INITIATIVE FOR CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING REDESIGN AND SERVICE DELIVERY EXCELLENCE

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for the Orange Standard: An Initiative for Child and Family Wellbeing Redesign and Service Delivery Excellence
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Gerry Duquette Jr, Dokis First Nation, ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Adam Pawis, Shawanaga First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the Niijaansinaanik Governing First Nations and Niijaansinaanik in the development of the Orange Standard Initiative and their developments in approaches and promising practices in strengthening and enhancing the well-being of First Nations children and families and encouraging opportunities for collaboration among interested First Nations.	<p>The AFN has gathered information about the Orange Standard Initiative based on publicly available data, completed in June 2023.</p> <p>The AFN is in progress with contacting the Mover and Secunder to discuss the letter in support of the Orange Standard Initiative. The AFN will draft a letter to share with the Mover and Secunder, to gain input and direction to send the support letter by September 2024.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 02/2023, IMPLEMENTATION OF TREATY FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORT

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Implementation of Treaty Funding for Early Childhood Support
<b>MOVER</b>	Regina Crowchild, Proxy, Tsuu T'ina First Nation, AB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Lynn Acoose, Zagimē Anishinabēk, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the call for the federal government to honour its obligations to Treaty children by implementing the following measures:	<p>The AFN met with Treaty 6, 7 and 8 technicians at National Expert Working Group (NEWG) meetings, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A virtual meeting on June 5, 2023, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) funding model and Resolution 02/2023 was raised as a consideration.</li> <li>• A virtual meeting on August 30, 2023, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations ELCC funding model and NEWG Terms of Reference.</li> <li>• A hybrid meeting on September 12-13, 2023, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations ELCC funding model and the importance of Treaty-based funding.</li> <li>• An in-person meeting on December 4, 2023, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations ELCC funding model.</li> <li>• A hybrid meeting on March 13-14, 2024, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations ELCC funding model, including Treaty-based funding considerations.</li> <li>• A virtual meeting on April 29, 2024, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations ELCC funding model, including Treaty-based funding considerations.</li> </ul>
1.i.	Call on the federal government to provide First Nations core funding support for First Nations to care for our children. More specifically, the Chiefs support the requirement for:	
1.i.a.	Treaty monies to be made available for structural support by way of buildings and their upkeep;	
1.i.b.	A needs-based funding formula developed by First Nations to provide sustainable, growth-oriented funding, as well as funds to redress the historic chronic underfunding in child care. These funds will support functions that we currently are unable to offer;	
1.i.c.	An increment to achieve payroll equity sustained by long-term operating funding;	
1.i.d.	A commitment to respect our leadership and authentication of programming in Indigenous languages and ways of knowing; and	
1.i.e.	Reciprocal acknowledgement of our national and international accreditation for the care of our children as envisioned by our ancestors at the time of the treaty making.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 03/2023, LONG-TERM STRATEGY ON FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR FIRST NATIONS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Long-Term Strategy on Financial Services for First Nations
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Mark Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River, ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Mary Duckworth, Caldwell First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Chiefs' Committee on Economic Development (CCED) to develop a long-term strategy to ensure reliable access to financial services for First Nations, particularly those involved in the gaming, cannabis, and tobacco industries that includes:	<p>Strategic sessions around reliable financial services were held at the CCED in November of 2023 and follow up discussion again in April and June 2024, access to reliable financing remains an issue for some First Nations while others have found ways around barriers. Presentations by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), First Nations Bank and National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) provide some financing options.</p> <p>A legal review has been conducted on the <i>Cannabis Act</i> which includes recommendations regarding financial services. The legal review was part of a submission the AFN sent to the Expert Panel conducting a Legislative Review of the <i>Cannabis Act</i>.</p> <p>The AFN has been advancing advocacy efforts around reliable financial services for First Nations through appearances at the economic reconciliation roundtable events in February and May of 2024 as well as at the National Benefits Sharing Framework engagement sessions in all regions across Canada this Spring.</p>
1.a.	comprehensive research and reporting to determine the exact policies, legislation, and government agencies responsible for undermining and discriminating against First Nations access to reliable financial services;	
1.b.	collation of information and research from First Nations on relevant international, domestic and First Nations laws which support reliable access to financial services for First Nations;	
1.c.	the development of a strategy to secure resources for continued work, including, but not limited to, consultants, professional fees and legal counsel;	
1.d.	the development of an advocacy strategy to Parliament, regulatory bodies and agencies, Ministers, federal departments and others; and	
1.e.	the development of an implementation plan that includes, but is not limited to, deadlines and outcomes.	
2.	Direct the AFN, pending the securing of resources, to coordinate advocacy efforts to Canada and associated agencies, to meet with First Nations to ensure anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism policy and legislation does not violate Treaty and inherent rights, First Nations jurisdiction, or impede the economic development goals of First Nations.	
3.	Direct the AFN and the CCED to incorporate the need for a long-term strategy on financial services for First Nations as part of ongoing advocacy for First Nations economic capacity and growth.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 04/2023, REVISED FINAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION FOR FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Revised Final Settlement Agreement on Compensation for First Nations Children and Families
<b>MOVER</b>	Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Derek Nepinak, Pine Creek First Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Fully support the Revised Final Settlement Agreement (Revised FSA) on Compensation in principle and authorize the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) negotiators to make the necessary minor edits to complete the Revised FSA.	<p>The AFN continued negotiations towards completing a Final Settlement Agreement (FSA) on Compensation, which was signed by the Parties on April 19, 2023.</p> <p>The AFN made a submission to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) on consent with the Caring Society and Canada on June 30, 2023, seeking the CHRT's approval of the compensation FSA. On July 26, 2023, the CHRT issued a letter-decision approving the FSA as satisfying its orders on compensation; on September 16, 2023, the CHRT released 2023 CHRT 44 with its full reasons finding that the revised FSA fully satisfies its compensation orders.</p>
2.	Support the AFN in seeking an order from the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) confirming that the Revised FSA on compensation fully satisfies its compensation orders.	On October 23 and 24, 2023, the AFN, alongside the Representative Plaintiffs, Moushoom/Trout and Canada, presented the revised FSA to the Federal Court of Canada for approval. On October 24, 2023, the Federal Court Justice overseeing the case issued verbal approval of the FSA; on November 3, 2023, the Federal Court issued its ruling (2023 FC 1466) approving the Settlement.
3.	Direct the AFN, upon the endorsement of the Revised FSA on Compensation by the CHRT, to seek approval of Revised FSA on Compensation by the Federal Court of Canada on an expedited basis.	In a letter dated October 12, 2023, Regional Chief Woodhouse Nepinak and Interim National Chief Joanna Bernard wrote to the Prime Minister advocating for an apology on behalf of the Government of Canada to the Representative Plaintiffs and all First Nations children, families and communities harmed by Canada's discrimination.
4.	Call on the Prime Minister of Canada to make a formal and meaningful apology to the Representative Plaintiffs and the survivors of Canada's discrimination and those who have passed away.	



<p>5.</p>	<p>Continue to support the Representative Plaintiffs and all survivors and victims of Canada's discrimination by ensuring that compensation is paid, and adequate supports are provided as quickly as possible to all those who can be immediately identified and to continue to work efficiently to ensure that compensation reaches all those who are eligible.</p>	<p>The development of the Distribution Protocol is now underway, with the principles of a fair, equitable, simple, and trauma-informed claims process at its core. The AFN has participated in national and regional engagements in February and March 2024 on the Distribution Protocol, which is scheduled to be taken to the Federal Court for approval in June 2024.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Direct the AFN to return to the First Nations-in-Assembly to provide regular progress reports on supports, implementation and the claims process and seek direction where required.</p>	<p>The AFN met with the Compensation Wellness Supports Task Team on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June 27, 2023, to review the Indigenous Services Canada mental wellness supports proposal and discuss allied supports for claimants (e.g., financial literacy, life skills, etc.).</li><li>• August 25, 2023, to review the updated supports proposal, discuss funding allocations, and review the communications strategy.</li><li>• October 20, 2023, to discuss the Claims Administrator navigation supports proposal.</li><li>• November 23, 2023 to discuss the mental wellness supports framework and to review a financial literacy proposal from the Aboriginal Finance Officers Association (AFOA).</li></ul> <p>The AFN also met with the National Advisory Committee on First Nations Child and Family Services Reform to seek feedback on the mental wellness supports proposal, discuss allied supports for claimants, and provide input into the navigation supports proposal.</p> <p>The AFN held a plenary and dialogue session on long-term reform at the July 2023 AGA in Halifax, and a plenary and dialogue session on long-term reform and compensation at the December 2023 Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa.</p> <p>The AFN, Class Counsel, and Deloitte, the Administrator, held a series of national and regional engagement sessions in February and March 2024 with First Nations leadership and technicians to seek advice and input on compensation supports and distribution for the Removed Child Class and Removed Child Family Class.</p>





## AFN RESOLUTION 05/2023, REPATRIATION OF FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Repatriation of First Nations Children
<b>MOVER</b>	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Heidi Cook, Misipawistik Cree Nation (Grand Rapids), MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on Canada to acknowledge there is a generation of lost First Nations children who were placed outside of their communities, both within Canada and internationally, who have never been reunified with their families.	In a letter dated October 12, 2023, Regional Chief Woodhouse Nepinak and Interim National Chief Bernard wrote to the Prime Minister advocating for an apology on behalf of the Government of Canada to the Representative Plaintiffs and all First Nations children, families and communities harmed by Canada’s discrimination. It included a request for the apology to include acknowledgment of “the lost generation of First Nations children who were unnecessarily taken from their families and who have not been reunited with their nations and communities.”  The AFN began initial discussions with the National Advisory Committee on First Nations Child and Family Services Reform for guidance to develop an approach to repatriation strategy. The AFN is in the process of developing a proposal for an engagement series with First Nations input on a strategy for repatriation. A funding proposal for this engagement series will be completed by Fall 2024.
2.	Direct Canada to fund the Assembly of First Nations to engage with First Nations to develop a repatriation strategy to identify First Nations children who are domestically and internationally displaced and have not reconnected with their families and/or nations.	
3.	Call on Canada to meaningfully engage and collaborate with First Nations to address the impacts of First Nations children who were removed from their families and nations, both within Canada and internationally.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 06/2023, SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS TOURISM IN CANADA

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Supporting Indigenous Tourism in Canada
<b>MOVER</b>	Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Gerry Duquette, Dokis First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Economic Development Sector to seek resources and further build an interim plan to coordinate discussions with regions regarding a First Nations and Indigenous tourism strategy that includes relevant government and non-profit partners at all levels to identify opportunities for growth and economic development within First Nations and Indigenous tourism in Canada.	<p>The AFN advocated for First Nations tourism growth through participation at Global Affairs Canada, the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement and other organizations.</p> <p>The AFN advocated for advancing First Nations socio-economic opportunities within the tourism sector. National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak met with the Minister of Tourism, on February 27, 2024 with the message of collaboration on advancing a First Nations tourism strategy that align with Canada's Federal Tourism Growth Strategy.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN, with the guidance of the Chiefs' Committee on Economic Development, to work with an Indigenous-led national tourism body to complete a full review of a national tourism strategy and its recommendations for the updated Federal Tourism Growth Strategy to ensure that all regional Indigenous and First Nations tourism concerns are validated and reflected. Further, ensure that this work is acknowledged by the Government of Canada as it moves toward implementing the appropriate actions identified.	
3.	Direct the AFN to include Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC), Indigenous Tourism Alberta (ITA), Indigenous Destinations Saskatchewan (IDSK), Indigenous Tourism Manitoba (ITM), Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO), Indigenous Tourism Quebec (ITQ), Indigenous Tourism Association of New Brunswick (ITANB), Nova Scotia Indigenous Tourism Enterprise Network (NSITEN), Newfoundland and Labrador Indigenous Tourism Association (NLITA), Indigenous Tourism Association of PEI (ITAPEI), Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism (YFNCT) as well as the NWT Indigenous Tourism Association to be a part of the review of the national tourism strategy and in a coordinated approach ensuring all regions receive a fair and equitable base investment and share of all national resources, and is included in a meaningful way to contribute to a national strategy that identifies economic growth and opportunity through all territories.	
4.	Call to ensure that all tourism including Indigenous tourism must respect appropriate First Nations land title and rights holders. It also should be territorial-specific, culturally appropriate, and with the free, prior and informed consent of affected First Nations.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 07/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE NEESTANAN PORT AND CORRIDOR

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for the NeeStaNaN Port and Corridor
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Morris Beardy, Fox Lake First Nation, MB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Elwood Zastre, Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation (Indian Birch), MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to support the establishment of the NeeStaNaN Utility Corridor Project (“the Corridor”).	Letters to the Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources to be assigned and drafted.
2.	Direct the federal government to support the establishment of the Corridor.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 08/2023, GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY AND SPECTRUM SOVEREIGNTY

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Government Support for First Nations Digital Connectivity and Spectrum Sovereignty
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Dylan Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi Anishinaabeg, QC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Bruce Acheepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the Government of Canada to immediately stop all sales and renewals of any spectrum licenses and permits on Indigenous traditional territories until consultations on the issue of spectrum have been completed with First Nations governments and mandated organizations in both official languages.	Letters the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED), and the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Commission Chairperson and Chief Executive Office Vicky Eatrides were sent on February 6, 2024 requesting support for a moratorium on spectrum licenses in First Nation territories. .
2.	Call upon the Government of Canada to revisit, review, and redefine decision-making processes related to spectrum licensing in a way that upholds First Nations’ rights, title, and Treaty rights and Canada’s obligation to bring federal ways, policies, and other collaborative initiatives and action into alignment with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Crown’s legal duty to consult and collaborate with Indigenous Peoples, and free, prior and informed consent.	Feedback for CRTC has been drafted and is awaiting submission. Part of this feedback will be incorporated in a submission being prepared for ISED on spectrum licensing.
3.	Call upon the Government of Canada and Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) to initiate a forum to review the broad issue of Indigenous spectrum sovereignty and related matters involving government departments and agencies as well as First Nations governments and mandated organizations.	Funding of \$3.4 million has been allotted to Canadian Council Aboriginal Business to work on the federal procurement strategy. Advocacy efforts are ongoing for funding to have First Nations digitally connected and has been included in the Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030.
4.	Call upon the federal government to contribute capital and operational investments to support First Nation management of spectrum resources and eliminate fees to access currently unused spectrum in Indigenous territories and communities, which will reduce costs of connecting remote and rural areas.	Advocacy efforts for digital sovereignty for First Nations have taken place through Assembly of First Nations (AFN) participation at the 2024 Connectivity Summit in Membertou, Nova Scotia on June 4, 2024.
5.	Call upon the Government of Canada, and provincial, and territorial governments to support First Nations in undertaking business ventures and partnerships in the area of mobile and fixed wireless connectivity, enabling First Nations to be able to deliver services on their own or with a provider of their choice.	The AFN will hold a dialogue session on connectivity at the upcoming Annual General Assembly in Montreal July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024.



## AFN RESOLUTION 09/2023, UPGRADES TO AIRPORT RUNWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN REMOTE FIRST NATIONS: NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR AIR SERVICES TO REMOTE FIRST NATIONS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Upgrades to Airport Runways and Infrastructure in Remote First Nations: National Action Plan for Air Services to Remote First Nations
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Derek Nepinak, Pine Creek First Nation, MB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Jordan Hill, Shamattawa First Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the federal Minister of Transport, the federal Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, the federal Minister of Emergency Preparedness, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Manitoba Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, and other provincial and territorial transportation and infrastructure Ministers to immediately and collectively work in full partnership and cooperation with northern remote First Nations in Manitoba and across Canada to:	The AFN worked with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Inc. to advance action items from Resolution 09/2023. Specifically:
1.a.	identify the requirements, priorities, strategies, costs and programs that will ensure that the service levels and the regulation, construction, capacities, maintenance and operation of airports serving remote First Nations in Manitoba and throughout Canada are adequate for the basic air transportation requirements and the needs of remote First Nation communities;	1. MKO contacted the resolution's mover and seconder to discuss ways to advance their interests and concerns before meeting with Transport officials.
1.b.	are at least reasonably comparable to airports serving similar non-First Nations communities in similar locations;	2. MKO engaged the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) to provide an opportunity for them to express their concerns and recommendations on the resolution and potentially participate in the meeting with departmental officials.
1.c.	address the increasingly critical and essential role of airports in emergency response and climate change adaptation; and,	3. The AFN undertook research on possible federal government initiatives related to the resolution, such as the Speech from the Throne and the Budget.
1.d.	include up to date guidance systems.	4. The AFN and MKO jointly developed a letter to the Minister of Transport requesting funding to undertake a National Action Plan for Air Services to Remote First Nations.
2.	Direct the AFN to take every step to ensure that federal, provincial, and territorial governments collaborate with First Nations to identify these requirements, priorities, strategies, costs, and programs in a “National Action Plan for Air Services to Remote First Nations” that includes adequate and sustainable budgetary commitments and timelines; that will ensure that the service levels, regulation,	5. A letter was prepared by then Regional Chief Woodhouse Nepinak to Minister of Transport, requesting a meeting to seek resources from the federal and provincial/territorial jurisdictions. The aim was to support a study titled "National Action Plan for Air Services to Remote First Nations." This study would identify the requirements, priorities, strategies, costs, and programs necessary to ensure that the service levels, regulation, construction, capacities, maintenance, and operation of airports serving remote First Nations in Manitoba and throughout Canada were adequate for the basic air transportation needs of these communities.



	<p>construction, capacities, maintenance and operation of airports serving remote First Nations in northern Manitoba and other regions meet the basic air transportation requirements and the needs of remote First Nations communities, are reasonably comparable to airports serving non-First Nations communities in similar locations, effectively address the increasingly critical role of airports in emergency response and climate change adaptation, and include up to date guidance systems.</p>	<p>6. The AFN will collaborate with the federal government to develop a National Action including research through an environmental scan to identify specific needs and investments for sustainable development in remote First Nations communities.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p>Direct the AFN to take every step to ensure that both the federal and provincial governments amend or establish their respective legislative frameworks governing the setting of standards for service levels and the regulation, construction, capacities, maintenance and operation of airports serving remote First Nations communities that are not connected to the provincial all-weather highway network to class airports serving remote First Nations as an “essential service” and “critical infrastructure,” together with enforceable statutory obligations on the part of Canada and Manitoba to:</p>	<p>7. The AFN released the Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030 cost estimate calling for investments in transportation infrastructure related to on-reserve and off-reserve assets, including airport runways and other transportation means like year-round road access. Investments in improving First Nation transportation, specifically airports serving First Nation communities, would improve the following:</p>
<p><b>3.a.</b></p>	<p>ensure that these airports meet the basic air transportation requirements and needs of remote First Nations communities;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investments in Safer Air Travel: Investments can improve runway infrastructure (lighting, pavement) and firefighting equipment at First Nations airports. This reduces the risk of accidents and ensures safe landings and takeoffs for essential services like air ambulance and medical evacuations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.b.</b></p>	<p>are at least reasonably comparable to airports serving non-First Nations communities in similar locations;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investments for Enhanced Emergency Response: Better transportation infrastructure allows for faster deployment of emergency personnel and resources during fires, floods, or medical emergencies. This can save lives and minimize damage in remote First Nations communities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.c.</b></p>	<p>address the increasingly critical and essential role of airports in emergency response and climate change adaptation; and</p>	
<p><b>3.d.</b></p>	<p>include up to date guidance systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investments for Improved Search and Rescue: Upgraded airports with proper equipment and facilities can become hubs for search and rescue operations. This is crucial for vast regions where ground search efforts might be slow or impossible.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>Ensure that the AFN obtains deficiency inspections from Transport Canada, that they be costed out as to what the repairs would cost, and that the AFN advocates for resources to address repairs</p>	<p>The Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030 report called for \$37.9 billion in capital investments to improve First Nation community infrastructure, including monies for airports, and \$21.5 billion in operational investments.</p>





## AFN RESOLUTION 10/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST NATIONS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES (2022-32)

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for the First Nations National Action Plan for the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-32)
<b>MOVER</b>	Duane Aucoin, Proxy, Teslin Tlingit Council, YT
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Ira McArthur, Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations languages remains with individual First Nations.	The Final First Nations National Action Plan (FNNAP) has been shared with the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH) as the First Nations submission to Canada National Action Plan for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL). The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has also provided input on FNNAP implementation through bi-weekly meetings with the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).
2.	Ratify the First Nations Languages National Action Plan to inform the Department of Canadian Heritage's National Action Plan for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL).	<p>The FNNAP primary objectives are to enhance and support the reclamation and revitalization of First Nations languages such that First Nations languages will thrive as living languages over the course of the Decade and well into the future.</p> <p>Five action areas and associated goals have been created to support this primary objective include: Enhancing Awareness, Increasing Engagement, Building Community Strategies, Enhancing Support and Improving Measurement.</p>
3.	Call on the Government of Canada and demand adequate funding to support needs-based activities related to the IDIL, as determined by each First Nation, and not divert funding committed to support the efforts of First Nations to reclaim, revitalize, and strengthen their languages, including amendments to Bill C-13, An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act to further support First Nations languages.	<p>The DCH has informed AFN that individual First Nations and First Nations communities can apply for IDIL specific event funding from Global Affairs Canada.</p> <p>The AFN requested IDIL specific funding in the 2024 AFN Pre-Budget Submission, asking for \$106.6 million over 5 years, to support needs-based activities related to the IDIL, separate from Indigenous Languages and Culture Program funding.</p>



		<p>Funding and IDIL Factsheets have been developed. Ongoing Social Media posts for the Share Your Language Campaign are sent out weekly, and videos are sent out as needed.</p> <p>The AFN is working to create communication objectives, to exert and maintain pressure on the federal government, to provide adequate, sustainable, and long-term funding for First Nations language revitalization, which includes IDIL funding.</p>
4.	<p>Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), with support from the Chiefs' Committee on Languages (CCOL), and the Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL), to monitor the implementation of the IDIL.</p>	<p>At the October 5, 2023, Chiefs Committee on Languages (CCOL) meeting, the Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL) and CCOL finalized a list of 9 candidates to nominate to the Global Task Force. These names were brought to the AFN Executive Committee for a final decision, and it was decided that Dr. Lorna Williams would be the AFN nomination. Blaire Gould was chosen as the alternate.</p> <p>The AFN also provided a list of names to participate in the Ad-hoc groups of the Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages. The Ad-hoc groups will be tasked to provide a forum for consultations with experts who represent their governments, Indigenous Peoples' institutions and organizations, academia, civil society and public and private organizations, and other stakeholders in order to cover a technical, regional or specific thematic topic or issue.</p>
5.	<p>Direct the AFN to return to First Nations-in-Assembly if the First Nations Languages National Action Plan, or the Department of Canadian Heritage's National Action Plan for the IDIL, requires amendment during the decade, and to report on outcomes following the IDIL.</p>	<p>No revisions to the FNNAP are needed currently.</p>
6.	<p>Affirm the First Nations Languages National Action Plan as a foundational step for First Nations languages and that activities to reclaim, revitalize, and strengthen languages, including First Nations sign languages, will extend beyond the IDIL.</p>	
7.	<p>Direct the AFN to raise the profile of Indigenous languages by removing it from the purview of the Department of Canadian Heritage and work with First Nations to determine an appropriate place.</p>	



## AFN RESOLUTION 11/2023, RIGHT TO EDUCATION

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Right to Education
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Randy Ermineskin, Ermineskin Cree Nation, AB
<b>SECONDER</b>	James Jackson, Proxy, Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation #128, AB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Reaffirm First Nations inherent and Treaty rights to education.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) incorporated a budget ask for Regional Education Agreement (REAs) in the 2024 Federal Pre-Budget Submission. This REA budget advocacy includes agreements that First Nations negotiate/develop which ensure their respective self-determination and Treaty obligations are being met by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).</p> <p>A letter has been drafted on behalf of the Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) to the Minister of ISC and Minister of Finance in support of these rights to education.</p> <p>National program guidelines including Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) Guidelines and REA Guidelines have been updated for 2024-2025.</p> <p>The AFN included a budget ask to improve existing Post-Secondary Education (PSE) programs, including the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) and the Post-Secondary Partnerships Program (PSPP). The budget asks further requests additional ongoing investments to support First Nations in developing their own regional PSE models.</p> <p>The AFN will work with the Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL), the Chiefs Committee on Languages (CCOL), and First Nations to amend the ILA, to ensure it includes all articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) that relate to languages, to ensure the <i>Indigenous Languages Act</i> is defined and enforceable.</p>
2.	Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations education remains with each First Nation.	
3.	Call upon Canada to take immediate steps to reach binding agreements with First Nations who are willing and ready, which ensure Treaty obligations and Indigenous self-determination principles regarding education are recognized and implemented in a manner that fully honours the spirit and intent of Treaty rights.	
4.	Call Upon Canada to comply with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada to ensure Treaty Rights are fully funded in the following forms of education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. K-12 education;</li> <li>b. Post-secondary education;</li> <li>c. Language revitalization;</li> <li>d. Education infrastructure and operations and maintenance;</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Treaty-based and self-determined First Nations education governance systems;</li> <li>f. Special education and specialized services;</li> <li>g. Immersion schools and immersion education systems;</li> <li>h. Adult education; and</li> <li>i. Any other form of Treaty education as determined by First Nations.</li> </ul>	<p>The AFN has made progress on AFN Resolution 46/2022, <i>Education Infrastructure Capital Reform</i>, through engagements with First Nations leadership, education organizations, transformative education agreements holders and education experts to develop an interim and long-term approach for education capital reform.</p>
5.	<p>Call on the Assembly of First Nations to write to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and Minister of Finance in support of these Treaty Rights to education.</p>	<p>The AFN continues to provide support as identified by First Nations. The AFN has recently completed the AFN First Nations Inclusive Education Costing Report and accompanying model which provides First Nations with an accessible costing model to develop inclusive education needs within their education agreements.</p> <p>The AFN reviewed and provided interim amendments to the First Nations Adult Education (FNAE) and First Nations Adult Secondary Education (FNASE) Program Guidelines to align better with First Nations' visions of adult education.</p> <p>A letter has been drafted on behalf of the Chiefs Committee on Education to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and Minister of Finance in support of these Treaty Rights to education. The letter will be sent upon the completion of AFN internal review.</p>





## AFN RESOLUTION 12/2023, FIRST NATIONS ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO JUSTICE

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	First Nations Alternative Approaches to Justice
<b>MOVER</b>	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull First Nation, AB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the federal government to support First Nations with rebuilding their justice systems by providing long-term predictable funding to develop, expand, or sustain alternative approaches to law enforcement and justice that are informed by individual First Nations' laws and legal traditions.	<p>During the Indigenous/Federal/Provincial/Territorial (IFPT) meeting of Ministers Responsible for Justice and Public Safety meeting with National Indigenous Leaders in October 2023, Regional Chief Teegee called on the IFPT Ministers to provide greater resources and support to revitalize First Nations legal traditions and laws. Budget 2024 included a \$5 million investment to support revitalization of Indigenous legal traditions. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) will be carrying out financial analysis work on the cost to support revitalization of First Nations laws and legal orders to support greater advocacy around the investments needed to carry out the mandate in this resolution.</p> <p>The AFN completed and submitted its report <i>AFN Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy</i> to Justice Canada as input into the development of a federal Indigenous Justice Strategy. This resolution was included in the recommendations made in that report. The AFN is working with Justice Canada to co-develop a National First Nations Justice Strategy with an anticipated release in November 2024.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 13/2023, ENFORCEMENT OF BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND BYLAWS ON-RESERVE

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Enforcement of Band Council Resolutions and Bylaws On-Reserve
<b>MOVER</b>	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull First Nation, AB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal government that it gives clear and firm direction to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), provincial, territorial, and municipal services across Canada, and federal Crown prosecutors that First Nations by-laws enacted through the Indian Act are valid First Nations and federal laws, and must be recognized and enforced by the local policing authority and, where charges are laid and where appropriate, prosecuted by provincial or federal Crown prosecutors.	The AFN completed and submitted its report <i>AFN Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy</i> to Justice Canada as input into the development of a federal Indigenous Justice Strategy. This resolution was included in the recommendations made in that report. The AFN is working with Justice Canada to co-develop a National First Nations Justice Strategy with an anticipated release in November 2024.
2.	Direct the AFN to engage with the Government of Canada to co-develop amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to allow for private prosecutions by First Nations prosecutors in situations of summary offences, including violations of Indian Act by-laws or other First Nations laws.	The AFN is monitoring new funding opportunities to support this work.
3.	Call on the federal government for sustainable and long-term funding for First Nations prosecutors to enforce laws and by-laws enacted under the Indian Act or the FNLMA.	
4.	Call on the Attorney General of Canada to act on Section 31 of the Indian Act to enforce trespass by-laws enacted by First Nations.	The AFN included these mandates in its report <i>AFN Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy</i> .
5.	Call on the Government of Canada to work with First Nations who wish to establish a court system and that Canada fund those systems.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 14/2023, SUPPORT FOR CANADA TO ANNOUNCE A NEW SELF-ADMINISTERED POLICE SERVICE FOR NORTHERN MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for Canada to Announce a New Self-Administered Police Service for Northern Manitoba First Nations
<b>MOVER</b>	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull First Nation, AB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on Canada to announce its support of and commitment to establishing new self-administered First Nation Police Services in Manitoba, including to serve the northern Manitoba First Nations.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) continues to advocate for First Nations-led and Regionally-led solutions when meeting with Ministers and government officials.
2.	Call on Public Safety Canada to immediately engage with the northern Manitoba First Nations and the Manitoba Minister of Justice and senior officials to advance the substantive steps necessary to develop, enter into, and operationalize an agreement for a new self-administered police service for the northern Manitoba First Nations, including, but not limited to:	
2.a.	Development of a governance model including the approach to community engagement in setting policing priorities;	
2.b.	Identifying the scope and standards for service delivery and the related officer compliment;	
2.c.	Recruitment and training;	
2.d.	Capital investments for facility locations and configuration;	
2.e.	Equipment and resource requirements; and	
2.f.	A funding and operations agreement between Canada, First Nations, and Manitoba.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 15/2023, SUPPORT FOR ADVOCACY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS MEN AND BOYS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for Advocacy and the Establishment of a Working Group to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Men and Boys
<b>MOVER</b>	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull First Nation, AB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief and Executive Committee to advocate and lobby the Government of Canada to commit funds and resources for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Men and Boys, similar to that of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People (MMIWG2S+).	<p>The AFN Women’s Council have discussed the need to prioritize MMIMB2S+ and discussion of adopting MMIP.</p> <p>The AFN is regularly incorporating messaging to raise awareness of the MMIMB2S+ crisis at various meetings, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Roundtable on MMIWG2S+ hosted by Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). The AFN will continue to raise this with government counterparts.</p> <p>MMIMB2S+ was mentioned in the AFN’s Calls for Justice Report Card, which was released on June 3, 2024. The AFN also prepared a Red Dress Alert position paper which advocates for the alert to be available not only for First Nations women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, but also, men and boys.</p> <p>The AFN is preparing a position paper on MMIMB2S+ to support further advocacy in this area.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to advocate for dedicated resources to establish a Murdered and Missing Indigenous Men and Boys working group, to examine the root causes of violence against Indigenous men and boys and to advocate for solutions to address the disproportionate number of First Nations men and boys who go missing or are found murdered.	The AFN Interim National Chief Bernard met with the Dubois Family and provided support for them to lobby and seek meetings with the Ministers of CIRNAC, Indigenous Services Canada, Justice Canada, Public Safety Canada and Health Canada. The Dubois Family are calling for a National Inquiry into Missing, Murdered, and Neglected Indigenous Men, Boys and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People. The background information of the Dubois Family advocacy was included in the AFN <i>Calls for Justice Report Card</i> .
3.	Direct the AFN to work with the Minister of Justice/Attorney General of Canada and the provinces, the Department of Justice Canada as well as the RCMP, provincial and municipal police forces across Canada to commit to devoting greater resources to investigating unsolved cases of Missing and Murdered First Nations Men, Boys and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.	The AFN will continue to monitor for funding opportunities that will support this work.



## AFN RESOLUTION 16/2023, DISTINCTIONS-BASED INDIGENOUS HEALTH LEGISLATION

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Distinctions-Based Indigenous Health Legislation
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Derek Nepinak, Pine Creek First Nation, MB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Andrea Paul, Pictou Landing First Nation, NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Call on Canada to ensure First Nations have reasonable time and opportunity for adequate and meaningful dialogue to consider the following guiding principles in the development of distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation and sustainable healthcare models, including:</p> <p>a. recognition, respect and inclusion of inherent rights to traditional healthcare systems, including traditional medicines, knowledge and healing practices;</p> <p>b. recognition, respect and inclusion of the Treaty right and human right to health;</p> <p>c. recognition, respect and inclusion of the particular visions of self-determination and self-government of every First Nation; and,</p> <p>d. Recognition, respect and inclusion of the standards in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.</p>	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) hosted a National Forum on Distinctions-based Indigenous Health Legislation (DBIHL) in Toronto from May 31 to June 1, 2023. The Forum included guest speakers and facilitated dialogue on the development of the legislation.</p> <p>The AFN developed one-page information fact sheets summarizing the AFN's <i>National Forum Dialogue Summary Report</i>, <i>Treaty Right to Health Report</i>, and Indigenous Service Canada (ISC)'s <i>What We Heard Report</i>.</p> <p>The AFN hosted bi-monthly meetings with the Chiefs' Committee on Health (CCoH) to review health legislation processes/progress. Key CCoH discussions and work in the regard included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of ISC's Key Elements Document for DBIHL</li> <li>• Development of a CCoH Recommendation to the AFN Executive Committee to temporarily suspend the AFN's participation in DBIHL processes</li> <li>• Development of Draft Resolution 13/2023, <i>Enforcement of Band Council Resolutions and Bylaws On-Reserve</i>, to temporarily suspend the AFN's participation in DBIHL process.</li> </ul>
2.	<p>Call on Canada to engage the active and meaningful participation of representatives of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, in the engagement and discussions towards distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation with proper title</p>	<p>The AFN led the analysis of ISC's <i>Key Elements Document</i> and provided synthesized feedback to ISC.</p>



	holders in accordance with inherent title and rights and Treaty rights, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.	Feedback included a request for Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and the provinces/territories to work with the AFN and ISC on Distinctions-based Indigenous Health Legislation to ensure active and meaningful engagement with First Nations. The request included respectful adherence to the guidance of the AFN CCoH and the AFN Executive Committee.
3.	Call on Canada to consider in the process of co-drafting the legislation the analysis and recommendations of Canada's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996) in its final report.	
4.	Call on Canada to strictly adhere to its legal obligations under international customary law as adopted in the common law of Canada and as set out in the 2000 General Comment on Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as set out in the preamble of this resolution.	Health Legislation was included in the <i>Permanent Bilateral Mechanism</i> (PBM) document as an area of collaboration.
5.	Call on the First Nations-in-Assembly to delegate the Chiefs' Committee on Health (CCoH) to coordinate, inform, and make recommendations on all aspects of distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation and report back to the AFN Executive Committee periodically and the First Nations-in-Assembly for final vetting before going through the parliamentary process.	In April 2024, using all AFN region's documents they had developed on Health Legislation, the Health Sector developed a paper with Dr. Jose Lavoie entitled, " <i>Federal Distinctions-Based First Nation Health Legislation – Synthesis of PTOs feedback on ISC Potential Key Elements document.</i> "  The CCoH had an opportunity to discuss its content in a joint meeting with ISC representatives in May 2024.
6.	Call on Canada to put conditions into place on transfer payments to provinces, on condition that provinces must pass laws so that there is no discrimination in the operation of hospitals or health systems licensed by the province.	The AFN developed a formal letter to the Minister of ISC requesting adequate funding for regional and national engagement sessions on Distinctions-based Indigenous Health Legislation (DBIHL).  Regional Chief Hare met with Minister of ISC on November 8, 2023, to advocate for appropriate funding for regional dialogues and mechanisms to address Racism in health care settings. The meeting outcome informed Resolution 79/23, <i>Reconsider Distinctions-Based Health Legislation Process</i> , that called for a halt in the process until investments for regional dialogues and adherence with Inherent and Treaty Rights are affirmed.



## AFN RESOLUTION 17/2023, PRIORITIZE LAND BACK THROUGH ALL FEDERAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Prioritize Land Back Through All Federal Laws, Policies, and Programs
<b>MOVER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Victor Linklater, proxy, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Prime Minister of Canada and the Crown to prioritize the return of lands to First Nations through all laws, policies, and processes.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has emphasized the need to return lands to First Nations through a range of advocacy activities, including developing and submitting a brief to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs on the restitution of lands, emphasizing the return of land through Additions to Reserve (ATR) and Specific Claims policy reform initiatives, and through a range of correspondence with the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.</p> <p>The AFN successfully advocated for the inclusion of key Action Plan Measures in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples National Action Plan related to the recognition of First Nations land rights, including a commitment by the Government of Canada to repeal the Comprehensive Land Claims and Inherent Right to Self-Government Policies.</p> <p>The AFN continues to advocate for a First Nations driven engagement process with sufficient funding for First Nations to identify the types of flexible nation-to-nation processes necessary to address First Nations land rights.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to work with all First Nations to identify open, transparent, and funded processes that prioritize the return of lands to First Nations through nation-to-nation discussions.	
3.	Direct the AFN to ensure adequate funding is provided for First Nations and their representative organizations to fully participate in the return of lands through nation-to-nation discussions.	
4.	Direct the AFN to seek funding and opportunities to support First Nations asserting self-determination and control over their lands through research, analysis, communications, and political intervention.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 18/2023, SUPPORT FOR TREATY 9 LEGAL ACTION ON CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for Treaty 9 Legal Action on Cumulative Impacts
<b>MOVER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Victor Linklater, proxy, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to lend political support for Treaty 9 in the legal action and work with the Treaty 9 Nations to explore avenues for continued support as the legal action progresses, including ensuring that this legal action can be used as a positive precedent for other Treaty First Nations in Canada to pursue similar claims and protect their traditional territories.	<p>The AFN issued a press statement on April 14, 2023, affirming its support for the Treaty 9 legal action on cumulative impacts.</p> <p>The AFN continues to monitor the litigation related to the Treaty 9 legal action on cumulative impacts.</p> <p>The AFN will continue to seek opportunities to ensure Treaty lands and waters are protected from the cumulative impacts of resource development across Turtle Island.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to call on Canada and all of the provinces, through correspondence to Minister Lametti, Minister Guilbeault, and Minister Miller, to ensure the Treaty 9 First Nations' lands and waters are respected and protected, including by taking immediate measures to address the cumulative impacts of resource development on the Nations' Treaty rights and way of life in such a way to ensure climate change resiliency can occur and that landscape scale biodiversity is achieved.	<p>The AFN, through its National Climate Strategy, is advocating to ensure climate change resiliency is a priority across Governments.</p>





## AFN RESOLUTION 19/2023, REPATRIATION OF GRAVE SITES

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Repatriation of Grave Sites
<b>MOVER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Victor Linklater, proxy, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to urge the Government of Canada and the Alberta Government to repatriate the ancestral grave sites to the Enoch Cree Nation.	The Assembly of First Nations is in communication with Enoch Cree First Nation and has made itself available to support ongoing efforts return ancestral gravesites to Enoch Cree's jurisdiction and authority.



## AFN RESOLUTION 20/2023, UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ACT DRAFT NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Draft National Action Plan
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Gull Bay First Nation), ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Lisa Robinson, Wolf Lake First Nation, QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the Government of Canada to proceed without delay to amend the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDRIP Act), for tabling the Action Plan with Parliament annually, in order that Indigenous Peoples be consulted and accommodated pursuant to Section 6(1) of the UNDRIP Act and Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) continues to have regular meetings with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and other federal departments leading the implementation of the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> (UNDA) to discuss ongoing implementation of the <i>UNDA</i> including amending the National Action Plan.</p> <p>Canada indicated explicit inability and unwillingness to formally amend Section 6(4) of the <i>UNDA</i> as called for by the First Nations-in-Assembly in mid-2023; this position was reported to the Ad Hoc Chiefs Committee on <i>UNDA</i>.</p>
2.	In the event that the Government of Canada is unwilling or unable to amend Section 6 (4) of the UNDRIP Act, direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to:	<p>Action Plan Measure 21 identifies the DOJ will lead the co-development and implementation of a process to review and update the action plan every five years, and a process for making amendments to the action plan. AFN continues to discuss the need for Action Plan amendments and adequate processes.</p>
2.a.	Call on the Government of Canada to commit to amending the Action Plan annually after June 21, 2023, following consultation that meets the requirements of the UNDRIP Act, and First Nations Inherent and Treaty rights, title and jurisdiction.	
2.b.	Call upon the Government of Canada to ensure additional funds and resources be made available to all First Nations who wish to participate in the consultation of the Action Plan, in order to meet the requirements of free, prior, and informed consent as per Article 19 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the duty to consult and accommodate.	
		<p>Funding needs for First Nations have been conveyed at every bilateral and multilateral meeting held with DOJ and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) by the AFN throughout 2023 and 2024.</p> <p>High-level political meetings with the National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak on the <i>UNDA</i> all included the need for increased funding to implement the <i>UNDA</i> and ensure the full involvement of First Nations.</p> <p>In April 2024, Regional Chief Teegee, portfolio holder for the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> (UN Declaration)</p>



		<p>reiterated the calls for funding and adequate engagement to support First Nations leadership in the <i>UNDA</i>.</p> <p>DOJ's Indigenous Partnership Fund accepted new proposals from First Nations and regions to support <i>UNDA</i> implementation activities in 2024-2025. However, available funding was severely limited.</p> <p>The AFN has continued its advocacy calling for \$1.517B over 5 years for First Nations implementation in the 2024 Pre-Budget Submission.</p>
3.	<p>Call on the Government of Canada to continue to consult and cooperate with First Nations title and rights and treaty holders and their representative institutions, where mandated by the First Nation, to review and co-develop amendments to the National Action Plan in order to address the gaps that have been identified by First Nations. This process must be supported by a national oversight body with representation from First Nations and Crown governments, to ensure transparency and the incorporation of First Nations submissions on the National Action Plan.</p>	<p>The AFN is working with the Department of Justice to implement Action Plan Measure 17 that calls for an oversight mechanism of <i>UNDA</i> implementation.</p>
4.	<p>Support First Nation and region-specific approaches that uplift First Nations right-holders and advance the implementation of the Declaration based on ongoing work, identified priorities and positions in relation to the UNDRIP Act, and the National Action Plan.</p>	<p>At all high-level technical and political meetings, this mandate was shared with Canada.</p> <p>The AFN continues to advocate for regional approaches (Regional/Treaty Group/ Representative Bodies etc.) to funding for First Nations.</p> <p>Development of a toolkit for implementation is under development by AFN for deployment in 2024 based upon the AFN Essential Elements document shared at the 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly on the <i>UN Declaration</i>.</p>
5.	<p>Call on the Department of Justice to provide a copy of all the proposals it has reviewed and approved, without restrictions, to the Assembly of First Nations.</p>	<p>The AFN, with legal counsel, undertook this analysis in mid-2023. The legal advice indicated that obtaining a copy of all proposals it has reviewed and approved, without restrictions, to the Assembly of First Nations would be a violation the standard of free, prior, and informed consent, as well as the Duty to Consult. This information was provided to the Ad Hoc Chiefs Committee on the <i>UN Declaration Act</i> in July of 2023.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 21/2023, REPLACING FIRST NATIONS LANDS LOST DUE TO CLIMATE DISASTERS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Replacing First Nations Lands Lost Due to Climate Disasters
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to take a whole of government approach, working in full partnership with affected First Nations, to respond immediately to climate emergencies impacting First Nations lands, including the replacement of lands that have been lost or damaged, and the relocation of reserves vulnerable to climate disasters.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) <i>National Climate Strategy</i> was released on October 18, 2023. The <i>National Climate Strategy</i> , as well as materials from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on AFN's website.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to work in full partnership with affected First Nations to identify the priorities, objectives, and resources needed to respond to climate emergencies impacting First Nations lands, including the replacement of lands that have been lost or damaged and the consideration of granting personhood to vulnerable lakes, rivers, aquifers, and other bodies of water.	A technical webinar outlining the <i>National Climate Strategy</i> was hosted on October 25, 2023, as well as presented at the Joint Committee on Climate Action and the Adaptation Plenary.
3.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to ensure its policies, processes, and laws facilitate a whole of government approach to climate emergencies, particularly the purchase, transfer, and conversion of lands to replace First Nations lands lost or damaged by climate emergencies. In those cases where policy, process or law is an impediment, the Government of Canada must identify alternative approaches that prioritize immediately responding, in full partnership with affected First Nations, to climate emergencies impacting First Nations lands.	An implementation plan for the <i>National Climate Strategy</i> is currently being developed, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment.



## AFN RESOLUTION 22/2023, FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT ON CANADA’S 2030 EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	First Nations Engagement on Canada’s 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon Canada to take immediate steps to work with First Nations to ensure that the implementation of the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act, the 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan, and all related actions, respect First Nations’ Treaty and Aboriginal rights and Title.	The Assembly of First Nations ( <i>AFN National Climate Strategy</i> ) was released on October 18, 2023. The <i>National Climate Strategy</i> , as well as materials from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on the AFN’s website.
2.	Call upon Canada to ensure adequate funding and resources to engage with First Nations on information regarding carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) technologies, including the potential issues, impacts, and opportunities for First Nations.	A technical webinar outlining the <i>National Climate Strategy</i> was hosted on October 25, 2023, as well as presented at the Joint Committee on Climate Action and the Adaptation Plenary.
3.	Call upon Canada to secure the free, prior, and informed consent of First Nations prior to approving the use, promotion, development, and deployment of CCUS technologies on First Nations’ lands and traditional territories.	The 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Action took place on November 1-2, 2023. <a href="https://afn.ca/environment/national-climate-strategy/">https://afn.ca/environment/national-climate-strategy/</a> . An implementation plan is currently being developed, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment. This includes including the preparation of a draft letter outlining the need for CCUS to respect Treaty and Aboriginal rights and title of First Nations.



## AFN RESOLUTION 23/2023, PROHIBIT OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE SACRED CALVING GROUNDS OF THE PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Prohibit Oil and Gas Exploration and Development in the Sacred Calving Grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief to call upon the United States Congress and President of the United States to recognize the inherent rights of Gwich'in to continue to live their way of life and maintain their sacred relationship with the Porcupine Caribou Herd by meaningfully acknowledging and engaging with the Gwich'in and by repealing the language in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which mandates oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	On September 7, 2023, the Department of Interior of the Government of the United States (US) revoked the seven remaining exploration licenses within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. On May 1, 2024, the House of Representatives voted to approve legislation that reinstates rights to drill in the Refuge. The Bill reinstates six oil and gas leases to drill and undoes the Biden administration's ban on the drilling on 13 million acres in the Alaska National Petroleum Reserve.
2.	Support the Gwich'in, through available domestic and international diplomatic avenues, in their efforts to raise awareness of this international human rights issue and advocate for political leaders, corporations and financial institutions to take firm stances on:	A letter has been sent from Regional Chief Adamek formally opposing the House-approved legislation and calling for the repeal of language within the <i>Tax Cuts and Jobs Act 2017</i> which mandates the granting of additional exploration licenses. The letter also formally opposes the granting of exploration licenses within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, both towards the 2024 mandate of the <i>Tax Cuts and Jobs Act 2017</i> , and in perpetuity into the future.
2.i.	opposing development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and;	
2.ii.	stressing the importance of permanent protection of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) continues to identify supplementary activities to support the Gwich'in People, following the decision by the US administration to reinstall drilling licenses.
3.	Direct the AFN National Chief to urge the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada to continue to support efforts aimed at seeking permanent protection of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	The AFN will continue advocacy work with the Government of Canada, including the Prime Minister and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada to support the AFN's effort to reverse exploration license granting, and exploration within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge generally. Advocacy work will contain reference to the commitments made by Canada and the United States to the <i>2022 Porcupine Caribou Herd Agreement</i> .



## AFN RESOLUTION 24/2023, SUPPORT FOR AN EQUITABLE CARBON TAX ON INDUSTRIAL FOSSIL FUEL PROTECTION

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for an Equitable Carbon Tax on Industrial Fossil Fuel Protection
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Fully support an equitable carbon price that holds large emitters accountable for their role in perpetuating climate change through their activities and products.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) <i>National Climate Strategy</i> was released on October 18, 2023. The <i>National Climate Strategy</i>, as well as materials from the 2<sup>nd</sup> AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on the AFN's website.</p> <p>An implementation plan is currently being developed.</p> <p>The 21st meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Action took place on April 3-5, 2024.</p> <p>An engagement process on the increase of the proceeds available to Indigenous governments in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Manitoba is currently ongoing. An updated resolution is being drafted for consideration by the First Nations in Assembly in July.</p>
2.	Urge the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to immediately begin exploring options for a managed wind-down of the provincial and national fossil fuel sector.	
3.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive and staff to work with First Nations and like-minded organizations to advocate for greater First Nations oversight and decision-making in allocating revenues accrued by carbon levies applied on title lands.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 25/2023, CALL FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE FEDERAL CARBON LEVY FOR FIRST NATION GOVERNMENTS IN RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Call for an Exemption to the Federal Carbon Levy for First Nation Governments in Rural and Remote Communities
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal government for an exemption to the federal carbon levy for diesel-reliant rural and remote First Nation governments.	The 21st meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Action took place on April 3-5, 2024.
2.	Call on the AFN to urge the federal government for increased funding and resources to ensure that rural and remote First Nations governments are able to transition away from a reliance on diesel power by no later than 2030.	<p>An engagement process on the increase of the proceeds available to Indigenous governments in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Manitoba is currently ongoing. An updated resolution is being drafted for consideration by the First Nations in Assembly in July.</p> <p>A letter has been sent from the National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak to the Minister of Finance.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 26/2023, TRANSITION FROM OPEN NET-PEN FISH FARMING

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Transition from Open Net-Pen Fish Farming
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band, NT
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, Proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Fully support a rapid transition away from open net-pen aquaculture led by First Nations that shifts aquaculture to land-based closed-containment facilities and does not utilize unproven methods, such as semi-closed containment.	The Co-Chairs to the National Fisheries Council Co-Chairs issued a detail letter on April 30, 2024, to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), outlining concerns raised by First Nations relating to open net pen fish farms on the coastal waters of British Columbia, and insisting on the need to preserve the integrity of wild fish and aquatic populations and their habitats.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations Executive Committee to work with like-minded organizations and the Governments of Canada on a plan to transition from open net-pen aquaculture to closed containment alternatives by 2025.	
3.	Call upon the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to ensure Indigenous rights are foundational to federal aquaculture legislation and to co-develop legislation with Indigenous title and rights holders.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) routinely hears – provides feedback – on Aquaculture updates from DFO as a standing agenda item to the bi-monthly meeting of the Joint Planning Table between the AFN and DFO. In addition, the National Fisheries Committee (NFC) provided its views and concerns on the progress of the draft <i>Aquaculture Act</i> and on the transition from open-net pen salmon farming in coastal BC waters by 2025 at its regularly scheduled meeting in March 2024.</p> <p>DFO has signalled its intent to issue another <i>What We Heard report</i> as a result of the round-table engagements the Minister hosted in November-December 2023. The AFN intends to comment on the draft transition plan once it is circulated for review in Summer 2024.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 27/2023, ENDORSEMENT OF A RESPONSE TO THE VATICAN STATEMENT ON THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Endorsement of A Response to the Vatican Statement on the Doctrine of Discovery
<b>MOVER</b>	Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlups, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Philip Blake, Tsiigehtchic Dene First Nation, NT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Chief Gerald Antoine in informing and continuing to work with Residential School Survivors and the AFN Executive Committee to deliver a response to the Vatican, in his ongoing capacity as portfolio holder for the AFN.	The Dene Nation Regional Office is the lead on Vatican responses and the AFN is providing support to secure funding to carry out this mandate. The AFN has also provided technical support to Regional Chief Antoine in attending First Nations events and discussing the need of continuing the support of Residential School Survivors. Overall lack of funding from Canada on this mandate remains an obstacle to implementation.
2.	Call on the Government of Canada to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>formally renounce the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius.</li> <li>take steps in collaboration and with the consent of First Nations, to provide effective redress for the violation of First Nations' rights to lands, territories and resources taken without free, prior, and informed consent are effectively redressed; and</li> <li>no longer invoke the Doctrine of Discovery in any manner, including in contemporary court cases or negotiations.</li> </ol>	The Dene Nation Regional Office is the lead on this file and the AFN is providing support to secure funding to carry out this mandate. The AFN submitted a funding proposal to Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada to assist the Dene Nation in carrying out its mandates regarding Indian Residential Schools.
3.	Call on the AFN to seek resources to support a communications strategy to educate non-Indigenous persons, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples about the history of the Doctrine of Discovery and what is required to support the affirmation of First Nations rights.	The AFN continues to monitor for opportunities to secure funding to support this mandate.



## AFN RESOLUTION 28/2023, DENE FUNDING

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Dene Funding
<b>MOVER</b>	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
<b>SECONDER</b>	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support the Dene Nation to call upon the federal government to uphold the honor of the Crown and their Treaty obligations by agreeing with First Nations before allocating any federal transfer payments to the Territory (state).	The AFN continues to advocate for expanding the New Fiscal Relationship Grant (10-year grant) to more First Nations and First Nation aggregates, as well as addressing the barriers for First Nations becoming eligible for the 10-year grant.
2.	Direct the AFN to advocate for First Nations to have direct access to funding, including direct Treaty-based transfer funding agreements, in a way that is consistent with First Nations Treaty and inherent rights.	The AFN continues work with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on governance modernization to support increases to governance funding along with options to support new funding approaches and institutions from the 2019 report of the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations (JACFR).
3.	Direct the AFN to support and advocate for the Dene communities North of 60° to receive direct Treaty-based transfer funding agreements.	<p>The AFN is beginning engagement on the co-development of opt-in options for the eventual statutory funding and transfer of services from ISC to First Nations. These options will then return to First Nations-in-Assembly for review and ratification.</p> <p>The AFN is seeking funding to support a Chiefs' Committee on Fiscal Relations to support increased First Nations' engagement on this work.</p> <p>The AFN will coordinate a meeting with the mover and seconder in 2024 to receive more direction on advocacy and to identify Dene First Nations that might be interested in participation of this work.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 29/2023, SUPPORT FOR INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS ORGANIZATION

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for Indian Residential School Survivors Organization
<b>MOVER</b>	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
<b>SECONDER</b>	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the Indian Residential School Survivors organization in their endeavor to represent all Indian Residential School Survivors on all matters regarding the Indian Residential School legacy of the Indian Residential School policy, including in accessing financial resources for its organizational activities.	<p>The Dene Nation Regional Office is the lead on activities supporting Indian Residential School Survivor organizations. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) supported the work by hosting a National Wellness Gathering that brought together survivors and organizations to discuss impacts of Indian Residential Schools on wellness and intergenerational trauma. The AFN has also developed a funding proposal that would provide support to the Chiefs Committee on Indian Residential Schools who would provide additional support and resources to Indian Residential School Survivor organizations.</p>
2.	Support all regional Indian Residential School Survivors' organizations in their efforts and ongoing work.	<p>The Dene Nation Regional Office provides ongoing support to regional Indian Residential School Survivors organizations who reach out for support.</p> <p>In January 2024, the AFN submitted a funding proposal to support efforts through a Chiefs Committee on Indian Residential Schools. Once established, will work to ensure that the federal government Churches take active steps towards providing consistent and substantive support to Residential School Survivors, families, and First Nations in their efforts of investigation.</p> <p>The Dene Nation and representatives from the AFN attended the National wellness gathering from February 13-15, 2024, hosted by the AFN, where the AFN Regional Chief Antoine spoke to survivors on healing and resilience.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 30/2023, TOWARDS A NATIONAL CULTURAL SAFETY AND HUMILITY STANDARD

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Towards a National Cultural Safety and Humility Standard
<b>MOVER</b>	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
<b>SECONDER</b>	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Recognize the importance of enhancing access to quality, culturally safe health care that is free of Indigenous-specific racism and that affirms Indigenous cultures, rights, and identities.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) continues to meet with the Health Standards Organization, Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association, First Nations Health Authority, and First Nations Health Managers Association.
2.	Support the adoption of the British Columbia Cultural Safety and Humility Standard or similar standards by federal, provincial, and territorial governments and entities across the country.	The AFN secured funding from the Indigenous Relations Office of Health Canada to host a 1.5-day meeting in early April 2024. Organizations working on cultural safety had the opportunity to map the landscape and get clarity on the phases of developing a national standard. The lengthy process takes approximately 2.4 years to flow through the necessary steps of standard approval.





## AFN RESOLUTION 31/2023, ADVOCATE FOR FIRST NATIONS ATHLETES INDUCTION INTO THE HOCKEY HALL OF FAME AND OTHER SPORTS HALLS OF FAME

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Advocate for First Nations Athletes Induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame and Other Sports Halls of Fame
<b>MOVER</b>	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
<b>SECONDER</b>	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support and advocate for the nomination and induction of Reggie Leach into the Hockey Hall of Fame, as well as to support the current nomination of Jim Neilson.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has met with Hockey Indigenous to discuss the nominations.</p> <p>The AFN sent a copy of the resolution to Hockey Indigenous as Reggie Leach is on their Board.</p> <p>The AFN will draft the support letter to the Hockey Hall of Fame.</p> <p>AFN will update and seek input from Chiefs Committee on Health (CCoH) and National First Nations Health Technicians Network about players who could support the nominations.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to develop a shortlist of First Nations athletes who demonstrate and support cultural pride in First Nations youth and who meet the requirements of being inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame and other sports halls of fame.	<p>The AFN has created a shortlist based on Hockey Indigenous' recommendations.</p> <p>The AFN will update and seek input from CCoH on potential eligible athletes who demonstrate cultural pride.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 32/2023, MODIFY CMHC TENDER SECURITY BOND REQUIREMENTS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Modify CMHC Tender Security Bond Requirements
<b>MOVER</b>	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
<b>SECONDER</b>	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to work jointly with the AFN to uphold the principles of reconciliation and revise its funding and procurement policy by reducing the requirement for security bonds for First Nations construction companies eligible to bid for its construction tenders and contracts.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is collaborating with Indigenous Service Canada (ISC) on revising the ISC tendering policy and considering the connections to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) bonding resolution 32/2023.</p> <p>The AFN meets regularly with ISC and CMHC through a working group on reviewing and updating the First Nations Tendering Policy on Federally Funded Capital Projects for First Nations on Reserve including the requirements for contract surety bonds.</p> <p>The ISC/AFN working group have agreed on a suggested increase to the contract value threshold for bonding, reducing the requirement for bonding on capital projects. The working group is also exploring alternatives that would provide contract security when bonding would otherwise be required, such as contract management approaches. This work is currently with ISC Assistant Deputy Minister office for review.</p> <p>The AFN will present the updates and revisions on the tendering policy to the Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 33/2023, AFN ARTICLE 22, CHARTER PROCEDURES

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	AFN Article 22, Charter Procedures
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Irene Kells, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Kyra Wilson, Long Plains First Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the recommendation of the Executive Committee and hereby expel RoseAnne Archibald from the Board of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and remove her as National Chief.	National Chief Archibald was removed by way of vote at the June 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly.
2.	Direct that the Executive Committee follow the procedures outlined in Article 22 (3) of the AFN Charter to select an interim National Chief from amongst themselves and call an election to be held at the December 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly.	Regional Chief, Joanna Bernard, was selected as Interim National Chief and has been supported to fill role.
3.	Hereby direct and mandate that National Chief RoseAnne Archibald be immediately removed from office and that all pay and benefits be stopped effective immediately.	Final payment completed.





## AFN RESOLUTION 34/2023, APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER AND THE TIMING OF THE ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Appointment of a Chief Electoral Officer and the Timing of the Election of the National Chief
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Junior Gould, Abegweit First Nation, PEI

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Delegate its authority to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive Committee to appoint the Chief Electoral Officer from the list of proponents who respond to the Request for Proposal, no later than October 10, 2023.	A recommendation to the Executive Committee for approval of a Chief Electoral Officer led to the selection of the Chief Electoral Officer. The election will be undertaken at the 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly in December 2023.  Chief Electoral Officer contract approved, and election process implemented to conclude December 6, 2023.
2.	Direct that the term of the next National Chief be adjusted to expire in the month of July 2027, extending the term of office to three years and six months.	In December the election will be completed, and a new National Chief will serve a 3 years and 6 months term.





## AFN RESOLUTION 35/2023, CHIEFS’ COMMITTEE ON CHARTER RENEWAL- ENGAGEMENT ON CHARTER REPORT

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Chiefs’ Committee on Charter Renewal- Engagement on Charter Report
<b>MOVER</b>	Chairperson Khelsilem, Squamish Nation, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Supports the Chiefs’ Committee on Charter Renewal to engage the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), First Nations leadership, citizens, including the AFN Executive Committee, AFN Secretariat, AFN Regions, First Nations leaders, staff, and advisors on the development of the AFN Charter Report.	<p>The Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal (CCoCR) is securing funding and support from CCoCR members in order to implement this resolution.</p> <p>No funding has been secured at this time. Engagement is being conducted via the CCoCR representatives from each Region. It is anticipated that the members of the Committee will discuss and engage Chiefs in their Region in matters of Charter Renewal and report back to the Committee.</p>
2.	Direct the period of engagement to commence forthwith and end prior to the December 2023 Special Chiefs’ Assembly.	
3.	Direct the Chiefs’ Committee on Charter Renewal to incorporate the feedback received into a final AFN Charter Report, a copy of which is to be provided to the AFN Executive Committee and presented for consideration at a future Special Chiefs’ Assembly.	
4.	Direct the AFN Secretariat to seek adequate resources for the Chiefs’ Committee on Charter Renewal to facilitate the necessary engagement.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 36/2023, URGENT AND TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH THE AFN NATIONAL CLIMATE STRATEGY

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Urgent and Transformative Climate Action through the AFN National Climate Strategy
<b>MOVER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, B.C
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Terry Richardson, Papineau First Nation, N.B.

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Reaffirm the declaration of a First Nations Climate Emergency, calling for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A recognition that the climate crisis constitutes a state of emergency for our lands, waters, air, ice, animals, and peoples;</li> <li>b. Local, national, and international communities, governments, organizations, and movements to safeguard the inherent, Treaty and constitutionally protected rights of First Nations, respect First Nations knowledge systems, and uphold Treaties and other constructive arrangements between First Nations and the Crown; and</li> <li>c. Federal, provincial, and territorial governments to take urgent and transformative climate action that meets the requirements outlined in the reports by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Canada's Changing Climate Report (2019) to reduce emissions in Canada by 60% below 2010 levels by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.</li> </ul>	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) <i>National Climate Strategy</i> was released on October 18, 2023. The <i>National Climate Strategy</i>, as well as materials from the 2<sup>nd</sup> AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on the AFN's website.</p> <p>A technical webinar outlining the <i>National Climate Strategy</i> was hosted on October 25, 2023, as well as presented at the Joint Committee on Climate Action and the Adaptation Plenary.</p> <p>An implementation plan on the AFN <i>National Climate Strategy</i> is currently being developed, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment.</p> <p>Planning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> AFN National Climate Gathering is in full swing, planned to take place in Calgary from October 7-10, 2024. Registration is live.</p>
2.	<p>Fully endorse the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Climate Strategy and its seven key priority areas of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prioritize First Nation Knowledge Systems, health, languages, cultures, and spiritualities.</li> <li>b. Recognize, respect, and position First Nations inherent jurisdiction and inherent right to self-determination as central to climate decision-making at all levels.</li> <li>c. Address capacity needs to support First Nations governance and their role as climate leaders.</li> </ul>	<p>A Call-for Sessions covering the concurrent sessions has been completed and initial acceptances have been sent out. The AFN is currently working with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action &amp; Environment (ACE) on the approach for the Plenary Sessions.</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>d. Ensure First Nations self-sufficiency in food, water, and energy.</li><li>e. Close the natural and built infrastructure gap.</li><li>f. Ensure First Nations are equipped to mitigate, prevent, respond, and recover respond to all emergencies.</li><li>g. Leverage the First Nations Climate Lens to reform federal, provincial, and territorial legislation, regulation, policy, and programs.</li></ul>	
3.	Call on the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to work directly, and in full partnership with, First Nations rights and title holders to implement self-determined First Nations climate priorities, including, but not limited to, those outlined in the AFN National Climate Strategy.	
4.	Direct the AFN to work with First Nations rights and title holders to advocate to the federal, provincial, and territorial governments for sufficient and sustainable funding to First Nations to implement their own strategies in a manner consistent with Article 39 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.	
5.	Call on the federal government to compensate First Nations with new or additional lands for any lands that First Nations may lose due to climate change.	
6.	Direct the AFN to use the AFN National Climate Strategy in national and international contexts as an advocacy tool, including with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 37/2023, RETURNING FIRST NATIONS LANDS THROUGH ADDITIONS TO RESERVE REFORM

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Returning First Nations Lands through Additions to Reserve Reform
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Patricia Bernard, Madawaska Maliseet First Nation, NB
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Calvin Sanderson, Chakastaypasin Band, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to co-develop with First Nations a clear, effective, and transparent process to restore, reacquire, and/or remedy the historic dispossession of reserve lands, including fully implementing outstanding legal obligations to create or add to existing reserves or other land tenure systems in a manner that is respectful of inherent and Treaty rights.	Through regular meetings of the Additions to Reserve (ATR) Senior Officials Lands Table, the AFN continues to advocate for clear, effective, and transparent processes to restore, reacquire, and/or remedy the historic dispossession of reserve lands.
2.	Direct the AFN to engage with First Nations on the restitution of lands to First Nations, including through the review and re-design of the Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy and process, and to develop a comprehensive report that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies the many priorities First Nations have respecting ATR.</li> <li>Provides an analysis of the existing policy framework for ATR.</li> <li>Proposes potential policy and legislative solutions for consideration by the First Nations-in-Assembly at an upcoming Assembly.</li> </ol>	<p>The AFN submitted a report to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs as part of its study on the Restitution of Land to First Nations, Inuit, and Metis. The submission emphasized the minimum standard for restitution of lands outlined in the UN Declaration and highlighted ways in which the ATR process consistently fails to meet those standards.</p> <p>The AFN carried out a range of initiatives in 2023-24 to advance ATR analysis and reform, including a National ATR Survey, interviews with Indigenous Services Canada regional land managers, and a series of ATR case studies with select First Nations. These efforts will support AFN analysis of the existing ATR process and contribute to the development of recommendations for consideration by First Nations.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 38/2023, RECOGNIZE FIRST NATIONS LAWS AND LEGAL ORDERS IN THE SPECIFIC CLAIMS PROCESS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Recognize First Nations Laws and Legal Orders in the Specific Claims Process
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation, ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to work with First Nations to research, plan, and develop frameworks for the recognition of Indigenous laws, legal orders, and systems of land tenure in the specific claims process.	The joint AFN/Canada Specific Claims Implementation Working Group (SCIWG) has met regularly throughout 2023 and into 2024 to co-develop with Canada an Independent Centre for the Resolution of Specific Claims.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to support the recognition of the laws, legal orders, and dispute resolution mechanisms as articulated by participating First Nations in all aspects of resolving specific claims, including in the conduct of adjudication, dispute resolution and negotiations.	The AFN has used these meetings to advocate for the recognition of Indigenous laws, legal orders, and systems of land tenure in the specific claims process.
3.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to provide adequate resources and funding to First Nations to ensure that Indigenous laws, legal orders, and systems of land tenure are recognized at all stages of the specific claims process including immediately providing additional research funding to First Nations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and renewing a 5-year funding envelope going forward to increase annual funding to meet actual needs.	<p>The AFN has continued to convene regular meetings of the Council of Experts of Indigenous Laws (CEIL) to provide expert advice on Indigenous laws and specific claims.</p> <p>The AFN continues to meet with the SCIWG to co-develop reforms to the specific claims process and advocate for the recognition of Indigenous laws, legal orders, and systems of land tenure.</p> <p>The Interim National Chief sent a letter to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations calling for an immediate increase in research funding for this fiscal year and a recommitment to adequate research funding moving forward.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 39/2023, REPEAL OR AMEND LEGISLATION THAT BREACHES FIRST NATIONS INHERENT AND TREATIES RIGHTS TO NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOLUTION TITLE	Repeal or Amend Legislation that Breaches First Nations Inherent and Treaties Rights to Natural Resources
Mover	Sharman Fourhorns, proxy, Star Blanket Cree Nation, SK
Seconded	Chief Sheldon Kent, Black River, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to identify the funds for work to be done by First Nations to conduct research to identify legislative and regulatory instruments where the federal government has delegated jurisdiction to provinces and territories over crown lands and natural resources that restrict or extinguish the inherent, Treaty and constitutional rights of First Nations.	Preliminary discussions with AFN have been held.  Meetings with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to identify priorities and funding opportunities.
2.	Call on the Prime Minister of Canada and the provinces and territories to repeal or amend legislative and regulatory instruments that breach First Nations' Inherent and Treaty Rights, including the 1930 Natural Resources Acts.	A letter to the Prime Minister and the Minister of NRCan is being drafted calling for provinces to repeal and amend legislative and regulatory instruments that breach First Nations inherent and Treaty rights.
3.	Call upon Canada to ensure that the principle of free, prior, and informed consent or permission, is followed in any repeal or amendment of legislative and regulatory instruments that breach First Nations' inherent and Treaty Rights, including the 1930 Natural Resources Acts.	Biweekly meetings with NRCan and AFN have taken place.  A larger meeting between NRCan, ministers, and leadership is tentatively set for Winter 2024-2025.



## AFN RESOLUTION 40/2023, SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO FIRST NATIONS DEATHS WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for an Independent Inquiry into First Nations Deaths while in Police Custody
Mover	Sharman Fourhorns, proxy, Star Blanket Cree Nation, SK
Seconded	Chief Sheldon Kent, Black River, MB

	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call-upon on the Federal Government to call a Royal Commission of inquiry into all First Nations deaths and serious injuries while in police and correctional services custody.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) met with the Office of the Correctional Investigator of Canada and discussed the need for an inquiry into deaths or serious injuries while in Federal correctional custody. The AFN continues to advocate for reforms to the federal correctional system and police reform.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to provide political advocacy support the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs in demanding an independent, Mi'kmaw led inquiry into Mi'kmaw deaths while in police and correctional services custody from the Province of Nova Scotia.	The AFN continues to monitor funding opportunities to support this work.
3.	Call on agencies, such as police investigation agencies, chief coroners offices, and other similar bodies as they exist across Canada, to work with independent investigations into deaths by police or in police and correctional services custody.	The AFN raised this mandate during AFN meeting with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police engagement on their Reconciliation Pathway update.



## AFN RESOLUTION 41/2023, SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR FIRST NATIONS POLICING

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Equitable Funding for First Nations Policing
Mover	Chief Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON
Seconded	Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon the Government of Canada and Public Safety Canada (PSC) to cease its disrespectful, colonial, and discriminatory tactics to undermine the rights, jurisdiction, and sovereignty of First Nations, and immediately fund all First Nations police services in Canada in an equitable manner.	The AFN carried out this mandate by holding a press conference to call on the Government of Canada and Public Safety Canada to fund police services in an equitable manner. This mandate was completed during the July 2023 AGA in Halifax, NS, and the AFN continues to advocate this position with the Government of Canada in various settings, such as at political and technical meetings with Public Safety Canada (PSC).
2.	Direct the AFN to call upon the Government of Canada to recognize and uphold First Nations inherent, Treaty and constitutional rights in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to respect the findings of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) in Dominique decision and withdraw its appeal.	The AFN made a public statement calling for PSC to withdraw their appeal on the Dominique decision. AFN has requested a meeting with the Minister of PSC; however, that meeting has not been confirmed.
3.	Direct the AFN to legally support the complaints and legal actions brought forward by First Nations and First Nations Chiefs of Police Associations with respect to PSC's discriminatory conduct, specifically, with respect to the appeal of the CHRT Dominique decision and the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) complaint filed by Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario (IPCO).	The AFN has made submissions to support actions being brought forward by First Nations Chiefs of Police Associations in Ontario and Quebec and continues to monitor the cases.
4.	Direct the AFN to call upon Canada and PSC to re-commit to the co-development of First Nations policing legislation in a meaningful partnership based upon upholding First Nations inherent, Treaty and constitutional rights in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.	The AFN sent a letter in August 2023 asking for a meeting to discuss this mandate. National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak sent a letter to Minister of PSC, in March 2024, which included this mandate. The Minister has not responded to either letters or requests for follow-up meetings.  The AFN prepared a position paper on First Nations policing legislation, which includes the need for the Government of Canada



		<p>to recognize the inherent, Treaty and Constitutional rights of First Nations jurisdiction over policing within their territories.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Direct the AFN to re-engage with PSC and co-develop policing legislation on the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Minister of PSC agrees to meet as soon as possible with the AFN Policing Taskforce Committee;</li> <li>b. The Minister of PSC commits to appointing a representative who has experience engaging with First Nations and possesses an understanding of First Nations rights and policing to engage with the AFN and act as an intermediary between the Minister of PSC and PSC officials;</li> <li>c. PSC commits to co-development of guiding principles that recognize First Nations inherent rights, Treaty rights, constitutional rights, as well as sovereignty and jurisdiction over First Nations policing;</li> <li>d. PSC commits to a true co-development process with clear timelines for introduction of a bill in the House of Commons;</li> <li>e. Representatives from Indigenous Service Canada, Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs, and the Department of Justice fully participate in the co-development process to provide support to PSC and the AFN during discussions regarding the legislation; and</li> <li>f. AFN representatives meet regularly with the PSC's federal/provincial/territorial working group on First Nations policing to directly participate in discussions regarding the legislation.</li> </ol>	<p>The AFN sent a letter in August 2023 asking for a meeting to discuss this mandate with no response from the Minister of Public Safety Canada (PSC).</p> <p>On January 15, 2024, National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak met with the Minister to discuss First Nations Policing and public safety. However, following that meeting the Minister continues to state PSC's intention is to reaffirm the jurisdiction of the provinces and territories regarding the legislation on First Nations policing.</p> <p>On March 11, 2024, National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak sent a letter to the Minister expressing her concern with the PSC unwillingness to seek a new mandate which recognizes First Nations Jurisdiction. There has been no response from the Minister.</p> <p>On June 3, 2024, National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak met with the Minister of PSC to discuss ways to re-engage on the co-development process without affecting First Nations right to self-determination. PSC provided a copy of their essential elements paper that they intend to provide to Justice Canada as drafting instructions for the legislation. The AFN is currently reviewing this document to compare with the existing mandates and positions from First Nations-in-Assembly.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 42/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE LEGAL CHALLENGE BY THREE FIRST NATIONS POLICE SERVICES (ANISHINABEK POLICE SERVICE, TREATY 3 POLICE SERVICE, AND UCCM ANISHNAABE POLICE SERVICE)

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for the Legal Challenge by Three First Nations Police Services (Anishinabek Police Service, Treaty 3 Police Service, and UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service)
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Brian Perrault, Couchiching First Nation, ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Chief Adam Pawis, Shawanaga First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the federal government, in the spirit of reconciliation and its duty to deal honourably with First Nations peoples, to respect the Decision of June 30, 2023, by not filing an appeal of the Decision.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) hosted a press conference during the July 2023 Annual General Assembly and included representation from the three First Nations Police Services in Ontario mentioned in this resolution. During the press conference and subsequent press release, the AFN completed the mandate within this resolution.</p> <p>The Minister of Public Safety Canada responded on the day of the press conference with a statement that they did not intend to appeal the decision of the Federal Court. The deadline to appeal ended in August 2023, and no appeal was filed.</p>
2.	Condemn Canada and PSC for their dishonourable conduct and repeated breaches of their commitments to reconciliation, in failing to negotiate FNIPP funding agreements in good faith with First Nations, as found by the Court in the Decision of June 30, 2023.	
3.	Call upon the federal government to immediately flow funds to the three First Nations police services – APS, T3PS, UCCM Police – as required by the Decision of June 30, 2023.	
4.	Call upon the federal government, in line with the Honour of the Crown, Canada’s commitments to reconciliation, and the Decision of June 30, 2023, to take immediate steps to create a plan for negotiating revised Terms and Conditions with all First Nations which receive funding under the FNIPP, ensuring that funding fulfils the guarantee of equitable policing set out in the 1996 Policy.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 43/2023, REVIEW OF THE PAST TEN YEARS OF ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS/NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD AUDITS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Review of the Past Ten Years of Assembly of First Nations/National Indian Brotherhood Audits
<b>MOVER</b>	Chairperson Khelsilem, Squamish Nation, B.C.
<b>SECONDER</b>	Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlups te Secwepemc, B.C.

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Direct the Assembly of First Nations' (AFN) Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal (CCOCR) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide recommendations regarding the scope and nature of an independent audit;</li> <li>Provide an estimate of the cost of such an audit; and</li> <li>Recommend an independent firm to conduct the review in a manner consistent with the recommended nature and scope of the review.</li> </ol>	<p>Contractor (BDO) was retained and a contract was entered into between the contractor and the AFN to conduct the work as outlined in the resolution with a goal to determine whether or not a forensic audit is warranted based on the investigation.</p>
2.	Direct the CCOCR to provide their recommendations through a resolution to be voted on as soon as possible by the First Nations-in-Assembly at a future Assembly.	<p>BDO has been reviewed financial documentation, interviewing multiple persons of interest, and requesting additional documentation and information from the AFN as the work proceeds. It is anticipated that BDO will have completed their investigation prior to the July AGA and will be providing a report of their findings at that time.</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to address the CCOCR's resolution at a future Assembly prior to moving on to any other business, including, if possible, prior to the election of a new National Chief.	
4.	Subject to available funding and direction from the CCOCR, direct the AFN Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to retain the appointed firm to carry out the review of the past 10 years of finances, including findings of fact and other recommendations on whether or not evidence supports the need for a further investigation (e.g., a forensic audit), and provide a report as soon as possible.	<p>The report will be shared with the CCOCR for review prior to being presented to the Chiefs at the Annual General Assembly. Only one staff member at AFN has been involved in the work with the strict role of providing information to BDO for their review and providing additional documents upon their request.</p> <p>No members of the Executive Committee, including the National Chief have been involved in any of the work as mandated by the resolution.</p>



5.	Direct the AFN Chief Executive Officer to provide copies of audited financial statements from the past 10 years to the First Nations-in-Assembly for their information and review, as well as a copy of the current AFN Finance Policy that guides the administration of finances at the AFN	Audited Financial Statements were made available on AFN's website.
6.	Direct the Executive Committee, including any interim or incoming National Chief, to recuse themselves from any direct involvement in the financial review and investigation conducted by any independent auditor/firm to ensure the complete independence of this work.	Ongoing
7.	Direct the AFN Secretariat to provide resources for the CCOCR to complete the work of this resolution and seek the required funding if needed.	Limited funding provided and included in the Request for Proposal as per the criteria.





## AFN RESOLUTION 44/2023, PROTECT FIRST NATIONS RIGHTS AND INTERESTS FROM UNFOUNDED MÉTIS RIGHTS ASSERTIONS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Protect First Nations Rights and Interests from Unfounded Métis Rights Assertions
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation, ON
<b>SECONDER</b>	Brittane Laverdure, proxy, Lower Post First Nation, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Affirm that no land, air, or water-based inherent and constitutional Métis rights exist in Ontario or British Columbia, and that any non-land, air, or water-based inherent and constitutional Métis rights that may exist in Ontario or BC do not supersede the inherent, constitutional, and human rights of all First Nations, including inherent rights that are protected by Treaty, and are subject to and necessarily limited by the inherent laws, legal systems, systems of governance, and jurisdictions of First Nations.	<p>Letter sent by the Interim National Chief Bernard to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers in late 2023 in advance of the direct action called for in the Resolution.</p> <p>At high-level technical and political meetings between Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and Canada this position was reiterated to Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations on several occasions.</p>
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to seek resources immediately to support national and regional advocacy and work to examine and address the issue of unfounded Métis rights assertions and the role of the Government of Canada, provincial governments, and industry in facilitating these assertions.	The AFN has advocated for resources at both political and technical levels to support advocacy work on unfounded Metis rights assertions. The AFN has sought to provide in-kind contributions wherever possible in lieu of available funding.
3.	Seek resources for the AFN to coordinate with each interested region as soon as possible, a national campaign, including social media, communications, legal, and political strategy, to advance national advocacy opposing unfounded Métis rights assertions and the role of the Government of Canada and provincial governments in facilitating these assertions.	<p>AFN continued to seek resourcing at technical and political meetings between AFN and Canada. To date, funding has not been obtained.</p> <p>To support its mandate, the AFN hosted several virtual regional dialogue sessions on unfounded rights assertions with a focus on Bill C-53, <i>Recognition of Certain Métis Governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan and Métis Self-Government Act</i>, in 2024. For further information see AFN Resolution 81/2023, <i>Urgent Protection of First Nations Inherent and Treaty Rights from Ongoing Illegitimate Rights Assertions</i>, which continues to advance this important work.</p>



4.	Direct the AFN Interim National Chief to advocate politically, including by scheduling a meeting with the Prime Minister as soon as possible, against unfounded Métis rights assertions and the role of the Government of Canada and provincial governments in facilitating these assertions.	These positions were similarly relayed to Parliament through the AFN's written submission to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN) as part of its study of Bill C-53.
5.	Direct the Interim National Chief to demand that the Government of Canada cease and desist in any and all negotiations with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), including proceeding further in the legislative process with the implementation legislation for the MNO-Canada Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MNO Implementation Legislation), until such time as First Nations in Ontario are meaningfully consulted and give their free, prior, and informed consent to any overlapping arrangements in their territories.	In November 2023, AFN Interim National Chief Bernard appeared as a witness before the INAN Committee to express First Nations' concerns with the legislation.
6.	Direct the Interim National Chief to demand that the Government of Canada, provincial, and territorial governments cease to provide any grants to the Métis and Métis organizations in respect of the rights of First Nations.	
7.	Direct the AFN to support coordination efforts of a demonstration at Parliament Hill when the House of Commons returns in September 2023 against the MNO Implementation Legislation.	This activity was conducted and completed throughout mid/late 2023. The AFN provided logistical and financial support to the Chiefs of Ontario for the demonstration which occurred on September 20, 2023.





## AFN RESOLUTION 45/2023, SUPPORTING FIRST NATIONS TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR OFF-RESEVE MEMBERS

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Supporting First Nations to Receive Funding for Off-Reserve Members
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Government of Canada to work with First Nations to seek new funding formulas and transfer agreements that provide adequate funding so all First Nations governments can provide safe, reliable, culturally-appropriate programs and services to both on and off-reserve members.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) continues to undertake advocacy with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for funding formulas and agreements to be based on the needs of First Nations. AFN advocates that the many unique factors that influence the costs of service delivery, such as remoteness and inflation, are considered as a part of the work on the New Fiscal Relationship.
2.	Call on the Government of Canada to direct the funding that it currently transfers to the province on behalf of First Nations members who reside off-reserve to First Nations governments to enable them to provide improved services to their members who reside off-reserve.	<p>The AFN advocates for increased funding for First Nation governments through its Pre-Budget Submission, calling for increased funding for programs such as Band Support Funding, Band Employee Benefits, Tribal Council Funding, and Professional and Institutional Development.</p> <p>Budget 2024 identified \$275 million in incremental funding over two years beginning in 2024 for ISC to maintain Indigenous Governance and Capacity programs and support for governance capacity development.</p> <p>In June 2024, the National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak sent a letter to the Minister of ISC on the need for increased funding to allow for First Nations to meet the needs of all citizens.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 46/2023, SUPPORT FOR INCREASES TO TRIBAL COUNCIL FUNDING

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Support for Increases to Tribal Council Funding
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to provide political support for First Nations in securing increases in funding for the existing Tribal Council program through renewed funding agreements that include indexation, are needs-based, sufficient, predictable, and sustainable.	<p>The AFN's Pre-Budget Submission advocated for Tribal Council Funding increases for inflation and a population escalator. The AFN presented its Pre-Budget Submission to Canada to advocate for increased funding in this area.</p> <p>In June 2024, the National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak sent a letter to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on the need for increased funding to allow for First Nations to meet the needs of all membership.</p> <p>The AFN has also advocated directly with ISC's officials to call for increases in funding and make them aware of this mandate.</p>
2.	Call on Canada to ensure that Tribal Council program funding be increased to address chronic underfunding since 1996.	
3.	Mandate the Assembly of First Nations to immediately bring forward this resolution to the Government of Canada and to keep the First Nations and Tribal Councils apprised of the status of discussions.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 47/2023, PROPOSED FEDERAL FIRST NATIONS DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER LEGISLATION

<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	Proposed Federal First Nations Drinking Water and Wastewater Legislation
<b>MOVER</b>	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
<b>SECONDER</b>	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Reject the consultative draft legislation titled, An Act respecting drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure, on First Nation lands in its current form and support the Minister in delaying the introduction of the legislation to address the critical requirements identified by First Nations including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognition of First Nations rights and jurisdiction over lands and waters;</li> <li>Mandatory requirements for Canada to provide water and wastewater treatment that meets minimum national standards (or where requested, the more stringent of the federal requirements or provincial standards governing residential water quality);</li> <li>Adequate and sustained funding (including at a minimum capital, operations and maintenance, and inspections) to address water and wastewater;</li> <li>Mechanisms to address transboundary waters;</li> <li>Liability protection for owners and operators, and</li> <li>Recognition of rights over source water, minimum binding national standards, commitment to funding, liability protection for First Nations governments, water governance structures, led by First Nations, and mechanisms to address management of transboundary source water.</li> </ol>	<p>Bill C-61, <i>First Nations Clean Water Act</i>, is currently going through the legislative process. After second reading in the House of Commons, the Bill is currently being studied by the House Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN).</p> <p>Following the passing of this resolution, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) tabled a revised version of the draft legislation.</p> <p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has worked to ensure that the revised draft of the legislation addresses the critical requirements set out by First Nations-in-Assembly. However, the AFN continues to push for improvements through amendments to strengthen the Bill, which Minister of ISC has committed to supporting in principle.</p>
2.	<p>Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and Canada to co-develop regulatory instruments and policies that support or are made under the replacement legislation, An Act respecting</p>	



	<p>drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Call on the AFN and Canada to co-develop a funding formula for adequate and sustained funding, including but not limited to capital, operations and maintenance, inspections, liability protection for First Nations governments, management mechanisms of transboundary source water and the establishment of First Nations-led water governance structures.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Call on Canada to fund and support First Nations-led engagement, including with inherent and Treaty rightsholders, on the critical requirements identified for the proposed drinking and wastewater legislation in each region through the summer and fall of 2023.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Call on the Minister of Indigenous Service Canada to work with the AFN, with the guidance of the AFN Chiefs' Committee on Housing and Infrastructure and the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment, to co-develop regulatory instruments, and policies that support or are made under the replacement legislation An Act respecting drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands, and to bring back the draft legislation for approval at a future Assembly.</p>	<p>The AFN intends to coordinate with Regional Water Coordinators and relevant chiefs' committees, such as the Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure and Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) to improve understanding of the Bill and seek potential amendments to ensure that the bill meets the critical requirements identified by First Nations. These amendments are to be presented in AFN's submission and testimony to INAN, which is expected to occur through the fall of 2024.</p> <p>A draft resolution on the draft legislation has been prepared for discussion by the First Nations-in-Assembly.</p>





## AFN RESOLUTION 48/2023, REVITALIZATION OF INDIGENOUS LAWS AND LEGAL ORDERS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Revitalization of Indigenous Laws and Legal Orders
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the Government of Canada to support First Nations initiatives to revitalize their traditional justice practices by adequately funding an innovative First Nations-led approach to justice and healing that is meaningfully informed by the sacred Knowledge Keepers and oral traditions of First Nations.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) hosted a Virtual Justice Speaker Series in October 2023 that discussed this theme.</p> <p>The AFN completed and submitted its report <i>AFN Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy</i> to Justice Canada as input into the development of a federal Indigenous Justice Strategy. This resolution was included in the recommendations made in that report. The AFN is working with Justice Canada to co-develop a National First Nations Justice Strategy with an anticipated release in November 2024.</p>
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to continue engagement with First Nations and national or regional Indigenous organizations to determine options to support all First Nations as they seek to revitalize their legal practices and traditions and, where requested, by working with all First Nations and required internal and external partners in their co-development of processes that will revitalize Indigenous laws and traditional justice systems where mandated to do so.	<p>The Chiefs Committee on Justice met for the first time in September 2023. During this meeting they provided input on this mandate for consideration and inclusion in the recommendation report that will be submitted to Justice Canada.</p> <p>The AFN completed and submitted its report <i>AFN Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy</i> to Justice Canada as input into the development of a federal Indigenous Justice Strategy.</p> <p>During the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers Responsible for Justice and Public Safety meeting with National Indigenous Leaders in October 2023, Regional Chief Teegee called on the FPT Ministers to provide greater resources and support to revitalize First Nations legal traditions and laws. Budget 2024 included a \$5 million investment to support revitalization of Indigenous legal traditions. The AFN will be carrying out financial analysis work on the cost to support revitalization of First Nations laws and legal orders to support greater advocacy around the investments needed to carry out the mandate in this resolution.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 49/2023, SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS AND IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for First Nations Wildland Firefighters and Impacted Communities
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconder	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to recognize the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities of First Nations Wildland Firefighters as more than adequate and on par with non-First Nations Wildland Firefighters.	<p>The AFN will continue to advocate for the acceptance of the knowledge, skills, and abilities of First Nations wildland firefighters during discussions with emergency management partners: Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Public Safety Canada (PSC), and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan).</p> <p>AFN is connecting with Prince Albert Grand Council – Saskatchewan First Nations Emergency Management, who are also training First Nations wildland Firefighters to advance this mandate.</p> <p>The training of wildland Firefighters is managed through NRCan as per the 2023 Federal Budget; the training of 1,000 wildland firefighters inclusive of 300 First Nations Wildland Firefighters.</p>
2.	Call upon Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and its regional partners, to work with the AFN and First Nations Wildland Firefighters on formal recognition of the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities of First Nations Wildland Firefighters.	Discussions between ISC during their monthly update meetings have begun on the formal recognition of First Nations Wildland Firefighters. As more funding is rolled out to support increases in the wildland firefighting labour force, the AFN continues to seek clarity on how Budget 2024 affects First Nations Wildland Firefighters.
3.	Call upon ISC to engage with other federal departments and work with First Nations impacted by wildland fires to support and adequately fund initiatives that incorporate the expertise and knowledge of those communities, given First Nations mastery over their unique hazardscapes.	AFN is looking to schedule a tri-lateral engagement between ISC and NRCan to follow-up on preliminary discussions regarding support for First Nations Wildland Firefighters in relation to NRCan programs.



4.	<p>Call upon ISC and its regional partners, to include First Nations Wildland Firefighters and First Nations in any economic opportunities arising out of wildland firefighting or suppression activities on par with the inclusion of Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and Costa Rica and/or any other wildland firefighting organization called to assist Canada.</p>	<p>In collaboration with ISC during bimonthly discussions, AFN is continuing to research other First Nations emergency service organizations for their inclusion in economic opportunities afforded to wildland firefighters from other countries such as Mexico, New Zealand, and Australia.</p> <p>To date, only the Yukon First Nation Wildfire (YFNW) organization is known to have acquired several contracts to train First Nations Wildland Firefighters through proposal-based funding from NRCan, and assist in fighting wildfires in British Columbia, North West Territories, and Saskatchewan.</p>
5.	<p>Direct the AFN, contingent on funding resources, to work with First Nations Wildland Firefighters in developing a policy proposal within two years for presentation to the First Nations-in-Assembly, which would provide clear recommendations to government for support adequate and stable funding for culturally relevant training and recognized certification for First Nations Wildland Firefighters.</p>	<p>Discussions during bi-monthly meetings between ISC and the AFN have noted wildland firefighter funding is managed by the Emergency Management Directorate and disbursed equally to all applicants through the Fire Smart program.</p> <p>The AFN has initiated discussions between with the YFNW organization to support culturally relevant training and recognized certification for First Nations Wildland Firefighters. Contingent on funding resources, the AFN will work with the First Nations Wildland Firefighters to develop a policy proposal and clear recommendations on adequate funding for the certification of First Nations Wildland Fighters, to be brought to First Nations in Assembly once complete.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 50/2023, ADDRESSING IMPACTS FROM MINING ACTIVITIES

RESOLUTION TITLE	Addressing Impacts from Mining Activities
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on federal, provincial, and territorial governments to ensure that all mining and mineral extraction projects taking place on First Nations lands and waters – including but not limited to, mining and minerals permitting processes, regulatory process development, mitigation and remediation reporting mechanisms, and emergency response processes to water, land, and environmental contamination – adhere to the minimum standards of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the principles of free, prior, and informed consent, and protections under the Constitution Act, 1982.	A letter was sent to the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), and Energy and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) on April 4, 2024, seeking support to coordinate dialogues between First Nations, federal, provincial, and territorial governments.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to dedicate funding and resources to work with First Nations to review and renew existing policies, legislation, and regulations to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop protocols that improve all aspects of operations, including but not limited to, sewage treatment, fuel storage, tailings pond security, monitoring, safety, accountability, enforcement, and oversight of mine tailings management, seepages, leaks, and breaches and</li> <li>to protect First Nations downstream and/or occupying lands across provincial or territorial borders of such operations</li> <li>prevent and mitigate any deleterious or negative effects on First Nations due to emergency events and industrial activities.</li> </ol>	<p>An initial environmental scan related to mining has been completed. A report is being finalized to be shared externally with First Nations.</p> <p>A proposal is being developed to fund this work.</p> <p>The development of a mining database has been delayed and is expected to begin once a confirmed funder has been identified.</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to work with relevant Chiefs' Committees and technical bodies, to holistically identify First Nations priorities related to mine activities, including the impacts on terrestrial, ecosystems, hydrological systems, human health, and safety, and ultimately any adverse effects to First Nations rights due to emergency events and industrial activities.	
4.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments, to work with First Nations to create and co-develop a database of mine tailings spills, gaps and failures in managing, monitoring, enforcement, and reporting mechanisms, and to establish appropriate recommendations to prevent or respond to these events.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 51/2023, RECOGNITION OF CANADA’S INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL GENOCIDE AND REPARATIONS FOR SURVIVORS AND DESCENDANTS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Recognition of Canada’s Indian Residential School Genocide and Reparations for Survivors and Descendants
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Government of Canada to recognize that the establishment and operation of Indian Residential Schools was genocide as acknowledged by Pope Francis and in accordance with Article II of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.	
2.	<p>Call on the Government of Canada to commit to the following actions in the spirit of reconciliation and to begin healing after the recognition of genocide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The continued healing of and support for the Survivors of Indian Residential Schools, their families, and communities through the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada;</li> <li>b. Providing a guaranteed annual income for Survivors of the Indian Residential School system, their descendants, and descendants thereafter in perpetuity to support the revitalization of First Nations; and</li> <li>c. Educating all Canadians about the lessons from the Indian Residential Schools System genocide, its continuing impacts on society, and to bridge efforts of reconciliation between Indigenous Peoples and all Canadians.</li> </ul>	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) hosted a national wellness gathering for residential schools that provided cultural activities for healing and wellness, Strengthening the healers, and understanding trauma and its impact on the brain from February 13-15,2024 in Vancouver, B.C.</p> <p>The AFN continues to advocate for reconciliation and reparation for Indian Residential School survivors.</p>





## AFN RESOLUTION 52/2023, SECURING ACCOUNTABILITY OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, WASTE, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE

RESOLUTION TITLE	Securing Accountability of Nuclear Technology, Waste, Transport and Storage
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconder	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Government of Canada to fully adhere to the standards of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the protections under the Constitution Act, 1982, where information on the nature, size, pace, reversibility and scope of any proposed nuclear project or expansion are transparently disclosed and where an assessment of likely economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts is provided to First Nations, sufficiently in advance of any commencement or authorization of a nuclear project or an expansion.	A new staff position has been created and filled to lead the work on nuclear engagement, which is expected to take further shape through 2024, including webinars and other reporting to First Nations.  National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak issued a press release on January 29, 2024, urging consultation with First Nations on the Chalk River Radioactive Waste Facility because the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) approved a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) landfill site for nuclear waste at the Chalk River Laboratories (CNL).
2.	Call on federal, provincial, and territorial governments to ensure that no testing, development, expansion, or deployment of nuclear activities, including SMRs, occur on or near First Nations territories or infringes on First Nations inherent jurisdiction without the free, prior, and informed consent of all First Nations whose lands, territories, and/or other resources may be affected, including via transportation of any spent nuclear fuel.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has conducted four in-person regional engagements - in Vancouver, Thunder Bay, Toronto, and Fredericton - between April and June 2024 to help inform First Nations about the transportation and storage of used nuclear fuel. The purpose of the dialogue sessions was to provide information, gather feedback, and listen to First Nations' concerns and priorities about nuclear waste transportation and storage plans across Turtle Island. Public awareness material, including a booklet covering session topics and infographic detailing the nuclear fuel process, were distributed to all session participants and will be accessible on the AFN website in Fall 2024. Further engagement activities are expected later in the year.
3.	Call for an urgent meeting between the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Government of Canada to address concerns regarding the consultation policy of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission as it relates to nuclear waste transport and disposal decision making including, but not limited to the Near Surface Disposal Facility at Chalk River (NSDF).	A letter from National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak to the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change Canada and Natural Resources Canada has been sent to request an urgent meeting with the Algonquin Nations regarding the January approval of the NSDF.
4.	Direct the AFN to continue working with the Regions and Natural Resources Canada to develop a coordinated response to the new radioactive waste and decommissioning policy to include First Nations strategies and mitigation measures to fully conform with, and promote, the implementation of international human rights laws and standards.	
5.	Direct the AFN to explore avenues for "Eliminating Environmental Inequality" under Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms with respect to consultation and policies related to the nuclear industry.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 53/2023, FIRST NATIONS-LED PROCESS FOR NATIONAL WATER STEWARDSHIP AND THE CANADA WATER AGENCY

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nations-led Process for National Water Stewardship and the Canada Water Agency
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on Canada to halt the creation of the Canada Water Agency until First Nations concerns are addressed, and First Nations Treaty and rights holders are meaningfully engaged, ensuring that the Agency adheres to Treaty and the standards of the UN Declaration, including the principles of free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) and protections under the Constitution Act, 1982.	Regular meetings continue to occur with the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Canada Water Agency (CWA) to discuss First Nations concerns.  A meeting occurred on November 23, 2023, between the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Regional Chief Picard where Regional Chief Picard advocated for long-term, sustainable funding for First Nations water stewardship and for resources to support a National First Nation-led stewardship task-force.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on Canada to fund the creation of a national First Nations-led water stewardship task force, under the guidance and meaningful participation of the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) and the Chiefs' Committee on Housing and Infrastructure (CCOHI), to inform the implementation and co-development of any such agency, including related legislation, policies, and initiatives, with AFN reporting back to the First Nations-in-Assembly at the next General Assembly.	Regional Chief Kluane Adamek also met with the Parliamentary Secretary, Terry Duguid, on April 22, 2024, to further advocate for First Nations engagement on the modernization of the <i>Canada Water Act</i> and long-term, sustainable funding for First Nations.
3.	Direct the AFN to call upon the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to dedicate funding and resources for the meaningful and sustained engagement and participation of First Nations across Canada, and adequate funding for the creation of First Nations-led institutions that can support a whole-of Canada approach to water stewardship and source water protection.	A proposal is being finalized for a multi-year agreement.  Discussions are ongoing regarding the CWA and the First Nations-led water stewardship task force.  On January 26, 2024, the CWA presented the draft legislation to the Advisory Committee on the Environment and the Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure.



## AFN RESOLUTION 54/2023, DEMAND CONSULTATION ON SECTION 50 POLICY AMENDMENTS UNDER THE INDIAN ACT

RESOLUTION TITLE	Demand Consultation on Section 50 Policy Amendments under the Indian Act
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to consult directly with First Nations before any and all proposed policy changes to the Indian Act and specifically on the Section 50 Policy.	<p>The AFN Interim National Chief Bernard sent a letter to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in 2023 calling on the Government of Canada to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult directly with First Nations before all proposed policy changes to the <i>Indian Act</i> and specifically on the Section 50 Policy.</li> <li>Support First Nations in their consultation processes with the Government of Canada regarding proposed policy changes on the interpretation and application of section 50 of the <i>Indian Act</i>.</li> <li>Adhere to the principle of free, prior, and informed consent in accordance with the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i>.</li> <li>Adequately and appropriately fund First Nations to participate in formal consultation and to undertake extensive community engagement on any proposed policy changes.</li> <li>Refrain from establishing any new policies relating to the interpretation of the <i>Indian Act</i> until such time that all First Nations have been adequately consulted.</li> </ul> <p>The AFN followed up with ISC in fall 2023 and communicated the First Nations concerns directly. ISC indicated that the issue was a communication error on their part and committed to clarifying with rights holders. The AFN then followed up with the concerned First Nation and outlined the discussion with ISC and committed to provide support if future challenges related to the section 50 policy emerged.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to support First Nations in their consultation processes with the Government of Canada regarding proposed policy changes on the interpretation and application of Section 50 of the Indian Act.	
3.	Call on Canada to adhere to the principle of free, prior, and informed consent in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples when developing any proposed Section 50 Policy.	
4.	Direct the AFN to call on Canada to adequately and appropriately fund First Nations to participate in formal consultation and to undertake extensive community engagement on any proposed policy changes on the interpretation and application of Section 50 of the Indian Act and any other proposed changes to the Indian Act.	
5.	Direct the AFN to call on ISC to refrain from establishing any new policies relating to the interpretation of the Indian Act until such time that all First Nations have been adequately consulted.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 55/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE REFORM AND ENFORCEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS LAWS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the Reform and Enforcement of First Nations Laws
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on Canada to work directly with First Nations to support First Nations enforcement of their laws.	The AFN hosted the final engagement on the Indigenous Justice Strategy with a Virtual Justice Speaker Series in October 2023.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on Canada to ensure that it treats First Nations laws and self-governance in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as specifically required in Section 5 of the Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.	The AFN completed and submitted its report <i>AFN Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy</i> to Justice Canada as input into the development of a federal Indigenous Justice Strategy. This resolution was included in the recommendations made in that report. The AFN is working with Justice Canada to co-develop a National First Nations Justice Strategy with an anticipated release in November 2024.
3.	Call upon the federal government to support First Nations in exercising jurisdiction over the assertion, practice and enforcement of First Nations laws and legal orders by resourcing extensive First Nations-led engagement on the enforcement of Indigenous laws.	The AFN prepared a position paper on First Nations policing legislation, which includes the need for the Government of Canada to recognize the inherent, Treaty and Constitutional rights of First Nations jurisdiction over policing within their territories and links with bylaw enforcement.
4.	Call on the federal government to ensure that any changes to laws and policies, including the Indian Act, be undertaken with the free, prior and informed consent of each Nation.	The AFN continues to call on the federal government to ensure free, prior and informed consent is followed.



## AFN RESOLUTION 56/2023, UNILATERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING DECISIONS BY INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

RESOLUTION TITLE	Unilateral Education Programming Decisions by Indigenous Services Canada
Mover	Tyrone McNeil, proxy, Sqewlets (Scowlitz First Nation), BC
Seconded	Lambert Cote, proxy, Cote First Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Reaffirm First Nations inherent and Treaty rights to education.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Indian Education Council (NIEC) has provided several recommendations for edits on the national program guidelines for the Adult Education Program, the Elementary Secondary Guidelines, and Regional Education Agreements (REA) Guidelines.
2.	Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations education remains with each First Nation.	
3.	Call on the Government of Canada to improve and strengthen partnerships with First Nations through an honourable, transparent, and respectful process that supports First Nations control of First Nations education, First Nations decision-making in all processes concerning education, and regional First Nations models of education.	
4.	Call on the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada to recognize the Chiefs' Committee on Education (CCOE) recommendations to decentralize all funding in education programming and support regional model approaches, implementation, and equitable funding methodologies, primarily base plus per-capita allocations.	The education portfolio holder, Regional Chief Cameron, sent a letter to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on October 6, 2023, urging ISC work with the CCOE, NIEC, and the AFN to rectify all unilateral decision-making in the Education Partnership Program (EPP), Adult Education, and any other programs. No response has been received yet.
5.	Call on the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada to immediately meet with the CCOE, the NIEC and the AFN to rectify unilateral decision-making processes and ensure First Nations Adult Education and Education Partnership Program authorities, funding methodologies, and requirements are consistent with the Chiefs' Committee on Education recommendations.	The CCOE and NIEC have not yet had the opportunity to meet with the ISC Senior Officials but have continued to recommend that unilateral changes to the EPP, REA, and Adult Education be reversed via advocacy letters and updated guidelines.
6.	Direct the AFN to advocate for additional sources of funding in place of any funding loss to First Nations related to the Education Partnerships Program (EPP).	The education portfolio holder, Regional Chief Cameron, sent AFN Resolution 56/2023 and a letter to the Minister of ISC on October 6, 2023, urging ISC to rectify unilateral decision-making in the EPP, REA and Adult Education.



## AFN RESOLUTION 57/2023, NATIONAL UNITY ON EDUCATION

RESOLUTION TITLE	National Unity on Education
Mover	Chief Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON
Seconded	Chief Dylan Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Agree that it is paramount that unity be re-established at the AFN National Indian Education Council (NIEC) and the Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE).	Both Committees' Terms of Reference have draft amendments proposed based on the resolution requirements, as well as revisions proposed in 2019. The NIEC and CCOE Terms of Reference are awaiting recommendations from the CCOE.
2.	Agree that the Terms of Reference for the NIEC and the CCoE must immediately be amended to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Under Roles and Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ensure that any recommendations made to the AFN Executive or First Nations-in-Assembly are accompanied by details regarding any non-consensus regarding the recommendation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Under Composition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The list of NIEC and CCOE representation should be updated to reflect any change and be publicly accessible.</li> <li>ii. Composition must be updated to reflect accountability structure and how this process is to be followed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.	Agree that over the next year the Terms of Reference for the NIEC and CCOE be revised to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That meetings are conducted in a manner that identifies and addresses conflict of interest issues;</li> <li>b. Voting representation is consistent between the NIEC and the CCOE;</li> <li>c. A formal process is articulated for making recommendations;</li> <li>d. Recommendations reflect consensus or non-consensus of the committee, and that building consensus is paramount even for committee members who are not present at the meetings;</li> <li>e. Communications are a key function of the committees; and</li> <li>f. The role of the Chair and/or Co-Chairs is clearly articulated.</li> </ul>	
4.	Direct the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal to review and provide recommendations in the AFN Charter Report regarding Chiefs' Committee composition that considers size and unique regional elements in determining regional representation.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 58/2023, A STUDY ON FIRST NATIONS GUARANTEED LIVEABLE INCOME

RESOLUTION TITLE	A Study on First Nations Guaranteed Liveable Income
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD) to conduct and oversee a research study to identify First Nations' concerns and priorities as it relates to guaranteed livable income, including the fiscal impacts and policy opportunities for the On-reserve Income Assistance Program	<p>The AFN has developed a funding proposal to submit to Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) on a research study to identify concerns and priorities for a First Nations guaranteed livable income, which will be shared with the TWGSD for review in Spring 2024.</p> <p>The AFN facilitated a meeting with the TWGSD on regional considerations for the study on Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) at a meeting on October 12, 2023.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to seek funding from the Government of Canada for the TWGSD to conduct and oversee the study.	<p>The AFN is in the planning stages of the 2024 Income Assistance Forum, where the GLI study will be discussed.</p> <p>The AFN met with the Senior Associate Deputy Minister of ESDC on November 1, 2023, to discuss the Engagement Protocol Agreement and advocate for ESDC to fund the GLI study. The AFN met with ESDC again on April 26, 2024 to discuss the Engagement Protocol Agreement (EPA) and advocate for ESDC to fund the GLI study.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 59/2023, CALL FOR EXTENDING INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA’S TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING THE LONGTERM AND CONTINUING CARE FRAMEWORK

RESOLUTION TITLE	Call for Extending Indigenous Services Canada’s Timeline for Developing the Longterm and Continuing Care Framework
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the federal government to revise their Memorandum to Cabinet submission timeline to Winter 2024 to allow Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) the appropriate amount of time to work with First Nations in the co-development of policy recommendations for the development of a continuous, dynamic wholistic Seven Generations Continuum of Care approach that effectively provides culturally safe care to First Nations across their lifespan.	<p>A letter advocating for a later Cabinet date was sent on April 20, 2023, by Regional Chief Glenn Hare to Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).</p> <p>On September 25, 2023, ISC verbally informed the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) of a projected Cabinet date of February/March 2024.</p> <p>From July 25, 2023 to August 25, 2023, the AFN hosted a series of Regional Focus Group to discuss the priorities for reform with First Nations.</p> <p>On September 14, 2023, the AFN hosted a National Focus Group to present the findings from the regional focus group series.</p>
2.	Direct the Chiefs’ Committee on Health to continue to oversee the AFN and the Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD) co-development of policy recommendations with ISC for a Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework through the reform of the Assisted Living (AL) and First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care (FNIHCC) Programs.	<p>On October 12, 2023, the AFN presented and discussed the policy recommendations with the Technical Working Group on Social Development.</p> <p>On August 28, 2023, the AFN presented and discussed the draft policy recommendations with the Chiefs Committee on Health.</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to continue to work horizontally in the co-development of policy options for the reform of the AL and FNIHCC programs into a Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework.	<p>The AFN continues to maintain communication, co-developed presentations, Briefing Notes, documents and meetings with ISC counterparts.</p>
4.	Direct the AFN to seek validation of the proposed First Nations-developed policy recommendations for the reform of the AL and FNIHCC Programs in December 2023.	<p>The AFN submitted a joint resolution to the December Special Chiefs Assembly, which was passed via AFN Resolution 98/2023 <i>First Nations-Created Policy Recommendations for a Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework</i>.</p> <p>The AFN will facilitate a dialogue session to present the policy recommendations.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 60/2023, MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF THE OPIOID CRISIS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Measures to Address the Impacts of the Opioid Crisis
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to undertake advocacy and provide political support for First Nations who wish to bring civil law litigation against those trafficking and responsible for the loss of life in our First Nations to ensure reparations for this new genocide can be provided to assist families in their healing and First Nations to have the capacity to support measures to address the opioid crisis.	The AFN is working to determine the best approach to support First Nations, including legal advice on options.
2.	Call on the AFN to request the federal government to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support First Nations in their efforts to ensure policing as an essential service.</li> <li>Provide enhanced support for the RCMP to develop culturally-relevant and trauma-informed supports to support relationships with First Nation governments and their citizens where directed by the First Nation.</li> <li>Provide immediate resources for any interested First Nations, including Yukon First Nations to create, implement, and maintain community safety officer programs.</li> <li>Ensure First Nations governments who wish to provide safe and reliable access to predictable, pharmaceutical-grade substances are able to do so in exercise of their inherent and Treaty rights.</li> <li>Provide funding and support for ongoing advisory committees on opioid addiction prevention and harm reduction, and for law enforcement and health care providers that will include committee representatives with living or lived experience.</li> </ol>	<p>The AFN is working with the AFN Mental Wellness Committee, First Nations, and government partners to strategize approaches to sharing information with First Nations in regions on harm reduction. The AFN continues to meet with government colleagues, colleagues from the Justice Sector, and First Nation partners to advocate for funding a First Nations advisory committee focused on the opioid crisis.</p> <p>The Mental Wellness Committee identified public health as an urgent concern in their strategic plan. The plan includes address of polysubstance use, content experts focused on harm reduction and addiction medicine, further discussions with First Nations, and potential funding support.</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to call on Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to provide updates on recommendations from Honouring Our Strengths (HOS) Framework and the AFN's Opioid Strategy and that any work in	The AFN is strategizing with First Nations partners to develop a workplan that holds ISC accountable to the Honouring Our Strengths (HOS) recommendations. The AFN is awaiting ISC's



	updating First Nations on the recommendations must address identified gaps and ensure that the HOS and Opioid Strategy are relevant to the needs of First Nations.	First Nation and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB)'s regional office updates on implementing HOS recommendations. ISC's plans for addressing identified HOS recommendation gaps are also requested. Compiled updates will inform a work plan to address gaps identified across the regions
4.	Direct the AFN to call on ISC to ensure that enhanced flexible funding be accessible to all First Nations who wish to implement HOS Framework and Opioid Strategy and to work with relevant First Nations Mental Wellness organizations that would help them address their substance use needs.	The AFN will request that ISC develop a list of potential funding opportunities for First Nations and disseminate this list through regional and First Nations networks.  Discussions with the Mental Wellness Committee enabled the identification of needs in respective regions related to the dissemination of information regarding the drug crisis. Funding needs are being discussed with FNIHB.

## AFN RESOLUTION 61/2023, SUPPORT TO PARENTS AFFECTED BY HISTORICAL CASES OF NEWBORN CHILD ABDUCTION

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support to Parents Affected by Historical Cases of Newborn Child Abduction
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the federal government to call for an independent inquiry into the tragedy of First Nations newborn abductions by healthcare professionals.	The Assembly of First Nations will monitor for funding opportunities that will support this work.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to advocate for an independent and thorough examination of each case involving the forced separation of First Nations newborns from their mothers with the ultimate goal of finding the truth, reuniting mother and child, and seeking justice for families.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 62/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOCKEY INDIGENOUS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the Development of Hockey Indigenous
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to draft a letter of support to the federal government, Hockey Canada, the International Ice Hockey Federation, the National Hockey League, and other appropriate government ministries, organizations, and individuals in support of Hockey Indigenous to access financial resources from those parties to support its operations and development.	<p>The AFN has met with Hockey Indigenous to discuss the requirements of a letter in support of Hockey Indigenous.</p> <p>The AFN will circulate the letter to request funding from government and partners/organizations for Hockey Indigenous.</p>
2.	Call on the Government of Canada, Hockey Canada, the International Ice Hockey Federation, the National Hockey League, and the provinces and territories to provide the necessary funding to Hockey Indigenous for the development of regional and national strategies, including but not limited to an awareness campaign, capacity building, youth hockey skills clinic, and sensitivity cultural training in hockey to educate appropriate hockey bodies across Canada.	<p>The AFN will conduct national advocacy to support Hockey Indigenous' requests for funding at meetings (e.g., Hockey Indigenous, AFN Leadership, AFN Communications, and Sport Canada).</p> <p>The AFN will work with Hockey Indigenous to raise awareness about their new organization and Indigenous hockey players.</p>





## AFN RESOLUTION 63/2023, CONDUCT A LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON STRENGTHS-BASED INDICATORS OF MENTAL WELLNESS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Conduct a Longitudinal Study on Strengths-Based Indicators of Mental Wellness
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with First Nations Mental Wellness Partners, including Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, First Peoples Wellness Circle, and other First Nations researchers to identify pathways of research that are strengths-based, holistic, and in alignment with First Nations worldviews and that any and all data collection activities abides by the Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP®) Principles so that the research findings directly benefit First Nations.	<p>A working group consisting of five National Indigenous Organizations (NIOs) including, Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, First Peoples Wellness Circle, First Nations Information Governance Centre, and the First Nations Health Managers Association was created.</p> <p>A Terms of Reference has been drafted and discussions to inform the development of a workplan have begun. Members have identified key areas of focus, including building a data ecosystem that focuses on governance, knowledge mobilization, indicator development, capacity building, and funding development.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to provide technical support to ensure the research process supports, empowers, and involves, Knowledge Keepers, women and girls, 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples, men and boys, people with lived/living experience, persons with disability/accessibility needs and that processes, protocols, and methodologies are reflective of First Nations inherent and Treaty rights, values, languages, and cultures.	<p>The AFN is engaging with the Mental Wellness Committee to ensure representation of subject matter experts is reflective of the regions' specialized populations.</p> <p>The working group members have identified engaging with regional partners from their respective regional networks as an immediate work plan item. Meetings to facilitate this engagement as well as discussions with subject matter experts are planned for this fiscal year.</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to call on Indigenous Services Canada, Health Canada, and the office of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to fully support First Nations-led research initiatives by providing adequate funding, capacity development, access to resources, and networks and mechanisms that support the development of strengths-based	Based on 2024 workplan timelines and milestones, a proposal to access funding has been drafted. It will be completed by next fiscal. A key next step is meeting with government departments to identify funding mechanism, resources, and opportunities for



approaches to the mental wellness of First Nations led by First Nations and that a sustainable and cooperative research process is in place that imbues the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework.

capacity development to support First Nations-led research initiatives. The working group has identified the need to bring other government departments to the table and have identified potential funding opportunities to support the working group’s activities. One potential funding avenue is having Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) enlist students to support research activities through First Nation partners and an associate professor at Carlton University.

## AFN RESOLUTION 64/2023, SUPPORT FOR FSIN’S HEALTH EQUITY TEST CASE TO ADDRESS HEALTHCARE INEQUITIES FOR FIRST NATIONS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for FSIN’s Health Equity Test Case to Address Healthcare Inequities for First Nations
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconder	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Support the need to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the health crisis and to ensure protection and promotion of the Inherent and Treaty Rights to health and wellness;</li> <li>b. the gaps in the provision of health services and discriminatory practices and impacts; and</li> <li>c. the chronic underfunding of First Nation health services.</li> </ul>	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is currently initiating communication to establish a working group which includes representation from the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) to identify a critical path and determine resources needed to support the Health Equity Test.</p> <p>The AFN has reached out to FSIN to begin the process of forming this working group and there are plans to have an initial meeting in the fall of 2024.</p>
2.	<p>Provide advocacy and political support for the filing of the health equity test case by the representative plaintiffs and the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) in the effort to call on Canada to improve the health care crisis and to assist First Nations across Canada with a meaningful precedent.</p>	



## AFN RESOLUTION 65/2023, AFFIRMATION OF FIRST NATION EDUCATION SOVEREIGNTY

RESOLUTION TITLE	Affirmation of First Nation Education Sovereignty
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconder	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the First Nations with Schools Collective (FNWSC) in their engagement in a separate process, outside of a Regional Education Agreement (REA), for transformative education agreements, including any pilot projects or other tables that seek to address outstanding education gaps.	The Resolution has been shared with the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations on September 12, 2023.
2.	Support the right of the eight communities in the establishment of the FNWSC Joint Education Technical Table (JETT) and the First Nation Education Self-Determination Framework Initiative which seeks to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support development of First Nation and Crown leadership on the connection between Indigenous rights and title, Crown-Indigenous relations, community development and learner outcomes as a result of work undertaken at JETT.</li> <li>Increase awareness of education self-determination on-reserve as a legislator issue, not a student capacity issue, and mobilize delegates of the JETT to create problem-solving mechanisms for the full control of education by First Nations within the framing of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.</li> <li>Conclude education jurisdiction agreements with comprehensive funding formulas at duly convened JETT sessions by negotiating teams within pre-determined negotiating terms on behalf of participating First Nations of the Collective and Canada for acceptance and ratification by each of their respective authorities.</li> </ol>	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has provided information on national priorities to the FNWSC as requested.</p> <p>The AFN has also added the FNWSC to National Indian Education Council emails to enable better communication between the Council and their collective.</p>
3.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to write to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada confirming the support of the First Nation Education Self-Determination Framework Initiative of the FNWSC.	The AFN sent correspondence and provided the signed AFN Resolution 65/2023, to the Minister of ISC and Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada on September 12, 2023. The correspondence affirmed AFN's support of the First Nation Education Self-Determination Framework Initiative of the FNWSC and their current Memorandum of Understanding. A response has not been received.



## AFN RESOLUTION 66/2023, URBAN, RURAL AND NORTHERN INDIGENOUS HOUSING FUNDS MANAGEMENT IN BREACH OF THE UN DECLARATION

RESOLUTION TITLE	Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Funds Management in Breach of the UN Declaration
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconders	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Call upon the Government of Canada to respect the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by affirming First Nations jurisdiction over housing in their traditional and unceded territories, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Nations’ control of allocation of federal Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing (URN) funds to organizations that provide off-community housing services to First Nations citizens and Indigenous Peoples not affiliated with recognized Metis or Inuit organizations and communities;</li> <li>Co-developing, through a distinctions-based process with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and First Nations, any programs, initiatives or policies that will direct both urgent, short-term and long-term Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy implementation funds directed to benefit both First Nations citizens; and</li> <li>Allocating sufficient funding for First Nations urban, rural, and northern housing management, administration, and program delivery</li> </ol>	<p>Throughout 2023 the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) worked closely with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conducting regional engagement sessions with First Nations to seek input on development of the federal government’s urban, rural, and northern Indigenous housing (URN) strategy.</li> <li>coordinated Joint Working Group meetings to discuss Urban, Northern, and regional housing initiatives including the drafting of a First Nations ‘shadow’ Memorandum to Cabinet describing First Nations’ expectations of the federal policy/strategy.</li> </ul> <p>The AFN drafted a letter to Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities from then Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse as well as a letter from the Interim National Chief on advocating for distinctions-based funding and programs for First Nations and to direct Urban Regional and Northern Indigenous Housing funding benefiting First Nations to First Nations. The AFN also held a meeting with AFN and CMHC Vice President to discuss Urban, Regional and Northern Indigenous Housing.</p> <p>AFN expressed its disappointment to its federal partners with the federal announcement in January 2024 that directed most of the \$4 billion over seven years to the control of a new pan-Indigenous National Indigenous Housing Centre rather than to First Nations, which represent most of the urban and rural Indigenous population. The pan-Indigenous approach is more generously</p>
2.	<p>Call upon the Government of Canada and all provincial and territorial governments to acknowledge that resolving the First Nation on-community housing crisis will also address a large part of the urban Indigenous housing crisis.</p>	



3. Express appreciation to the many urban and rural Indigenous housing providers that provide housing programs and services for First Nations citizens.

funded than the First Nations allocation. The federal government must better support First Nations governance outside of reserve boundaries.

Also announced in January 2024, the AFN objects to the federal unilateral development of an URN strategy framework because it does not align with UNDRIP, the National First Nations Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy (the Strategy), the URN draft shadow Memorandum to Cabinet, or with this resolution (66/2023), and with AFN URN resolution 60/2022, *First Nations Involvement in the Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy*.

Funding conditions require First Nations to spend the URN funds exclusively off-reserve thus rejecting the resolution's call for letting First Nations control the best location of new construction to fill the housing needs of their off-community citizens.

Federal announcements are imminent regarding the winning bid to manage and operate the new National Indigenous Housing Centre and the First Nations', Metis and Inuit shares of the \$1 to \$1.5 billion over 7 years to develop and implement their distinctions-based URN housing strategies. For Chiefs' consideration at the December 2024 Special Chiefs Assembly, the AFN is developing a draft national First Nations URN housing strategy to be a new chapter of the National First Nations Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy approved by Chiefs resolution in 2018.

The AFN continues to advocate with ministers to realign their URN approach with the First Nations vision for housing that is based on inherent and Treaty rights. CMHC has made additional funds available to support further First Nations engagements to provide input to possible revision to the federal policy that it calls evergreen and subject to change. The AFN is also exploring with its federal partners changes to improve the process in place to co-develop federal housing policy.



## AFN RESOLUTION 67/2023, DENOUNCEMENT OF MANITOBA DECISION ON LANDFILL SEARCH FOR REMAINS OF FIRST NATIONS WOMEN

RESOLUTION TITLE	Denouncement of Manitoba Decision on Landfill Search for Remains of First Nations Women
Mover	Chief Michelle Glasgow, Sipekne'katik (Shubenacadie) First Nation, NS
Seconded	Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley, We'koqma'q First Nation (Waycobah First Nation), NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Denounce the decisions of all levels of government, police, and law enforcement services across Canada that result in failures to adequately search for and/or recover the remains of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including the decision of the Manitoba Provincial Government to not search the Prairie Green Landfill for the remains of the missing First Nations women murdered in Manitoba.	This was completed with a press release and statement of support for the families. The press release called on the former Manitoba Premier to reconsider her decision not to search the landfill.
2.	Call on the Manitoba Premier Heather Stefanson to reconsider the decision not to search the Prairie Green Landfill and work together with the Federal Government to conduct searches of both the Prairie Green Landfill and Brady Landfill.	This was also raised by the Interim National Chief during the Indigenous/Federal/Provincial/Territorial meeting of ministers on the Status of Women held in July 2023.
3.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal, provincial, and municipal governments for commitment to fund and support a thorough search of the Prairie Green Landfill and Brady Landfill for the remains of Morgan Beatrice Harris, Mercedes Myran, and Mashkode Bizhiki'ikwe (Buffalo Woman), and any other missing First Nations women.	The federal government and province of Manitoba have now each committed to \$20 million in funding to support efforts to search the Prairie Green Landfill.
4.	Support the ongoing peaceful social actions at Manitoba landfills over the Government of Manitoba's decision not to search the Prairie Green Landfill and denounce and reject orders and injunctions from colonial courts that seek to remove these protestors.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 68/2023, ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-REGIONAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS AMONG FIRST NATIONS FOR DISASTER RESPONSE AND RESOURCE SHARING

RESOLUTION TITLE	Establishment of Inter-Regional Mutual Aid Agreements Among First Nations for Disaster Response and Resource Sharing
Mover	Cecile Brass, proxy, Oregon Jack Creek Band, BC
Seconded	Dutch Lerat, Proxy, Flying Dust First Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), subject to adequate funding, to support and facilitate urgent regional discussions among First Nations across all affected regions for the establishment of mutual aid agreements, including such agreements between regional representative First Nations organizations and Canada for disaster response and recovery, and to seek confirmation of commensurate funding on an emergency basis.	<p>The AFN has advocated in the pre-budget submission for increased direct funding to First Nations to increase local capacity levels. Once investments are secured that First Nations communities can sustainably meet their own needs, they can begin to partner with other communities and establish their own mutual aid networks.</p> <p>It was noted the 2023 Federal Budget contained no funding allotments for First Nations emergency management either directly or through related programs. The only related item was the training of 300 First Nations wildland firefighters included in the 1,000 to be trained through the funding allotment to Natural Resources Canada.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to seek funding and resources to support all aspects for the development of clear protocols and procedures to develop mutual aid agreements, ensuring that these agreements respect the sovereignty, cultural practices, and unique contexts of each First Nation.	<p>In the fall of 2023, the AFN participated in high level meetings with Cabinet ministers and opposition leadership in Ottawa at the Climate Proof Canada's National Adaptation Summit series. At these meetings, the AFN presented directly to Cabinet Ministers such as Ministers Hajdu, Sajjan, Vandal, as well the leader of the NDP, Jagmeet Singh, calling for increased funding directly to First Nations and to open up and expand program eligibility to established emergency management funding bodies like the Emergency Management Assistance Program.</p>
3.	Call upon the Government of Canada to support the establishment and implementation of mutual aid agreements through appropriate funding and resources to provide adequate resources for the development and distribution of educational materials and capacity-building opportunities to assist First Nations in understanding, negotiating, and implementing mutual aid agreements.	<p>There has been no follow up by these Ministries to allow for increased funding from emergency management specific funding envelopes. However, the 2019 Department of Indigenous Services Act outlines the process to enter into agreements that direct-fund First Nations in 10 disparate areas, including Emergency Management.</p> <p>The AFN is currently filling absent regional representation seats at the Chiefs Committee on Emergency Management (CCEM). At an upcoming CCEM meeting in early 2024, the AFN will host a discussion on the progression of operating procedures and drafting a toolkit of resources.</p> <p>The AFN CCEM now has 9 regionally representative chiefs, and 7 technical representatives.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 69/2023, NATIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMING REGULATOR

RESOLUTION TITLE	National Indigenous Gaming Regulator
Mover	Chief Michael Starr, Star Blanket First Nation, SK
Seconded	Chief Lee-Anne Kehler, Kawacatoose First Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support research into the establishment of an independent National Indigenous Gaming Regulator that is optional for First Nations.	A submission piece on Bill S-268, <i>An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Indian Act</i> , is in development in addition to a legal analysis for preparation of AFN's appearance at the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCJC). The LCJC Committee is expected to be accepting witnesses in Fall 2024 when Bill S-268 will be under review.
2.	Support First Nations seeking to conduct, facilitate, and regulate gaming, online gaming, and gaming related activities independent of federal and provincial regulations.	
3.	Direct that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) engage the Government of Canada to amend the Criminal Code as it relates to preventing First Nations from exercising their inherent rights in gaming.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 70/2023, SUPPORT FOR TREATY AND INHERENT RIGHTS TO TAX AND TARIFF EXEMPTION

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Treaty and Inherent Rights to Tax and Tariff Exemption
Mover	Chief Michael Starr, Star Blanket First Nation, SK
Seconded	Chief Lee-Anne Kehler, Kawacatoose First Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to work with Canada to expedite provisions within its free trade agreements (FTAs), facilitate an ongoing dialogue between First Nations and enact an Indigenous Peoples Rights General Exception with the United States.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has advocated through its participation with Global Affairs Canada’s Indigenous International Working Group and with Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPECTA).
2.	Call on the United States to allow for an immediate amendment to any FTAs to enact a dedicated Indigenous general exception affirming First Nations rights to exemptions from current trade tariffs for 100% First Nations-owned softwood lumber manufacturers that export softwood lumber into the United States.	The AFN is working with the CCED to recommend an appointment of a First Nations representative on the IPETCA Partnership Council.
3.	Call on the United States to allow for an immediate return of 100% of all softwood lumber tariffs imposed by the U.S. Department of Commerce and held on deposit with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for Canadian 100% First Nations-owned softwood lumber exporters/importers of record.	A letter to US Secretary of the Interior to share the resolution has been drafted and will be sent before June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024



## AFN RESOLUTION 71/2023, TREATY RIGHTS TO LANDS, WATER, HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING, AND GATHERING

RESOLUTION TITLE	Treaty Rights to Lands, Water, Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering
Mover	Chie Frank Dieter, Peepeekisis First Nationh, SK
Seconded	Chief Larry Ahenakew, Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to call on the federal government to establish a fund to support First Nations in hosting gatherings at the local, regional, and national level, to discuss First Nations solutions to address climate change and its impacts on First Nations' ability to exercise their inherent and Treaty rights to lands and waters, as well as harvesting rights, which includes hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) <i>National Climate Strategy</i> was released on October 18, 2023. The <i>National Climate Strategy</i>, as well as materials from the 2<sup>nd</sup> AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on the AFN's website.</p> <p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> AFN National Climate Gathering is being planned for October 7-10, 2024. A key opportunity to discuss First Nations solutions to the impacts they are experiencing.</p> <p>An implementation plan is being developed over the coming months, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment. This will include a letter calling for increased financial support for First Nations-led Gatherings.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 72/2023, FIRST NATIONS-LED PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE NATIONAL BENEFITS-SHARING FRAMEWORK

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nations-Led Procurement Organization and the National Benefits-Sharing Framework
Mover	Chief Scott Mcleod, Nipissing First Nation, ON
Seconder	Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit, Fort Albany First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association to immediately initiate the development of a new First Nations-Led Procurement Organization (FNPO) to provide wrap-around procurement services, such as necessary procurement certification, networking, education, and promotion, that will increase First Nations and First Nations businesses' success in securing procurement opportunities no matter where they reside.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) will meet with National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) to discuss in December 2023. AFN met with NACCA and has participated in meetings regarding the development of a FNPO.</p> <p>Funding has been provided to Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) by ISC to lead the development of the procurement agency development.</p>
2.	Encourage National Indigenous Economic Organizations to collaborate with the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association on the establishment and operation of an FNPO.	At the November 2023 Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) Meeting, CEO Shannin Metatawabin from NACCA presented on the current procurement landscape.
3.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to sit on the Steering Committee of the future FNPO.	ISC has appointed CCAB as the lead on this work, providing CCAB with \$3.4 million to conduct work for 23-24 fiscal. More information will be available in December 2023. AFN is part of a steering committee comprising of 6 National Indigenous Economic Organization (NIEOs) to advance the development of a FNPO. The committee has developed a business plan for the FNPO and has engaged legal services to start the incorporation process of the FNPO.
4.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to provide the necessary start-up capital and on-going financial support to establish and operate a First Nations-Led Procurement Organization for the benefit of First Nations and First Nations businesses.	The CCED will meet for strategic planning and to discuss approaches to funding in early 2024. The business plan outlines funding required and the First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB) will be presenting updates to the CCED in the coming meeting in June or at the AGA in July 2024.



## AFN RESOLUTION 73/2023, FIRST NATION RIGHTS-BASED INLAND FISHERIES FRAMEWORK

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nation Rights-Based Inland Fisheries Framework
Mover	Cathy Merrick, proxy, Fisher River Cree Nation, MB
Seconded	Chief Sheldon Kent, Little Black River First Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Secretariat to host a meeting, subject to the availability of adequate financial resources, in 2023, whose focal point of discussion would be the development of a Rights-Based Inland Fisheries Framework, which should not, in any way, affect or interfere with initiatives of a similar nature that may already be underway in any First Nation’s respective Traditional Territory; and	The AFN, in partnership with the Keewatinook Fishers of Lake Winnipeg, brought together over 90 inland fish harvesters, youth and Elders from communities on the shores of Lake Winnipeg – and delegates from neighbouring provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan – to discuss and develop the elements of a Rights-based Inland Fisheries Framework within the context of the <i>Natural Resources Transfer Acts (NRTA)</i> .
2.	Direct the AFN Secretariat to research, present, and discuss at the 2023 Inland Fisheries meeting potential elements of a Rights-Based Inland Fisheries Framework, which could include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Traditional Knowledge and traditional management practices;</li> <li>b) Stock assessment, restoration and enhancement;</li> <li>c) Community-based fishery improvement plans;</li> <li>d) Quota and allocation guidance;</li> <li>e) Emergency management processes;</li> <li>f) Regulation and enforcement;</li> <li>g) Funding streams; and</li> <li>h) Revenue sharing agreements.</li> </ul>	<p>This three-day engagement was hosted at the Brokenhead First Nation Community Hall on November 21-23, 2023, in Scanterbury, Manitoba. The agenda was carefully structured to focus on those topics specifically identified in resolution 73/2023, namely traditional knowledge and traditional management practices, emergency management processes, stock assessment, regulation and enforcement, restoration and enhancement, funding streams, community-based fishery improvement plans, revenue sharing agreements, and quota and allocation guidance. This engagement also included a dedicated review of each of the Wave 3 policy area proposals from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) relating to fish and fish habitat.</p> <p>This engagement resulted in a technical response to DFO based on the comments heard and views expressed by participants at the Inland Fisheries Engagement with respect to the Wave 3 proposals as well as a <i>What We Heard: Towards and Inland Fisheries Framework</i> report. The <i>What We Heard</i> report has been finalized, presented to – and accepted by – the National Fisheries Committee and circulated to all participants.</p>



## AFN RESOLUTION 74/2023, WAGE PARITY FOR FIRST NATIONS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Wage Parity for First Nations
Mover	Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation, ON
Secunder	Sharman Fourhorns, Carry the Kettle Nakota Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to develop a Wage Parity Task Force, with all interested First Nations that will work with Canada to identify and implement means for increasing First Nations access to funding and supports for human resource recruiting, training, equitable compensation, and retention. The Wage Parity Task Force must be based on the needs and requirements of First Nations, as determined, and defined by First Nations, rather than on competition for the limited program funding that is currently available on terms that are not our own.	<p>In the Fall of 2023, the initiated meetings with other AFN sectors on the forming of a wage parity task force.</p> <p>The AFN is seeking funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to support a Chiefs' Committee on Fiscal Relations that would support the creation of a Wage Parity Task Force.</p> <p>The AFN advocates with ISC for funding formulas and agreements to be based on the needs of First Nations. At these tables, AFN advocates that the many unique factors that influence the cost-of-service delivery such as remoteness and inflation be considered as a part of the work on the New Fiscal Relationship.</p>
2.	Call on Canada and the AFN to expressly reject all formula-based funding approaches for First Nations governments that do not reflect the true costs of supporting the unique needs of First Nations communities and are not determined by First Nations, and to support the development and/or application of formula-based funding approaches that do reflect true costs as determined by First Nations.	
3.	Call on Canada to honour its fiduciary duty in support of an equitable standard of living for our people, and to that end, commit its support toward the development of a Wage Parity Task Force, and commit thereafter to work in good faith with that Task Force.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 75/2023, APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL FIRST NATIONS HOMELESSNESS ACTION PLAN

RESOLUTION TITLE	Approval and Implementation of a National First Nations Homelessness Action Plan
MOVER	Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC
SECONDER	Chief Daniel Manuel, Upper Nicola Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Adopt the National First Nations Homelessness Action Plan Action Plan to its full implementation, in alignment with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) 10 Year First Nations National Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy.	In February 2024 the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) submitted a funding proposal to Infrastructure Canada seeking funding to move forward with key activities toward the implementation of the Action Plan.
2.	Direct the AFN to develop an implementation plan laying out timelines and detailed steps to meet the objectives laid out in the Action Plan.	The AFN is currently developing plans for the advancement of key actions and initiatives in support of the implementation of the Action Plan, some of which are slated to include engagement with First Nations on a regular and ongoing basis.
3.	Direct the AFN to develop an advocacy plan including targeted messaging to raise awareness about First Nations homelessness, to support First Nations in accessing resources to develop and deliver homelessness services, and to hold governments and service providers accountable to meeting the recommendations laid out in the Action Plan and supporting its implementation.	Preliminary communications in support of the Action Plan have rolled out, including social media posts aimed at raising awareness. A more comprehensive advocacy and communications plan is currently being developed.
4.	Call upon the AFN to develop an updated and renewed National First Nations Homelessness Action Plan in 2028 or earlier, in alignment with the vision and objectives of an updated Housing Strategy, once developed.	In March 2020, AFN representatives met with representatives of the ministers of Housing, Indigenous Services Canada, and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, to discuss expectations for First Nations involvement in the National Encampments Response Plan called for by the Federal Housing Advocate – with a particular focus on ensuring First Nations have access to any new resources committed towards the development and implementation of that plan.
5.	Direct the AFN to urge the federal government, provincial and territorial governments, and service providers to work with First Nations in revising policies and amending program criteria to better address First Nations homelessness in line with the recommendations of the Action Plan.	
6.	Call upon the AFN to advocate for long term, sustained, needs-based funding options for First Nations to develop and deliver their own programs and services to address homelessness impacting their citizens no matter where they live.	The AFN is currently advocating for a proportionate amount of new funding committed for homelessness in Budget 2024 – including \$1 billion under Reaching Home and \$250 Million for encampments responses – to be allocated to First Nations.





## AFN RESOLUTION 76/2023, SUPPORT FOR URGENT FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGES FUNDING

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Urgent First Nations Languages Funding
MOVER	Chief Ira McArthur, Pheasant Rump Nakoda Nation, SK
SECONDER	Chief Leroy Denny, Eskasoni First Nation, NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Reaffirm that First Nations have the Inherent, Constitutional and Treaty rights to speak their languages which are further reinforced in the Constitution Act, 1982, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA).	On September 6, 2023, Interim Regional Chief Denny and Chief Roy Whitney signed a letter as language portfolio co-chairs to the Minister of Finance which called for \$18 million of new funding and an overall investment of \$3.8 billion for language revitalization.
2.	Reaffirm that the Government of Canada has the financial responsibility to support the reclamation, revitalization, maintenance and strengthening of all First Nations languages.	A draft advocacy letter template for the Minister of Finance was sent out to the AFN Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL) members that highlighted funding concerns from TBIR 3.
3.	Call on the Government of Canada to immediately address funding shortfalls by providing a \$3.8 billion commitment over the next five years for language reclamation, revitalization, maintenance, and strengthening outside schools, including the transition from proposal-based funding to consistent and ongoing funding as outlined in the Indigenous Languages Act (ILA), and incremental funding for Section 8 and 9 agreements.	A draft advocacy letter template for the Minister of Finance was sent out to TCOL members that highlighted funding concerns from TBIR 4.
4.	Call on the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH) to immediately provide \$18 million of new targeted funding to support regions that could be negatively impacted by the status quo formula.	A number of activities were completed in advance of the resolution.
5.	Call on the DCH to remove any imposed funding formula on any new First Nations languages funding.	The TCOL met on January 25th, 2024, February 22, 2024, March 26, 2024, and April 30, 2024, to develop and seek consensus on a funding allocation methodology as directed by TBIR 5.
6.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Chiefs' Committee on Languages, and the Technical Committee on Languages to codevelop a funding allocation methodology that is consistent with AFN Resolution 17/2022, Support for the First Nations Language Funding Model, for any new funding, and seeks to bring a consensus-based recommendation back to the First Nations-in-Assembly.	In support of these discussions, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has developed a variety of tools and information documents including a Regional Allocation Formula Tool which includes Budget 2024 investments so regions can easily develop different weightings for various language factors. The AFN is also developing a research plan to investigate and provide reconsideration of language factors and data sources.
7.	Affirm that a co-development approach concerning First Nations languages is not intended to detract or hinder any self-government processes or derogate any existing First Nations Treaty and Inherent rights.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 77/2023, CALL FOR CANADA TO CONSULT ON ALL AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNDRIP ACT

RESOLUTION TITLE	Call for Canada to Consult on All Amendments Pursuant to the UNDRIP Act
MOVER	Chief Sidney Peters, Glooscap First Nation, NS
SECONDER	Chief Michelle Glasgow, Sipekne'katik First Nation, NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to demand the Government of Canada obtain the free, prior, and informed consent of all First Nations and consult on all amendments to federal legislation, policy, or regulation which may affect First Nations rights pursuant to Section 5 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA).	The AFN continues to have regular meetings with the Department of Justice and other federal departments leading the implementation of the UNDA to discuss ongoing implementation of the UNDA including ensuring any implementation activities ensure the free, prior, and informed consent of rights holders and do not infringe diminish or derogate in any way from existing section 35 rights.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to ensure that the implementation of the UNDA does not infringe, diminish, or derogate in any way from existing section 35 rights.	Canada has indicated that the general lack of funding for UNDA implementation is hampering implementation progress. The AFN has continued its advocacy calling for \$1.517B over 5 years for First Nations implementation in the 2024 Pre-Budget Submission. This went unfunded.
3.	Call on the AFN to advocate for the full implementation of the UNDA National Action Plan Measures.	
4.	Call on the AFN to demand long-term and sustainable funding for First Nations to participate meaningfully in the implementation of the National Action Plan and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) processes, including consultation processes.	The AFN continues to advocate for funding for First Nations to ensure the meaningful participation of First Nations in the implementation of the UNDA.
5.	Direct the AFN to report to First Nations-in-Assembly annually on the state of the implementation of the UN Declaration within Canada.	The AFN continues to provide regular updates at AFN Assemblies on the status of this work. The AFN has also created a quarterly report to support First Nations' understanding of progress on the UNDA.



## AFN RESOLUTION 78/2023, ESTABLISHING A CHIEFS' COMMITTEE ON THE UN DECLARATION ACT

RESOLUTION TITLE	Establishing a Chiefs' Committee on the UN Declaration Act
MOVER	Chief Jerry Jack, Mowachaht/Muchlaht First Nation, BC
SECONDER	Chief Annie Daisley, We'koqma'q First Nation, NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to continue working with relevant federal and provincial ministries to support First Nations as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) is implemented.	<p>The AFN will work with regions to facilitate conversations with their respective provinces on UN Declaration enacting legislation.</p> <p>This inaugural meeting of the Chiefs Committee on the UNDA took place in Vancouver from May 28-29th 2024.</p> <p>Regional Chief Teegee sent out these letters at the end of February 2024. Currently, 11 out of AFN's 12 Regions have appointed to the Chiefs Committee.</p> <p>The draft Terms of Reference for the Chiefs Committee was created at the inaugural meeting in Vancouver. It is currently going through legal reviews to then be finally approved by the committee.</p> <p>The AFN successfully secured funding for the Chiefs Committee on the UNDA through 2024-2025.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to transition the current Ad-Hoc Chiefs' Committee on the UN Declaration to become a standing Chiefs' Committee on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA).	
3.	Direct the AFN Executive Committee to appoint, and in some cases reappoint, existing members as needed, to the Chiefs' Committee on the UNDA, in accordance with Article 7 (3) of the AFN Charter, to provide advice and direction on matters relating to the implementation of the UN Declaration.	
4.	Direct the Chiefs' Committee on the UN Declaration to create a Terms of Reference and to report back to First Nations in-Assembly on the status of implementation within Canada.	
5.	Direct the AFN to seek adequate resources to support the Chiefs' Committee as it advocates for the full implementation of the UN Declaration.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 79/2023, RECONSIDER PROPOSED DISTINCTIONS-BASED INDIGENOUS HEALTH LEGISLATION PROCESS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Reconsider Proposed Distinctions-Based Indigenous Health Legislation Process
MOVER	Chief Sheldon Kent, Black River First Nation, MB
SECONDER	Chief Allan Polchies Jr, St. Mary's Wolastoqiyik First Nation, NB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on Canada to suspend the proposed distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation process to address unreasonable timelines, lack of appropriate funding, and lack of opportunities for active and meaningful dialogue between and amongst First Nations as proper rights and title holders in accordance with their Inherent and Treaty Rights.	<p>In February 2024, the Chiefs Committee on Health met with the Senior Management Committee of the First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), including FNIHB Senior Assistant Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister, to explore the Health Legislation landscape. There are elements in the legislation package that are desirable to pursue. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) indicated that they are open to continue examination of potential legislative projections, but equitable funding for engagement and alignment with the Inherent and Treaty rights remain uncertain.</p> <p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has hired a contractor to categorize concepts and outcomes from regional analysis to inform First Nations health legislation, and to formulate a First Nations Key Elements document to identify principles and critical ingredients for advocacy.</p> <p>The 2024 Federal Budget is void of investments in Indigenous Health Legislation. The budget included funding for Anti-Indigenous Racism in the amount of \$167.9 over 5 years. The Indigenous Health Equity Funds may be sources of funding for this work to move forward.</p> <p>The AFN is working to ensure that the health of First Nations is included as a primary indicator of climate change impacts. Wildfires, climate emergencies, flooding, and extreme heat have specific impacts and considerations for First Nations evacuation and recovery efforts.</p> <p>A costing exercise to determine a budget for the call for a First Nations Health Ombudsperson is warranted; the exercise should also include role definition with capacity to support the role, scope of duties and power, reporting mechanism(s) and general accountability scenarios. Funding for this exercise needs to be identified.</p>
2.	Call on Canada to fund and support First Nations-led engagement, including with Inherent and Treaty rightsholders, required for Nations-based health legislation excluding the Métis.	
3.	Call on Canada to ensure if resumed, distinctions-based health legislation, is adequately informed by principles identified by First Nations regions. Principles include, but are not limited to, equitable distribution, respect for Inherent and Treaty rights of First Nations Peoples, upholding human rights standards, honouring regional considerations, and prioritizing meaningful engagement, including ensuring grassroots perspectives are included.	
4.	Call on Indigenous Services Canada, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, and provinces and territories to work with First Nations, with the technical support of the AFN, the AFN Chiefs' Committee on Health, and the AFN Executive Committee, to ensure active and meaningful engagement with First Nations on the legislation.	
5.	Call on the AFN and Canada, in consultation with First Nations, to develop a fair and equitable fiscal arrangement that is appropriate for each region to ensure adequate and sustained funding for implementation of a Nations-based health legislation excluding the Métis.	
6.	Call on Canada to join the global call at the Conference of the Parties (COP) 29 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to make the essential link on the impacts of climate change on the health of First Nations Peoples.	
7.	Direct the AFN to call on the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to develop and implement, in cooperation and collaboration with First Nations, a First Nations Health Ombudsperson to address discrimination in the health care system.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 80/2023, IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF THE SPECIFIC CLAIMS RESEARCH FUNDING SHORTFALL

RESOLUTION TITLE	Immediate Review of the Specific Claims Research Funding Shortfall
MOVER	Chief Dalton Silver, Sema:th First Nation, BC
SECONDER	Chief Lynn Acoose, Zagimē Anishinabēk, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to immediately review its funding shortfall for specific claims research in anticipation of the coming 2024-25 fiscal year and subsequent years to ensure that adequate funding is provided to enable all First Nations with specific claims to meaningfully and sustainably pursue research to advance and resolve their specific claims.	National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak wrote to Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations calling for an immediate increase in 2023-2024 Specific Claims research funding and sustainable funding moving forward. While many of the funding applications initially denied subsequently received funding, there were still substantive shortfalls denying First Nations access to justice.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to take immediate action to ensure that First Nations and the designated Claims Research Units (CRUs) who submit proposals for specific claims research funding in the 2024-25 fiscal year and subsequent years receive the resources necessary to continue their critical work.	Budget 2024 failed to include the requested increases, and the Supplementary Estimates renewed the original funding envelope for an additional two years (2026) despite calls for a distinctions-based increase that reflects the needs of First Nations to research and advance their historical claims against the Crown.
3.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to provide ongoing resources for the resolution of specific claims and support co-development, engagement, and joint implementation of efforts to reform the Specific Claims Policy and process.	Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs continues to signal that funding reforms will take place as part of the broader reform initiatives, which includes a commitment to create a fully independent specific claims resolutions process.
4.	Direct the AFN to request the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada share a copy of the supplementary estimates tabled in the House of Commons for the Treasury Board to determine items relevant to First Nations.	The AFN continues to advance the removal of all arbitrary limits on financial compensation through reform co-development.
5.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to work with the AFN to remove all arbitrary limits on financial compensation through the Specific Claims Tribunal.	Additionally, the AFN will host a webinar for First Nation leadership to provide their feedback to advance reform on removing all arbitrary limits on compensation.



## AFN RESOLUTION 81/2023, URGENT PROTECTION OF FIRST NATIONS INHERENT AND TREATY RIGHTS FROM ONGOING ILLEGITIMATE RIGHTS ASSERTIONS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Urgent Protection of First Nations Inherent and Treaty Rights from Ongoing Illegitimate Rights Assertions
MOVER	Chief Etienne Rich, Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation, NL
SECONDER	Chief Réal Mckenzie, Conseil des Montaganais de Matimekush, QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urgently call on the Government of Canada to immediately begin working with First Nations to identify and establish flexible and fully funded mechanisms, inclusive of First Nations laws and legal orders, and consistent with the Honour of the Crown, to facilitate nation-to-nation discussions on the implementation of First Nations Inherent and Treaty rights.	AFN Resolution 81/2023 builds on important work initiated through AFN Resolution 44/2023 <i>Protect First Nations Rights and Interests from Unfounded Métis Rights Assertions</i> .  The AFN continues to advocate for Nation driven processes to advance discussions on the implementation of First Nations inherent and Treaty rights, including through advocacy to repeal the Comprehensive Land Claims and Inherent Right to Self-Government policies. The National Action Plan includes several measures which provide an opportunity to push for greater transparency respecting federal mandates and approaches to 'rights-based negotiations' through the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Discussion Tables, as well as local, regional and national engagement on the types of processes First Nations would like to see developed to facilitate the implementation of their Rights.
2.	Support Innu Nation in affirming that the NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) does not hold s. 35 rights in Labrador or Quebec and direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to amend Bill S-14, An Act to amend the Canada National Parks Act, to remove any recognition of NCC.	The AFN carried out legal analysis of proposed legislative amendments to Bill C-53 and initiated regional engagement sessions in early 2024 on both Bill C-53 and the broader challenge posed by illegitimate rights assertions on First Nations lands and territories. These engagement sessions will contribute to AFN national advocacy and coordination on Bill C-53, ensuring First Nations rights are protected and affirmed.
3.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to affirm its commitment to fully implement Article 19 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by consulting with potentially impacted First Nations and obtaining their free, prior, and informed consent before adopting and implementing any legislative or administrative measures that may affect them.	The AFN has been working with the Chiefs of Ontario to coordinate a range of lobby efforts in relation to Bill C-53.
4.	Direct the AFN to engage with First Nations regarding how Bill C-53, An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, and Bill S-14 could be amended to ensure that First Nations inherent, Treaty and s.35 rights are upheld and respected if the Government of Canada proceeds with the legislative process to enact Bills S-14 or C-53.	The AFN has initiated discussions with the Innu Nation on Bill S-14 and ongoing efforts by the NunatuKavut Community Council to advance illegitimate Indigenous rights assertions in Labrador and Quebec. The AFN will work with the Innu Nation to identify opportunities to support their advocacy.
5.	Direct the AFN to support First Nations rights holders who oppose illegitimate rights assertions within their territories, including through political, legislative, legal interventions, information sharing and coordination and analysis.	Identifying resources to support this critical work remains an ongoing challenge.
6.	Direct the AFN to seek resources to support these ends.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 82/2023, CALL FOR A PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN ISRAEL-GAZA CRISIS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Call for a Permanent Ceasefire in Israel-Gaza Crisis
MOVER	Wilton Littlechild, Proxy, Erminskin Cree Nation, AB
SECONDER	Chief George Ginnish, Natoaganeg First Nation, NB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the Government of Canada to call for an immediate ceasefire and end to the occupation of Gaza, the release of all Israeli and Palestinian hostages, the unimpeded flow of immediate humanitarian access into all occupied Indigenous Peoples' territories, and full respect for international human rights law in all occupied Indigenous Peoples' lands including both Gaza and the occupied West Bank.	National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak sent a letter to the Prime Minister on December 19, 2023, calling the Government of Canada to call for an immediate ceasefire and end to the occupation of Gaza, release of hostages, unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid, full response for international human rights law, end of violence and illegal occupation and for all states to respect international human rights.  On February 14, 2024, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand stood in solidarity and issued a joint statement calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.
2.	Condemn all forms of violence against Indigenous Peoples and hereby advocate for an end to the violent, illegal occupation of all Indigenous Peoples' lands.	
3.	Remind all States of their treaty, moral, and legal obligations to fully respect international human rights law and its norms and standards, including respect for International Treaties, which call on States to achieve peaceful co-existence with Indigenous Peoples.	
4.	Direct the National Chief to immediately send a letter to the Government of Canada calling for a permanent ceasefire.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 83/2023, CONTINUATION OF FUNDING AT ACTUALS FOR CAPITAL FOR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND JORDAN’S PRINCIPLE

RESOLUTION TITLE	Continuation of Funding at Actuals for Capital for Child and Family Services and Jordan’s Principle
MOVER	Chief Brian Perrault, Couchiching First Nation, ON
SECONDER	Chief Mark McCoy, Ojibways of Batchewana First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon Indigenous Services Canada to comply with the provisions of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal order 2021 CHRT 41, withdraw its deadline to access funding at actuals for capital for First Nations and First Nations agencies for child and family services and Jordan’s Principle, and continue access to funding for capital at its actual cost until such time as a funding model can be developed that meets distinct community needs (including remoteness), is consistent with substantive equality, and is endorsed by First Nations-in-Assembly.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) continued negotiations towards long-term reform of First Nations Child and Family Services. The AFN has advocated for CHRT 41 funding to remain at actuals until the implementation date of the Final Settlement Agreement.





## AFN RESOLUTION 84/2023, CONTINUATION OF FUNDING AT ACTUALS FOR POST-MAJORITY SUPPORT SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR HIGH NEEDS JORDAN’S PRINCIPLE RECIPIENTS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Continuation of Funding at Actuals for Post-Majority Support Services and Support for High Needs Jordan’s Principle Recipients
MOVER	Chief Brian Perrault, Couchiching First Nation, ON
SECONDER	Chief Mark McCoy, Ojibways of Batchewana First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to extend the deadline for access to funding at actuals for post-majority support services for youth aging out of care for First Nations and First Nations Agencies pursuant to 2022 CHRT 8 until such time as a funding model can be developed that meets distinct community needs (including remoteness), is consistent with substantive equality, and is endorsed by First Nations-in-Assembly.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) advocated for Post Majority Support Services funding to remain at actuals until the implementation date of the Final Settlement Agreement</p> <p>The AFN submitted a Pre-Budget Submission advocating for \$2.485 billion over 5 years to extend the age of majority for Jordan’s Principle to age 26. The AFN developed supporting materials and advocated for these investments in meetings between Senior Officials, and remarks from National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak at the 2024 Jordan’s Principle Service Coordinator Gathering.</p> <p>The AFN drafted a post-budget advocacy letter reiterating the need for investments in Jordan’s Principle to extend beyond the age of majority and to immediately fund post-majority service navigation for youth.</p>
2.	Call upon ISC to immediately implement its commitment to fund navigation support for high needs children accessing Jordan’s Principle after the age of majority and to provide said supports to any young adults retroactively who would have otherwise benefited from the Order but are now 26 years of age or older.	
3.	Call upon ISC to immediately extend the age of majority for Jordan’s Principle and fund post-majority supports for youth up to age 26 or older.	
4.	Call upon ISC to work with the Parties to the Tribunal proceedings to develop pathways for youth aging out of care to access post-majority support services independent of an agency or a First Nation.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 85/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REFORM

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the Technical Working Group on Social Development to Continue Income Assistance Program Reform
MOVER	Chief Brian Perrault, Couchiching First Nation, ON
SECONDER	Chief Mark McCoy, Ojibways of Batchewana First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Technical Working Group on Social Development to conduct and oversee costing and transition of reform of the Income Assistance Program (IA Program) using the First Nations-developed policy recommendations that outline considerations for a First Nations-specific, needs-based funding model, key elements for a First Nations-determined social safety net and recommendations for building First Nations capacity for self-determination and data sovereignty within the IA Program.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) drafted a proposal to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) seeking funding for the Income Assistance (IA) Costing activities proposed herein and is awaiting a response to the funding proposal.</p> <p>The AFN has shared an update with leadership via the 2024 Issues Updates and Annual Report on activities conducted by the AFN.</p> <p>The AFN advocated for continuation of the Inflation Relief benefit for IA clients via the Pre-Budget Submission; however, Budget 2024 investments were limited to IA Program integrity for income support, pre-employment supports and case management, and did not reflect the necessary investments to continue the Inflation Relief benefit.</p>
2.	Call upon Canada to fund the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to conduct costing of the long-term financial investments required to fully implement the First Nations-developed policy recommendations for the reform of the on-reserve IA Program.	
3.	Direct the AFN to report back to First Nations-in-Assembly on the progress and findings of the costing and transition of IA Program reform by July 2024.	
4.	Call on Canada to provide a formal record of decision on the First Nations-developed policy recommendations to reaffirm their commitment to co-develop IA program reform.	
5.	Call on Canada to co-develop future budget requests for the IA Program with First Nations that include regional priorities.	
6.	Call on Canada to continue to provide ongoing inflation relief benefits for IA clients, until the IA Program rates are reflective of the cost of living in northern and remote areas.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 86/2023, TO ENSURE QUALITY OF LIFE TO THE FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM AND JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

RESOLUTION TITLE	To Ensure Quality of Life to the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and Jordan's Principle
MOVER	Chief Brian Perrault, Couchiching First Nation, ON
SECONDER	Chief Mark McCoy, Ojibways of Batchewana First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support regional-specific, independent, First Nations-led secretariats to support First Nations in implementing and transitioning to a reformed First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) approach, including data, best practices, tools, and research.	Through Long-Term Reform (LTR) Negotiations, the AFN has advocated for the development of a First Nations-led secretariat to support the transition to a reformed funding approach.
2.	Call upon the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to consult with the National Advisory Committee on FNCFS Program Reform to provide expert advice on long-term reform of FNCFS.	The AFN has met with the National Advisory Committee (NAC) on First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Reform to discuss matters relating to LTR and to gain the NAC's technical recommendations, which have been leveraged at the negotiating table.
3.	Call upon the AFN to provide an update to First Nations leadership on the implementation of AFN Resolution 40/2022, To Ensure Quality of Life to the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and Jordan's Principle.	At the December 2023 Special Chiefs Assembly, the AFN held a dialogue session on FNCFS and Jordan's Principle where First Nations leadership were provided with an update.
4.	Call upon the AFN to ensure the establishment of an Alternative Dispute Resolution process under longterm reform that is apolitical, independent, properly resourced, culturally sensitive, trauma-informed, and accessible to safeguard the rights of First Nations children, youth, and families are respected and upheld.	The AFN has been advocating for a Final Settlement Agreement (FSA) to include an Alternative Dispute Resolution model.
5.	Call upon the AFN to work with regional First Nations leadership and FNCFS experts to strengthen the role of regional experts within the FNCFS and Jordan's Principle negotiations.	The AFN will lead regional engagements with First Nations leadership and their FNCFS technicians once a draft FSA has been reached.
6.	Call upon Canada to ensure that the population count used to calculate FNCFS services reflect the actual number of people who are the residents and citizens of a First Nation.	The AFN has been advocating for the FSA to include provisions for calculation of population to be reflective of the actual number of individuals who are residents and citizens of a First Nation.
7.	Call upon Canada to provide its negotiating mandates and any relevant information in a timely manner to facilitate good faith negotiations.	The AFN has continued to press upon Canada the importance of providing timely information relevant to the development of the FSA to encourage good faith negotiations.
8.	Call upon the AFN to advocate for the use of the Consumer Price Index, with a minimum of 2% per annum adjusted upwards if the Consumer Price Index exceeds 2% for any given year, to account for inflation in the reformed FNCFS funding model and the provision of funding respecting Jordan's Principle.	The AFN has advocated for the use of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to be used to calculate inflation in the FSA.
9.	Call on the AFN to conduct and support regional engagement on the Final Settlement Agreement on long-term reform to ensure that First Nations leadership has an adequate opportunity to discuss and approve the Final Settlement Agreement.	Following the completion of a draft FSA on Long Term Reform, the AFN will conduct and support regional engagements with First Nations leadership to ensure they are presented with an opportunity to provide input on it.



## AFN RESOLUTION 87/2023, CALL FOR A NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO THE SIXTIES SCOOP AND INDIGENOUS CHILD REMOVAL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

RESOLUTION TITLE	Call for a National Inquiry into The Sixties Scoop and Indigenous Child Removal by The Government of Canada
MOVER	De-Anne Sack, proxy, We'koqma'q First Nation, NS
SECONDER	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the call for a national inquiry into the Sixties Scoop and permanent child removal and direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief's Office to call on the federal government for a national inquiry in partnership with the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada.	Letter drafted to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs noting AFN's support of the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada. The AFN has called on Canada to issue a formal apology and provide long-term funding to support repatriation and healing programs for survivors and families of the 60s Scoop.
2.	Direct the AFN to draft a Memorandum of Understanding with the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada, a national, non-profit peer-support organization, to support Survivors of the Sixties Scoop.	
3.	Direct the AFN Executive Committee to call on the federal and provincial governments for long-term funding to support a repatriation and healing program for Survivors and families of the Sixties Scoop.	
4.	Direct the AFN to seek legal advice in reopening the application deadline in the First Nations/Inuit Sixties Scoop Settlement, provided it does not interfere with processing current applications and payments to claimants.	
5.	Direct the AFN National Chief to seek resources to hold a joint press conference with the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada to call on the federal government to commission a national inquiry, and other First Nations in Canada to support the call for a national inquiry.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 88/2023, COMMUNAL PROTECTION ORDERS FOR VIOLENT AND REPEAT OFFENDERS IN FIRST NATIONS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Communal Protection Orders for Violent and Repeat Offenders in First Nations
MOVER	De-Anne Sack, proxy, We'koqma'q First Nation, NS
SECONDER	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on all levels of government to work with First Nations in seeking and enforcing communal protection orders for violent and repeat offenders and to work with First Nations in strengthening their legal institutions, including the enforcement of laws aimed at protecting their First Nations and First Nations citizens.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) completed and submitted its report <i>AFN Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy</i> to Justice Canada as input into the development of a federal Indigenous Justice Strategy. This resolution was included in the recommendations made in that report. The AFN is working with Justice Canada to co-develop a National First Nations Justice Strategy with an anticipated release in November 2024.</p> <p>The AFN prepared a position paper on First Nations policing legislation, which includes the need for the Government of Canada to recognize the inherent, Treaty and Constitutional rights of First Nations jurisdiction over policing within their territories.</p>
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to seek resources to support working with First Nations to explore the creation or amendments to both federal and provincial legislation to define the scope and criteria for communal protection orders, as well as ensuring that such orders align with the cultural and legal frameworks of the respective First Nations.	
3.	Direct the AFN to collaborate with Justice Canada, Public Safety Canada, and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to develop a clear process for seeking and enforcing communal protection orders against violent and repeat offenders.	
4.	First Nations have Modern Treaties that are nation-to-nation agreements recognized and affirmed under the Constitution Act, 1982, and nothing in this resolution is meant to or shall be interpreted so as to diminish, limit, impact, or supersede the ability of First Nations to exercise their inherent jurisdictions, to exercise and fulfill their rights and authorities under Modern Treaties, or to engage in their unique relationship with Canada.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 89/2023, CALL FOR CANADA TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL INQUIRY'S 231 CALLS FOR JUSTICE RELATING TO MMIWG2S+ AND FIRST NATIONS CONTROL OF FUNDING

RESOLUTION TITLE	Call for Canada to Implement the National Inquiry's 231 Calls for Justice relating to MMIWG2S+ and First Nations Control of Funding
MOVER	De-Anne Sack, proxy, We'koqma'q First Nation, NS
SECONDER	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Demand quantifiable action from the Government of Canada to implement the 231 Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ Peoples.	The AFN advocated for the full implementation of the National Inquiry's 231 Calls for Justice (CFJ) at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Roundtable on MMIWG2S+ hosted by Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) on February 7 and 8, 2024. The Roundtable focused on developing a National Red Dress Alert System, the Ministerial Special Representative's Final Report on CFJ 1.7 regarding creating a National Indigenous Human Rights Ombudsperson, and oversight and accountability.
2.	Demand that the Government of Canada ensure that all activities implemented under the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ Peoples are completed meaningfully and in collaboration with First Nations and MMIWG2S+ Survivors and family members.	In February 2024, the AFN prepared a position paper on Independent Oversight Mechanisms (Calls for Justice 1.10) to outline important considerations and recommendations. The position paper was provided to CIRNAC.
3.	Call on the Government of Canada to co-develop mechanisms with First Nations that ensure funding allocated to address the issues and challenges faced by MMIWG2S+ First Nations and their families is being streamed directly to First Nations or First Nations-mandated organizations.	On June 3, 2024, the AFN released the inaugural annual Calls for Justice Report Card. The report card is a monumental step towards holding the federal, provincial and territorial governments accountable for quantifiable action on the implementation of the CFJ. In addition to reviewing action/inaction on the 231 CFJ and Section 18 related to 2SLGBTQIA+-specific CFJ, the report card outlines suggestions to address the gaps.
4.	Direct that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) advocate to the Government of Canada that funds dispersed to First Nations relating to MMIWG2S+ are carried out in a way that upholds First Nations jurisdiction.	The AFN has been advocating for action on the CFJ related to Justice, Policing and Corrections, to address the alarming issue of overrepresentation of Indigenous women in federal correctional institutions. The AFN provided input to Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) for Canada's national five-year progress report on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for action on gender equality for women's empowerment (Beijing+30). The issue of overrepresentation of Indigenous women was noted as a step backwards. The AFN also recommended to WAGE that this issue should be included as an agenda item for discussion at the upcoming Indigenous/Federal/Provincial/Territorial meeting for Ministers Responsible for Status of Women and National Indigenous Leaders and Representatives meeting in July 2024.
5.	Direct the AFN to advocate for long-term sustainable funding that has First Nation-led processes to ensure funding is allocated in a transparent manner for First Nations and First Nations citizens.	The AFN is monitoring new funding opportunities to support this work. A proposal was recently submitted to Heritage Canada for funding to support a National First Nations-led prevention and awareness campaign on sexual trafficking (CFJ 3.1 and 7.3).



## AFN RESOLUTION 90/2023, DEMAND FOR CONTINUED, SUSTAINABLE, AND ADEQUATE FUNDING TO SEARCH FOR CHILDREN WHO DIED OR BECAME MISSING PERSONS WHILE ATTENDING INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Demand for Continued, Sustainable, and Adequate Funding to Search for Children Who Died or Became Missing Persons while Attending Indian Residential Schools
MOVER	De-Anne Sack, proxy, We'koqma'q First Nation, NS
SECONDER	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Demand that the Government of Canada provide financial commitment beyond 2025 for continued, predictable, sustainable, and adequate funding for all current and future work related to the search and recovery of remains, identification, investigation, repatriation, and commemoration for the children who died or became missing persons while being forced to attend Indian Residential Schools.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) submitted a position paper to the Senate Standing Committee on Indigenous Peoples (APPA) outlining the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Action 54 that calls for the Government of Canada to provide multi-year funding for the National Council for Reconciliation to ensure that it has the financial, human, and technical resources required to conduct its work, including the endowment of a National Reconciliation Trust to advance the cause of reconciliation.</p> <p>The AFN continues to advocate for the government's underfunding for the search and recovery of remains of children who died or became missing at former Indian residential schools.</p> <p>The AFN will monitor the Special interlocutor's report on unmarked burials, which will be released in 2024. The report will provide key recommendations for a new federal legislative framework to ensure the respectful and culturally appropriate treatment of unmarked graves and burial sites of children at former Indian Residential Schools and associated institutions.</p>
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal government to immediately announce a commitment to provide continued, predictable, sustainable, and adequate funding to First Nations until the ongoing work related to the children who died or became missing persons is completed.	
3.	Call on the Government of Canada to begin a co-development process with the AFN on a legal framework that addresses constitutional, legislative, regulatory, and policy changes that acknowledge and confirm Canada's obligations for children who died or went missing as a result of the Indian Residential School System, which also reaffirms the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Articles 7,8 and 10.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 91/2023, REFORM EXPLOITATIVE LEGAL FEE STRUCTURES

RESOLUTION TITLE	Reform Exploitative Legal Fee Structures
MOVER	De-Anne Sack, proxy, We'koqma'q First Nation, NS
SECONDER	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to call on the Federation of Law Societies and the 14 provincial and territorial law societies to develop and implement, in coordination and collaboration with First Nations, distinctions-based rules of professional conduct to address fair and reasonable legal fees for First Nations clients.	Letters have been prepared for CEO's signature in relation to Federation of Law Societies and the 14 provincial and territorial law societies reflecting the need for distinctions-based rules of professional conduct associated with legal fees charged to First Nations.
2.	Call on the Government of Canada to take a strong stance against law firms who prey upon First Nations and utilize exploitative legal fee structures against them.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 92/2023, CONTINUED ACTION ON THE NEW FISCAL RELATIONSHIP AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHIEFS' COMMITTEE ON FISCAL RELATIONSOLUTION

RESOLUTION TITLE	Continued Action on the New Fiscal Relationship and the Reestablishment of the Chiefs' Committee on Fiscal Relationsolution
MOVER	Chief Richard O'Bomsawin, Conseil des Abénakis d'Odanak, QC
SECONDER	Chief Rémy Vincent, Huron-Wendat Nation (Wendake), QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Reestablish the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs' Committee on Fiscal Relations (CCFR), in accordance with Article 7 (3) of the AFN Charter, to provide advice on work to create new fiscal relationships between First Nations and the Crown.	
2.	Direct the AFN to seek resources to ensure regional technical support is provided to the newly recreated CCFR.	The AFN has submitted a funding proposal to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for the CCFR, which includes a request for funding for regional technical support.
3.	Direct the AFN to seek resources to support First Nations options for new Crown-First Nations fiscal relationships that honours treaties and recognizes and respects First Nations inherent rights.	The AFN co-chairs four working groups that are addressing elements of the New Fiscal Relationship (NFR). Statutory funding was recommended by the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations (JACFR) and discussions about statutory funding for First Nations governments will commence in 2024-25.
4.	Direct the AFN to draft a letter to Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs that identifies that any new or amended fiscal and governance programs, policies, and legislation must be made with the free, prior, and informed consent of First Nations.	The National Chief sent a letter to the Ministers of ISC and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs urging Canada to ensure that any new or amended fiscal and governance programs, policies, and legislation must be made with the free, prior, and informed consent of First Nations.
5.	Provide direction to the AFN Executive Committee to ensure the recreated AFN Chiefs' Committee on Fiscal Relations be mandated to provide advice on the recommendations on the 2019 Report of the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations, by providing the CCFR the mandate to provide the AFN advice on the 2019 report, Honouring our Ancestors by Trailblazing a Path to the Future, and its recommendations.	The AFN provides regular updates about the NFR work through AFN dialogue sessions and materials shared at AFN Assemblies.
6.	Direct the AFN to ensure work to implement recommendations from the 2019 Report is brought back to First Nations-in-Assembly for regular updates.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 93/2023, AMEND FEDERAL BILINGUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Amend Federal Bilingual Requirements for Civil Servants
MOVER	Chief Angela Levasseur, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, MB
SECONDER	Chief Gordon Bluesky, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the federal government to amend the official definition of bilingual and bilingual requirements to include a First Nations language for consideration of employment in the federal public service or other government offices.	There are no implementation activities to include.
2.	Direct the AFN to provide political advocacy, which includes writing letters to the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Federal Minister of Official Languages, and the Prime Minister of Canada.	





## **AFN RESOLUTION 94/2023, PETITION THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO RECTIFY ITS PENSION AND RETIREMENT TAX SLIPS AND REDRESS ITS HISTORIC EXCLUSION OF STATUS INDIANS FROM THE CANADA PENSION PLAN**

RESOLUTION TITLE	Petition the Government of Canada to Rectify its Pension and Retirement Tax Slips and Redress its Historic Exclusion of Status Indians from the Canada Pension Plan
MOVER	Chief R. Don Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, ON
SECONDER	Chief Abram Benedict, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	In the spirit of reconciliation, demand the Government of Canada revise the T4A (P) tax slip and the T4 RIF tax slip to include a box to indicate that all of the pension or retirement income is tax exempt for contributions from income earned on-reserve. Once determined, no further tax assessment of the retiree be required. When pension income is from both on-reserve employment and off-reserve employment, the tax slips should indicate the amount that is tax exempt.	The AFN has engaged in conversations with the Canadian Revenue Agency regarding the resolution.
2.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the Government of Canada that it undertakes all measures necessary to ensure that the burden of demonstrating or identifying the tax-exempt status of pension or retirement income does not fall upon elderly First Nation peoples.	In June 2024, the National Chief sent a letter to the Minister of National Revenue to demand revisions to the T4 tax slips to urge that pension or retirement income is tax exempt for contributions earned on-reserve and to ensure that this process is accessible for all First Nations, including Elders.
3.	Call on the AFN to seek redress for the decades of lost retirement contributions for Registered Status Indians that were earning tax-exempt income and were ineligible to join the Canada Pension Plan between 1966 and 1988.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 95/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIRST NATIONS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the Development of a First Nations National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction
MOVER	Cecile Brass, Proxy, Oregon Jack Creek Band, BC
SECONDER	Chief Joyce McLeod, Montreal Lake Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to seek new federal and provincial resources to support the Chiefs' Committee on Emergency Management to establish a First Nations National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction that would provide First Nations an opportunity to better understand disaster risk, strengthen disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk, call for investment in disaster risk reduction for resilience, and enhance disaster preparedness for effective response and recovery.	The AFN continues to engage in regular meetings with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Public Safety Canada (PSC) on the need for resources to support this initiative.
2.	Direct the AFN and the Chiefs' Committee on Emergency Management to engage with First Nations to design an Action Plan that is culturally relevant, ensures that initiatives are distinct to each First Nation, and promotes collaboration and partnerships with relevant local, provincial, national, and international agencies, organizations, and other partners.	Work has begun to fully brief the Chiefs' Committee on Emergency Management in order to effectively pursue the mandate as in this resolution.  In February 2024, the AFN attended the Indigenous Federal/Provincial/Territorial (IFPT) Ministers Responsible for Emergency Management Meeting. The AFN advocated for more comprehensive capacity supports for First Nations to deliver effective emergency management on a distinct basis for each individual community.
3.	Direct the AFN and the Chiefs' Committee on Emergency Management to partner with Indigenous Services Canada and Public Safety Canada to ensure it has the required resources and capacity support to provide annual progress reports to First Nations-in-Assembly, present the completed Action Plan for ratification by First Nations-in-Assembly, and implement the completed Action Plan within five (5) years of this resolution by 2028.	The AFN will advocate for a First Nations National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction at the quarterly Indigenous Emergency Management working group, which is an offshoot of the IFPT Meeting process.
4.	Direct the AFN and the Chiefs' Committee on Emergency Management to partner with Indigenous Services Canada and Public Safety Canada to ensure it has the required resources and capacity support to provide annual progress reports to First Nations-in-Assembly, present the completed Action Plan for ratification by First Nations-in-Assembly, and implement the completed Action Plan within five (5) years of this resolution by 2028.	The AFN continues to monitor United Nations events for relevance and recommend attendance at international fora to increase the visibility and critical need for greater investment in First Nations disaster risk reduction internationally.



5.	<p>Direct the AFN to engage with emergency management partners to improve First Nations direct engagement with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction on the international stage. Increasing coordination with other international Indigenous partners and increasing the visibility and critical need for greater investment in First Nations disaster risk reduction internationally can bolster domestic advocacy. In turn, this work will create more political will for policy change from the federal and provincial governments.</p>	
6.	<p>Call upon the Government of Canada to adequately resource the successful creation and implementation of the recommendations as outlined in the First Nations National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction.</p>	
7.	<p>Call upon the Government of Canada to engage with and support the incorporation of monitoring, evaluation, and learning mechanisms in a proposed First Nations National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction to ensure its ongoing improvement and effectiveness and enhance First Nations adaptability</p>	



## AFN RESOLUTION 96/2023, TRANSPORT CANADA FLIGHT DUTY TIME REGULATION IMPACTS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Transport Canada Flight Duty Time Regulation Impacts
MOVER	Chief Russell Wesley, Cat Lake First Nation, ON
SECONDER	Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Condemn the new Flight Duty Time Regulations implemented by Transport Canada for their harmful impact on remote and/or isolated First Nations across Canada and for not fulfilling their duty to consult with Indigenous Peoples in the development of these regulations.	<p>In June 2024, the National Chief sent a letter to the Minister of Transport to urge them to issue an immediate exemption from the new flight duty time regulations for First Nations. The letter also included calls to consult directly with remote First Nations impacted by the policy change.</p>
2.	Call on Transport Canada to issue an immediate exemption from the new Flight Duty Time Regulations as an interim solution, while the necessary consultations are undertaken to find an equitable solution for First Nations in need of service by air as an essential service.	
3.	Call on Transport Canada to consult directly with remote and/or isolated First Nations and small airline carriers across Canada to develop an application of the regulations that do not limit the ability to provide essential services.	
4.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon Indigenous Services Canada to uphold their responsibility to ensure that First Nations have access to services comparable to other jurisdictions and support and facilitate engagements between remote First Nations, Transport Canada, and small airline carriers to ensure essential services are not interrupted under the new regulations.	
5.	Recognize the unique needs of remote and/or isolated First Nations in accessing essential services, such as healthcare and emergency response, and direct the Assembly of First Nations to intervene and work with First Nations in instances where future legislation or regulation will negatively impact First Nations ability to access essential services.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 97/2023, NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS (NIHB) COVERAGE FOR NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

RESOLUTION TITLE	Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Coverage for Naturopathic Medicine
MOVER	Chief Duncan Michano, Biigtigong Nishnaabeg, ON
SECONDER	Chief Gladys Thompson, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for the Government of Canada to amend the NonInsured Health Benefits Program (NIHB) to include coverage for the services provided by naturopathic doctors, ensuring that First Nations who choose these services have equitable access to comprehensive healthcare, consistent with the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration)	The AFN received approval of this resolution in April 2024. Therefore, the AFN will establish a work plan in May 2024 to include this resolution beginning with identifying a scope of work for a consultant to conduct the research required and schedule inaugural partnership meetings.
2.	Direct the AFN to collaborate with First Nations and their organizations, to promote holistic health and wellness, while asserting the right of First Nations to choose their form of healthcare and advance the integration of naturopathic medicine into existing healthcare systems and services.	
3.	Direct the AFN to engage in dialogue with relevant government authorities, healthcare providers, and Indigenous organizations to advocate for the inclusion of naturopathic services within publicly funded healthcare systems and the NIHB Program, ensuring culturally appropriate and accessible healthcare options for First Nations.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 98/2023, FIRST NATIONS-CREATED POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A WHOLISTIC LONG-TERM AND CONTINUING CARE FRAMEWORK

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nations-Created Policy Recommendations for a Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework
MOVER	Chief Allan Polchies Jr, St. Mary's Wolastoqiyik First Nation, NB
SECONDER	Chief Bryon Louis, Okanagan First Nation, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Support the policy recommendations for the reform of the Assisted Living (AL) and First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care (FNIHCC) Program as directed and determined by First Nations to address long-standing gaps and shortcomings, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Culture as the foundation for Long-term and Continuing Care (LTCC) Services to First Nations               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Recognize and support First Nations healers, Elders, and Knowledge Keepers as integral staff in care settings, planning, and programming.</li> <li>ii. Fund and provide access to First Nations traditional healing practices in the delivery of continuing care.</li> <li>iii. Allocate resources for First Nations-designed care services and standards.</li> <li>iv. Encourage mandatory cultural competency and trauma-informed care training for all healthcare and social staff in First Nations.</li> <li>v. Allocate resources for First Nations language accommodation and collaborate on an antiIndigenous racism strategy in healthcare.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Wholistic Care from Preconception to End of Life               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Fully invest in all FNIHCC services to ensure access to both essential and supportive services.</li> <li>ii. Fully invest in palliative and end-of-life care to ensure pain management and comfort care is available for First Nations living at home or in facility-based settings.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The AFN will continue deliberations with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) through Spring 2024.</p> <p>The AFN plans to submit a Funding Proposal to ISC for Costing Exercise Funds in Summer 2024.</p> <p>In Fall 2024, the AFN will do a call out for contractors to conduct an extensive Costing Exercise and when completed will present it to the Chiefs Committee on Health in Winter 2025.</p>



- iii. Foster collaboration between all levels of government to affirm First Nations-designed care services and standards.
- iv. Support health promotion and cultural wellness programs that address the diverse stages of life, offering preventative and early diagnostic care, wholistic support, and improved wellness across the lifespan.
- c) Restructuring and Advancing Infrastructure in First Nations
  - i. Ensure sustainable invests in First Nations infrastructure including, wellness centres, accessible homes and communities, retrofits, and technological upgrades.
  - ii. Facilitate and support partnership initiatives to build wellness centres, accessible homes, and technological upgrades.
  - iii. Cover capital, operational, and management costs.
  - iv. Invest in First Nations for the Accessible Canada Act implementation and ensure immunity from penalties due to resource limitations.
- d) Scalable and Sustainable Resources
  - i. Integrate both formula-based and needs-based funding mechanisms, in collaboration with First Nations, to ensure flexibility and responsiveness to current First Nations populations, inflation, socio-economic realities, and cost increases.
  - ii. Streamline reporting and administrative process to reduce burden in accessing funding.
- e) Building and Supporting Health and Social Human Resources
  - i. Facilitate and support partnership initiatives to increase First Nations healthcare and social support staff.
  - ii. Eliminate pay discrepancies, particularly between on-reserve and off-reserve positions, and provide incentives for professional development.
  - iii. Allocate resources for First Nations to train and certify community support workers (e.g., respite care, escorts, personal support workers, caregivers, etc.).
  - iv. Expand nurse practitioners' roles to provide a wider range of healthcare services.
- f) f. Governance and First Nations Self-Determination



- i. Recognize First Nations inherent and treaty rights and uphold the Treaty Right to Health.
  - ii. Ensure broad and flexible programming parameters to align with community priorities, plans, and systems, including the principle of portability.
  - iii. Facilitate tri-partite communications between federal, provinces, territories, and First Nations to define First Nations LTCC service standards, accountability mechanisms, roles, authorities, and responsibilities.
- g) Equitable Access to Services Across Canada
- i. Allocate resources to assist First Nations in developing equitable access comparability measures.
  - ii. Increase capacity for First Nations to provide language services, hearing, and vision impaired services in LTCC settings.
  - iii. Remove the income means test in the AL program.
  - iv. Include an exceptional circumstance clause in AL and FNIHCC programs to ensure timely access to all care needs from other programs.
  - v. Collaborate to reform the Non-insured Health Benefits program to fill gaps in accessing medications, assistive devices, medical and wellness transportation, dental care, vision, mental health support, etc.
  - vi. Invest in First Nations-led data systems, respecting data sovereignty and aligning with OCAP® Principles.

2. Call on Canada to use First Nations-created policy recommendations for their Memorandum to Cabinet in the Winter of 2024 on AL and FNIHCC Program reform, including recommendations developed through individual First Nations and their regional decision-making processes.

3. Call on the Chiefs' Committee on Health to conduct and oversee an assessment of the long-term financial investments required to develop an LTCC Framework within the AL and FNIHCC Programs.



## AFN RESOLUTION 99/2023, OPPOSITION TO INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISMS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Opposition to Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanisms
MOVER	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
SECONDER	Chief Greg Gabriel, Penticton Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the Government of Canada to remove Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanisms from existing agreements and ensure that future agreements do not include ISDS.	Letters prepared for CEO's signature to the Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, and the Minister of Global Affairs. The AFN is requesting for the full alignment between Canada's trade policies and its obligations to First Nations. with respect to First Nations rights. The AFN has also demanded that Indigenous representation be included at the bargaining table to ensure that First Nations rights protection in international trade agreements that support the shared priorities outlined in Canada's 2023 <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> Action Plan. Those measures would allow Canada to obtain our free, prior, and informed consent, in accordance with the United Nations Declaration.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to engage with First Nations to co-develop a protocol to govern the procedure for claims against Canada to ensure the protection of First Nations inherent and constitutional rights.	
3.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to include Indigenous representation at the bargaining table when negotiating international agreements to obtain our free, prior, and informed consent in advance of executing those agreements.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 100/2023, CANNABIS EXCISE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTION TO FIRST NATIONS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue Distribution to First Nations
MOVER	Chief Angela Levasseur, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, MB
SECONDER	Chief Rob Louie, Westbank First Nation, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to submit feedback to the Department of Finance on its fuel, alcohol, tobacco and cannabis (FACT) discussion paper, with the goal of ensuring that First Nations rights to self-government and self-determination are upheld.	<p>The AFN is advocating for self-government around the excise taxation revenues generated in First Nations through a scheduled appearance at the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN) on June 6, 2024 in support of a study on Excise tax. The appearance has been postponed until fall 2024. The objective is to have the study conducted with an outcome that supports excise taxation revenue sharing with First Nations.</p> <p>The AFN provided a submission to the Expert Panel leading the Legislative Review of the Cannabis Act in Early 2024. The submission included a recommendation for the federal government to work with the AFN and First Nations to identify options for the development of a tax-sharing framework in relation to cannabis, including without limitation, excise taxes.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to negotiate with the federal government to include First Nations in the equitable distribution of excise taxes collected annually.	
3.	Insist the federal government provide retroactive payment to offset costs incurred by First Nations as a result of the implementation of the Cannabis Act.	





## AFN RESOLUTION 101/2023, CALL FOR A CO-DEVELOPED MANDATE FOR FEDERAL FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Call for a Co-Developed Mandate for Federal Fisheries Negotiations
MOVER	Chief Gerald Toney, Annapolis Valley First Nation, NS
SECONDER	Chief Wilbert Marshall, Potlotek First Nation, NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations to support the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs and all First Nations across Canada in demanding from Fisheries and Oceans Canada a new standard for a codeveloped mandate to clarify how the Government of Canada will support the Inherent and Treaty protected rights to fish and to sell fish for a moderate livelihood.	<p>Implementation Activities to date include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The AFN has a drafted a letter for National Chief's approval to be sent to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), supporting the Atlantic Policy Congress and their request to meet with the Minister to discuss rights-based fisheries and co-governance models;</li> <li>2. The staging of a Fisheries Dialogue Session on July 8 at the Annual General Assembly will focus on rights-based fisheries and ways and means to better manage those in future seasons within the context of sustainable fisheries and First Nations rights, title and interests;</li> <li>3. A pending request for the Minister of DFO to meet with the National Fisheries Committee (NFC) to discuss rights-based fisheries and co-governance models; and</li> <li>4. Exploratory discussions to co-host a Fisheries Forum in late Fall 2024 in celebration of the Marshall Decision and the outstanding obligation owing and its recognition implementation of rights-based fisheries.</li> </ol>
2.	Call on the Government of Canada to fully implement rights-based Indigenous fisheries as a duty on the Government of Canada to address systemic racism in the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 102/2023, SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for First Nations Post-Secondary Institutions
MOVER	John Martin, Proxy, Gesgapegiag, QC
SECONDER	Jonathan Gill-Verrault, Proxy, Pekuakamiulnuatsh, QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the federal government to recognize its fiduciary responsibilities concerning life-long learning, including post-secondary education and First Nations-administered post-secondary institutions.	<p>The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) completed correspondence to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) from Regional Chief Bobby Cameron calling on the Government of Canada to swiftly address Kiuna’s post-secondary education needs. Through the AFN’s annual Pre-Budget Submission, the AFN calls on the Government of Canada to immediately implement \$1.03 billion over five years to support the Post-Secondary Partnerships Program (PSPP). The AFN continues to work with ISC to identify policy solutions for Post-Secondary Education (PSE), including the advancement of First Nations-led models. Throughout May and June 2024, the AFN, National Indian Education Council and Chiefs Committee on Education provided input and recommendations on ISC’s PSE Terms and Conditions to increase flexibility for students and institutions.</p>
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the federal government to allocate additional investments for First Nations post-secondary institutions.	
3.	Call on the federal government to provide adequate, predictable, sustainable, and equitable funding to support the operation of First Nations post-secondary institutes.	
4.	Call on Indigenous Services Canada to immediately resume negotiations with the First Nations Education Council to provide a short-term, transitional financial aid to Kiuna Institution before the commencement of the enrolment period for the 2024-2025 academic year.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 103/2023, SUPPORT FOR ONE YOUNG WORLD SUMMIT 2024

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for One Young World Summit 2024
MOVER	Chief Jeff Copenace, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, ON
SECONDER	Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Kahnawà:ke, QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the Assembly of First Nations' (AFN) participation in the One Young World Summit taking place in Montreal, Quebec, on September 18-21, 2024.	<p>The AFN is considering next steps regarding participation in the One Young World Summit Thursday, 8 February 2024.</p> <p>The AFN and the AFN National Youth Council (NYC) Co-chairs had a meeting with the One Young World Organizers on February 20, 2024.</p> <p>A correspondence from National Chief to the co-founders of One Young World is in approvals.</p> <p>The One Young World Organizers have approached the NYC to begin engaging on 2024 One Young World Summit taking place in Montreal, Quebec, on September 18-21, 2024.</p> <p>The next meeting with One Young World is to be determined.</p>
2.	Call on One Young World to work with the AFN and the AFN National Youth Council (NYC) to ensure that First Nations protocol, performers, speakers, and guidance are included in the 2024 One Young World Summit.	
3.	Direct the AFN NYC to attend the event based on available funding.	
4.	Support the AFN National Chief and the AFN Regional Chief Youth Portfolio holder to provide opening and closing remarks at the Summit.	
5.	Direct the AFN to seek external funding to send First Nations youth to the 2024 One Young World Summit in Montreal, Quebec.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 104/2023, NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE MI'KMAWEY DEBERT CULTURAL CENTRE

RESOLUTION TITLE	National Support for the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre
MOVER	Chief Carol Potter, L'sitkuk (Bear River) First Nation, NS
SECONDER	Chief Wilbert Marshall, Potlotek First Nation, NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support First Nations efforts in repatriation of cultural belongings and collections through fair, transparent, and effective mechanisms developed in conjunction with First Nations.	There are no implementation activities to report.
2.	Affirm that the process of repatriation with First Nations is a central component to achieving reconciliation.	
3.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal government for reconciliation and repatriation funding to support the development, building, and implementation of Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre.	
4.	Direct the AFN to advocate to the federal government, Parks Canada, and National Museums to aid in facilitating the repatriation of artefacts to their rightful homelands, including Mi'kmaw artifacts to be repatriated to the appropriate caretakers in Mi'kma'ki.	





## AFN RESOLUTION 105/2023, BAND REPARATIONS CLASS ACTION #2

RESOLUTION TITLE	Band Reparations Class Action #2
MOVER	Chief Donnie Morris, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, ON
SECONDER	Chief Brennan Sainnawap, Wapekeka First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the Residential School Survivors from the Treaty 9 area in their call to be included in a subsequent Band Reparations Class Action to be initiated on behalf of the Residential School Survivors from the Treaty 9 area.	A letter of support was drafted and addressed to the Apitipi Anicinapek Nation, Aroland First Nation, Attawapiskat Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Eabametoong First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, and Nishnawbe Aski Nation.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to work with the Nishnawbe Aski Nation on this project to its successful conclusion.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 106/2023, SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL COALITION SUPPORTING GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the National Coalition Supporting Gender-Affirming Healthcare Information
MOVER	Spokesperson Charmaine Thom, Taku River Tlingit First Nation, BC
SECONDER	Chief Allan Polchies, St. Mary's First Nation, NB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the National Coalition Supporting Gender-Affirming Healthcare Information to respond to the spread of misinformation and malinformation regarding gender-affirming care for Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary youth.	The AFN received approval of this resolution in April 2024. Therefore, the AFN will establish a work plan in May 2024 to include this resolution beginning with identifying a scope of work for a consultant to conduct the research required and schedule inaugural partnership meetings.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), working together with the AFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council, to advance advocacy, together with like-minded organizations, that responds to the range of barriers to accessing quality, culturally appropriate, and gender-affirming healthcare for Two-Spirit, trans, and nonbinary First Nations peoples.	To ensure comprehensive support for Gender Affirming Care in First Nation, it is essential to apply a GBA+ lens, given data recent AFN findings that highlight disability as a significant identity factor affecting social and professional inclusion, as well as access to valid and safe healthcare, for non-binary, trans, and Two-Spirit First Nations individuals with disabilities.





## AFN RESOLUTION 107/2023, SUPPORT FOR TEA CREEK TO ACCESS FUNDING

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support For Tea Creek to Access Funding
MOVER	Deputy Chief Harlan Schilling, Daylu Dena Council, BC
SECONDER	Chief Jerry Jack (Klakwagiila), Mowachat-Muchalaht First Nation, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support First Nations-led, localized food systems, including but not limited to education, growing, and distribution to bridge the gap between First Nations and non-First Nations household food security in Canada.	<p>The AFN has made requests to meet with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada during the week of May 27 or June 3.</p> <p>A letter has been drafted in support of Tea Creek First Nation.</p>
2.	Support the Tea Creek Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Skills training initiative in Gitxsan territory, BC. to access provincial, federal, and non-governmental funding.	
3.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to continue work on food security and sovereignty and to urge the federal government to increase funding, support, and training for First Nations in the spirit of reconciliation and justice until equality in funding is achieved.	



## AFN RESOLUTION 108/2023, FIRST NATIONS ACCESS TO FUNDING FROM THE FUTURE GENERATIONS FOUNDATION

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nations Access to Funding from the Future Generations Foundation
MOVER	Chief Dennis Pashe, Dakota Tipi First Nation, MB
SECONDER	Chief Angela Levasseur, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Minister of National Revenue to work to amend the Income Tax Act with First Nations’ free, prior, and informed consent to ensure First Nations who wish to be considered qualified doners are able to do so.	On June 17, 2024, the AFN supported the National Chief in sending a letter to the Minister of National Revenue calling on Canada to work to amend the Income Tax Act.  Letter drafted for signature of the CEO to the Future Generations Foundation to initiate implementation of this resolution.
2.	Call upon the Future Generations Foundation to send a letter to the Minister of National Revenue in support of First Nations who wish to be considered as qualified doners under the Income Tax Act.	
3.	Call on the Future Generations Foundation to support First Nations in their application as qualified doners until the Income Tax Act is changed	