SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 4, 5 & 6, 2012,GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 71/2012

TITLE:	Sustainable Funding of Nishnawbe Aski Police Service
SUBJECT:	Policing
MOVED BY:	Chief Keith Corston, Chapleau Cree First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Alvin Fiddler, Proxy, Wapekeka First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Under Article 21 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP): Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security.

B. Under Article 34 of the UNDRIP: Indigenous peoples have the right to promote, develop and maintain their institutional structures and their distinctive customs, spirituality, traditions, procedures, practices and, in the cases where they exist, juridical systems or customs, in accordance with international human rights standards.

C. The Government of Canada continues to under-fund the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Police Service as policing costs continue to rise.

D. The result of this under-funding is that the level of policing services provided for the First Nation communities of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation is inadequate, there is a risk to public safety and officer safety and policing services otherwise available to other Canadians are not available to the citizens of Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities.

E. The Government of Canada has ended its commitment to the Police Officers Recruitment Fund and the termination of the Fund will result in a reduction of First Nation police officers at a time when there are ever increasing demands on frontline policing in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

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F. The current model for funding First Nation policing is unsustainable. The persistent federal under-funding of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Police Service amounts to discrimination in the provision of services customarily available to the public on the grounds of race and national or ethnic origin and is systemic and ongoing.

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

1. Direct the AFN to convene a meeting of the federal and provincial governments to identify a process that will lead to a sustainable funding model to meet policing priorities for the Nishnawbe Aski Nation and other First Nation police services.
2. Endorse and support the Mushkegowuk Council complaint on ineqitable policing services at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal and direct the AFN to support this complaint.

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