ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 17, 18 & 19, 2012, TORONTO, ON

Resolution no. 02/2012

TITLE:	Fully Supporting the Role of the AFN Tri-Council
SUBJECT:	Nation-building, Organizational change
MOVED BY:	Noel Joe, Proxy, Miawpukek First Nation, NF
SECONDED BY:	Lennard Joe, Proxy, Shackan First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The AFN Tri-Council (consisting of the Women's Council, National Youth Council and the Council of Elders) was established to ensure the perspectives and concerns of First Nations Elders, women, and youth are fully understood and incorporated into work of the AFN Secretariat.

B. The purposes of the AFN Women's Council are:

   a. To unify and create healthy, happy and harmonious communities through cultural identity and cultural teachings, based on: respect, love, courage, wisdom, honesty, humility and truth.

   b. To establish a gender-balanced perspective within First Nation communities and within all entities dealing with First Nations, that honours the rights and aspirations of First Nations women.

C. The National Youth Council represents First Nations youth across the country. The Council provides insight to many committees and working groups, as well as the AFN Secretariat, on various youth-related issues.

D. The Council of Elders advises and provides guidance to the AFN Executive and Secretariat on all matters.

E. Members of the Tri-council have expressed concern that due to financial constraints, they have not had full and active involvement in moving forward the priorities and activities of the AFN.

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F. To fulfill our rightful place as Nations, Chiefs-in-Assembly agree that respect for the traditional roles of Indigenous women, Elders and youth must be restored.

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

1. Affirm their ongoing and strong support for the AFN Tri-Council.
2. Direct the AFN Secretariat to ensure ongoing meaningful involvement of the Tri-Council in development of policies and priorities and in National Gatherings.
3. Direct the AFN Secretariat to examine its operating and planning practices, including budget allocations, to ensure these fully incorporate involvement from the councils.

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