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

Resolution no. 33/2012

TITLE:	Support for Feasibility Study on Proposed Rail Link to Transport Oil Products from Alberta to Alaska
SUBJECT:	Economic Development
MOVED BY:	Cora Voyageur, proxy, Fort McMurray #468 First Nation, Alberta
SECONDED BY:	Matt Vickers, proxy, Heiltsuk First Nation, British Columbia
DECISION:	Passed by the AFN Executive Committee

WHEREAS:

A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states in Article 21, "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. First Nation communities across Canada have not been receiving adequate equity positions in business ventures within their respective territories since contact.

C. Rail Transport of oil products produced by the oil sands is the most environmentally sound option, as any potential accidents will be mimimized and localized to a small area.

D. There is broad recognition and support for the concept of Generating for Seven Generations (G7G) building a rail road from Fort McMurray Alberta to Delta Junction in Alaska for the purposes of transporting oil sands product to Pacific tidewater at the existing supertanker terminal in Valdez.

E. The majority of the First Nation communities' leadership along the proposed route has signed letters of support for this rail road concept.

F. The challenges to secure adequate resources to facilitate the feasibility study process for this $8-12 billion project have proven to be very difficult.

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G. The provincial and federal governments have not provided financial support for the feasibility study process as of yet, even though there will be no request to provincial or federal government entities to build this new, purpose built, rail project.

H. The First Nations along the porposed route and those with equity will receive fifty percent (50%) of the revenue generated from this new purpose built railroad.

I. The Project Proponents have asserted that First Nation communities directly affected by this rail road proceeding through their respective traditional territory, or reserve lands, will be going through the full consultation and accommodation process for each community prior to project approval.

J. The feasibility study will also identify the best route for this new rail road keeping in consideration all sensitive areas identified by each and every First Nation and municipality along the proposed route.

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

1. Support the objectives of Generating for Seven Generations (G7G) with respect to developing a feasibility study for this rail project and request the financial contribution of the respective provincial, territorial and federal governments to this end.

2. Support the need to advocate for provincial, territorial and federal funding that is dedicated specifically for ongoing infrastructure operations that will serve the needs of First Nation communities and facilitate the delivery of the oil sands product to Pacific tidewater in an environmentally friendly manner, while creating the maximum amount of permanent jobs and benefit sharing with First Nation communities.

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