AFN Special Chiefs Assembly
December 9-11, 2008 Ottawa, ON

Resolution no. 73/2008

SUBJECT:	SUPPORT FOR ALL-WEATHER ROAD TO MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
MOVED BY:	David Paul Achneepineskum, Proxy, Marten Falls First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Arthur Moore, Constance Lake First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Marten Falls First Nation is a remote community on the shores of the Albany River north of Thunder Bay Ontario;

B. Road access is only available on winter road for a few weeks due to high cost and the impacts of global warming;

C. This isolation has created undue hardship on the First Nation where all food, fuel, clothing, building supplies, equipment and other items have to be flown into the community;

D. This isolation has limited economic development potential for Marten Falls First Nation; and

E. All weather road access would assist the First Nation to lower the cost of living.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Chiefs-in-Assembly support Marten Falls First Nation to secure an all weather road access.

2. The Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the AFN to advocate to the federal government for funding to all First Nations for all weather road access.

3. The Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the AFN to further advocate for increased infrastructure funding to all First Nations in order to close the gap in standard of living with other communities in Canada.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 11th day of December, 2008 in Ottawa, ON

PHIL FONTAINE, NATIONAL CHIEF