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01/2019 First Nations Treaty and Inherent Rights to Water

Mover: Chief Calvin Sanderson, Chakastaypasin First Nation, SK

Seconders: Brian Hardlotte, Proxy, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, SK

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on Canada to immediately work in full partnership with First Nations to advance the work needed to achieve reconciliation and the standards as set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration), including articles 25 and 32 for the full and meaningful implementation of Indigenous water rights in their territories including legislative commitment to the UN Declaration.
 2. Direct the AFN to broaden their National Water Strategy and consider political and legal strategies that support the full and meaningful exercise of the Inherent and Treaty right to water including our jurisdiction as stewards of lands and waters in our traditional territories.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to advocate for a First Nations-led process that respects the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the development of both new legislation (as part of the repeal and replacement of the *Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act*), as well as the new Long-Term Water and Wastewater Strategy Post-2021 (TBIR #1).
 - As part of the development of the Long-Term Water and Wastewater Strategy Post-2021, the AFN and the Chiefs Committee on Housing & Infrastructure (CCoHI) will advocate for broadening of the Strategy to include political and legal direction to support inherent and Treaty rights (TBIR #2).
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STATUS: Ongoing.

02/2019 Advancing First Nations Clean Energy Leadership for Economic Development and Action on Climate Change

Mover: Chief Gerry Duquette, Dokis First Nation, ON

Seconders: Chief Aaron Sumexheltza, Lower Nicola Indian Band, BC

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to continue advocating for legislative, policy, fiscal, and program reforms that facilitate and empower First Nations involvement in clean energy projects and economies including access to capital and the requirement of upgraded linear structures.
 2. Direct the AFN to facilitate First Nations to work in partnership with organizations, including, but not limited to the Indigenous Clean Energy Social Enterprise, to promote First Nations collaborative
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frameworks for renewable energy, energy efficiency, advanced energy systems and green energy infrastructure.

3. Support efforts by First Nations governments to take action on housing and community facility energy efficiency to make energy more affordable, improve health conditions, and establish new and ongoing jobs.
 4. Direct the AFN to encourage participation of First Nations and their citizens in clean energy capacity building initiatives, such as the 20/20 Catalysts Program.
 5. Direct the AFN to seek opportunities to share First Nations experiences with clean energy projects and ventures globally, as a means to combat the climate emergency, through forums such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, among others.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Environment Sector worked with Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) to prepare a side-session at the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), highlighting how First Nations leadership can advance our global clean energy goals. The side-event was submitted, but not supported as a formal side-event, however there will be opportunities to discuss in future events, post-COVID. (TBIR #5)
 - The AFN is seeking an opportunity for the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) to meet with the new Minister of Natural Resources Canada (TBIR #1).
 - The AFN has shared the resolution with federal officials at Natural Resources Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (TBIR #1).
 - The AFN hosted the Roundtable on Social Innovation and Social Finance (SI-SF): *First Nations Approaches in Leaving No One Behind*, held in Vancouver, BC on September 5, 2019. The Roundtable brought together several First Nations social enterprise initiatives including First Nations focused on growing clean energy economies, lowering energy costs and creating employment and sustainable community development opportunities through geothermal energy.
 - In September 2019, the AFN released *Honouring Promises*, a Federal Election Priorities document outlining the need for support for First Nations to fully participate in the development of clean energy and sustainable technologies. The AFN continues to seek out opportunities to advocate for First Nations involvement in clean energy projects (TBIR #1, 2, 3, 4 and 5).
 - An AFN representative participated in the 2019 Indigenous Clean Energy Gathering on October 29-30, 2019, to support ongoing dialogue between ICE and the AFN. The AFN will continue to consider future invitations to support regular and on-going dialogue with the AFN, ICE and First Nations energy development organizations and businesses. (TBIR #2)
 - Discussions have begun to support ICE in preparing a proposal for the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26), noting that it has been postponed to 2021.
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STATUS: Ongoing.



03/2019 The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief Roberta Joseph, Tr'ondek Hwech' in First Nation, YK

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for First Nations involvement, both domestically and internationally, in all actions, including by federal, provincial, and territorial governments, to prevent biodiversity loss.
2. Support the establishment of a strong Indigenous-led permanent body to function as part of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to:
 - a. Draw on the insights and experiences gathered from Indigenous Peoples leadership in the Working Group on 8(j) over the past two decades.
 - b. Effectively advocate for the rights, interests, and contributions of all Indigenous Peoples in the CBD context.
 - c. Include mechanisms to promote the meaningful, sustained, and visible inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and voices in all aspects of the CBD.
 - d. Ensure that Indigenous Knowledge, in all of its forms, continues to be promoted as a valuable contribution in biodiversity conservation, both internationally and domestically.
 - e. Protect First Nations inherent rights, Treaties, Title and jurisdiction, and recognize First Nations inherent and everlasting responsibilities to their traditional territories.
3. Call on the Government of Canada to ensure that First Nations are involved in all aspects of biodiversity conservation, both in Canada and internationally, in a manner that promotes and respects First Nations inherent, Treaty and constitutionally-protected right, along with adequate funding, consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has had ongoing involvement in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), both domestically and internationally, through regular engagement with Canada, as well as through the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) (TBIR #1).
- The AFN participates in ongoing efforts to support the permanent role of Indigenous Peoples in the CBD, including the recognition of rights and the Working Group on 8(j), as well as the meaningful inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge in biodiversity conservation domestically and internationally (TBIR # 1, 2, and 3).
- The AFN's ongoing participation in Canada's delegations to the CBD which forms the core of advocacy, input and communication with respect to biodiversity conservation and upholding of the UN Declaration, has been postponed until 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic (TBIR # 1, 2, and 3).

STATUS: Ongoing.



04/2019 Support for the Food, Environment, Health and Nutrition of Children and Youth (FEHNCY) Study

Mover: Chief Roberta Joseph, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation, YK

Seconded: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

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

1. Support the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in its initiative to work as a full partner on the Food, Environment, Health and Nutrition of Children and Youth (FEHNCY) study.
 2. Direct the AFN to provide ongoing technical support to First Nations on all aspects of the research process including, the research protocols, research tools, methodology, and the interpretation and communication of results.
 3. Call on the FEHNCY research team to ensure that the research project incorporates an appropriate cross section of local First Nations to ensure that the research findings and results will apply to the broadest spectrum of First Nations possible, consistent with the principles of Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP).
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The FEHNCY project officially launched the First Nations Food, Nutrition and Environment (FNFNES) Forum in Ottawa on November 5-6, 2019 (TBIR #1).
 - Introductory presentations and pamphlets to introduce the FEHNCY study and raise awareness were provided at the FNFNES Forum (TBIR #2).
 - The study will take place over a 10-year period, beginning in January 2020.
 - Work is on-going with the University of Ottawa and Indigenous Services Canada to examine relationships between the environment and the health of First Nations children and youth (TBIR #3).
 - Letters of invitation will be sent to randomly selected First Nations to introduce the study and obtain informed consent once the COVID-19 pandemic has abated.
 - Community engagement events such as regional presentations, community presentations and regional workshops will be held to provide information to Chiefs and community members on the entire research process, including methodology, protocols, and data storage, ownership and control.
 - To ensure compliance with OCAP, signing of Community Research Agreements (CRA), Funding Transfer Agreements (FTA) and Band Council Resolutions (BCR) are anticipated to be completed 4 months prior to start of the survey in each community.
 - Next steps include recruitment and training of Community Research Managers for each community to be the main community contact and play an active role in the data collection process.
 - Youth involvement will occur through community school workshops and arts-based participatory activities for children 3 – 19 years of age.
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STATUS: Ongoing.



05/2019 Declaring a First Nations Climate Emergency

Mover: Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm, Vuntut Gwitch'in First Nation, YK

Seconded: Chief Aaron Sumexheltza, Lower Nicola Indian Band, BC

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

1. Declare a global climate emergency.
 2. Recognize that the climate crisis constitutes a state of emergency for our lands, waters, animals and peoples, and that we will accordingly utilize our local, national, and international forums and partnerships to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius.
 3. Call on local, national, and international communities, governments, organizations, and movements to safeguard the inherent, Treaty and constitutionally protected rights of First Nations, respect Indigenous knowledge, and uphold Treaties and other constructive arrangements between First Nations and the Crown.
 4. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the 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 in a Changing Climate to reduce emissions in Canada by 60% below 2010 levels by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.
 5. Call on the AFN, with guidance from the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE), AFN regions, First Nations Elders, Knowledge Keepers, women, youth and leadership, to develop a First Nations-led climate strategy, within six months, to achieve the objectives above and simultaneously address income inequality within First Nations as part of the mobilization for a just transition, and to host a National Gathering to advance local, domestic and international climate advocacy.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The resolution has been shared with federal counterparts in the Pan-Canadian Framework Implementation Office (PCFIO) and members of the Joint Committee on Climate Action (JCCA) (TBIR #1, 2, 3).
 - Materials were developed, including a chart summarizing all federal parties' climate platforms, to support the Executive Committee in its advocacy on climate ambition. (TBIR #1, 2, 3).
 - A first draft of a Table of Contents for an AFN National Climate Strategy was discussed at the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) meeting in September 2019.
 - The National Gathering took place on March 3-4, 2020, in Whitehorse, YK. Over 380 people were registered for the Gathering. Topics spanned from health, conservation, language, Indigenous knowledge, among many others. A Gathering report is currently being developed with an expected timeline of mid-summer (TBIR#5).
 - A draft discussion paper (the First Nations Climate Lens) was developed for consideration at the National Climate Gathering. The Environment Sector is preparing an engagement plan for discussion in coordination with the ACE to be implemented over the spring/summer. (TBIR # 5)
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STATUS: Ongoing.



06/2019 Respecting First Nations inherent and constitutionally-protected rights in the Project List for the Impact Assessment Act

Mover: Sally Whiteknife, Proxy, Mikisew Cree First Nation, AB

Seconded: Chief Calvin Sanderson, Chakastaypasin Band of the Cree Nation, SK

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

1. Demand that the Government of Canada listen to First Nations in their calls for improvements to the Project List and Time Management regulations, in order to include existing (or “in situ”) oil sands projects, small modular nuclear reactors, and other projects but not limited to projects that may impact First Nations rights, title, and jurisdiction, and further respecting the sovereignty of each Nation.
 2. Call on Canada to engage in a focused dialogue with First Nations to substantively identify, recognize, and engage the protocols, elements, and processes to support joint regulatory and policy drafting; in particular, the Project List regulation and the Indigenous Knowledge policy framework.
 3. Call on Canada to provide adequate funding directly to individual First Nations for their full, direct, and unfettered participation in the joint regulatory and policy drafting of the Impact Assessment Act.
 4. Call on Canada to ensure that regulatory and policy development fully respects the constitutional and other legal obligations of the Crown to First Nations and standards set by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
 5. Call on Canada to work with First Nations in the Athabasca region to establish a Terms of Reference for a Regional Strategic Assessment of the Alberta Oil Sands and initiate this Regional Strategic Assessment by Summer 2020.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Efforts to address the impacts of the finalized Project List released by Canada continue to be pursued through engagement with officials citing the concerns that First Nations have raised in the Resolution and calling for direct funding to participate in the joint-development of policy (TBIR #1, 2, and 3).
 - Technical discussions with representatives from the relevant departments (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Energy Regulator) have continued to prepare for joint development of policy (TBIR #2 and 3).
 - Conversations with First Nations in the Athabasca region have continued, though progress has been limited with regard to the development of a Terms of Reference for a Regional Strategic Assessment of the Alberta Oil Sands. This is largely due to a variety of factors including the Impact Assessment Agency’s work on the Regional Assessment for Offshore Oil and Gas in Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Alberta Government’s rollbacks on environmental monitoring and protection in the oil sands. The AFN will continue efforts to support those First Nations in the Athabasca region as needed (TBIR #5).
 - Discussions on longer-term funding arrangements continue with the federal government in order to secure funding to accomplish this work.
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STATUS: Ongoing.



07/2019**First Nations' Oceans Priorities at the Convention on Biological Diversity**

Mover: Wendall Metallic, Proxy, Conseil de bande d'Odanak, QC**Seconded:** Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and any other relevant federal departments to secure funding for the AFN Fisheries Sector to adequately participate in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
 2. Call upon the AFN to advocate that any work that DFO participates in to establish new marine targets in a Global Biodiversity Framework must respect First Nations' inherent rights, Treaties, Title and jurisdiction, and recognize First Nations' responsibilities to their traditional territories in the marine environment.
 3. Direct the AFN National Fisheries Committee to identify and appoint representatives to participate at the Conference of the Parties on the Convention of Biological Diversity, and any related planning meetings, to ensure that First Nations' priorities are reflected in the development of new global biodiversity goals and targets.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has met with Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to secure funding to support First Nations' participation. DFO has provided funds for participation this year through an existing Oceans agreement (TBIR #1).
 - The AFN continues to convene the AFN National Fisheries Committee and the AFN Oceans Working Group to discuss progress and begin research to advocate for marine targets and First Nations inclusion in implementation (TBIR #2).
 - Representatives of the AFN attended the Open-Ended Working Group meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity as independent delegates on August 27-30, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya, to consider the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Work took place over the next two months with the AFN National Fisheries Committee to begin drafting statements for future submissions to the working groups (TBIR #3).
 - AFN Fisheries Sector and BCAFN participated as members of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) workshops in Montreal on November 15-22, 2019. The meetings included the Article 8j working group and Marine workshop in preparation for the Zero draft of the convention.
 - The AFN Fisheries Sector and Chief Michelle Edwards participated as members of the IIFB at the second meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on February 23-29, 2020 in Rome, Italy to provide input into suggested wording for amendments to the Zero Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
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STATUS: Ongoing.



08/2019 Species At Risk and Aquatic Species

Mover: Wendall Metallic, Proxy, Conseil de bande d'Odanak, QC

Seconded: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate that any work with the Federal Government, including joint committees and working groups, must respect First Nations inherent rights, Treaties, Title and jurisdiction, and must recognize First Nations inherent and everlasting responsibilities to their traditional territories.
 2. Direct the AFN to call on the National Fisheries Committee (NFC) to identify and nominate members to the Aquatic Species at Risk Working Group and any other related Aquatics Advisory body under the Species at Risk Act.
 3. Direct the AFN to call on the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to provide the funding necessary for First Nation participation in the First Nations Advisory Committee on Species at Risk and related working groups, to ensure First Nations participation in the recovery of marine and aquatic species.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Fisheries Sector is working with the First Nations Advisory Committee on Species at Risk (FNACSAR) to further develop an ad hoc Aquatics Working Group. The Working Group is developing a First Nations-led strategy to address extirpated species, infringement, and socio-economic analysis of lost species (TBIR #1).
 - The National Fisheries Committee (NFC) met October 1-2, 2019 in Listuguj, Quebec to discuss the resolution and select its representatives. Follow had taken place at the NFC meeting on December 2, 2019 (TBIR #2).
 - The AFN Fisheries Sector has drafted a proposal in order to secure funds to support this work (TBIR #3).
 - The AFN Fisheries Sector presented at the First Nations Advisory Committee on Species at Risk (FNACSAR) on aquatic issues to Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) on January 16, 2020. DFO stated they currently have no funds for policy development.
 - The AFN Fisheries Sector has been meeting DFO and members of the National Aboriginal Council on Species at Risk and the Species at Risk Advisory Committee to explore a tri-committee model on sharing information on projects that involve rebuilding habitat.
 - The AFN Fisheries Sector met with senior DFO officials at the Joint Planning Table on May 6, 2020 and brought up the lack of funding for aquatic species-at-risk and lack of coordination on the Minister's directive in the mandate letter to "modernize" the Species-at-Risk Act.
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STATUS: Ongoing.



09/2019 International Year of the Salmon

Mover: Wendall Metallic, Proxy, Conseil de bande d'Odanak, QC

Seconder: Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to affirm the International Year of the Salmon by declaring the significance of salmon to First Nations.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A letter was sent to the Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on August 23, 2019 regarding the landslide in British Columbia. The letter referred to commitments made by Canada on the International Year of Salmon (TBIR #1).
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STATUS: Complete

10/2019 Rebuilding Fish Nations: Advancing a First Nations Fisheries Reconciliation Strategy

Mover: Wendall Metallic, Proxy, Conseil de bande d'Odanak, QC

Seconder: Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the National Fisheries Committee (NFC) to immediately initiate work on a renewed and strengthened First Nations Fisheries Reconciliation Strategy (2019-2022) that builds on the foundation of the 2010-15 National Strategy to advocate for the priorities of First Nations in Canada related to fisheries, oceans, aquaculture, aquatic habitat, and marine waterways.
 2. Direct the AFN, the NFC, and its appropriate working groups to demand the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and other appropriate federal partners (e.g. Transport Canada, Parks Canada, Natural Resources Canada, and Environment Canada and Climate Change) engage and collaborate with First Nations on the evolution and implementation of this First Nations Fisheries Reconciliation Strategy (2019-2022).
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Fisheries Sector is continuing to work with the National Fisheries Committee on the development of a First Nations Fisheries Reconciliation Strategy. A major planning session for June 2020 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis (TBIR #1 & 2).
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STATUS: Ongoing



11/2019 **Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Fisheries**

Mover: Wendall Metallic, Proxy, Conseil de bande d'Odanak, QC

Seconder: Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to continue its advocacy work concerning Indigenous Knowledge Systems with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), and other related federal government departments, to respect First Nations inherent rights, Treaties, Title and jurisdiction, and recognize First Nations inherent and everlasting responsibilities to their traditional territories.
 2. Direct the AFN to call on the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and DFO to adequately fund the work for First Nations to develop their own community Indigenous Knowledge protocols and related work.
 3. Mandate the AFN to seek resources available to support First Nations in the work carried out by the DFO concerning Indigenous Knowledge Systems in the development of regulations, guidelines, policies, and other related tasks.
 4. Direct the AFN to call on the National Fisheries Committee to seek regional representation to properly advise the AFN's work related to Indigenous Knowledge Systems.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Fisheries Sector is negotiating an amendment to the existing Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management agreement that will look at existing protocols and create an advisory committee to ensure respectful use and inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge Systems in all aspects of DFO work (TBIR #2).
 - The AFN Fisheries Sector formed an Indigenous Knowledge Working Group that met in Toronto on December 11-13, 2019 to provide guidance on developing workshops on Indigenous Knowledge protocols.
 - The AFN Fisheries Sector hosted a workshop in Winnipeg (Feb 27-28, 2020) and Halifax (March 5-6, 2020) on the development of Indigenous Knowledge protocols including intellectual property rights. A planned workshop in Vancouver has been postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis.
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STATUS: Ongoing.



12/2019 The Ocean Supercluster

Mover: Wendall Metallic, Proxy, Conseil de bande d'Odanak, QC

Seconded: Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to address First Nations issues with Innovation, Science and Economic Development and other partners involved with the Ocean Supercluster, specifically the Indigenous Engagement Strategy, to ensure the technological innovations resulting from the partnership initiatives are made available to First Nations.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Fisheries Sector is working with Ulnooweg Development Group, the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs and Canada's Ocean Supercluster, to develop an internship program aimed at ocean-focused or related careers for First Nations in the technical field (TBIR #1).
 - The AFN Fisheries Sector moderated a panel in October 2019 in Halifax on Marine Renewable Energy.
 - The AFN is participating on the program committee of Indigenous employment including on-line meetings and workshops. A strategy to increase First Nations employment in the ocean technology sector will be released in June 2020. It will include recruitment strategies, training needs for First Nations interns and employers, support systems for First Nations interns, obligations for employers, and communications on the internship program to First Nations leadership.
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STATUS: Ongoing.

13/2019 Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Mover: Kukpi7 Judy Wilson, Neskonlith Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

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

1. Fully support the immediate implementation of the Calls to Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls ("the National Inquiry") and also the recommendations coming directly from Indigenous, front-line, grassroots, and women's organizations, and particularly the recommendations from Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, including the National Coalition for Grassroots Families.
 2. Recognize that the implementation of these recommendations must include the full and meaningful implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including
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recognition of Indigenous Peoples' inherent Title and Treaty rights, and the restoration of collective Indigenous women's rights and governance.

3. Support the call for a "comprehensive national-level integrated action plan to eliminate violence against Indigenous women, girls, trans and two spirit people must address all the socio-economic factors impacting Indigenous women's, girls', trans and two-spirit's safety including equitable access and self-determination over land, culture, language, housing, child care, income security, employment, education, and physical, mental, sexual and spiritual health," as called for in *Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside*, along with an appropriate budget and resources, before the fall 2019 federal election.
4. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to work with Indigenous, front-line, grassroots, and women's organizations, and other like-minded organizations to advocate for the full and immediate, Indigenous-women led implementation of these recommendations.
5. Call upon federal, provincial, territorial, municipal, and Indigenous governments (hereinafter "all governments"), in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, to develop and implement a National Action Plan to address violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people.
6. Call upon the federal government to respond to the report by September 6, 2019.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- On June 2, 2020 the Federal Government announced that the release of the National Action Plan would be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A new date has not been announced.
- The AFN Women's Council is working with Crown-Indigenous Relations Canada to undertake engagement sessions for the National Action Plan during the summer of 2020.

STATUS: Ongoing.

14/2019	Endorsement of the Refined Preliminary Concepts for Repeal and Replacement of the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act
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Mover: Chief Dan George, Burns Lake Indian Band/Ts'il Kaz Koh, B.C.

Seconded: Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC

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

1. Hereby endorse the Refined Preliminary Concepts as a working document to inform an affirmation and assertion process with the Government of Canada to produce joint recommendations on a framework to repeal and replace the SDWFNA that will address the provision of First Nation safe drinking water and wastewater management.
2. Urge the Federal Government to participate in the affirmation and assertion process with the nations in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Calls to



Justice in the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and the numerous commitments it has made to First Nations.

3. Call upon the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to declare that, as partners in reconciliation, provinces and territories must recognize that First Nations rights, interests and title to waters and waterbodies remain unextinguished and will not be encumbered by Provincial and Territorial assertions of jurisdiction.
 4. Direct the AFN to conduct follow-up engagement with First Nations throughout Canada throughout 2019 and 2020 on key issues, concerns and Regional or Local First Nations water initiatives that may be impacted or supported by the repeal and replacement of the *Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act*.
 5. Direct the AFN to seek sufficient resources to support the follow-up engagement process with First Nations, including a future affirmation and assertion process with the Government of Canada.
 6. Direct the AFN to return to the next Chiefs Assembly to present the results of the follow-up engagements and affirmation and assertion process to the Chiefs-in-Assembly.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The National Engagement process for the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Co-Developed Legislation Project began in April 2019 and was led by the AFN Regions to ensure that the needs and aspirations of all First Nations were properly understood and incorporated into the new co-developed safe drinking water legislation (TBIR #5).
 - The feedback and information received from First Nations is in the draft framework process for repeal and replacement of the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act, which will be co-developed through a Joint Working Group (First Nations and Indigenous Services Canada) (TBIR #.4)
 - A Refined Preliminary Concepts document was drafted based upon the preliminary feedback gathered from the National Engagement process and this Refined Preliminary Concepts document at the 2019 AGA.
 - Follow-up Engagements are currently being organized on key issues, concerns and Regional or Local First Nations water initiatives that may be impacted or supported by the repeal and replacement of the Safe Drinking Water for First Nation Act. These engagements will conclude in Fall 2020.
 - A draft framework will be prepared and presented to Chiefs-in-Assembly at the 2020 SCA.
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STATUS: On-going.



15/2019 Jordan's Principle Operations

Mover: Chief Ronald Ignace, Skeetchestn Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief Wayne Christian, Shuswap First Nation, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to complete a review of the Jordan's Principles Operations Committee and the Jordan's Principle Action Table to ensure the coordination of these two tables supports the long-term implementation goals of all regions.
 2. Direct the AFN to ensure regional First Nation representatives are appointed to the Jordan's Principle Operations Committee in order to reflect and respect regional differences and concerns regarding Jordan's Principle implementation across the country.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Letters were sent in August 2019 to all Regional Chiefs seeking appointment to the Jordan's Principles Operations Committee. The AFN continues to follow up with regions to seek appointment (TBIR #2).
 - Scope and development of the evaluation framework of the Jordan's Principle governance is still underway.
 - The evaluation will include an anonymous survey for all committees that have a mandate to implement/oversee Jordan's Principle (Jordan's Principle Action Table, Jordan's Principle Operations Committee, National Advisory Committee on First Nations Child and Family Services Program Reform, Consultation Committee on Child Welfare Reform). The findings will then be rolled up into a report with recommendations (TBIR #1).
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STATUS: Ongoing.

16/2019 An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families— Transition and Implementation Planning

Mover: Chief Reginald Bellerose, Muskowekwan First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Wayne Christian, Shuswap First Nation, BC

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

1. Call on Canada to adopt a human rights approach to the implementation of child welfare reform surrounding An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families (the Act), including full implementation of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's (CHRT) principles of: substantive equality, best interests of the child, needs based funding, respect for culture and language, and consideration of the distinct circumstances of First Nations children and services, as the foundation for
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any policies or coordination agreements entered into within the Act with Canada and the Provinces and Territories.

2. Call on Canada to fully implement the funding principle of predictable, stable, sustainable, needs-based funding consistent with the principle of substantive equality in order to secure long-term positive outcomes for First Nations children, families and Nations.
 3. Call on the Governor in Council to issue an Order, without delay, to bring the Act into force by September 2019.
 4. Call on Canada to immediately support and fund a First Nations led distinctions-based transition and implementation planning process for all stages of the comprehensive reform of child and family services, affirming the inherent rights and self-determination each First Nation has to decide what is most appropriate for their own peoples, without interference by Canada.
 5. Call on Canada to ensure that as per section 32 (1) of the Act on regulations, Indigenous governing bodies are provided a meaningful opportunity to collaborate in the policy development leading to the establishment of both national and regional regulations.
 6. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to establish a Chiefs Committee on Child and Family Services and Self-Determination to provide input, oversight and guidance during the national transition and implementation process and to report to the National Chief and Executive of the AFN and the Chiefs-in-Assembly.
 7. Direct the AFN to establish a Technical Sub-Committee of the Chiefs Committee on Child and Family Services and Self-Determination called the “First Nations National Transition Planning Committee,” comprised of representation from First Nations and technical experts from each region, such as members of the National Advisory Committee on Child Welfare (NAC), as determined by regional processes. The Technical Sub-Committee may establish additional action tables with approval of the Chiefs Committee.
 8. Direct the AFN, including the Chiefs Committee and the Technical Sub-Committee, to support First Nations self-determination in all matters relating to the Act, including the choice to not work within the Act by those Nations who have determined that they do not wish to do so, and to further conduct their work in a manner that affirms the inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights of First Nations rights and title holders as the decision-makers for their own peoples, without interference from any organization, Canada, or Provincial/Territorial governments.
 9. Direct the AFN to ensure all implementation activities conducted within the Chiefs Committee and Technical Sub-Committee do not restrict or limit the pace of implementation of the Act where First Nations are prepared to exercise their own jurisdiction, and that any national committee be explicitly directed that they do not have the mandate to speak for or alter the self-determination rights of each First Nation to determine their own pace of progress, nor should they hold back the actions of any First Nation as their work is supportive and should not be used by Canada or any Province/Territory to limit or constrain the affirmation of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights.
 10. Direct the AFN Chiefs Committee and Technical Sub-Committee to acknowledge and defer to regional or local committees that may be created to implement the Act where such committees have been established by the First Nations of the region and such First Nations have directed that such regional structures are the bodies they have freely determined should be the mechanism to support the implementation of the Act in relation to those peoples and territories, and further direct that the AFN Chiefs Committee and Technical Sub-Committee may collect and receive advice from any regional bodies
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or mechanisms but that the rights and title holders of the First Nations are the rightful decision-makers in relation to their children and families, including the First Nations governing bodies selected by such rights and title holders.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has advocated for \$3.5 billion in the federal budget to go directly to First Nations to support community engagement, drafting, legal and all other aspects of transition to fully implement the Act (TBIR #2, 4).
- The Order in Council was completed, and the Act came into force January 1, 2020 (TBIR #3).
- The Chiefs Committee on Child and Family Services and Self-Determination also negotiated a new bilateral distinctions-based agreement called “The Protocol regarding *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families between Canada and the AFN*” (the Protocol). The Protocol governs all aspects of the implementation of the Act between the AFN and Canada and provides a mechanism to elevate First Nations concerns at the national level. The Protocol was supported by the Chiefs Committee and the AFN Executive and is awaiting final signatures from the National Chief and the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada. (TBIR #4).
- The Protocol does not interfere with the rights of individual First Nations and regions to enter into their own arrangements on implementation, including enacting their own laws and policies within or outside the Act (TBIR #8, 9, 10).
- The Chiefs Committee on First Nation Child and Family Services and Self-Determination was established in September 2019. It had its first meeting in October 2019 and has met bi-monthly since the initial meeting (TBIR #6).
- The Technical Sub-Committee to the Chiefs Committee was also established in September 2019 and has met in-person and by teleconference and has participated in technical meetings on the Act (TBIR #7).

STATUS: Ongoing.

17/2019 Establishing Regional First Nations Child & Youth Advocates

Mover: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

Seconder: Chief Walter Spence, Fox Lake First Nation, MB

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to research and develop viable options for a First Nations Child and Youth Advocate as a precedent or for consideration of each region.
2. Call on the Federal Government to provide funding to support the work of regional First Nations Child Advocates, where requested.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:



- A preliminary draft research report was completed September 2019 and is now being updated by the Social Development Team and AFN Legal Sectors to include any standards from the new legislation Bill C-92, *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families* (TBIR #1).
- Once updated, the draft research report will be shared with the Chiefs Committee on Child and Family Services and Self-Determination for further advice and direction (TBIR #1).
- Indigenous Services Canada has communicated that due to COVID-19, policy and funding authority cannot be sought from Cabinet for non-pandemic related issues at this time. The AFN will advocate for this request to go to Cabinet once the House resumes normal operations after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing.

18/2019 Proper Funding for Digital Health Tools Required to Support Health System Transformation

Mover: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

Seconder: Chief Walter Spence, Fox Lake First Nation, MB

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

1. Call upon Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to authorize a funding envelope to support First Nation health organizations' adoption and sustained use of digital health tools.
 2. Call upon ISC to ensure that this funding be an ongoing augmentation to existing community-level contribution agreements or funding mechanisms.
 3. Call upon ISC to ensure that this new funding acknowledges the reasonable costs associated with the adoption and use of digital health tools (e.g. implementation, training and change management, information technology infrastructure, ongoing licensing costs, clinical workflow integration, etc.) as identified in the First Nations Digital Health Framework.
 4. Call upon ISC to ensure that this new funding is made available within the next 12 months through an approach that does not introduce unnecessary administrative or bureaucratic processes and burdens on First Nations health organization administrators.
 5. Direct ISC to address funding inequities between provincial health agencies, First Nation health organizations and communities who continue to face challenges with care coordination due to their lack of digital health infrastructure and create funding solutions that are meaningful and sustainable.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The First Nation Digital Health Advisory developed a First Nation Digital Health Framework that identified requirements for Digital Health for First Nations.
- The Advisory Group has recommended that a business case be developed to identify the high-level costs of implementing digital health for First Nations in Canada.
- The AFN continues to advocate to the Federal Government that new money be identified for digital health (TBIR # 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5).



STATUS: Ongoing.

19/2019 **Developing a Seven Generations Continuum of Care for First Nations, by First Nations of Health, Economic and Social Services**

Mover: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

Second: Chief Walter Spence, Fox Lake First Nation, MB

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and other federal departments to support First Nations and the AFN to identify needs and gaps in supports and services, capacity, and infrastructure, that impact the Seven Generations Continuum of Care, and to develop options to move forward a holistic Continuum of Care for First Nations, by First Nations.
2. Direct the AFN to call upon ISC to coordinate federal departments' cross-sectoral work on current and previous engagement related to a Seven Generations Continuum of Care, including First Nations recommendations on Bill C-81, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to "Leave No One Behind."
3. Direct the AFN to urge the Federal Government to allocate part of the \$8.5 million in funding for First Nation and Inuit long-term care engagements from Budget 2019 to support work by First Nations and the AFN to identify needs and gaps in supports and services, capacity and infrastructure, as well as develop options to move forward on a Seven Generations Continuum of Care.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- On September 30, 2019, the AFN convened a table of experts to assist in defining a Continuum of Care for First Nations. Experts included Senior Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, ISC, Assistant Deputy Minister of Education and Social Development Programs and Partnerships (Education and Social Development Programs and Policies) ISC, and Assistant Deputy Minister of Child and Family Services Reform, ISC. The AFN and federal partners have agreed to pull together a list of planned engagements over the next 1-2 years to determine the most efficient means to ensure this work is driven by First Nations and is reflective of First Nations voices (TBIR #1 & 3).
- A follow up to the September 30, 2019 meeting occurred on December 18, 2019 to discuss a First Nations-led engagement process, including timelines, funding (AFN and regional allocations) and scope and parameters of the work. Information regarding funding allocations and timelines was shared with the Chiefs Committee on Health and Health Technicians via email on January 16, 2020 (TBIR #1, 2 & 3).
- The AFN Health Sector has developed a discussion paper on options and leading practices for a First Nations-led continuum of care. (TBIR #1 & 2).
- Next steps include reengaging the internal working committee, re-convening the circle of experts, providing a briefing to First Nations partners, facilitating a costing exercise, presenting draft governance, reporting, and determining how to advance this work in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (TBIR #1 & 2).



STATUS: Ongoing.

20/2019 National Training Program for Indigenous Epidemiologists

Mover: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

Second: Chief Walter Spence, Fox Lake Cree Nation, MB

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

1. Call on the Government of Canada to support and direct Tri-Council agencies to support Indigenous communities and organizations to develop, implement, and evaluate a national Indigenous training and mentorship network to train and support a cadre of more than 100 Indigenous health information specialists, applied epidemiologists, and health service researchers who can lead the required transformation of Indigenous health and social information systems in Canada.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN is supporting the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) in moving forward with this work (TBIR #1). The AFN Health Sector met with FNIGC on October 2, 2019. FNIGC provided an update regarding their application to the Network Environment for Indigenous Health Research.
- The First Nations Information Governance Centre Network Environment for Indigenous Health Research funding to be a National Training Centre. (TBIR #1).
- FNIGC's funding will go to more than 100 Indigenous health information specialists, applied epidemiologists, and health service researchers (TBIR #1).

STATUS: Ongoing.

21/2019 Support for a Greater Investment into the Reclamation of Childbirth

Mover: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

Second: Chief Walter Spence, Fox Lake First Nation, MB

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

1. Call on the federal government, in the spirit of reconciliation, to work towards replacing the outdated mandatory evacuation policy to ensure that First Nations women are empowered with choice in their birthing process and are supported within their communities to allow for birthing closer to home.
2. Call on the federal government to immediately establish a funding envelope dedicated to training for communities for Indigenous midwives and doulas, to ensure First Nations women are able to reclaim



childbirth ceremony within their own communities, surrounded by family and their own traditional cultural practices.

3. Call on the federal government to initiate secure, increased, renewed Indigenous midwifery funding, including capital and infrastructure, beyond the five-year funding which is set to lapse in 2021/2022.
4. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to prioritize midwifery and work with organizations which support choice in birthing, such as the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM) to raise awareness of the positive impacts of midwifery and create greater opportunities for communities to bring this traditional ceremony back.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN met with members of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM) at the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) Annual Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia on October 25, 2019 to discuss the resolution and next steps (TBIR #4).
- The AFN developed social media messages throughout the year to bring awareness to Midwifery and Bringing Birthing Closer to Home (TBIR #4).
- The AFN is developing a Partnership Agreement with the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM) which is currently in the review stages (TBIR #4).
- The AFN continues to advocate to Indigenous Services Canada on increased supports for First Nations midwives (TBIR #1-3).
- The AFN worked with NACM through the First Nations Health Managers Association to host a Midwifery Virtual Town Hall on Thursday, May 21, 2020 to talk about midwifery, birthing and Covid-19 implications (TBIR #4).

STATUS: Ongoing.

22/2019 **Tri-Council Financial Administration Policy, Tri-Council Policy 2 Chapter 9 and the draft Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy in alignment with Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP®) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

Mover: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

Seconder: Chief Walter Spence, Fox Lake Cree Nation, MB

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

1. Call on the Government of Canada to direct the Tri-Council agencies to collectively work with First Nations regions to revise the Tri-Agency Financial Administration Policy and the Tri-Council Policy 2 Chapter 9 to remove existing barriers to Indigenous community-led research, including indirect costs that would alleviate the costs of administering research grants.
2. Call on the Government of Canada to work with the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) and their membership to revise the draft Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy to ensure that it



does not violate the First Nation principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP®) and United Nations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Health Sector met with the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) on October 2, 2019. FNIGC provided an update regarding their progress with working with the Tri-Council to revise the *Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy*.
- The *Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy* now states that as long as the First Nations Information Governance Centre is a member of the Tri-Council, the *Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy* will respect First Nation principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP®) and the United Nations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Complete

23/2019 **Reject the National Pharmacare Plan and any other plan that will violate the Medicine Chest for First Nations**

Mover: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

Seconded: Chief Walter Spence, Fox Lake First Nation, MB

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

1. Reject the federal government's National Pharmacare initiative based on its impact on our health and livelihood which violates our Medicine Chest for all Treaty Territories.
2. Assert that the First Peoples who entered into International Treaty with the Crown insist that pharmacy coverage for First Nations must not be contracted to any third party at any time as it will violate provisions under the medicine chest which are guaranteed by Treaties.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN is continuing to monitor any progress on a National Pharmacare Plan and its potential impacts on First Nations (TBIR #1 & 2).
- AFN Health Sector is examining potential impacts to First Nations inherent and Treaty rights, Title and jurisdiction should a National Pharmacare Plan be introduced (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing



24/2019 Engage Extensively with First Nations on the Report of the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations

Mover: Chief Stanley Grier, Piikani Nation, AB

Seconded: Chief Brendan Mitchell, Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation, NL

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

1. Affirm, acknowledge, and support the diversity of each First Nation.
 2. The Spirit and Intent of the relationship between First Nations and Canada requires a fiscal arrangement that honors all agreements.
 3. Call on the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations (JACFR), the Assembly of First Nations, and Indigenous Services Canada to engage extensively with First Nations across the country on the report and its recommendations.
 4. Call on the JACFR to report back to Chiefs-in-Assembly with the findings from those engagements at the Annual General Assembly in July 2020.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Building on engagements in several regions as well as a dialogue session at the 2019 Annual General Assembly, the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations is working on information products and an engagement strategy schedule for 2020 (TBIR #3).
 - The JACFR is planning a report with findings from the engagement at a future Assembly (TBIR #4).
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STATUS: Ongoing.

25/2019 Support for a First Nations Led Engagement Process on Nation Building

Mover: Kupki7 Judy Wilson, Neskonlith Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC

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

1. Re-affirm our rejection of Canada's Comprehensive Land Claims Policy (CLCP) and the Inherent Right to Self-Government Policy (IRSG) and all associated policies and processes.
 2. Re-affirm Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolution 37/2016, *Establishing a Crown-First Nations process on Land, Peoples and Governance*, AFN Resolution 08/2018, *Implementing Canada's Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework and clarifying the role of the AFN*, AFN Resolution 39/2018, *First Nations Determination of the Path to Decolonization*, and AFN Resolution 67/2018,
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Rejection of the Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework and Associated Processes, which collectively:

- a. Reject federally imposed processes and approaches to the recognition of Indigenous Rights, Title and Jurisdiction.
 - b. Recognize, elevate, and support Indigenous self-determination and decision-making processes.
3. Reiterate our call for a First Nations-led process to develop new federal policies and/or legislation to address the recognition and implementation of our inherent Rights, Title and Jurisdiction.
 4. Reiterate our expectation that any policy or framework which may affect the Title, or Rights of any First Nation, irrespective of whether that First Nation is currently engaged in negotiations with the Crown, requires the free, prior and informed consent of all First Nations potentially impacted by such a policy or framework.
 5. Direct the AFN, through coordinated action, to implement the common elements of these inter-related resolutions (08/2018, *Implementing Canada's Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework and clarifying the role of the AFN*, 39/2018, *First Nations Determination of the Path to Decolonization* and 67/2018, *Rejection of the Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework and Associated Processes*) through a national engagement process.
 6. Direct the AFN to advocate for adequate federal funding to support meaningful First Nations engagement at the local, regional, and national levels on nation building.
 7. Direct the AFN to provide an update on progress at the December 2019 Special Chiefs Assembly.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to ensure that proposals and associated workplans for the establishment of Canada's Comprehensive Land Claims Policy (CLCP) and the Inherent Right to Self-Government Policy (IRSG) tables and associated processes are Nation-driven and consistent both with this resolution and the others cited within this resolution (TBIR #5 & 6).
- Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs has accepted an AFN proposal to establish a joint table on CLCP/IRSG. This joint table will develop a joint work plan outlining shared priorities for review and approval by Chiefs-in-Assembly. The AFN is currently designing a process consistent with a Nation-driven approach, to be approved by Chiefs-in-Assembly (TBIR #5 & 6).
- The AFN Lands, Territories and Resources Sector will continue to work with the AFN Executive portfolio holder and the Chiefs Committee on Lands, Territories and Resources to ensure appropriate oversight of the joint table on CLCP and IRSG and discuss strategies to support AFN advocacy on CLCP and IRSG reform (TBIR #5 & 6).

STATUS: Ongoing.



26/2019 Elders' Statement on Rights to Protect Nationhood

Mover: Ron Lameman, Proxy, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, AB

Seconded: Chief Vernon Watchmaker, Kehewin Cree Nation, AB

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

1. Support the Elders' Statement of Rights' that rejects the current government's termination agenda that is federally drafted and controlled through legislation and policy changes and associated processes.
 2. Support First Nations to develop their own self-determination plans to protect our Treaty and inherent rights and sovereign jurisdiction.
 3. Acknowledge that the signatories to the Elders' Statement of Rights.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to ensure that the design and development of joint policy processes and work plans that respect self-determination plans of First Nations (TBIR #2).
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STATUS: Ongoing

27/2019 Treaty and Inherent Rights Sharing Discussions

Mover: Chief Reginald Bellerose, Muskowekwan First Nation, SK

Seconded: David Pratt, Proxy, Carry the Kettle First Nation, SK

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

1. Direct that each Committee of the Assembly of First Nations shall re-affirm Inherent and Treaty rights and shall apply the relevant Articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to their area of responsibility.
 2. Direct that each Committee of the Assembly of First Nations consider discussions of Inherent and Treaty rights at each meeting and shall consider including a scan of regional, national and international activities.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has shared this resolution and is currently incorporating Treaty and inherent rights sharing discussions into the Chiefs Committee on Lands, Territories and Resources meetings and into intersessional work of the Lands, Territories and Resources Sector (TBIR #2).
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STATUS: Ongoing.



28/2019 Treaty and Inherent Rights Legal Unit

Mover: David Pratt, Proxy, Carry the Kettle First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Ira McArthur, Pheasant Rump Nakota First Nation, SK

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

1. Direct the development of a national legal unit to assist First Nations across the country in coordinating legal actions to ensure the most efficient and effective legal strategies for the protection of the Inherent and Treaty rights of all First Nations that shall report regularly to this Assembly on progress of legal actions.
 2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to develop a funding model based on own source revenue to support the aforementioned national legal unit.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN will seek out funding to launch discussions with legal counsel representing First Nations on how best to coordinate efforts, while ensuring the solicitor-client relationship is not adversely affected.
 - A meeting of legal counsel to develop practical options will be held in fall of 2020.
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STATUS: Ongoing.

29/2019 100 Wellington Street

Mover: Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC

Seconded: Frankie Cote, Proxy, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg

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

1. Support the Algonquins Nation to represent their own interests, rights and title by establishing a bilateral process with Canada to develop a dedicated Algonquin space in a newly created building between 119 Sparks Street and 100 Wellington Street.
 2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to ensure the Algonquin Nations are equal partners (decision makers and beneficiaries) in the short-term project in 100 Wellington St., through the signing of a partnership agreement between the Algonquin Nations, the AFN, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) and the Métis National Council (MNC). The partnership agreement would last until such a time when construction is complete on the Algonquin specific site. All decisions in this partnership will be made by consensus.
 3. Direct the AFN to work with the Algonquin Nations, MNC and ITK to set-up a principals committee and technical working group dedicated to the long-term planning and use of 100 Wellington Street and 119 Sparks Street to be used by Indigenous leadership (Chiefs, tribal councils, First Nations, etc.) to conduct intergovernmental business.
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4. Direct the National Chief to immediately inform the Prime Minister, his relevant Ministers, ITK and MNC of this resolution.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- In August 2019, the AFN informed the Prime Minister, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Canada, the Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada and leaders of ITK and MNC of the resolution (TBIR #4).
 - The AFN continues to provide support when requested by Algonquin leadership on facilitating meetings and providing strategic assistance to support the Algonquin Nation in representing their own interests, rights and title (TBIR # 1 & 2).
 - The AFN has drafted a partnership agreement on the short- and long-term project for consideration by the Algonquin First Nations and other partners (TBIR #2).
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STATUS: Ongoing.

30/2019	An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families – Support for a British Columbia specific approach to transition and implementation planning
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Mover: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Splastin, BC

Seconded: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

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

1. Call on Canada and the Governor-in-Council to immediately bring all sections of An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families (the Act) into force.
 2. Call upon Canada to support and fund a British Columbia (BC) First Nations specific approach for transition and implementation of the Act, by working through the already established Tripartite Working Group in a manner that:
 - a. Upholds the direction at other nation-building tables.
 - b. Is consistent with the affirmation of the inherent right of self-determination as affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
 3. Direct Canada and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to ensure that established Nation-to-Nation and First Nations regional tables shall be prioritized over a national table when developing any implementation plan for the Act.
 4. Direct Canada and the AFN to ensure that any national implementation process or mechanism related to the Act should ensure:
 - a. Transparency and accountability in all activities.
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- b. First Nations rights and title holders freely determine the scope and focus of implementation activities so that no other regional agency or national organization can decide on the implementation pathway in BC without the consent of First Nations of BC.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Order in Council was completed, and the Act came into force January 1, 2020 (TBIR #1).
- In consultation with BC region, a letter was drafted on November 12, 2019. The letter recognizes that while most of the actions requested in the resolution are underway, a significant concern remains regarding the urgent need for Canada to provide sustainable funding (TBIR #2).
- A new bilateral agreement was recently negotiated called “The Protocol regarding *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* between Canada and the AFN” (the Protocol). The Protocol governs all aspects of the implementation of the Act and provides a mechanism to elevate First Nations concerns at the national level. The Protocol was supported by the Chiefs Committee and the AFN Executive and is awaiting final signatures from the National Chief and the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) (TBIR #3, 4).
- The Protocol does not interfere with the rights of individual First Nations and regions to enter into their own arrangements on implementation, including enacting their own laws and policies within or outside the Act (TBIR #3, 4).

STATUS: Ongoing.

31/2019 **Ontario Specific Process to Bill C-92, An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Children, Youth, and Families**

Mover: Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

Second: Chief Wayne Christian, Splotsin First Nation, BC

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

1. Affirm that the honour of the Crown requires Canada to act with honour, integrity, good faith and fairness in their dealings with First Nations peoples and Nations.
2. Call upon Canada to hold and fund discussions and negotiations directly with Ontario First Nations, which will include discussions on funding for the development, implementation, and operationalization of First Nations laws and systems outside of An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families (the Act), consistent with the principle of substantive equality and actual needs. These negotiations shall be guided by Ontario First Nations’ political processes.
3. Affirm that no national and/or provincial organization shall decide on the implementation pathway in Ontario without the consent of First Nations of Ontario, including consent in the development of regulations under the Act.



4. Direct Canada and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to ensure that established Nation-to-Nation and First Nations regional tables are prioritized over any AFN national table processes in regard to negotiations and discussions to work outside and inside of the Act.
5. Direct Canada and the AFN to ensure that any national table process shall affirm and assert in a manner that guarantees transparency and accountability with the rights holders, as it relates to the Act.
6. Affirm that First Nations rights, title and jurisdiction shall be respected, including First Nations who choose to or not to participate in the Act.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN consulted with Chiefs of Ontario (COO) on how to best support them on implementation of the Resolution. A letter was drafted from the National Chief to ISC Deputy Minister Tremblay to address their concerns regarding an Ontario-specific approach to implementation of the Act. COO has indicated their support for the letter, and it was sent to the Deputy Minister on June 4, 2020. COO has requested no further implementation support at this time. (TBIR # 1-6).
- A new bi-lateral agreement was recently negotiated called “The Protocol regarding *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families* between Canada and the AFN” (the Protocol). The Protocol governs all aspects of the implementation of the Act and provides a mechanism to elevate First Nations concerns at the national level. The Protocol was supported by the Chiefs Committee and the AFN Executive, and is awaiting final signatures from the National Chief and the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) (TBIR #4).
- The Protocol does not interfere with the rights of individual First Nations and regions to enter into their own arrangements on implementation, including enacting their own laws and policies within or outside the Act (TBIR #3, 5, & 6)

STATUS: Ongoing.

32/2019 **Support the Declaration by Indigenous Nations and Peoples on Indigenous Territories, Colonial Doctrines, and the Underlying Myth of Crown Title**

Mover: Chief Judy Wilson, Skat'sin te Secwépemc, Neskonlith, BC

Second: Phillip Chief, Proxy, Onion Lake First Nation, SK

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

1. Affirm that the federal Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework is rejected because the “Rights Recognition” Framework’s legislative and policy components were developed without many First Nations involvement or consent pursuant to Assembly of First Nations Resolution 67/2018, *Rejection of the Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework and Associated Processes*.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:



- The AFN has frequently communicated the rejection of the Rights Framework, including during the Policy Forum “Four Policies and Nation Building” that was held in Edmonton May 1-2, 2019, where Minister Bennett acknowledged this position (TBIR #1).

STATUS: Complete

33/2019 Developing a Ten-Year Treaty Education Implementation Plan

Mover: Chief Stanley Grier, Piikani Nation, AB

Second: Tyrone McNeil, Proxy, Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt First Nation, BC

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

1. Call-upon the Government of Canada, with the consultation and cooperation of First Nations, to develop and establish a minimum ten-year Treaty Education Implementation Plan that will ensure every school, every grade, and every class has access to Treaty education resources and training.
2. Call upon the Government of Canada to provide First Nations with funding capacity to develop and establish a minimum ten-year Treaty Education Implementation Plan. The ten-year Treaty Education Implementation Plan will be led and monitored by First Nations.
3. Call upon the Council of Ministers of Education, in partnership with First Nations, to support mandatory Treaty education in each provincial and territorial school system, while ensuring the implementation is culturally, historically and linguistically relevant, as directed by First Nations and their Elders.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Education Sector provided costing on a National Treaty Education Plan on July 31, 2019 for the implementation of Treaty education in all schools over 10 years.
- The AFN Education Sector started dialogue with the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) to inform them of the Resolution and determine next steps. CMEC was invited to meet with the Treaty Commissioners February 2020. CMEC declined the invite. (TBIR #1, 2, & 3).
- On February 14, 2020 the AFN Education sector held a Treaty Education meeting at the Office of the Treaty Commissioner in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to discuss the Resolution. The meeting included representation from Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, as well as The Orange Shirt Society. An environmental scan of Treaty education was recommended to identify best practices and consider next steps for implementation.
- The AFN Education Sector is currently conducting an environmental scan on Treaty Education that includes resources and curriculum used across Canada (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing.



34/2019 First Nations Education Infrastructure Review

Mover: Chief Stanley Grier, Piikani Nation, AB

Seconded: Tyrone McNeil, Proxy, Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt First Nation, BC

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

1. Reaffirm First Nations' inherent and Treaty Rights to education.
 2. Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations education remains with each First Nation.
 3. Affirm that a review concerning First Nations education infrastructure is not intended to detract or hinder First Nations from advancing their current and future infrastructure processes.
 4. Support policy or program changes in regards to First Nations education infrastructure that:
 - a. Exercise First Nations' Treaty and inherent rights to education, honours and advances First Nations control of First Nations education, and conforms to and upholds the Crown's Treaty and legal obligations to First Nations;
 - b. Reflect First Nations needs and deficiencies at the local and grassroots level;
 - c. Ensure that education capital funding needs are based on forecasted population growth in First Nations communities; and
 - d. Ensure that 100% of real costs are provided for operations and maintenance of First Nations education infrastructure.
 5. Support the Chiefs Committee on Education, National Indian Education Council and Assembly of First Nations to engage and lead a First Nations review, reflective of local and grassroots level needs, on federal policies concerning education infrastructure that supports regional models and approaches.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- On October 18, 2019, a request for proposals was posted concerning a First Nations education infrastructure capital needs assessment. On May 1, 2020, a draft report from First Nations Engineering Services Ltd was received by the AFN Education Sector. The draft report contains capital estimates for every school and teacherage located on reserve. These estimates ranged from immediate needs to those anticipated in the next fifteen years (TBIR #5).
- On October 28, 2019, the Chiefs Committee on Education passed a recommendation to support short-term policy changes in the School Space Accommodation Standards that include language and culture rooms, Elders offices/traditional rooms, outdoor learning spaces, counselling/first aid/itinerant rooms, minimum classroom sizes, kindergarten updates and improved overall flexibility in the policy. These short-term changes were scheduled to be implemented on April 1, 2020. Due to COVID-19 and the increased pressures elsewhere, Indigenous Services Canada has extended the implementation dates to September 2020 (TBIR #4).
- On January 20, 2020 an invitation was sent to the Minister of Indigenous Services to attend a Chiefs Committee on Education meeting to discuss the First Nations Education Infrastructure Review. Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held via zoom on May 8, 2020.



- As directed by the National Indian Education Council, the AFN Education Sector began researching the deficiencies around student enrolment projections and the limitations First Nations face compared to provincial standards. In April 2020, the AFN Education sector began examining how and when provinces use student enrolment projections during their education capital investment planning. Preliminary research shows First Nations are more disadvantaged compared to any other province or school division when trying to build a new school (TBIR #4).
- In May 2020, the AFN Education Sector began identifying future research to support the First Nations Education Infrastructure Review, including a national assessment on the true education operations and maintenance needs of each school and teacherage located on reserve (TBIR #4 & 5).

STATUS: Ongoing.

35/2019 Additional Funding for First Nations Elementary and Secondary Education

Mover: Chief Stanley Grier, Piikani Nation, AB

Seconder: Tyrone McNeil, Proxy, Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt First Nation, BC

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

1. Reaffirm First Nations inherent and Treaty rights to education.
2. Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations education remains with each First Nation.
3. Call on the Government of Canada to uphold the commitments identified in AFN Resolution 65/2017, *New Interim Funding Approach for First Nation Education*, and repeated in the Memorandum to Cabinet.
4. Call on the Government to Canada to work in partnership with First Nations regionally-led technical tables and other First Nations and/or Treaty defined processes in order to identify the real costs and needs of each First Nation as researched and costed by the First Nations.
5. Call on the Government of Canada to provide additional investments in 2020 for First Nations elementary and secondary education in order to complete local, Treaty and or regional education agreements that accurately and adequately reflect the diverse needs and circumstances of First Nations learners, schools, communities and education organizations.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Education Sector, National Indian Education Council and Chiefs Committee on Education met with central agencies on September 5, 2019 to identify funding priorities for First Nations in the 2020 Budget (TBIR #5).
- On October 8-9, 2019, the AFN Education Sector held their second K-12 Education Transformation Funding Forum in Calgary, Alberta to discuss various funding priorities. The Forum provided a platform for sharing information, exchanging best practices, and highlighting regional experiences in developing local and/or Treaty-based education agreements.



- The AFN Education Sector had two K-12 Education Transformation Funding Forums planned for 2020-2021, one on high cost special education and one on education infrastructure. Due to COVID-19, the Education Sector continues to identify other opportunities.
- In AFN’s 2020 budget advocacy, \$44 million over 2 years was called for to fund First Nations elementary and secondary education, including Treaty and/or regionally-based education agreements which reflect the diverse needs and circumstances of First Nations learners and schools, including bilingual and immersion First Nations language education (TBIR #3, 4 & 5).
- The AFN is current conducting research on costs for the High Cost Special Education Program administered by Indigenous Canada, which will be complete by Fall 2020. The intent of this research is to move forward with a budget ask for the High Cost Special Education Program (TBIR #3 &5).
- As of March 2020, there are four concluded Regional Education Agreements and several underway. Regional Education Agreements determine the real cost of First Nations education by First Nations (TBIR # 3).
- A meeting with Minister Miller was held on May 8, 2020 to discuss several education priorities including the need for additional funding (TBIR #3 & 5).

STATUS: Ongoing.

36/2019 Chiefs Committee on Cannabis

Mover: Chief Edward Boulrice, Thessalon First Nation, ON

Second: Chief Christian Sinclair, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to replace the Cannabis Working Task Force with the Chiefs Committee on Cannabis (CCC), chaired by the Regional Chief holding the Cannabis portfolio. The CCC’s mandate is to;
 - a. Serve as a clearinghouse for information for First Nations interested in becoming educated and informed on cannabis and the cannabis industry.
 - b. Provide recommendations for AFN cannabis-related communications (funding opportunities, public health, Indigenous health and spiritual health and safety, etc.) delivered to First Nations and stored in an online repository.
 - c. Seek funding for the CCC to coordinate First Nations interested in the cannabis industry regionally and nationally.
 - d. Recognize and support First Nations’ assertion of inherent jurisdiction over cannabis licensing, taxation, regulation, and revenue sharing throughout First Nations’ territories.
 - e. Operate under the directives outlined in AFN Charter and the standards of AFN Chiefs Committees, including a Terms of Reference for the Chiefs Committee on Cannabis.



- f. Ensure regional representation within its composition by requesting each Regional Chief appoint one Chief and one Chief alternate to serve on the CCC, supported by AFN technicians.
 - g. There will be no imposition of federal or provincial taxation in respect to First Nations territories unless agreed upon by First Nations.
2. Direct the AFN to report back on the CCC’s progress to the Chiefs in Assembly at the December 2019 Special Chiefs’ Assembly.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Chiefs Committee on Cannabis was established with their first meeting on September 4, 2019 (TBIR #1).
- The AFN Health Sector presented at the inaugural Chiefs Committee on Cannabis (CCC) meeting, focusing on the therapeutic benefits of cannabis use and shared recommendations for the CCC to consider (TBIR#1).
- Terms of Reference have been drafted for the Chiefs Committee on Cannabis.
- Discussion papers focused on Health and First Nation Economic Development were drafted in March 2020.
- The AFN hosted a National Cannabis Summit on September 4-5, 2019 in Vancouver, BC. Participants from political, industry and health backgrounds presented and received information related to cannabis.
- A First Nations Cannabis framework is being developed by the CCC with the intention of delivering the framework to the Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction by the end of 2020.

STATUS: Ongoing.

37/2019 Continued Advocacy on Canada’s International Trade Agreements to achieve Economic Reconciliation

Mover: Chief Stanley Grier, Piikani Nation, AB

Seconded: Chief Derrick Henderson, Sagkeeng First Nation, MB

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

1. Direct the National Chief to advocate that the implementation of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) and other international trade agreements include mandatory requirements of at least 5% of government procurement for First Nations.
2. Urge Canada to continue to work with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to improve upon the participation of First Nations in international trade negotiations. Canada must move beyond engagement and invite First Nations to the negotiation table for international trade and investment treaties.
3. Call upon Canada to include a ‘Trade and Indigenous Peoples Chapter’ in future international trade agreements, such as the Canada-Mercosur negotiations, the Canada-Pacific Alliance negotiations and the continuing discussions of an international trade agreement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).



4. Encourage the AFN and Canada to explore options for programs and policies to support exports from First Nations' businesses; such as trade missions, increased investment in First Nation businesses, and simplifying access to loans and grants for First Nation businesses. Increased access to loans and grants to businesses owned by Indigenous women is specifically encouraged.
5. Continue to seek the guidance of the AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development and engage with First Nations leaders and technical officials on the type of programs and services needed for First Nation trade networks and inter-nation trade.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The National Chief met with Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade Minister Ng, to convey the importance of respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples in trade agreements, the need to continue to build on this work, and to consider mandatory procurement requirements. The National Chief is a member of the NAFTA Advisory Council to Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland (TBIR 1).
- The AFN continues to participate in the federal Indigenous Trade Working Group for international trade and investment, to continue to advocate for a "Trade and Indigenous Peoples Chapter", in future international trade agreement negotiation tables and to monitor opportunities (TBIR #4).
- On December 2, 2019, the AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) met with Tracy Houppapa, business leader and representative of the Federation of Maori Authorities to learn about Maori trade priorities and to begin a discussion on networks between First Nations and the Maori in New Zealand (TBIR 3).
- On February 20, 2020, the AFN presented to the House of Commons Committee on International Trade for its study on Bill C-100, *An Act to Implement the Agreement between Canada, the United States of America and the United Mexican States* (TBIR #1)
- In September 2019, the AFN released *Honouring Promises*, a Federal Election Priorities document calling for meaningful inclusion of First Nations in international trade negotiations and other multilateral processes. The AFN continues to engage with the Government of Canada to advocate for the inclusion of First Nations representation on international trade agreement implementation committees, and federal reporting measures (TBIR #2).
- The Economic Sector met several times with Global Affairs Canada officials and the Indigenous Working Group on Trade to discuss and consider the federal government's work on advancing trade opportunities with the Government of Chile (GOCL) and the Government of New Zealand (GONZ) that facilitates increased understanding on trade with Indigenous peoples (TBIR #3).

STATUS: Ongoing.



38/2019 Increasing First Nations Procurement Opportunities and Benefits

Mover: Chief Stanley Grier, Piikani First Nation, AB

Second: Chief Derrick Henderson, Sagkeeng First Nation, MB

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

1. Support the recommendations outlined in the evergreen discussion paper Procurement in Canada: Possible Actions to Increase First Nations Opportunities and Benefits for submission to the Government of Canada to inform the modernization of the federal Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB).
 2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to seek resources to continue to coordinate First Nations input into the further development of options and recommendations to increase First Nations procurement opportunities and benefits.
 3. Direct the AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) to continue to advocate for options to increase First Nations procurement opportunities and benefits in federal, provincial/territorial and private sector procurement.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has shared an evergreen discussion paper, *Procurement in Canada: Possible Actions to Increase First Nations Opportunities and Benefits* as well as recommendations to the Government of Canada to inform the modernization of the federal Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB) process. (TBIR #1)
 - The AFN has submitted a proposal to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for resources to continue coordination of First Nations input into the implementation and monitoring of changes to the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB) and other procurement opportunities (TBIR #2).
 - The National Chief sent a letter to Minister of Indigenous Services Canada on April 17, 2020 recommending the inclusion of First Nations businesses in federal supply chains in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as strategic procurement policy changes in any long-term planning aimed at economic recovery (TBIR #3).
 - The AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) met on April 23, 2020 and continue to prioritize First Nations procurement in advocacy efforts. The CCED recommended the AFN include the expansion of First Nations procurement options to support First Nations businesses as part of economic recovery efforts (TBIR #3).
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STATUS: Ongoing.



39/2019 Inclusion of Canada Summer Jobs to First Nations Labour Market Agreements

Mover: Chief Stanley Grier, Piikani Nation, AB

Second: Chief Derrick Henderson, Sagkeeng First Nation, MB

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

1. Reaffirm First Nations jurisdiction over the governance of skills training and employment services and programs for their citizens, regardless of residency.
 2. Call on the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour to work with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to plan for reinstatement of Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ), now under the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS), for funding to flow under First Nations Labour Market Agreement (FNLMA) holders.
 3. Direct the AFN Chiefs Committee on Human Resources Development (CCHRD) to continue to advocate for increased investments for First Nations youth training and employment.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has continued discussions with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) on identifying next steps for inclusion of First Nations Labour Market Agreement holders in delivering training and employment services to First Nations youth (TBIR #2 & 3).
 - The AFN is seeking an opportunity for the Chiefs Committee on Human Resources Development (CCHRD) to meet with the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion on human resources development matters including youth training and employment (TBIR #2 & 3).
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STATUS: Ongoing.

40/2019 First Nations Labour Market Agreement (FNLMA) holders and the First Nations and Inuit Child Care Initiative (FNICCI)

Mover: Chief Stanley Grier, Piikani Nation, AB

Second: Chief Derrick Henderson, Sagkeeng First Nation, MB

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

1. Call on the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, to acknowledge in written form, that the Chiefs of the First Nations in Canada retain jurisdiction for the governance of their citizens, regardless of residency.
 2. Call on the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour work to with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) First Nations Technical Working Group on Human Resources Development and the
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First Nations Labour Market Agreement (FNLMA) holders within each region/territory to plan for retention of the FNICCI through the ten-year agreement, 2021-2029, and any subsequent agreements.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Economic Sector participates in teleconferences with the First Nations Indigenous Early Learning Child Care (IELCC) expert working group to stay informed of discussions with regards to the First Nations Inuit Child Care Initiative (FNICCI) and to share information with the First Nations Labour Market Agreement (FNLMA) holders.
- The AFN is seeking an opportunity for the Chiefs Committee on Human Resources Development (CCHRD) to receive an update from representatives of the First Nations IELCC expert working group on regional IELCC frameworks including FNICCI as it relates to the FNLMA holders. (TBIR #1 & 2).

STATUS: Ongoing.

41/2019 **Support for Treaty-Based Funding Arrangements and First Nations that are being impacted by existing Fiscal Relations discussions federally**

Mover: Phillip Chief, Proxy, Onion Lake Cree Nation, SK

Second: Chief Lynn Acoose, Zagime Anishinabek, SK

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to support Treaty First Nations in their continued work on Treaty-based funding arrangements with the Crown in Right of Canada, which are being impacted by discussions federally where the Crown in Right of Canada asserts that the existing discussions and options put forward federally must be followed and are the only ones being offered, which are the 10 Year Grant and the New Contribution Agreement that requires First Nations to comply with Bill C-27, *An Act to enhance the financial accountability and transparency of First Nations*.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has requested Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) identify a process through which those First Nations that wish to explore Treaty-based funding arrangements can do so. The AFN has received confirmation from ISC that it will provide that opportunity (TBIR #1).

STATUS: Ongoing.



42/2019 Demarcation of Indigenous Language Signs on Traditional and Ancestral Lands

Mover: Chief Lynn Acoose, Zagime Anishinabek, SK

Seconded: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to support Indigenous Nations in regional reclamation and revitalization initiatives that strengthen our connection to our traditional lands and Treaty Territories, as the Government of Canada has invested \$89.9 million over three years to preserve, promote and revitalize Indigenous languages and culture.
 2. Call on the Federal Government, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Parks Canada, and Transport Canada to work with provinces, territories, Indigenous representative organizations, and Indigenous governments to create effective support for Indigenous languages in Canada through a variety of mechanisms, including the demarcation of signs in our traditional and Treaty territories that mark our boundaries and strengthen our connection to our Treaty and traditional lands and waterways.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN supports First Nations' efforts to reclaim, revitalize, maintain and strengthen First Nations languages. The AFN participates with the Department of Canadian Heritage, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and the Métis National Council on a Joint Implementation Steering Committee that oversees the implementation of *the Indigenous Languages Act*. The AFN is advocating for additional funding for First Nations-led language priorities and for ongoing funding, rather than proposal-based funding, for language activities that are undertaken by First Nations governments and First Nations-led organizations (TBIR #1).
 - The demarcation of signs in traditional and Treaty territories in First Nation languages is included in ongoing co-development discussions in relation to the establishment of intergovernmental agreements and arrangements.
 - On May 21, 2020 the AFN sent letters to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Parks Canada, and Transport Canada, encouraging them to participate in a cross-departmental initiative for including First Nations content in signs along highways, waterways, in national parks and historic sites, and on wharfs and other public works. The letters indicate that the signs could denote traditional territories, boundaries between territories, and First Nations names for natural features and other locations of significance to First Nations. The letters also call for costs of the signage to be absorbed by current departmental budgets and should not be charged against the incremental funding that Budget 2019 provided for preserving, promoting and revitalizing First Nations languages (TBIR #2).
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STATUS: Ongoing.



43/2019 Treaty and Adhesions to Treaty Commemoration

Mover: Chief Lynn Acoose, Zagime Anishinabek, SK

Seconded: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

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

1. Recognize, respect and support the Montreal Lake Cree Nation and Lac La Ronge Indian Band in the commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the Treaty Number 6 Adhesion (1889-2019) on August 28, 2019, at Molanosa 'kiskahikanisihk.
 2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to call upon the Federal Government to advance reconciliation and renew the Nation-to-Nation relationship by marking, participating and funding in commemoration celebrations as Treaty Nations across Canada are reaching significant anniversary dates.
 3. Call on the Governor General to attend our Treaty commemoration ceremonies and gatherings.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN will seek out funding to launch discussions with legal counsel representing First Nations on how best to coordinate efforts, while ensuring the solicitor-client relationship is not adversely affected.
 - A meeting of legal counsel to develop practical options will be held in fall of 2020.
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STATUS: Ongoing.

44/2019 Supporting First Nations Guardians

Mover: Chief Don Tom, Tsartlip First Nation, BC

Seconded: Chief Christian Sinclair, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB

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

1. Fully support the concept of Indigenous Guardians and the need for a nationally-funded Indigenous Guardian network in Canada.
 2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with First Nations leadership to discuss the establishment of effective and appropriate mechanisms to support First Nations Guardians.
 3. Direct the AFN to call on Canada, as well as the Provinces and Territories, to support a national Guardians network through the creation of mechanisms that ensure First Nations have access and control over their lands.
 4. Direct the AFN to call on Canada, as well as the Provinces and Territories, to ensure the long-term viability of a national Guardian network across Canada through the allocation of dedicated and sustained funding.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- Discussions are on-going with senior members of the Indigenous Leadership Initiative (ILI) to determine the most appropriate methods to support efforts to establish a National Guardians Network. These activities remain largely contingent upon the ability of the ILI to move forward with this initiative, in addition to identifying appropriate resources/capacity for AFN involvement (TBIR #1 & 2).
- Further dialogue is taking place with representatives from Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) Canadian Wildlife Service to determine resourcing opportunities to support AFN's involvement in the National Guardians Network and associated programming (TBIR #4).

STATUS: Ongoing.

45/2019	National Expansion of the Indigenous Rookie League Baseball Program
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Mover:	Chief Don Tom, Tsartlip First Nation, BC
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Seconded:	Chief Christian Sinclair, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Recognize the benefits and strengths the Jays Care Indigenous Rookie League has had in building youths' resiliency and improving the wellbeing of member communities.
2. Support the declaration of collaboration signed by Kenora Chiefs Advisory, File Hills Qu'appelle Tribal Council, Grand Council Treaty #3 and Jays Care Foundation in expanding to a National Indigenous Rookie League Baseball program.
3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to advocate to government and non-governmental organizations to ensure necessary resources to support the planning and implementation of a National Indigenous Rookie League baseball program, through funding provided to Kenora Chiefs Advisory, File Hills Qu'appelle Tribal Council and Grand Council Treaty #3, in partnership with the Jays Care Foundation.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A letter of support for the Jays Care Foundation was sent November 19, 2019 (TBIR #3).

STATUS: Complete



46/2019 Support for Sumas First Nation Gaming Initiatives

Mover: Chief Don Tom, Tsartlip First Nation, BC

Seconded: Chief Christian Sinclair, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB

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

1. Reaffirm support for First Nations assertion of their inherent jurisdiction in the regulation of gaming or gambling activities and acknowledge that reconciliation includes recognition of First Nations inherent jurisdiction in a wide number of areas, including gaming.
 2. Support Sumas First Nation in assertion of jurisdiction over gaming and their efforts towards economic independence and sustainability.
 3. Call on Canada to amend the Criminal Code of Canada and the provinces to repeal any legislative prohibitions to First Nations exercising their jurisdiction over gaming or gambling activities.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A letter is in being drafted to the newly appointed Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (TBIR #3).
 - Gaming was highlighted as an issue to be resolved by the AFN Executive Committee to Minister's Bennett and Miller on May 21, 2020.
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STATUS: Ongoing

47/2019 Support for Miziwe Biik Employment and Training Centre

Mover: Chief Don Tom, Tsartlip First Nation, BC

Seconded: Chief Christian Sinclair, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB

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

1. Support Miziwe Biik Employment and Training in the continuing development and vision of the Miziwe Biik Training Centre.
 2. Support Miziwe Biik Employment and Training to seek funding support from the Government of Canada to realize the creation of the Miziwe Biik Training Centre that will benefit First Nation citizens who live and work in the Greater Toronto Area.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN and the Chiefs Committee on Human Resources Development continue to work in cooperation with First Nations Labour Market Agreement holders to uphold, advocate and support the advancement of First Nations employment and training initiatives (TBIR #1 & 2).



- In the late summer 2019, the AFN reached out to Miziwe Biik to discuss policy questions on First Nations persons with disabilities and employment and training needs. (TBIR#1 & 2)

STATUS: Ongoing.

48/2019 Support of Cannabis as Part of Global Indigenous Culture

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Support the development of a global Indigenous platform to establish a wider dialogue that brings together Indigenous expertise for Indigenous peoples to organize for the political, economic, social and cultural enhancement, and for the purpose of bringing an end to ongoing oppression and discrimination, wherever it occurs.
2. Support the development of a legal framework that incorporates a holistic review of Indigenous cannabis rights and that can serve as a resource to Indigenous communities anywhere by offering key insight and advisement to cannabis processes.
3. Support American tribes in expressing concern that discriminatory historic injustices have prevented Indigenous peoples from their right to develop in accordance with their own needs and interests.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Chiefs Committee on Cannabis is developing a First Nations – Federal Cannabis Framework which will aim to create space for First Nations to exercise self-governance in relation to cannabis (TBIR #2).
- The Framework will be broad, in order to encompass all First Nations, but will be flexible enough to suit the needs and interests of individual First Nations.

STATUS: Ongoing.



49/2019 Support for an Inquest into the Death of Devon Freeman

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Support the formal request to the Coroner's Office by Georgina Island First Nation and Devon Freeman's family to undertake an inquest into the death of Devon Freeman.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A copy of the resolution was provided to legal counsel acting for the family of Devon Freeman on October 4, 2019 (TBIR #1).
 - AFN legal counsel had discussions with counsel on the matter on the dates of July 15, July 22, October 4, and November 1, 2019.
 - On February 13, 2020, the Ontario Government announced that an inquest into the death of Devon Freeman would be conducted by the Coroner's Office.
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STATUS: Ongoing.

50/2019 Support for the Canadian Safety and Security Program – Project Charter

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Direct the National Chief and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive Committee to call on the Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to work in partnership with the AFN and those First Nations identified within this project as affected by wildfire and evacuated, to provide permanent, reliable and appropriate funding and resources to ensure coordinated responses to wildfire situations affecting First Nations.
 2. Call upon the CSSP and ISC to work with the AFN and those First Nations identified within the Fire Risk and Evacuation Capabilities Project in Isolated Communities Project to develop a consultation and accommodation process consistent with obtaining their free, prior, and informed consent.
 3. Direct the AFN to support the CSSP in the creation and implementation of the Project Charter for the Fire Risk and Evacuation Capabilities in Isolated Communities (the Project Charter).
 4. Call upon ISC, as primary proponent and stakeholder for the CSSP Project Charter, to provide funding support for all First Nations involved in the development of this project.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Once participating First Nations are selected, a request for cooperation, collaboration, and the provision of reliable and appropriate funding and resources will be sent to the Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to work in partnership with the AFN and those First Nations identified within this project. The intent is to provide permanent, reliable and appropriate funding and resources to ensure coordinated responses to wildfire situations affecting First Nations.
- This project does not currently have the authority or funding to ensure coordinated responses to wildfire situations affecting First Nations. AFN will advocate for permanent, reliable and appropriate funding and resources to ensure coordinated responses to wildfire situations affecting First Nations.
- A request will be sent to CSSP and ISC to work with the AFN and those First Nations to be identified to develop a consultation and accommodation process consistent with free, prior, and informed consent. ISC provided a list of First Nations with the highest risk that may be appropriate for cooperation and study.
- AFN will send a request to ISC to provide funding support for the participating First Nations involved in the development of this project. First Nations are being supported in this project through paid positions and training as community researchers.
- Emergency Services has requested a date to be selected by the National Chief’s Office for a signature of support for the project charter; dates are being considered and will be forwarded to the CSSP project team once confirmed

STATUS: Ongoing.

51/2019 Support for Fort Albany First Nation Treatment Detox Centre/Mental Health Facility

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconder: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Fully support Fort Albany First Nation’s request to construct a local Treatment Detox Centre/ Mental Health facility.
2. Call on Canada to provide funding to construct and develop a local Treatment Detox Centre/ Mental Health facility in Fort Albany First Nation.
3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to advocate for the federal government to identify emergency funding that would enable Fort Albany First Nations to respond to their declared state of emergency.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN is assisting Fort Albany in accessing funding related to assistance with substance use (TBIR #1 & 2).
- The AFN continues to have ongoing discussions with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) Mental Wellness Team regarding other related opportunities to support Fort Albany (TBIR #2 & 3).



- The AFN will facilitate sharing of information regarding immediate supports that have been proven successful for First Nations, such as access to suboxone, access to overdose prevention sites, and distribution of naloxone kits (TBIR #1, 2, & 3).
- AFN had confirmed from Chief Leo Metatawabin that Fort Albany is working with Weeneebayko Area Health Authority on getting naloxone kits in the community to help mitigate substance misuse risks.

STATUS: Complete

52/2019 Fraser River Salmon State of Emergency

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconder: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support the Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) to call upon the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC), British Columbia Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN), First Nations Summit (FNS), First Nations Health Council FNHC, First Nations Fisheries Council (FNFC), and the First Nations Energy and Mining Council (FNEMC) to work together collaboratively regarding the Fraser River Salmon state of emergency.
2. Call on the AFN to support the FSMC and BC First Nations organizations to demand that the BC and Canadian governments immediately:
 - a. Work in full participation with the Canoe Creek Band, High Bar Band, Esketemc and all other concerned BC First Nations.
 - b. Expedite a plan to remove the partial obstruction on the Fraser River to allow Fraser salmon to safely migrate to their spawning grounds.
 - c. Stop all recreational and commercial fisheries of Fraser River salmon (including catch and release fisheries) until the obstruction is cleared, and that any fishery openings only be considered after conservation and First Nations priority needs are met.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN issued a press release to publicly raise the issue of a State of Emergency (TBIR #1).
- A letter was drafted on August 23, 2019 regarding the landslide in BC, referring to commitments made by Canada in the International Year of the Salmon. The letter emphasizes the need to look at the impacts of the loss of food for First Nation community members and supports the call for economic partnerships with federal and provincial governments to address this shortcoming (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing.



53/2019 Human Right to Clean Drinking Water

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Call upon the federal government to immediately to remove bureaucratic barriers and systemic failures in guidelines and policies which lead to the denial of the basic human right to clean drinking water to the residents of Attawapiskat First Nation, and all other First Nation communities who are experiencing similar problems.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to advocate for a First Nations-led process in developing both new legislation (as part of the repeal and replacement of the *Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act*), as well as the new Long-Term Water and Wastewater Strategy Post-2021.
 - The AFN continues to advocate for greater resources to help communities address access to clean drinking water.
 - As part of the development of the Long-Term Water and Wastewater Strategy Post-2021, the AFN and Chiefs Committee on Housing & Infrastructure (CCoHI) will advocate for stronger policies and protection for vulnerable communities, including Attawapiskat First Nation, including addressing all drinking water advisories.
 - The AFN will continue to raise the issues experienced by Attawapiskat at its meetings with federal partners.
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STATUS: Ongoing.

54/2019 Support for First Nations Self-Determined Right to Govern the Cultivation, Processing and Retail of Cannabis

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Assert and exercise complete jurisdiction over cannabis.
 2. Assert that each First Nation has jurisdiction to govern all cannabis operations in their own territories, including but not limited to, the regulation of the growth, processing and sale of cannabis and in all its derivatives.
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3. Assert that each First Nations' regulatory system must be recognized within their territories and urge the provincial and federal governments to eliminate barriers and to cease interference that would impede nation-to-nation trade and commerce.
4. Immediately request the following:
 - a. that the Federal government acknowledge, through the issuance of a Ministerial Order, First Nations jurisdiction over all aspects of cannabis cultivation, processing and retail operations within their territories;
 - b. the removal of the role previously delegated to the provinces and territories under the Cannabis Act, regarding the retail licensing of cannabis within First Nations territories; and
 - c. that the Government of Canada work with First Nations, in the spirit of reconciliation, to establish a framework for participation that respects First Nations autonomy and sovereignty.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Chiefs Committee on Cannabis is developing a First Nations-Federal Cannabis Framework which will aim to create space for First Nations to exercise self-governance in relation to cannabis (TBIR #1, 2 & 3). The Framework is expected to be completed by December 31, 2020.
- The Framework will be broad, in order to encompass all First Nations but will be flexible enough to suit the needs and interests of individual First Nations.

STATUS: Ongoing.

55/2019 Support for the Development of an Implementation Plan, Funding Strategy and Governance Strategy for the Wood Buffalo National Park Action Plan

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconder: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Call on Canada to take immediate action to restore the ecological and cultural health of Wood Buffalo National Park, including:
 - a. developing all necessary agreements to manage the Peace and Athabasca Rivers for the restoration of the health of the Peace Athabasca Delta, including to enable a strategic flow release on the Peace River;
 - b. establishing robust, long-term funding for the restoration of the Peace Athabasca and Slave Deltas and the implementation of the Action Plan in the 2020 federal budget;
 - c. fully supporting First Nations to be partners in developing an implementation plan for the Action Plan;



- d. providing adequate funding directly to individual First Nations for their full, direct, and unfettered participation in governance and implementation activities arising from the Action Plan.
2. Support the listing of Wood Buffalo National Park on the list of World Heritage Sites in Danger if Canada does not show real progress in establishing a co-governance process with Indigenous Peoples in Wood Buffalo National Park and restoring the health of Wood Buffalo National Park by December 1, 2020.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A letter from the National Chief to the Prime Minister to be shared with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Alberta Minister of Environment and Parks, Jason Nixon has been drafted. The letter seeks immediate action and associated support for the preservation, protection and restoration of Wood Buffalo National Park.
- This letter includes (but is not limited to) the establishment of multiple strategies to address funding and governance to supplement the implementation of an overall Action Plan. Additionally, the letter seeks support from Canada for the listing of Wood Buffalo National Park as a World Heritage Site in an effort to ensure its protection. The letter also calls for the development of co-governance processes with Indigenous Peoples (TBIR #1 & 2).

STATUS: Ongoing.

56/2019	Support for the Earth Strike and Fridays for Future movements and the General Strike on September 27, 2019
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Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Support the international Earth Strike movement and recognize its benefit to the fight against climate inaction.
2. Support the September 27, 2019 General Strike and recognize its purpose, value, and importance as an international initiative and mobilization in the fight against climate inaction.
3. Support the FridaysForFuture movement and recognize its importance as a voice for youth concern on the climate emergency to express their utter dissatisfaction with the international community's lack of sufficient action.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The National Chief and several Executive members marched in the September 27, 2019 Climate Strike with Greta Thunberg, in Montreal (TBIR #1, 2 & 3).



- AFN staff participated in the Global Climate Strike that took place on Friday, September 27, 2019, in Ottawa, joining the youth who have been striking for the past 55 weeks highlighting the need for climate action to address the climate crisis.
- The Environment Sector hosted two Lunch & Learn sessions at the AFN to build awareness about climate change and has distributed information about the Global Climate Strike. The first Lunch & Learn session took place on October 17, 2019, and the second on May 20, 2020.
- The AFN will continue to develop key messages and support for mobilizing support for the Global Earth Strike and the *Fridays for Future* youth movement.

STATUS: Ongoing.

57/2019 Request Letter for Support to Gambler First Nation in their efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of their Nation

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconder: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Request the National Chief continue to advocate on behalf of First Nations for the recognition of the Self-Determination Rights of First Nations.
2. Request that the Assembly of First Nations provide a letter of support to Gambler First Nation in their efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of their Nation through their partnership with the Republic of Cuba.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Health Sector met with the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada (IPAC) on July 29, 2019 and the Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association on August 1, 2019 to share the resolution and discuss its implementation.
- The AFN sent a letter of support on March 27, 2020 to Gambler First Nation to congratulate them on their efforts to improve health and wellness of their community (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Complete



58/2019 Supporting an increased role for First Nations in the Government of Canada's Procurement Process for removing Unexploded Ordnance on First Nation lands

Mover: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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

1. Call on the Government of Canada to ensure that the procurement process for removing Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) contaminants on First Nations lands recognizes and affirms First Nations right to exercise their jurisdiction and control over their lands and territories including where UXO contaminants need to be cleared from First Nations lands and territories.
 2. Call on the Government of Canada to implement a policy for procurement that ensures equitable treatment for First Nations.
 3. Call on the Government of Canada to ensure it works directly with First Nations impacted by UXO contaminants to develop new tools, policies and procedures that will ensure First Nations are not excluded through conflict of interest policies in the procurement process.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN shared the resolution with federal officials responsible for procurement at Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on October 18, 2019 and with Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) on January 20, 2020. (TBIR #1, 2 & 3).
 - The AFN incorporated the considerations of First Nations impacted by UXO contaminants as part of the updated AFN evergreen discussion paper, *Procurement in Canada: Possible Actions to Increase First Nations Opportunities and Benefits*, to inform modernization of the federal Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB) (TBIR #3).
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STATUS: Ongoing.

59/2019 Strengthening and Supporting the Assembly of First Nations Women's Council

Mover: Chief Adrienne Jerome, Lac Simon First Nation, QC

Seconded: Chief Lisa Robinson Wolf Lake First Nation, QC

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

1. Direct that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) prioritize obtaining appropriate funding, including government grants and private donorship, to ensure that the AFN Women's Council is properly resourced and at the forefront of advocacy for all First Nations women's issues.
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2. Direct the AFN to seek out appropriate funding and resources, including dedicated staff, for the AFN Women's Council to undertake advocacy for the implementation of the National Inquiry's Final Report Calls for Justice and the development and implementation of a First Nations-led National Action Plan.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN secured funding from Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE) for dedicated staff to work with the Women's Council (TBIR #1 & 2).
- The AFN is currently in discussions with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada for a proposal for engagement on a First Nations National Action Plan to address violence against First Nation women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA.

STATUS: Ongoing.

60/2019 **The Protection of First Nations Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge, Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources**

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate both domestically and internationally for changes to the intellectual property regime, which includes adequate legal protections for traditional knowledge, cultural expressions, genetic resources and accommodates First Nations interests and ownership over their intellectual property rights.
2. Direct the AFN to engage with Canada on strategies to improve legal protections for First Nations intellectual property rights, which incorporates a First Nations approach and respects First Nations customary laws.
3. Direct the AFN to develop legal options on the protection of intellectual property rights for consideration of First Nations and to develop materials that outline what First Nations intellectual property rights are under the current intellectual property regime.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- In June 2019, Regional Chief Poitras and AFN staff attended the 40th session of the World Intellectual Property Organization's Intergovernmental Committee Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore to promote reforms to the intellectual property regime.
- On August 29, 2019, the AFN held a session with legal experts to discuss gaps in the intellectual property regime and possible legislative reforms to ensure First Nation knowledge and innovations remain protected from theft and misuse.
- The Legal Affairs and Justice Sector is drafting First Nation specific guides on trademarks, patents, and copyright, which will be available in 2020 (TBIR #3).



- The Legal Affairs and Justice Sector is also developing draft templates and contract clauses relating to protections of traditional knowledge and innovations for First Nation use.

STATUS: Ongoing.

61/2019 Assembly of First Nations' Participation in Court Actions regarding the Constitutionality of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconder: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to continue to advocate for a national response to the issue of climate change which respects First Nations inherent rights, Treaties, Title and jurisdiction, including the inherent right of self-determination in the area of carbon pricing.
2. Direct the AFN to intervene in the Governments of Saskatchewan's and Ontario's appeal on the constitutionality of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA), now before the Supreme Court of Canada.
3. Direct the AFN to intervene in the Government of Manitoba's Application for Judicial Review to the Federal Court challenging the constitutionality of the GGPPA as well as the Government of Alberta's reference to the Alberta Court of Appeal challenging the constitutionality of the GGPPA.
4. Direct the AFN to urge the Federal Government to work with First Nations directly to develop policies and regulations under the GGPPA which respect First Nations inherent rights, Treaties, Title and jurisdiction, and recognizes First Nations' inherent responsibilities to their traditional territories, including ensuring that there is equity in the allocation of the revenues flowing from carbon pricing and that due consideration is given for First Nations jurisdiction over the area of carbon pricing in their traditional territories.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN intervened in Saskatchewan's, Ontario's and Alberta's Constitutional References before the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Alberta Court of Appeal. Both Saskatchewan and Ontario Courts ruled that Canada has the jurisdiction to impose a Carbon Tax as a national strategy to combat climate change. The Alberta Court of Appeal ruled that it was unconstitutional.
- The AFN will participate in a constitutional reference filed by the Government of Alberta. Legal arguments were filed by the AFN on November 4, 2019.
- Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Alberta's references have been appealed. The AFN has been granted leave to intervene in all three cases, now before the Supreme Court of Canada.
- Technical conversations with federal counterparts in the Pan-Canadian Framework Implementation Office (PCFIO) and members of the Joint Committee on Climate Action (JCCA) continue, with the next meeting



scheduled for Sept 30 – October 2, 2020. Topics include revenue recycling and other policies, such as offsets that support First Nations inherent rights, Treaties, title and jurisdiction (TBIR # 1 & #4).

- Support for AFN Regional Offices to engage in bi-lateral conversations with the Carbon Pricing Secretariat is ongoing, with Chiefs of Ontario (COO) taking the first step. (TIBR # 4).
- Letters have been sent to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (May 13, 2020) and Deputy Ministers Hogan (Environment and Climate Change Canada) and Rochon (Finance Canada) on May 19, 2020, to raise related concerns (TBIR # 4).

STATUS: Ongoing.

62/2019 Enhanced funding for First Nations socioeconomic development, through the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association and Aboriginal Financial Institutions

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconder: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work in partnership with the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) to:
 - a. Advocate that the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and federal government:
 - i. allocate 95% non-discretionary of the total Indigenous Services Canada budget to Indigenous economic development; and
 - ii. source 5% of total government procurement for products and services from Indigenous businesses and service providers.
2. Support regular communications with NACCA and First Nations economic institutions to advance joint First Nations economic development goals and advocacy.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN shared the resolution with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) officials on October 18, 2019 and continues to raise the need to increase both non-discretionary funds and procurement to ISC/CIRNA, as it relates to economic development (TBIR #2).
- The AFN Economic Sector attended the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO) Conference on October 29-30, 2019 and the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) Prosperity Forum on February 26-27, 2020. The Sector participates in regular meetings with NACCA and CANDO to advance First Nations access to procurement opportunities and benefits and coordination and monitoring with regards to COVID-19 pandemic impacts on First Nations businesses.



- On April 12, 2019, a letter of support was provided regarding the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation's request for a federal increase in resources to enable more lending for First Nation businesses. A follow up letter was sent on June 25, 2019.

STATUS: Ongoing.

63/2019 National Advisory Committee on Child and Family Services (NAC), National Data-Outcomes and Indicators-Working Group

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconder: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to establish a Sub-Committee for Data-Outcomes and Indicators-Working Group, in order to develop a data-informed approach to understanding the number of First Nations children in care, so that First Nations can properly address the issue of First Nations children in care and further understand if circumstances are changing.
2. Call on Canada to fully support and fund the Sub-Committee for Data-Outcomes and Indicators-Working Group to include such activities as literature reviews, environmental scans, as well as test new and innovative approaches to data collection.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A Sub-Committee for Data-Outcomes and Indicators was established and held its first meeting in July 2019. The Sub-Committee is considering a longitudinal and comprehensive database on First Nations children with a comparator to non-Indigenous children (TBIR #1).
- The National Advisory Committee on Child and Family Services (NAC) is working to organize its sub-committees, including the Data, Jurisdiction and Agency sub-committees, to ensure comprehensive and cohesive work going forward. Subsequent meetings of the sub-committee are being scheduled in consultation with the NAC and Indigenous Services Canada (TBIR # 1).

STATUS: Ongoing.



64/2019 Extension of Interim Funding Model for First Nations Early Learning and Child Care

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Call on the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development to immediately and properly fund the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support the National Expert Working Group (NEWG) on First Nations Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC), including the development of a new funding model for First Nations ELCC, to be sourced separately from service delivery, partnerships and governance funding.
 2. Direct the AFN, NEWG and funding model sub-working group to immediately commence work to develop a new funding model, pending receipt of funding to support this work.
 3. Support the extension of the interim funding model until March 31, 2021, to allow adequate time for the AFN, NEWG and funding model sub-working group, including the development of a new funding model that is more responsive to First Nations ELCC realities and needs, and support First Nations in Treaty-based funding arrangement discussions.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN sent a letter on December 20, 2019 to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development regarding support for the National Expert Working Group (NEWG) and development of a new funding model for First Nations Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC). The letter explicitly noted the need for funding sourced separately from service delivery, partnerships and governance funding, and noted the extension of the funding formula to March 31, 2021 (TBIR #1 & 3).
 - The AFN continues to communicate with the National Expert Working Group on ELCC and the sub-working group on Funding Allocation Formula Development to discuss development of a new funding model. Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) has not provided funding to support this work.
 - A secretariat partnership with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch and ESDC is in place to support research and the development of options based on input from the NEWG and sub-working group, to take forward to the Chiefs-in-Assembly by December 2020 (TBIR #2).
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STATUS: Ongoing.



65/2019 Recognition of the Marshall Decision

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to recognize and affirm the 20th anniversary of the Marshall decision by the Supreme Court of Canada.
 2. Call on the AFN to recognize the affirmed Nation-to-Nation relationship of the Wolastoqey, Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati with the Crown on the unceded traditional territorial lands and waters of these First Nations.
 3. Call on the AFN to continue its advocacy with the federal government to uphold and honour all treaty relationships with First Nations in Canada.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to discuss implementation of the resolution at National Fisheries Committee meetings.
 - The AFN expressed public support for the 20th anniversary of the Marshall Decision (TBIR #1) in a press release on September 26, 2019 whereby the AFN stated its full support for the Listiguj First Nation to exercise their Treaty Right to fish in their territory.
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STATUS: Complete

66/2019 Appointment of Governor General

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Call on the Prime Minister of Canada to recommend to the Queen that a First Nations citizen be appointed as the next Governor General of Canada, in the spirit of reconciliation.
 2. Call on the Prime Minister of Canada to work directly with First Nations citizens to select qualified candidates and provide a jointly agreed upon recommendation to the Queen regarding the next Governor General of Canada.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A letter to the Prime Minister was sent November 21, 2019, recommending that a First Nations citizen be appointed as the next Governor General of Canada. (TBIR #1 & 2).



STATUS: Complete

67/2019 Development and Implementation of a National Action Plan on Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQIA

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconders: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Call upon the Federal government to ensure that all engagement on a National Action Plan be carried out using the “Families First” approach.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to seek out appropriate funding and resources for the Women’s Council to:
 - a. attend and participate in all Roundtable meetings in every region; and
 - b. co-ordinate its own engagement with First Nations on a National Action Plan.
3. Direct the AFN to develop its own First Nations led National Action Plan with input from the regions and First Nation survivors, families and the First Nations Coalition for Grassroots Families and advocate for all governments to adopt it.
4. Call upon the federal government to ensure that AFN Women’s Council participates in the selection process for any representative appointed to implement the National Inquiry’s Final Report Calls for Justice; including the development and implementation of a National Action Plan.
5. Direct the AFN to ensure the First Nations Action Plan is respectful of any Nation, women, or regional-led processes in regard to their planning.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- On June 2, 2020 the Federal Government announced that the release of the National Action Plan would be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A new date has not been announced.
- The AFN Women’s Council is working with CIRNAC to undertake engagement sessions for the National Action Plan during the summer of 2020.

STATUS: Ongoing



68/2019 Establishing Support and Industry Platform for First Nations Food Security, Sovereignty and Economic Development

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to:
 - a. advocate for the development of funding and other industry support programs for First Nations to maintain and re-establish their food security and sovereignty; and
 - b. promote food-focused research to better understand the intersection of First Nations food security, sovereignty and sustainability.
 2. Seek the guidance of the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development to establish a First Nations Food Security and Sovereignty working group to:
 - a. draft a framework and develop a position paper(s) outlining First Nations' positions; and
 - b. develop and advocate for First Nations-specific communication tools and workshops to raise awareness.
 3. Direct the AFN to investigate advocacy opportunities regarding food security and sovereignty according to United Nations (UN) mechanisms relating to rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN, along with the assistance of agriculture experts, has worked to draft an agriculture gap analysis to inform work towards a First Nation Agriculture Strategy. The analysis identifies the need for greater supports for the development of research in First Nations food security and food sovereignty. The AFN secured funding from Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada (AAFC) (TBIR #1).
 - The AFN Economic Sector and the AFN Health Sector are coordinating their technical efforts to advance the development of funding and other industry support programs for food security and involvement in the agriculture sector (TBIR #1).
 - The AFN is in discussion with the AAFC Food Policy Division to scope out potential opportunities to coordinate efforts in policy discussions regarding food security in First Nations. AAFC is responsible for the Food Policy for Canada which includes key areas that are directly tied to First Nations and would benefit from the guidance of a First Nation food security working group and related policy and discussion papers.
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STATUS: On going



69/2019 To Fully Implement the First Nations Priority Right to Food, Social, and Ceremonial Fisheries

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to immediately cease placing unlawful restrictions on food, social, and ceremonial fisheries of the Mi'gmaq and to cease charging community members for exercising their right to fish for food, social, and ceremonial purposes.
 2. Direct the AFN to call upon Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to fully implement the First Nations priority right to food, social, and ceremonial fisheries for the Mi'gmaq.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to focus discussion on the implementation of the resolution at National Fisheries Committee meetings.
 - At a meeting between the National Fisheries Committee and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) on December 2, 2019, First Nations Leadership highlighted the importance of prioritizing the right to food, social, and ceremonial fisheries over recreational and commercial fisheries.
 - On May 21, 2020 the Executive Committee hosted a meeting with DFO Minister, Bernadette Jordan. Regional Chief Teegee spoke on implementation of First Nations Fishing rights, including *Ahousaht*.
 - The National Fisheries Committee will host its next meeting in in May 2020.
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STATUS: Ongoing.

70/2019 To provide Mi'gmaq and Wolastoqiyik First Nations access to the Atlantic snow crab fishery

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to call upon Canada, including the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to immediately grant all Mi'gmaq and Wolastoqiyik First Nations access to the snow crab fishery in the Atlantic Region, in a manner consistent with the Marshall decision that recognizes their Treaty right to a moderate livelihood.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to discuss implementation of the resolution at National Fisheries Committee meetings.



- On May 21, 2020 the Executive Committee hosted a meeting with DFO Minister, Bernadette Jordan. Regional Chief Augustine spoke directly of the lack of fishing quota for Eel Ground First Nation. The Minister indicated that her officials were working with the community on the issue.
- Advice will be taken from the National Fisheries Committee in May 2020 on next steps.

STATUS: Ongoing.

71/2019

Support for Native Hawaiians' Efforts to Protect Mauna Kea

Mover: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

Seconder: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay), ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon the Government of Canada to withdraw their financial and political support for the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea – a sacred site of the Native Hawaiians on Hawai'i's Big Island.
2. Direct the AFN to call upon these universities individually to withdraw their support of the construction of the TMT in their efforts to reconcile with First Nations peoples. These universities include: Athabasca University, Bishop's University, Brandon University, McGill University, McMaster University, Queen's University, St. Mary's University, Trent University, University of Alberta, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, Université de Laval, University of Manitoba, Université de Montreal, University of Toronto, University of Victoria, University of Waterloo, University of Western Ontario, and York University.
3. Direct the AFN to publicly express their support of the Native Hawaiian people, for example, through media releases and open letters to the Prime Minister and universities supporting this project.
4. Direct the AFN to communicate our support to Native Hawaiians and to write directly to Governor David Ige of Hawai'i to express our solidarity with the Native Hawaiians in their efforts to protect Mauna Kea and to ensure their rights to their lands are respected.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- On April 28, 2020 a letter from National Chief to the Prime Minister was sent, asking Canada to withdraw financial support for the proposed construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope on the sacred site of Mauna Kea (White Mountain) located on the island of Hawaii has been sent. (TBIR #1)
- Letters have been drafted to Senior Administrators from a number of affiliated Canadian Universities requesting they withdraw their support for the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea as a means of exemplifying their commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. (TBIR #2)
- A letter to Governor David Ige (Hawaii) was sent April 28, 2020, indicating AFN's support and solidarity with the Kanak Miao people (Native Hawaiians) in their efforts to protect their sacred lands and associated rights in relation to Mauna Kea and encourage Governor Ige to cease the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope as a gesture of good faith and means of improving/enhancing the State of Hawaii's relationship with Indigenous Peoples (Native Hawaiians). (TBIR #4)



- Further identification of opportunities (as appropriate) for AFN to communicate support and solidarity for the efforts of Native Hawaiians to protect Mauna Kea via media releases, open letters and social media support are ongoing. (TBIR #3).

STATUS: Ongoing.

72/2019 Executive Committee Representation, Prince Edward

Mover: Chief Roderick Gould Jr., Abegweit First Nation, PE

Seconded: Chief Darlene Bernard, Lennox Island First Nation, PE

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with the Prince Edward Island Chiefs to prepare an amendment to Article 17 of the AFN Charter for the next Annual or Special Meeting of the First Nations-in-Assembly to change the composition of the Executive Committee to allow for a Prince Edward Island Regional Chief.
2. Direct the AFN to give required written notice in accordance with Article 27 of the Charter of the AFN to amend the Charter.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Since August 2019, the AFN has worked with Prince Edward Island Chiefs and the AFN Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal to action this resolution (TBIR #1).
- A written notice on the inclusion of PEI as a distinct region within the AFN has been prepared in accordance with Article 27 of the Charter and will be distributed 60 days in advance of the next Chiefs Assembly (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing

73/2019 Executive Committee Portfolios

Mover: Chief Dean Sayers, Ojibways of Batchewana First Nation, ON

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay First Nation), ON

1. Direct that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Charter be amended at Article 18, The Executive Committee- Function and Powers, provision 9, which currently reads: “In performing their duties or responsibilities, the Executive Committee may establish portfolios and deploy resources as deemed necessary, subject to the approval of the Confederacy of Nations and to the nature of the delegation granted by the First Nations-in Assembly.”, to read:
 - a. “9. The National Chief shall assign these portfolios in a collaborative process with the Executive Committee and/or re-assign portfolio topics to Regional Chiefs serving on the Executive Committee



to lead specific topics of work as required. Upon assignment, the Regional Chief shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and the First Nations-in-Assembly as well as to their own Regions. If the Regional Chief fails to report quarterly, the National Chief may consider re-assigning the portfolio.

- a. The portfolio holder shall be responsible for leading the work of the portfolio as directed by resolutions from the First Nations-in-Assembly;
- b. The portfolio holder shall chair all Chief’s Committee meetings that are associated with their portfolio and oversee the work of the Chief’s Committee to ensure that all procedures and processes are being followed and maintained under the Terms of Reference, By-Laws and the AFN Charter.”

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Charter has been amended with a footnote to indicate the date the amendment was accepted. The revised Charter is posted on the AFN’s website.

STATUS: Complete

74/2019 Chief’s Committees

Mover: Chief Karen Batson, Pine Creek First Nation, MB

Seconded: Chief Betsy Kennedy, War Lake First Nation, MB

1. Direct that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Charter be amended at Article 7, *Function and Powers of the First Nations-in-Assembly*, to add a provision 3 as follows:
 - a. “3. The First Nations-in-Assembly shall, by way of resolution, establish a Chiefs’ Committee from time to time that will lead work or take action on a specific subject.
 - a) Chiefs’ Committee members shall be appointed by Regional Chiefs following each region’s formal rules, policies and procedures for the operation of the regional AFN offices.
 - b) The Chiefs’ Committee shall draft a terms of reference at its first meeting to guide the work and forward the terms of reference to the Executive Committee for approval. The terms of reference shall include, at a minimum standard, the authority, accountability, mandate, objectives, composition, reporting structure and timeline for the work by the Chiefs’ Committee.
 - c) The National Chief shall be an ex officio member of all Chiefs’ Committees and shall assign, in a collaborative process with the Executive Committee, a member of the Executive Committee as the appropriate portfolio holder to act as the Chair of the Chiefs’ Committee.
 - d) The portfolio holder shall select a Co-Chair from the members of the Chiefs’ Committee and the Co-Chair shall support the Chair and chair all meetings in the absence of the portfolio holder Chair.



e) At no time does a Chiefs' Committee have the authority to pass motions that bind the Executive Committee or First Nations-in-Assembly, but instead, the Chiefs' Committee shall provide recommendations to the Executive Committee and the First Nations-in-Assembly for voting purposes."

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Charter has been amended with a footnote to indicate the date the amendment was accepted. The revised Charter is posted on the AFN's website.

STATUS: Complete

75/2019 National Chief Oath in Office

Mover: Chief Roderick Gould Jr., Abegweit First Nation, PEI

Seconder: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay First Nation), ON

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Charter be amended at Article 22, *Election and Term*, to read as follows:
 - a. "6. The National Chief shall swear an oath of office that contains the Role, Function, Authority and Accountability provisions contained in the AFN Charter. The Oath of Office swearing-in will include ceremony as guided by the Knowledge Keepers Council".

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Charter has been amended with a footnote to indicate the date the amendment was accepted. The revised Charter is posted on the AFN's website.

STATUS: Complete

76/2019 Numerical Correction to Article 17 of AFN Charter

Mover: Chief Leah George-Wilson, Tsleil-Waututh (Burrard) First Nation, BC

Seconder: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay First Nation), ON

1. Direct that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Charter be amended at Article 17, *The Executive Committee, Composition*, to include the provision number:
 - a. "4", to be inserted prior to the text that reads: "The AFN Regional Chiefs shall be elected for a three-year term and shall be eligible for re-election. The term of office may be terminated before the expiry date if the Chiefs of that Region so decide at a meeting called for the purpose".

**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN Charter has been amended with a footnote to indicate the date the amendment was accepted. The revised Charter is posted on the AFN's website.

STATUS: Complete

77/2019 Regional Chief Oath in Office

Mover: Chief Leah George-Wilson, Tsleil-Waututh (Burrard) First Nation, BC

Seconded: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay First Nation), ON

1. Direct that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Charter be amended at Article 19, *The Executive Committee, Accountability*, to add:
 - a. "Each Region shall formally adopt rules, policy and procedures for the operation of the Regional AFN offices."
 - b. "Regional Chiefs, upon election, shall swear an oath of office that contains the role, function, authority and accountability provisions contained in the AFN Charter. The Oath of Office swearing-in will include ceremony as guided by Knowledge Keepers from the Region".

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN Charter has been amended with a footnote to indicate the date the amendment was accepted. The revised Charter is posted on the AFN's website.

STATUS: Complete

78/2019 Endorsement of the Preliminary Table of Contents for a First Nations Long-Term Water and Wastewater Strategy Post-2021

Mover: Chief Dan George, Burns Lake Indian Band/Ts'il Kaz Koh, B.C.

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, ON

1. Declare that the federal government should proactively inform First Nations of financial matters relevant to the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure.
 2. Hereby endorse the *Preliminary Table of Contents for a First Nations Long-Term Water and Wastewater Strategy Post-2021* as a working document to inform future engagement with First Nations across Canada.
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3. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge federal acknowledgment that any long-term strategy for First Nations regarding critical infrastructure must be developed by First Nations themselves in a process that conforms to our own governance processes.
4. Direct the AFN to seek sufficient resources to support engagement with First Nations throughout Canada in 2020 to develop a preliminary First Nations Long-Term Water and Wastewater Strategy.
5. Direct the AFN to seek sufficient resources to support this engagement process with First Nations.
6. Direct the AFN to return to the 2020 AFN Annual General Assembly to present the preliminary First Nations Long-Term Water and Wastewater Strategy to the Chiefs-in-Assembly.
7. Direct the AFN to allocate resources to support the implementation of a National Indigenous Youth Water Collective that would provide funding for capacity-building, training, and projects that strengthen youth leaders to ensure environmental protection for future generations”.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN was informed by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) that due to a holdback on Budget 2016 monies (\$1.8 billion over 5 years), Canada was required to table to Cabinet a ‘Long Term Strategy’ for First Nations water infrastructure post 2021.
- After engagement with the Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure (CCoHI) and detailed review with the Technicians Committee, AFN informed ISC that this ‘Long Term Strategy’ must be co-developed with First Nations.
- Engagements were held in late 2019, led by the regions.
- In addition, the 3rd Annual Water Symposium served as an engagement forum to present the Preliminary Table of Contents for further refinement.
- The Preliminary Table of Contents presented at the 2019 SCA were further refined following the 3rd Annual Water Symposium and presented for approval at the CCoHI Meeting on March 9, 2020.
- Due to COVID-19, the Memoranda to Cabinet process for the Long-Term Strategy has been delayed.
- The AFN is currently working with ISC to determine appropriate next steps to ensure co-development of the Strategy.
- Further engagements are targeted for Fall 2020, with presentation of summary of results at the 2020 SCA.

STATUS: Ongoing

79/2019 Action Plan for First Nations Homelessness On and Off-Reserve

Mover: Guy Louie, proxy, Ahousaht First Nation, BC

Seconder: Judith Sayers, proxy, Toquaht Nation, BC

1. Call upon the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to identify resources to do research, with external partners where possible, to:
 - a. gather data to determine the number of First Nations people experiencing homelessness, and



- b. analyze the data to determine the causes and the gaps in services, including the shortage of housing on-reserve that contributes to members leaving their communities and the reasons that prevent the homeless from accessing adequate shelter on and off-reserve.
 - c. Develop a mechanism to allow First Nations to access data collected for their own future utilization.
2. Direct the AFN to seek resources to develop a draft national First Nations Homelessness Strategy that is in alignment with the *National First Nations Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy*. This strategy will identify comprehensive, multi-partner, short, medium and long-term solutions, and an advocacy plan for presentation to Chiefs-in-Assembly for their input, approval, and occasional updating as required.
3. Call upon the AFN to advocate for a multi-partner solution to address First Nations homelessness and its related causes.
4. Urge the federal government to immediately develop with First Nations, the Chiefs' Committee on Housing and Infrastructure, and the AFN measures to improve the delivery of federal government homelessness programs into the transition to First Nations care, control and management of First Nations housing and infrastructure.
5. Urge the federal government to work with First Nations and the AFN on immediately improving social programs and fiscal mechanisms to address homelessness.
6. Urge Employment and Social Development Canada to amend criteria to access the rural budget component to enable First Nations to build shelters and group homes on-reserve.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Research and Policy Coordination Sector is developing a funding proposal to eliminate First Nations homelessness (TBIR #1 & 2).
- With direction from the Resolution, an Action Plan will seek to target the many economic and social barriers First Nations experiencing homelessness face (TBIR #3).
- As a result, the Action Plan will be developed in alignment with the *National First Nations Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy* as well as AFN mandates on poverty reduction, mental health and labour market improvements (TBIR #2).

STATUS: On-going

80/2019 Federal Consultation & Transparency in First Nations Housing Program & Funding Changes

Mover: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, ON

Seconded: Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC

1. Urge the Minister of Indigenous Services and his Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) counterpart, in the spirit of partnership and collaboration, to adopt and implement without delay the principle that there shall be no Federal Government housing or related infrastructure legislative,



regulatory, policy, program, service, formula or regional funding allocation changes affecting First Nations without prior First Nations consultation and consent.

2. Urge the Federal Government, once again, to immediately co-develop with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs' Committee on Housing and Infrastructure measures to remove barriers and otherwise improve the delivery of Federal Government housing and related infrastructure programs, fiscal tools and initiatives in the interim of the transition to First Nations care, control and management of First Nations housing and related infrastructure.
3. Urge the Minister of Indigenous Services and the Minister Responsible for the CMHC to have their respective department and agency become fully transparent by advising in writing to all First Nations, the AFN and regional First Nations organizations of all changes or new initiatives contemplated at the outset of such consideration regarding the Federal Government's First Nations housing or related infrastructure legislation, regulations, policy, programs, services, budgets, formulas and regional funding allocations.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN is developing, with the input of regional housing technicians, draft performance measures to apply to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), to be discussed with ISC and CMHC will be subject to prior appropriate internal AFN approvals.
- One option being explored regarding a formal process at the senior officials' level is the development of a renewed AFN-Federal (ISC and CMHC) liaison committee that existed several years ago. It would ensure regular exchange of information between the AFN, ISC & CMHC on housing program matters and ensure enhanced communication.
- Follow-up on the proposed new committee has been stalled as a result of COVID-19. Letters to ministers to inform them of the resolution, secure commitment to principles of transparency and timely access to information and seek commitments to inform First Nations early of draft changes to housing programs, services and funding has also been stalled.

STATUS: Ongoing

81/2019 Dene Nation Control of Housing in Northwest Territories

Mover: Chief April Martel, K'atl'Odeche First Nation, NT

Seconder: Chief Wanda Pascal, Tetl'it Gwich'in Council, NT

1. Support the Dene Nation in its efforts to develop a nation-to-nation relationship in housing and related infrastructure that respects Dene Nation rights and fulfills federal obligations to the Dene Nation and communities.
2. Support the Dene Nation in its efforts to obtain federal commitments from Indigenous Services Canada, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and other federal sources and multi-year funding, to enable and empower the Dene Nation to:



- a. develop the Dene Nation and Dene communities’ on-going capacity to manage their own housing and related infrastructure;
 - b. engage the Dene communities in the development of a Dene Nation multi-year housing and related infrastructure strategy and a phased implementation plan;
 - c. research federal and Northwest Territories (NWT) Governments’ housing and related infrastructure program allocations to determine equity with their First Nation housing and related infrastructure program funding levels in the south;
 - d. conduct on-going Dene controlled housing and related infrastructure data collection and develop Dene data storage and analysis capacity;
 - e. develop capacity to discuss with Canada the transfer of control of housing to the Dene Nation and communities; and
 - f. ensure that housing and infrastructure program funding for First Nations in NWT is provided directly to the First Nations and not managed by the Government of NWT.
3. Support the Dene Nation in its efforts with Canada and the NWT to ensure their full openness, cooperation and transparency in reaching the Dene Nation’s housing and related infrastructure vision and goals.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- AFN housing unit has regularly sought and found opportunities for the Dene Nation representatives to advance their housing goals. For example, the Dene Nation was provided time on the plenary session of the National Housing and Infrastructure Forum in Toronto in mid-March 2020. AFN also facilitated CMHC contact with the Dene Nation’s technical support provided by the Innovation7 company. AFN also regularly forwards pertinent information to the Dene Nation technical representative.

STATUS: Ongoing

82/2019 **Support for Continuing Development of Indigenous Services Canada Revised Operations and Maintenance Policy and Full Funding of First Nations Operations and Maintenance Needs**

Mover: Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the Federal Government to support and provide resources to fund the continuing development of a new Operations & Maintenance Policy in collaboration with Indigenous Services Canada and with the full involvement of First Nations and First Nation organizations.
2. Direct the AFN to ensure that all aspects of Operations & Maintenance funding reform specifically include the services provided by First Nations Inuit Health Branch.



3. Direct the AFN to urge the Federal Government to begin to fully fund First Nations to develop fully costed Asset Management Plans using industry standards to include awareness, capacity building and implementation of Asset Management Plans.
4. Direct the AFN to urge the Federal Government to provide resources to First Nations to support their fully costed Asset Management plans now and into the future.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to support First Nations in advancing their Asset Management goals. This includes presentations at the National Housing and Infrastructure Forum in Toronto in mid-March 2020.
- The AFN also meets with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Asset Management groups, like Canadian Network of Asset Managers (CNAM) & Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), to facilitate technical support in First Nation Asset Management Plan capacity development.

STATUS: Ongoing

83/2019 First Nations Control of Emergency Management

Mover: Stacey Doore, proxy, Siksika Nation, AB

Seconder: Chief Roy Fox, Blood First Nation, AB

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and the Minister of Public Safety to initiate an immediate review of the Emergency Management Assistance Program, in collaboration with First Nations, to ensure that First Nations receive adequate funds for the entirety of the emergency management continuum (mitigation and prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery).
2. Direct the AFN to seek resources to work with First Nations in developing a policy proposal that would provide clear recommendations to government for supporting First Nations control over emergency management and services. This proposal should include considerations for:
 - a. new funding mechanisms and policy changes for First Nations to establish emergency management departments in their communities, including positions for directors of emergency management;
 - b. new funding mechanisms for First Nations to build capacity and training in emergency management through culturally relevant, First Nations-led programs;
 - c. establishing a national First Nations Emergency Management Office that would support all Nations in creating departments of emergency management;
 - d. establishing clear jurisdiction over our peoples and our territories; and,
 - e. consulting with First Nations that have expertise and experience in this area and that they be included in any committee working on this proposal.



3. Direct that the policy proposal be presented to Chiefs-in-Assembly within two years of the passage of this resolution for discussion and approval.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- AFN has met and discussed the intent of this resolution with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), but no response has been received.
- AFN will be requesting a follow up meeting ISC to discuss the resolution and its potential to First Nations emergency management.
- AFN will be developing a funding request to present to ISC and to the Chiefs-in-Assembly within two years.

STATUS: Ongoing

84/2019 Call for Emergency Operations Management Planning in First Nations

Mover: Chief Franklin Paibomsai (Shining Turtle), Whitefish River First Nation, ON

Seconded: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Spallumcheen Indian Band (Splatsin First Nation), BC

1. Call upon the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to engage with the Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to support the development of partnerships with First Nations to provide permanent, reliable, appropriate funding and resources to ensure coordinated responses to natural disaster emergency management issues affecting First Nations.
2. Direct the AFN to advocate for on-going permanent training programs in emergency operations management which would focus on; awareness, preparedness, response and recovery, with the full intent to be community-based, designed, developed, driven and managed and nationally and regionally coordinated across Canada.
3. Call upon federal, provincial, and municipal emergency management agencies to:
 - a. adequately and efficiently respond to opportunities to provide mutual aid for First Nations in a manner that will resolve issues pertaining to emergencies; and,
 - b. ensure that emergency management training programs are culturally and geographically appropriate for First Nations.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- AFN is continuing to advocate for work with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on the Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP) on the Fire Risk and Evacuation Capabilities in Isolated Communities project.
- Work with ISC must include partnership with the AFN and those First Nations identified within this project as affected by wildfire and evacuation to provide permanent, reliable and appropriate funding and resources to ensure coordinated responses to wildfire situations affecting First Nations.



- AFN will continue to advocate with its emergency management partners for on-going permanent training programs in emergency operations management.

STATUS: Ongoing

85/2019 Support for A Proposed First Nations Training Institute on Emergency Management

Mover: Chief Franklin Paibomsai (Shining Turtle), Whitefish River First Nation, ON

Seconders: Chief Craig Makinaw, Ermineskin First Nation, AB

1. Support the creation of a First Nations Training Institute on Emergency Management which will focus on preparing First Nations for natural and man-made disasters.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to seek funding support from the Government of Canada to realize the creation of a First Nations Training Institute on Emergency Management that will benefit First Nations citizens and their communities and be Treaty/ Nations-based and community-driven.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- AFN has met with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to advocate for a First Nations Training Institute on Emergency Management which will focus on preparing First Nations for natural and man-made disasters.
- AFN has met and discussed the resolution with Indigenous Services Canada. Due to a reorganization of the directorate, no response has been received.
- AFN will be requesting a follow up meeting with ISC to discuss potential impacts to First Nations emergency management.

STATUS: Ongoing

86/2019 Federal Legislation to Create a Framework for Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Mover: Chief Ronald E. Ignace, Skeetchestn Indian Band, BC

Seconders: Kupki7 Wayne Christian, Spallumcheen Indian Band (Splatsin First Nation), BC

1. Seek a collaborative process with the federal government, consistent with the Liberal Party of Canada's commitment during the 43rd federal election whereby they promised that they "...will move forward with introducing co-developed legislation to implement the Declaration as government legislation by the end of 2020. In this work, we will ensure that this legislation fully respects the intent of the Declaration, and establishes Bill C-262 as the floor, rather than the ceiling, when it comes to drafting this new legislation."
2. Call upon the Government of Canada to develop with First Nations a national action plan to implement the *UN Declaration*, mindful that there are other United Nations instruments upholding Indigenous rights,



such as the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and international human rights law, as well as the Organization of American States' (OAS) *American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has contracted the services of several legal experts on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) to support advocacy efforts on the development of UN Declaration legislation.
- The AFN is seeking funding from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada to support the development of a national action plan to implement the UN Declaration (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing

87/2019 Support a Process for Implementation of International Treaties

Mover: Chief Dean Sayers, Ojibways of Batchewana First Nation, ON

Seconder: Okimaw Henry Lewis, Onion Lake First Nation, SK

1. Direct the Government of Canada to meet with a coalition of Nations, as identified by Historic and Numbered Treaty First Nations, to establish principles for negotiation and to implement their international Treaties.
2. Direct the Government of Canada to engage with models of negotiation that do not necessitate the loss of Indigenous rights or the domestication of International Treaty.
3. Direct the Government of Canada to take whatever steps necessary to meet their Treaty obligations.
4. Direct the Government of Canada to establish a mechanism for the Governor General to uphold their original role to guarantee that no legislation is passed unless it supports Canada's international Treaty obligations with First Nations.
5. Direct the Government of Canada to support First Nations in developing their own nation-building processes.
6. A letter will be sent by the mover and seconder of this resolution to the Government of Canada to secure a meeting to discuss the Crown's treaty obligations and implementation of international treaties.
7. A letter will be sent to each of the treaty areas by the mover and seconder to establish a coalition of Nations and identify representatives to prepare for future meetings with the Government of Canada.
8. Direct the AFN to lobby and coordinate as requested to ensure that no Treaty group is left out.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to support on-going work on this resolution as requested by the mover and seconder of the resolution.

STATUS: Ongoing



88/2019 **Re-affirming First Nation Regional Implementation Priorities for *An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families***

Mover: Chief Reginald Bellerose, Muskowekwan First Nation, SK

Seconded: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK

1. Call on Canada to immediately collaborate and fund discussions and negotiations directly to First Nations and regional bodies, as determined by rights holders (such as: regional organizations, tribal councils, treaty organizations and independent First Nations), and without the interference of provinces and territories, to establish a political pathway to implement *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* (the *Act*), consistent with the principles set out in the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's 2016 orders of substantive equality, best interests of the child, needs-based funding, respect for culture and language, and consideration of the distinct circumstances of First Nations children and services.
 2. Call on Canada to immediately support and fund a First Nations-led distinctions-based transition and implementation planning process, including the following regional process for Saskatchewan:
 - a. Under the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN), a "Transition and Implementation Committee for Self-Determination in Children and Families" (TIC), comprised of representatives of Tribal Councils, Indian Child and Family Services Agencies, the FSIN Technical Advisory Group, and independent First Nations children, families, and First Nations. The TIC would provide direction on an effective and comprehensive Saskatchewan political pathway for implementation of *the Act*, based on acknowledging and respecting the proper rights holders and the task of rebuilding First Nations. The work of the TIC, the FSIN, the Technical Advisory Group, and the Chiefs' Political Task Force on Child Welfare, must include a strategic advocacy effort for all Saskatchewan First Nations to identify and develop options in relation to the following critical items:
 - i. a foundational document setting out the distinct legal and political roles of First Nations as right holders, Tribal Councils, FSIN and Indian Child and Family Services Agencies in relation to the exercise of inherent jurisdiction, administration and dispute resolution on the subject of First Nations children, youth and families – focusing on them as rights holders;
 - ii. clear authority to ground the work at the provincial and regional levels that supports Saskatchewan Treaty and First Nations in the assertion of sovereignty, self-determination and respect for the decisions of First Nations and Tribal Councils as governing bodies for their peoples;
 - iii. an approach that clearly identifies where or how regional bodies may be helpful for advocacy or technical support at the regional and provincial levels and how those mandates should be created by and accountable to Chiefs of Saskatchewan, without entrenching the approaches that involve delegated provincial authority and the status quo;
 - iv. ensure the human rights and Treaty rights of Saskatchewan First Nations children and families are at the forefront of decision-making, there is no distinction between on and
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off-reserve systems, and when necessary, that Saskatchewan First Nations can do family unifications work anywhere in Canada where their children reside (dealing with clear mandates for interprovincial agreements); and

- v. ensure that the federal and provincial response implementing *the Act* is developed based on priorities and authority resting with the Chiefs and Tribal Councils in Saskatchewan, recognized and affirmed by the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

3. Call on Canada to immediately support and provide long-term, sustainable, statutory funding and resources to First Nations rights holders, including capital and infrastructure, to those First Nations who are ready to move forward on planning and/or implementation of *the Act* without delay or interference from regional or national processes or tables.
4. Call on Canada to commit to providing funding for implementing *the Act* in Federal Budget 2020.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN is consulting with the originator on how to best support implementation of the Resolution. Correspondence was sent to the Director of Child Welfare at the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN), on December 17, 2019 and is currently awaiting response.
- A new bilateral agreement was recently negotiated called “The Protocol regarding *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families* between Canada and the AFN” (the Protocol). The Protocol governs all aspects of the implementation of the Act and is a mechanism to elevate First Nations concerns at the national level. The Protocol was supported by the Chiefs Committee and the AFN Executive, and is awaiting final signatures (TBIR #2).
- The Protocol does not interfere with the rights of individual First Nations and regions to enter into their own arrangements on implementation, including enacting their own laws and policies within or outside the Act (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing



89/2019 Continuing First Nations Income Assistance Program Reform

Mover: Chief David Monias, Pimicikamak, MB

Seconded: Chief Franklin Paibomsai (Shining Turtle), Whitefish River First Nation, ON

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to pursue funding to conduct a study on identifying data and service gaps under the Income Assistance Program (IA Program).
 2. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to financially invest in the reform of the IA Program, as well as funding for expanding Case Management and Pre-Employment Supports to all First Nations.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD) met in-person in Vancouver, BC on January 16 and 17, 2020 and through teleconference on March 18, 2020 to scope and develop a proposal for a study on the Income Assistance (IA) Program (TBIR #1).
 - The TWGSD met on May 4, 2020, to provide feedback on the study proposal which has been developed for submission to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Further feedback from the TWGSD on the proposal, including on recommended changes from the May 4 meeting, are due by May 27, 2020. The results of this study will be used in part to provide evidence supporting requests for expansion of Case Management and Pre-Employment Supports and the need for continued work to reform the IA Program (TBIR #2).
 - AFN participated in federal budget advocacy including expanded access to the Case Management and Pre-employment Supports for all First Nations through AFN's pre-Budget 2020 submission (TBIR #2).
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STATUS: Ongoing

90/2019 Support for the Claims of the Survivor Class in *Day Scholars*

Mover: Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC

Seconded: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Spallumcheen Indian Band (Splatsin First Nations), BC

1. Call upon the federal government to settle the claims of the Survivor Class of *Day Scholars* quickly, so that former Day Scholars may be compensated for the harms they suffered at Indian Residential Schools while they are still alive.
 2. Call upon the federal government to provide former Day Scholars with a Common Experience Payment equal to that given to former residents of the schools under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (the 10 + 3 formula).
 3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to engage with the Day Scholar Executive Council and the federal government and all appropriate bodies to advocate for the resolution of the *Day Scholars* case.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:



- On March 27, 2020, the National Chief sent letters to both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice calling on the Federal Government to settle the outstanding Day Scholars class action.
- The AFN, through Regional Chief Yakeleya, has begun to liaise with Gottfriedson Class Action representatives to ascertain the types of political support that is required from time to time.

STATUS: Ongoing

91/2019

Support for the Claims of Descendant Class and Band Class in *Day Scholars*

Mover: Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC

Seconder: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Spallumcheen Indian Band (Splatsin First Nation), BC

1. Call upon the federal government to settle the claims of the Descendant Class in *Day Scholars* to compensate families for the cultural and linguistic losses they have suffered, as a result of the Indian Residential School policy.
2. Call upon the federal government to settle the claims of the Band Class in *Day Scholars* to allow bands to revitalize, protect, and maintain their cultures and languages that have been eroded as a result of the Indian Residential School policy.
3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to engage with the Day Scholar Executive Council, federal government and all appropriate bodies to advocate for the resolution of the *Day Scholars* case.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- On March 27, 2020, the National Chief sent letters to both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice calling on the Federal Government to settle the outstanding Day Scholars class action.
- The AFN, through Regional Chief Yakeleya, has begun to liaise with Gottfriedson Class Action representatives to ascertain the types of political support that is required from time to time.

STATUS: Ongoing



92/2019 **Reaffirming Support for a National Statutory Holiday on September 30 and Support for the Honouring and Recognition Ceremony for the Blackwater et. Al. plaintiffs**

Mover: Chief Willie Blackwater, Gitsegukla Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief David Peter-Paul, Pabineau First Nation, NB

1. Reaffirm support for Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolution 72/2018, *Support for a National Statutory Holiday on September 30 and Support for the Honouring and Recognition Ceremony for the Blackwater et. al. Plaintiffs.*
 2. Support the recognition and honouring of the Blackwater et. al. plaintiffs for their bravery, courage and sacrifice in their benchmark battle for Indian Residential School Survivors (IRSS), intergenerational survivors and their families.
 3. Direct the AFN National Chief and AFN Regional Chiefs to call upon the federal government to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of Indian Residential Schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.
 4. Direct the AFN National Chief to call upon the federal government to introduce a government bill declaring September 30th as a national statutory holiday to honour IRSS, intergenerational Survivors, their families and their communities.
 5. Direct the AFN National Chief and AFN Regional Chiefs to call upon the federal government to work collaboratively and collectively with Assembly of First Nations and BC Assembly of First Nations to host a National and Recognition Ceremony for the Blackwater et. al. Plaintiffs on Orange Shirt Day, September 30, 2020, in Vancouver, British Columbia.
 6. Direct the AFN National Chief and AFN Regional Chiefs to call on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his opposition leaders to reaffirm the National Apology committed on June 11, 2008 at the honouring and recognition of the Blackwater et. al. Plaintiffs on September 30, 2020.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- In September 2019, the Executive Committee passed a motion to advocate for Orange Shirt Day to become a national statutory holiday for reconciliation.
 - The AFN continues to advocate for September 30th as a national statutory holiday in commemoration of the Indian Residential School System Survivors, their families and communities.
 - National Chief Perry Bellegarde sent a letter on February 25, 2020 to the Minister of Heritage, Steven Guilbeault, in support of Orange Shirt Day and for a recognition ceremony in support of the Blackwater et al plaintiffs (TBIR #3-6).
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STATUS: Ongoing



93/2019 National Gathering on Substance Use with Emphasis on Opioids and Crystal Methamphetamine

Mover: Margaret Swan, proxy, Pinaymootang First Nation, MB

Seconded: Chief Franklin Paibomsai (Shining Turtle), Whitefish River First Nation, ON

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call-upon Indigenous Services Canada including the First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) to support a National Gathering on Opioid, Crystal Methamphetamine and Other Substance Use hosted and administered by the centrally located First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba. The National Gathering will elevate existing culturally responsive, land-based treatment services that have been developed by First Nations and others will have the opportunity to replicate this work in their respective nations.
 2. Direct the AFN to advocate and learn how to secure resources for all First Nations- including Manitoba First Nations, to develop their own respective Opioid and Crystal Methamphetamine Strategy implementing recommendations brought forward from the national gathering.
 3. Direct the AFN to advocate and secure community-based human and financial resources for the implementation of each nations' strategy.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A proposal to host a national gathering that focuses on issues related to opioid and crystal methamphetamine use has been submitted to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). ISC has acknowledged receipt of the proposal but due to COVID-19, discussions on a national gathering are suspended until further notice.
 - AFN has had meetings with ISC's mental health division to discuss resources for First Nations related to substance misuse. Discussions included access to the Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) and the Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse (CRISM).
 - Discussions are ongoing and will expand on securing community-based human and financial resources.
 - A forum, originally scheduled for May 2020, has been postponed due to COVID-19.
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STATUS: Ongoing

94/2019 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Mover: Chief Abram Benedict, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, ON

Seconded: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to explore formal membership opportunities with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Canadian Committee for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (CC-IUCN) in support of on-going advocacy efforts to prioritize the
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recognition and protection of First Nations inherent, Treaty, and constitutionally-protected rights in all conservation-related activities.

2. Direct the AFN Environment Sector to report back to Chiefs-in-Assembly or the AFN Executive Committee (as appropriate) via the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) on proposed options for formal membership with the IUCN and CC-IUCN respectively.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Efforts to engage in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) are ongoing both domestically and internationally; noting that the IUCN’s Conservation Congress originally planned for June 2020 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis.

STATUS: Ongoing.

95/2019 First Nations Full Partnership in the Implementation of the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada

Mover: Keith Matthew, proxy, Cayoose Creek First Nation, BC

Seconder: Joan Phillip, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), with the support of the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) and the First Nations Advisory Committee on Species at Risk (FNACSAR), to advocate for the full partnership and meaningful inclusion of First Nations in the implementation of the Pan-Canadian Approach on Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada (Pan-Canadian Approach).
2. Direct the AFN to ensure the Pan-Canadian Approach appropriately reflects and considers regional First Nations differences and concerns through the establishment of coordinated regional engagement opportunities for First Nations.
3. Direct the AFN to call upon the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to provide adequate financial capacity to support First Nations, regions, provincial and territorial organizations, women, Elders and youth to participate in these activities and to maintain their important role as stewards of the environment and leaders in conservation action.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Efforts are ongoing, in coordination with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action (ACE), to advocate for full partnership in the Pan-Canadian Approach and to reflect regional differences (TBIR #1 and #2).
- The AFN continues to seek financial resources as a result of the delayed Federal Budget due to the COVID-19 pandemic (TBIR #3).
- The first of several technical workshops took place March 3-4, 2020, in Whitehorse, Yukon, in association with the Environment Sector’s National Climate Gathering (TBIR #3).



STATUS: Ongoing.

96/2019 Support for the Implementation of *Ahousaht et al* (2009) Court Decision

Mover: Guy Louie, proxy, Ahousaht First Nation, BC

Seconded: Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation, ON

1. Call upon the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the federal government to immediately implement Aboriginal fishing rights, including the five First Nations of Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Tla-o-qui-aht and Mowachaht/Muchalaht (Five Nations), as directed by the courts through the following actions:
 - a. Direct the AFN to advocate to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations for the implementation of existing court decisions related to First Nations' fisheries, including *Ahousaht et al.* (2009).
 - b. Call upon the AFN to send a letter to the Prime Minister echoing the requests of the Five Nations in a November 4, 2019 letter that included the following:
 - i. The Prime Minister direct his Ministers and their staff (Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and Fisheries and Oceans) to conclude a reconciliation agreement with the Five Nations by March of 2020 so that the Five Nations can begin to implement their expanded community fisheries in the 2020 fishing season.
 - ii. The Prime Minister direct the Ministers of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to meet with representatives of the Five Nations as soon as possible, so they can brief the Ministers directly and from their perspective on the steps remaining to conclude an agreement with Canada.
 - iii. The Prime Minister recognize that regardless of whether an agreement is reached, the Five Nations require and are entitled to meaningful, economically viable fishing opportunities.
 - iv. The Prime Minister direct the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to revise specific policies and regulations to foster rather than impede the community-based fisheries of the Five Nations.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Regional Chief Teegee spoke on implementation of First Nations fishing rights including the *Ahousaht* court decision at a meeting between the Executive Committee and the Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Minister on May 21, 2020.
- Advice continues to be sought from the National Fisheries Committee.

STATUS: Ongoing



97/2019 **Protection of the Inherent Right of First Nations to Use and Possess Eagles Feathers and Parts for Social, Cultural and Ceremonial Purposes**

Mover: Ralph Leon, Sts'ailes Nation, BC

Seconded: Chief Wayne Christian, Spallumcheen Indian Band (Splatsin First Nation), BC

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge federal, provincial and territorial governments to establish a process to address issues related to the discriminatory practices involving charging First Nations, for their rightful use, possession, and transport of eagle feathers and parts.
 2. Call on the AFN to immediately call on federal, provincial and territorial governments to work with the appropriate Indigenous restorative justice process for First Nations' wrongly convicted and/or charged for their rightful use, possession, and transport of eagle feathers and parts.
 3. Call on the AFN to urge federal, provincial and territorial agents to provide redress – including restitution, repatriation, and the reversal for convictions – for violations to First Nations' right to use, possess, and transport eagle feathers and parts.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has sent a letter May 20, 2020 to the Minister of Justice David Lametti on the use and possession of eagle feathers.
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STATUS: Ongoing

98/2019 **Poverty Reduction for All First Nations in Canada**

Mover: Chief Craig Makinaw, Ermineskin First Nation, AB

Seconded: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the federal government to provide long-term and sustainable funding for Canada's Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS).
 2. Direct the AFN to seek funding for the Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD) to investigate the applicability of the PRS to First Nations and to provide recommendations on how to address poverty.
 3. Direct the AFN to seek funding to conduct a study on First Nation-specific indicators and measures of poverty".
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD) met in-person in Vancouver, BC on January 16 and 17, 2020 and through teleconference on March 18, 2020 to scope and develop a proposal for the study on First Nation-specific indicators and measures of poverty (TBIR #3).
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- At these meetings, the TWGSD voiced the need for funding and action to address poverty in First Nations (TBIR #1).
- At the meeting on March 18, 2020, the TWGSD also discussed the issue of appropriateness and applicability of the Poverty Reduction Strategy to First Nations (TBIR #2). They also provided feedback on addressing poverty and necessary supports under Canada's Economic Response Plan to COVID-19 (TBIR #2).
- The TWGSD met on May 4, 2020, to provide feedback on the study proposal which has been developed for submission to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Further feedback from the TWGSD on the proposal, including on recommended changes from the May 4th meeting, are due by May 27, 2020. (TBIR #3).
- The study intends to develop tools, such as appropriate measures and indicators of poverty for First Nations, which both First Nations and Canada can use for their own evaluations and research on poverty in First Nations (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing

99/2019 Sustainable Development and Financial Assurance

Mover: Robert Phillips, proxy, Nak'azdli Whut'en, BC

Seconded: Chief Dan George, Burns Lake First Nation, BC

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), through the Chiefs' Committee on Economic Development (CCED), to support and facilitate First Nations' ability to manage mineral resource development that will protect and sustain the environment while enhancing the social, cultural, economic and political well-being of First Nations.
2. Call on the federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada, guided by *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration), to develop, in partnership with First Nations, legislative and regulatory measures that will:
 - a. improve environmental sustainability; and
 - b. limit risk by requiring full, hard, up-front financial assurance from mining companies to ensure mine remediation and to protect against the risk of mining disasters.
3. Call on the Federal Government to bring together First Nations and provincial and territorial governments to explore the development of tools and processes that will ensure the reclamation and remediation of First Nations lands and territories, based on the full respect of the UN Declaration".

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Bilateral meetings have taken place with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) officials to develop a workplan that will advance the development of tools and processes to support sustainable development and to discuss establishing partnerships with First Nations on environmental sustainability through direct involvement in legislative and regulatory processes (TBIR #2 & #3).



- The AFN is seeking an opportunity for the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) to meet with the Minister of Natural Resources in June 2020 to discuss natural resource development matters (TBIR #1).

STATUS: Ongoing

100/2019

New Investments for First Nations Involvement in the Economy

Mover: Keith Matthew, proxy, Cayoose Creek, First Nation, BC

Seconded: Chief Harvey McLeod, Upper Nicola Indian Band, BC

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada for much needed federal investments into a new economic strategy and framework that prioritizes funding directly to First Nations.
2. Direct the AFN to work jointly with the Government of Canada through Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to collect information, undertake research and conduct an analysis of funding needs, to develop the elements of a First Nations coordinated policy approach for new investments for First Nations' involvement in the economy.
3. Direct the AFN, with the guidance of the Chiefs' Committee on Economic Development (CCED), to:
 - a. develop a First Nations policy approach and business case for new investments for First Nations involvement in the economy; and
 - b. establish an interim technical committee.
4. Call upon the Government of Canada to provide resources for the CCED and AFN to conduct work with First Nations on new investments required for First Nations economic programs, services and incentives, which identifies equity, major project funding and capacity supports for First Nations participation in all aspects of the economy.
5. Direct the CCED to provide an update to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the July 2020 Annual General Assembly.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) considered the key elements of a policy approach for First Nations involvement in the economy at their meetings on December 2, 2019 and on April 23, 2020.
- The AFN is preparing a preliminary draft discussion paper on the existing landscape on Canada's Indigenous Economic Development Program structure with a view of establishing a new First Nations Economic Development policy framework that considers long-term sustainable new investments, increased capacity, governance and a fiscal framework (TBIR# 2, and #3).
- The AFN has initiated the process to establish an Interim Technical Committee. The AFN continues to work with the regions to identify technical representatives for the Committee. (TBIR #3).



- The AFN has submitted a proposal for resources for the AFN and the CCED to continue the development of the policy approach and business case for new investments for First Nations involvement in the economy (TBIR #3).
- The National Chief sent a letter to Indigenous Services Canada Minister Marc Miller on April 17, 2020. The letter highlighted the importance of First Nations participation in the economy and to ensure the First Nations private sector is considered and included in federal economic stimulus initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (TBIR #1).

STATUS: Ongoing

101/2019 Assembly of First Nations Priorities on Cannabis and Legislative Amendments to Bill C-45, the Cannabis Act

Mover: Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation, ON

Seconded: Keith Mathews, proxy, Cayoose Creek First Nation, BC

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief to make First Nation jurisdiction over cannabis a top priority.
2. Direct the AFN Chiefs' Committee on Cannabis (CCC) to develop a First Nations federal framework with Canada for a regulatory commission on cannabis that focuses on, but is not limited to, production, processing, growing, distribution, sale, health and safety, law-making, etc. on cannabis by April 1, 2020.
3. Direct the CCC to work with Canada on legislative amendments to the following:
 - a. to respect and recognize the jurisdiction of First Nations governments to make laws to regulate cannabis within their territories;
 - b. *the Cannabis Act*;
 - c. *the Excise Tax Act*;
 - d. *the Criminal Code of Canada*;
 - e. *the Canada Health Act*;
 - f. *the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations*; and,
 - g. any other Acts or regulations where appropriate.
4. Direct the AFN National Chief to call upon Canada to amend Bill C-45, *An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code, and other Acts* on the following:
 - a. to recognize parallel First Nation processes in regard to, but not limited to, regulation of cannabis, law-making authority on cannabis with First Nation territories, etc.;
 - b. the development of a cannabis commission developed through the CCC that will reflect the regulation of cannabis, law-making authority on cannabis with First Nation territories, etc.; and,



- c. to allow for Federal Excise Tax revenue sharing agreements to be made with First Nations, similar to the current Coordinated Cannabis Taxation Agreements made with provincial and territorial governments.
5. Call on Canada to provide funding to First Nation governments and First Nation organizations at the national, regional and local levels to address their interests relating to the legalization of cannabis.
6. Direct the AFN to develop communication materials related to First Nations jurisdiction, economic development, and public health which can be distributed to First Nations broadly.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The Chiefs Committee on Cannabis is developing a First Nations – Federal Cannabis Framework which will aim to create space for First Nations to exercise self-governance in relation to cannabis.
- The Framework will be broad, in order to encompass all First Nations, but will be flexible enough to suit the needs and interests of individual First Nations.
- Recommended legislative changes will be advanced upon receipt of the Chiefs' Committee's recommendations.

STATUS: Ongoing

102/2019 Support for the Complete Reclamation, Remediation and Restoration of all Closed and Abandoned Oil and Gas Extraction Sites, Inclusive of all Related Infrastructure

Mover: Chief Irvin Bull, Louis Bull First Nation, AB

Seconder: Chief Leonard Standingontheroad, Montana First Nation, AB

1. Call on Indian Oil and Gas Canada (IOGC) to enact a rigorous reclamation and remediation process that:
 - a. reduces land disturbance;
 - b. ensures contamination clean up (known as reclamation and remediation), inclusive of in-ground pipe and associated infrastructure;
 - c. includes salvage, storage, and replacement of soil; and
 - d. leads to the revegetation of an area.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for fulsome reclamation, remediation and restoration processes to ensure the protection of First Nations inherent, Treaty, and constitutionally-protected rights and aligns with putting the land back as close to its "original state" prior to it first being disturbed.
3. Call on the IOGC to:
 - a. approve reclamation and remediation certificates only after the company has shown that all reclamation requirements have been met, including the determination by the IOGC Executive Director;



- b. approve a reclamation and remediation certificate before a company can close its projects and end surface leases; and,
 - c. ensure that companies meet stringent timelines and other conditions agreed to by affected First Nations to avoid any abandonment issues.
4. Call on IOGC to withhold approval or provide a reclamation certificate to any company until such company can demonstrate to a respective First Nation that the site is functioning similarly to how it did before it was disturbed and requires no further intervention".

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A May 2020 letter is being finalized, in collaboration with the Economic Sector, to call on Indian Oil and Gas Canada to respect the direction provided by the Chiefs in Assembly (TBIR #1, 2, 3, 4)
- In response to the federal funding announcement on inactive and orphan oil gas wells, a letter to the Prime Minister has been drafted, urging the Government of Canada to ensure that any process respect First Nations inherent, Treaty, and constitutionally-protected rights. (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing

103/2019 Ending Reliance on Diesel Power in Rural and Remote First Nations

Mover: Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, YK

Seconder: Chief Chad Eneas, Penticton Indian Band, BC

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to ensure plans and measures supporting the transition of rural and remote First Nations reliant on diesel power to renewable energy sources are included in the First Nation-led climate strategy being developed by the AFN.
2. Call on the Federal Government to immediately begin to consult and partner directly with rural and remote First Nations reliant on diesel power in order to jointly develop and implement plans and measures, including the required human and financial resources, to end the reliance on diesel power by no later than 2030.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Discussions at the National Climate Gathering in Whitehorse, Yukon, featured the importance of First Nations-led clean energy. Through the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE), these perspectives are central to the National Climate Strategy (TBIR # 1, 2).
- The Climate Strategy is currently in development and a regional engagement plan is being developed for the spring/summer 2020 (TBIR # 1, 2).
- Though federal commitments to “support the transition of Indigenous communities from reliance on diesel-fueled power to clean, renewable and reliable energy by 2030” are still being finalized, the AFN is working with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE), the Joint Committee on Climate Action (JCCA), and other partners – including the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and the Indigenous Clean Energy Social Enterprise – to guide any plans/measures that the Federal Government



has to support the transition of rural and remote First Nations reliant on diesel power to renewable energy sources (TBIR #1, 2).

STATUS: Ongoing

104/2019 Support for the Penticton Indian Band in its efforts to obtain Justice for its valid South Okanagan Commonage Specific Claims

Mover: Chief Harvey McLeod, Upper Nicola Indian Band, BC

Seconded: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

1. Fully support the Penticton Band in its pursuit of a collaborative cabinet mandate to reach a fair, just, and timely resolution of its South Okanagan commonage specific claim, incorporating the recommendations as identified in the Auditor General report of 2016.
2. Advocate that the federal government immediately move away from their current policy on issuing loans to Indigenous Nations to participate in the negotiations of accepted specific claims. Indigenous Nations should not have to pay for the resolution of claims against the Federal Crown which have been accepted for negotiations nor should they be required to increase their financial debt while negotiating specific claims. Funding must be sufficient to fairly and expeditiously negotiate the resolution of these historic specific claims.
3. Call on Canada to take immediate steps to develop, with the full participation of Indigenous Nations, a truly independent specific claims process that creates equal space for the inclusion of Indigenous legal orders and ensure it is consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other international human rights mechanisms to which Canada is a party.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN, in coordination with the Chiefs Committee on Lands, Territories and Resources continues to advocate at a Joint Technical Working Group on Specific Claims (JTWG) for the development of a fully independent specific claims process.
- The AFN continues to advocate for specific claims funding that is fair, transparent and sustainable to support First Nations in the specific claims process.

STATUS: On-going



105/2019	Support for the Completion of the Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene and the Athabasca Denesuline land claim agreements
Mover:	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Key First Nation, SK
Seconders:	Chief Wayne Christian, Spallumcheen Indian Band (Splatsin First Nation), BC
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the immediate completion of the land claims agreements for the Athabasca Denesuline and Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene. 2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to write a letter to Minister Bennett advocating for the immediate completion of the land claims agreements for the Athabasca Denesuline and Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene. 3. Call on Canada to immediately resume negotiations with the Athabasca Denesuline and Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene and to immediately take the necessary actions to complete the land claims agreements.
	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AFN is currently drafting correspondence and planning advocacy for the Government of Canada to sign and implement the Agreement.
	STATUS: Ongoing

106/2019	Support for First Nations Tax Immunity
Mover:	Chief Gerry Duquette Jr., Dokis First Nation, ON
Seconders:	Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reject the imposition of any tax that breaches First Nations tax immunity. 2. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support negotiations between the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and the Government of Canada to secure exemptions for First Nations individuals and bands in from all forms of carbon charge on reserve. 3. Call on the AFN to provide a venue for COO to report on the outcomes and recommendations from the negotiations at the next COO Assembly.
	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AFN staff is in discussions with the Federal Government to open up space for the Chiefs of Ontario (COO)'s proposed co-development process (TBIR #2 and #3). • Discussions at the Joint Committee on Climate Action (JCCA) are advancing First Nation related considerations in the upcoming 2020 Carbon Pricing Interim Review. Letters to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada and Deputy Ministers Hogan and Rochon were sent in May 2020 advancing this work (TBIR #2 and #3).



STATUS: Ongoing

107/2019 First Nations Inclusion in Fiscal Stabilization Discussions

Mover: Chief Michael LeBourdais, Whispering Pines/Clinton IB, BC

Seconders: Chief Greg Desjarlais, Frog Lake First Nation, AB

1. Call on the Government of Canada to include First Nations in any dialogue with the provinces or territories regarding changes to the Fiscal Stabilization Program.
2. Call on Canada to include issues regarding Canada's fiscal equalization structures, laws, policies, and programs in any First Ministers Conference involving First Nations.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN communicated the need to include First Nations in Fiscal Stabilization discussions prior to the First Ministers Meeting, originally scheduled for March 12, 2020. The meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic (TBIR #1).
- The AFN continues to advocate for inclusion of First Nations at any federal-provincial-territorial tables affecting First Nations rights and for a First Ministers Meeting on First Nations priorities (TBIR #2).

STATUS: Ongoing

108/2019 Support of the Unvalidated Day School Society of Canada

Mover: Margaret Swan, proxy, Pinaymootang First Nation, MB

Seconders: Chief Derrick Henderson, Sagkeeng First Nation, MB

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief and AFN Regional Chiefs to call upon the Federal Government to:
 - a. accept their fiduciary responsibility for the above-noted 620(+) schools in order that the 264,000 – 665,000 Indigenous Peoples receive their justice and financial compensation as was granted in the previous agreements; and,
 - b. create an agreement to address all of the above-mentioned schools and provide the necessary funding.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:



- A letter was drafted to the Minister of Justice, David Lametti, calling on the Federal Government to accept its fiduciary responsibility and to advance a process with the Unvalidated School Society to work towards a negotiated resolution of this matter.

STATUS: Ongoing

109/2019 First Nations’ Healing Approaches to the Opioid Crisis

Mover: Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation, ON

Seconded: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

1. Call on Indigenous Services Canada and Health Canada to fulfill their fiduciary obligation to fully support and finance First Nation’s wholistic approaches to healing to address the opioid crisis.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- AFN has had meetings with Indigenous Services Canada’s (ISC) mental health division to discuss resources for First Nations related to substance misuse such as the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework, the Access to Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) and the Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse (CRISM).

STATUS: Ongoing

110/2019 Funding for First Nations-Specific Programs, Services and Supports for Adults with Disabilities in First Nations

Mover: Chief Derrick Henderson, Sagkeeng First Nation, MB

Seconded: Chief Karen Batson, Pine Creek First Nation, MB

1. Recognize and affirm the rights of First Nations adults and youth with disabilities to access programs, services and supports, including sports, within their First Nations across Canada.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief to call upon the Government of Canada, including Employment and Social Development Canada and Indigenous Services Canada, to provide equitable funding to First Nations for the necessary programs, services and supports to enable First Nations adults with disabilities to live in their First Nations with dignity, choice and independence.
3. Direct the AFN Chiefs’ Committee on Human Resources Development and the Chiefs’ Committee on Health to urge the Government of Canada to work with First Nations to develop a First Nations-specific policy and funding framework that guarantees the right to access prenatal and birth-to-death continuum of First Nations-based supports and services for all First Nations living with disabilities, regardless of age,



gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and/or residency, and ensure this policy and funding framework is resourced and operationalized.

4. Direct the AFN to report to Chiefs-In-Assembly at the 2020 Annual General Assembly on progress towards implementation of the numerous resolutions calling for improved programs, services, and funding for First Nations with disabilities.
5. Direct the AFN Economic Sector Secretariat to immediately establish a national First Nations sub-working group on adults with disabilities, with a mandate to address improved programs, services, and funding for First Nations with disabilities.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to advocate with federal partners, including Indigenous Services Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada and Canadian Heritage to increase access to programs, funding, services, and supports. (TBIR #1, #2 & #3).
- The AFN met with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council to explore the inclusion of First Nations persons with disabilities in sports and funding for First Nations participation in the Paralympics (TBIR #1).
- Work to fund and establish a sub-working group on adults with disabilities, in collaboration with the AFN Health Sector, is on hold due to COVID-19.
- Work is focused on a First Nations-specific policy/ funding framework guaranteeing access across the Seven Generations Continuum of Care (TBIR #1, #2, #3 and #5).
- The AFN continues to advocate for resources from the Federal Government to ensure First Nations adults with disabilities inform Canada’s interim report to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in preparation for its report slated for September 2020 (TBIR #1, #2 & #3).
- The Chiefs Committee on Human Resources Development and the Chiefs Committee on Health are the leadership tables where guidance is sought and regular updates are provided (TBIR #1, #3, and #4).

STATUS: Ongoing

111/2019 Support for the Nechi Institute

Mover: Chief Craig Makinaw, Ermineskin First Nation, AB

Seconder: Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to recognize that organizations, like Nechi Institute, are vital to the healing of our people, and provide advocacy for organizations when they face unilateral and targeted violations.
2. Direct the AFN National Chief and the AFN Executive committee to prioritize and continue to support mental health and addictions, and work with organizations that support training, education, and capacity-building, such as the Nechi Institute.



3. Direct the AFN to work with organizations, like the Nechi Institute, to establish a national Indigenous healing strategy to combat addictions.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A letter of support was sent March 9, 2020 to the Nechi Institute's CEO, commending their work and acknowledging the Organization's contributions to the wellness of First Nations in Alberta and other regions through training and education.
- The letter also highlighted, *Honouring Our Strengths: A Renewed Framework to Address Substance Use Issues among First Nations People in Canada* and the *First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework* developed in partnership with the AFN, Health Canada and the Thunderbird Partnership Foundation. These frameworks take holistic approaches to First Nations wellness.
- Discussions continue with the Chiefs Committee on Health and the Mental Wellness Committee to determine how the AFN can best support the Nechi Institutes goals.

STATUS: Ongoing

112/2019 Urgent Action by Heritage Canada to Implement TRC Call to Action #81

Mover: Chief Craig Makinaw, Ermineskin First Nation, AB

Seconded: Chief Charles Football, Wekwee'ti Council (Dechi Laot'l Council), NT

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the federal government to allocate all necessary resources to ensure a world-class monument of a scale and impact adequate to reflecting the duration and severity of harms caused to seven generations of Indigenous children on Canadian soil because of government's own policies and to further urge the federal government to consider additional, creative funding initiatives, as may be necessary, to ensure the realization of a monument of magnitude and impact to inspire the country and the world.
2. Direct the AFN to request the federal government prioritize efforts towards the early commissioning and installation of a world class, highly prominent National Monument for Residential Schools, in fulfillment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #81 "to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities" and to honour the memory of thousands of children who died at Canadian Residential Schools including the "unknown children" whose remains may never be found, and to commemorate the resiliency of thousands of others, the Survivors, who fought for their lived experiences to be known".
3. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to encourage the consultative process now underway through the Department of Canadian Heritage, to ensure Survivors, intergenerational Survivors and their families' involvement in the steps leading to the selection of a monument project including its creative development, implementation and formal consecration as a sacred site, in keeping with the TRC's stated Principles of Reconciliation, now also endorsed and adopted by the United Nations Human Rights Council.

**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN sent a letter on June 10, 2020 to the Minister of Heritage urging that a national monument be built in Ottawa to honour Indian Residential School Survivors and their families (TBIR #1 & 2).
- The letter made clear the need for the monument to be built with Survivors and their families in fulfillment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action #81 (TBIR #3).

STATUS: Ongoing

113/2019 Immediate Commitment of Federal Resources to Re-establish Fish Passage on Fraser River within a 60-day Timeline

Mover: Robert Phillips, proxy, Nak'azdli Indian Band BC

Second: Ray Harris, proxy, Yale First Nation, BC

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon the Government of Canada and Government of British Columbia to immediately declare a state of emergency and demand the swift prioritization of resources to remove the physical obstruction on the Fraser River within the next 60 days to ensure the safe passage of all salmon returning next season.
2. Direct the AFN to call upon the Government of Canada to identify and fund a collaborative working group consisting of the impacted First Nations and federal and provincial government representatives to continue to monitor ongoing response efforts and develop contingency plans in preparation for the next season".

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- In January 2020, the National Chief sent a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans informing her of the resolution and highlighting the need for work to begin. Work on clearing Big Bar Slide began in January 2020.

STATUS: Ongoing

114/2019 Calling on Chief Paul-Émile Ottawa to Withdraw his Legal Challenge to the McLean Federal Indian Day Schools Settlement

Mover: Chief Karen Batson, Pine Creek First Nation, MB

Second: Margaret Swan, proxy, Pinaymootang First Nation, MB

1. Respectfully call on Chief Ottawa to immediately withdraw his challenge to the settlement so that Survivors and their families may see justice and begin their healing journey.

**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- On December 18, 2019, Chief Ottawa withdrew his challenge to Day Schools Class Action.
- On January 13, 2020, the claims process opened for Survivors to submit a claim form for compensation.

STATUS: Complete

115/2019	Full Implementation of the Supreme Court of Canada Marshall Decision
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Mover: Chief Michael Sack, Sipekne'katik First Nation, NS

Seconded: Clifford Atleo, proxy, Stone Indian Band, BC

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for the recognition and implementation of the 1999 Supreme Court of Canada ruling respecting the constitutional recognition of an inherent and Treaty Right to a moderate livelihood fishery.
2. Call upon Canada to immediately recognize and implement the Supreme Court of Canada Marshall Decision, 1999 that honours and upholds the spirit and intent of the original signatories of the Treaties by upholding the Honour of the Crown and the principles of reconciliation.
3. Call upon the Prime Minister to direct all departments and ministers to revise or develop all necessary laws, regulations and steps to accommodate and implement the 1760-61 inherent and Treaty Right to a moderate livelihood fishery that is affirmed and protected in Section 35 of the *Constitution*.
4. Call upon the Prime Minister to acknowledge and recognize that First Nation signatories to the 1760-61 Treaty are entitled to exercise their constitutional right that was recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada, so that First Nation members can provide for themselves and family members.
5. Call upon the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations to immediately implement the 1999 SCC Marshall Decision.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN National Fisheries Committee met with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on December 2, 2019 at a pre-meeting to the Special Chiefs Assembly. The Atlantic Chiefs spoke directly to the Minister on the need to implement the *Marshall Decision*.
- Regional Chief Roger Augustine (Fisheries portfolio holder and National Fisheries Committee co-Chair) and Regional Chief Terry Teegee (National Fisheries Committee co-Chair) met with Minister Jordan via conference call on April 22, 2020. The conversation focused on COVID-19 and the needs of First Nations fisheries, including the loss of own-source revenues to the Atlantic First Nations that have signed agreements with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the need to protect rights from the *Marshall Decision*.
- The AFN continues to provide First Nations with technical advice to support their advocacy with the Federal Government.



STATUS: Ongoing

116/2019 Degradation of Mi'gmaq Land Base by Rising Sea Levels

Mover: Chief Rebecca Knockwood, Fort Folly First Nation, NB

Seconded: Chief John Martin, Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band Council, QC

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to support Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn member communities (Mi'gmaq First Nations) to demand that the Government of Canada immediately:
 - a. work in full participation with the Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn and Mi'gmaq First Nations;
 - b. provide resources and support to protect the community;
 - c. develop a plan to respond to the effects of climate change on the Mi'gmaq First Nation communities, including the eventual relocation, replacement and/or expansion of reserve lands and the impact on their commercial fishing rights and other rights and interests;
 - d. work in full participation with the Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn and Mi'gmaq First Nations to explore potential funding proposals to Indigenous Services Canada's Emergency Management Assistance Program to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies;
 - e. work in full participation with the Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn and Mi'gmaq First Nations to explore potential funding proposals to the First Nations Adapt Program funding for First Nations communities located below the 60th parallel to assess and respond to climate change impacts on community infrastructure and emergency management; and
 - f. work in full participation with the Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn and Mi'gmaq First Nations to explore potential funding proposals to Infrastructure Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund for weather-related events and disasters triggered by natural hazards such as floods, wildland fires and droughts.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- A letter of support for is Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn and Mi'gmaq First Nations has been sent to the Prime Minister in June 2020 calling on Canada to work in full participation with the Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn and Mi'gmaq First Nations in order to provide resources and support that will protect their lands, waters, and territories. (TBIR # 1).

STATUS: Ongoing



117/2019 Support for a First Nations Social Innovation and Social Finance Strategy

Mover: Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, ON

Seconded: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with Employment and Social Development Canada to ensure that Canada's Social Innovation and Social Finance (SI/SF) Strategy fully incorporates the unfunded and unmet needs of First Nations.
 2. Direct the AFN to urge the Federal Government to deliver \$150 million interim funding for 3 years from the federal Social Innovation and Social Finance Fund to ensure sustainable benefits for First Nations-led SI/SF initiatives to be followed by appropriate funding for a 10-year strategy.
 3. Call upon the AFN to advocate for the creation of working group, titled a "First Nations Circle of Social Innovation" to work towards a distinct First Nations SI/SF Strategy imbued with First Nation's legal traditions and worldviews, including the Seven Generations Principle.
 4. Direct the AFN to continue to work with Canada to expand and empower the collection of specific First Nations SI/SF data, consistent with Ownership, Control, Access and Possession principles for conducting research.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN continues to work with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to advocate for the delivery of 3-year \$150 million interim funding from the federal Social Innovation and Social Finance (SI-SF) Fund, to be followed by appropriate funding for a 10-year strategy (TBIR #1 and #2).
 - The AFN is working on a proposal to ESDC to develop capacity for First Nations equitable and sustainable participation in the emerging field of SI-SF and to support First Nations leadership and innovations in economic recovery (TBIR #1 and #2).
 - The AFN's advocacy efforts for the creation of a First Nations Circle of Social Innovation are an integral part of the proposal to inform and guide the creation of a First Nations Strategy. A Strategy will meet First Nations goals and be in alignment with Agenda 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (TBIR #2, #3 and #4).
 - The AFN continues to assert data sovereignty in the work on SI-SF to support First Nations goals to measure progress against the targets set out in the SDGs (TBIR #2, #3 and #4).
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STATUS: Ongoing



118/2019 Support a World Indigenous Treaty Summit 2020

Mover: Larron Northwest, proxy, Samson Cree First Nation, AB

Seconded: Chief Jacques Tremblay, Conseil de la Première Nation Malecite de Viger, QC

1. Support the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations and their partners led by the Treaty #6 1889 Adhesion Committee in the hosting of a World Indigenous Treaty Summit on August 14, 15 and 16, 2020, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
 2. Direct the AFN to call upon the Federal Government of Canada to advance reconciliation of breached Treaties and honour the Nation-to-Nation relationship by participating in and providing funding for the World Indigenous Treaty Summit 2020.
 3. Call on the AFN to support the establishment of a Global Indigenous Treaty Reconciliation Fund to support Indigenous Peoples around the world in advancing their respective Treaty reconciliation efforts.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN has been submitted a funding proposal to support the planning and hosting of a World Indigenous Treaty Summit, still waiting on confirmation.
 - AFN is still working with FSIN and the Treaty #6 Adhesion Committee for this event to take place, once COVID-19 subsides.
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STATUS: Ongoing

119/2019 Healing Programs for MMIWG2S Families

Mover: Todd McGregor, proxy, Whitefish River, ON

Seconded: Chief Peter Collins, Fort William First Nation, ON

1. Call upon all agencies, institutions, and all levels of government to ensure that healing and prevention programs for families of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirited (MMIWG2S) and gender diverse people, survivors, and communities are a priority.
 2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to advocate for core, long-term and sustainable funding for healing and prevention programs for families of the MMIWG2S and Indigenous communities that is Indigenous-led and rooted in Indigenous knowledge, culture and ceremony.
 3. Urge all agencies, institutions and all levels of government to follow the family first philosophy in all aspects of designing and delivering healing and prevention programs and services.
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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:



- On April 17, 2020 Minister Monsef of Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) convened a video call with various women’s advocacy groups and service providers to announce the Federal Government’s funding for domestic violence and homeless shelters.
- On May 15, 2020 Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett, Minister Monsef as well as Minister Dendys from the Government of the Yukon held a video call to highlight the work the Yukon Government is doing with respect to MMIWG.
- On May 20, 2020 Minister Bennett called AFN Women’s Council Chair Chief Constance Big Eagle to discuss the National Action Plan.
- The AFN Women’s Council is scheduling conference calls in early June 2020 to host planning meetings to map out the AFN’s National Action Plan engagement sessions and to develop a MMIWG families and survivors’ outreach and communications plan.

STATUS: Ongoing

120/2019 Treaty Based Funding Arrangement– A First Nations Sovereign Approach to Family Law and Child Welfare

Mover: Okimaw Henry Lewis, Onion Lake First Nation, SK

Seconded: Okimaw Vernon Watchmaker, Kehewin Cree Nation, AB

1. Affirm that the honour of the Crown requires Canada to act with honour, integrity, good faith and fairness in its dealings with First Nations Peoples and Nations.
2. Recognize the unique relationship that First Nations have with the Crown as the Original Peoples of Turtle Island represents a nation-to-nation relationship.
3. Fully support sovereign First Nations inherent jurisdiction over their First Nations families, children and communities, and that no provincial government has such jurisdiction.
4. Affirm their support to advance First Nations who may choose or have chosen an approach to First Nations jurisdiction on children and families, separate from the pan-Indigenous federal legislation, Bill C-92, *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families* (the Act).
5. Support First Nations strategies that include asserting inherent jurisdiction outside of the Act, which affirms First Nations’ rights and responsibilities to the well-being of their children, youth, and families, who are the original peoples of the land.
6. Encourage all First Nations to prioritize the interests of families, children and youth in the development, implementation and replacement of all laws which negatively impacts First Nations inherent rights and are responsible for the loss of identities, land, language, kinship, culture and spirituality.
7. Inform Canada that a sovereign First Nations-led response must be fully funded that develops their own holistic, and culturally relevant strategy and implementation plan, which includes and is not limited to the inclusion of Treaty-based funding arrangements funded federally through bilateral agreements with the Crown in Right of Canada that address the intergenerational transmission of trauma imposed by colonization (i.e. but not limited to Residential Schools, 60’s, 70’s scoop etc.).



8. Fully support any sovereign First Nation that exerts its inherent jurisdiction and puts any provincial government on notice that it must get out of the business of First Nations Child Welfare and calls on each provincial government to return back to each respected Nation all data and information pertaining to First Nations children and youth.
9. Direct that a notice be sent to Canada from the Chiefs-in-Assembly that it is solely up to First Nations rights and title holders to define long-term solutions and self-determination plans for their Nations.
10. Affirm that in the exercising of their inherent jurisdiction, sovereign First Nations have the right to develop standards and regulations, and that no national and/or provincial organization shall decide on the implementation pathway for them.
11. Call on the Government of Canada to provide all necessary infrastructure and resources to both children and adults returning to their communities as result of Canada unlawfully removing them from their families and communities.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- The AFN is consulting with the originator on how to best support implementation of the Resolution. Correspondence was sent to Onion Lake Cree Nation, on December 17, 2019 and is currently awaiting response.
- A new bilateral agreement was recently negotiated called “The Protocol regarding *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families* between Canada and the AFN” (the Protocol). The Protocol governs all aspects of the implementation of the Act and is a mechanism to elevate First Nations concerns at the national level. The Protocol was supported by the Chiefs Committee and the AFN Executive, and is awaiting final signatures (TBIR #4).
- The Protocol does not interfere with the rights of individual First Nations and regions to enter into their own arrangements on implementation, including enacting their own laws and policies within or outside the Act (TBIR #4).

STATUS: Ongoing
