



2023 RESOLUTIONS UPDATE



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AFN RESOLUTION 01/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the Orange Standard: An Initiative for Child and Family Wellbeing Redesign and Service Delivery Excellence
Mover	Chief Gerry Duquette Jr, Dokis First Nation, ON
Seconder	Chief Adam Pawis, Shawanaga First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the Niijaansinaanik Governing First Nations and Niijaansinaanik in the development of the Orange Standard Initiative and their developments in approaches and promising practices in strengthening and enhancing the well-being of First Nations children and families and encouraging opportunities for collaboration among interested First Nations.	<p>The Social Development Sector has gathered information about the Orange Standard Initiative based on publicly available data, completed in June 2023.</p> <p>The Social Development Sector is in progress with contacting the Mover and Seconder to discuss the letter in support of the Orange Standard Initiative. The Social Development Sector will have a meeting with the Mover and Seconder, write and send the support letter by January 31, 2024.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 02/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Implementation of Treaty Funding for Early Childhood Support
Mover	Regina Crowchild, Proxy, Tsuu T'ina First Nation, AB
Seconder	Chief Lynn Acoose, Zagimē Anishinabēk, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the call for the federal government to honour its obligations to Treaty children by implementing the following measures:	<p>The AFN Social Development met with Treaty 6 technicians at NEWG meetings, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A virtual meeting on June 5, 2023, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations ELCC funding model and Resolution 02/2023 was raised as a consideration. • A virtual meeting on August 30, 2023, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations ELCC funding model and NEWG Terms of Reference. • An in-person meeting on September 12-13, 2023, where the NEWG discussed the First Nations ELCC funding model and the importance of Treaty-based funding. <p>The AFN is drafting a letter to be shared with the NEWG in November 2023.</p>
1.i.	Call on the federal government to provide First Nations core funding support for First Nations to care for our children. More specifically, the Chiefs support the requirement for:	
1.i.a.	Treaty monies to be made available for structural support by way of buildings and their upkeep;	
1.i.b.	A needs-based funding formula developed by First Nations to provide sustainable, growth-oriented funding, as well as funds to redress the historic chronic underfunding in child care. These funds will support functions that we currently are unable to offer;	
1.i.c.	An increment to achieve payroll equity sustained by long-term operating funding;	
1.i.d.	A commitment to respect our leadership and authentication of programming in Indigenous languages and ways of knowing; and	
1.i.e.	Reciprocal acknowledgement of our national and international accreditation for the care of our children as envisioned by our ancestors at the time of the treaty making.	

AFN RESOLUTION 03/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Long-Term Strategy on Financial Services for First Nations
Mover	Chief Mark Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River, ON
Seconded	Chief Mary Duckworth, Caldwell First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Chiefs' Committee on Economic Development (CCED) to develop a long-term strategy to ensure reliable access to financial services for First Nations, particularly those involved in the gaming, cannabis, and tobacco industries that includes:	Discussions were held at the CCED, presentations by NRCan, First Nations Bank and NACCA. The Sector has had discussions regarding legal review of cannabis.
1.a.	comprehensive research and reporting to determine the exact policies, legislation, and government agencies responsible for undermining and discriminating against First Nations access to reliable financial services;	An initial strategic planning meeting was held in November with the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development with follow-up planned for early 2024.
1.b.	collation of information and research from First Nations on relevant international, domestic and First Nations laws which support reliable access to financial services for First Nations;	
1.c.	the development of a strategy to secure resources for continued work, including, but not limited to, consultants, professional fees and legal counsel;	
1.d.	the development of an advocacy strategy to Parliament, regulatory bodies and agencies, Ministers, federal departments and others; and	
1.e.	the development of an implementation plan that includes, but is not limited to, deadlines and outcomes.	
2.	Direct the AFN, pending the securing of resources, to coordinate advocacy efforts to Canada and associated agencies, to meet with First Nations to ensure anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism policy and legislation does not violate Treaty and inherent rights, First Nations jurisdiction, or impede the economic development goals of First Nations.	

3.	Direct the AFN and the CCED to incorporate the need for a long-term strategy on financial services for First Nations as part of ongoing advocacy for First Nations economic capacity and growth.
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RESOLUTION TITLE	Revised Final Settlement Agreement on Compensation for First Nations Children and Families
Mover	Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON
Seconders	Chief Derek Nepinak, Pine Creek First Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Fully support the Revised Final Settlement Agreement (Revised FSA) on Compensation in principle and authorize the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) negotiators to make the necessary minor edits to complete the Revised FSA.	AFN continued negotiations towards completing an FSA on Compensation, which was signed by the Parties on April 19, 2023.
2.	Support the AFN in seeking an order from the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) confirming that the Revised FSA on compensation fully satisfies its compensation orders.	The AFN made a submission to the CHRT on consent with the Caring Society and Canada on June 30, 2023, seeking the CHRT's approval of the compensation FSA. On July 26, 2023, the CHRT issued a letter-decision approving the FSA as satisfying its orders on compensation; on September 16, 2023, the CHRT released 2023 CHRT 44 with its full reasons finding that the revised FSA fully satisfies its compensation orders.
3.	Direct the AFN, upon the endorsement of the Revised FSA on Compensation by the CHRT, to seek approval of Revised FSA on Compensation by the Federal Court of Canada on an expedited basis.	On October 23 and 24, 2023, the AFN, alongside the Representative Plaintiffs, Moushoom/Trout and Canada, presented the revised FSA to the Federal Court of Canada for approval. On October 24, 2023, the Federal Court Justice overseeing the case issued verbal approval of the FSA; on November 3, 2023, the Federal Court issued its ruling (2023 FC 1466) approving the Settlement.
4.	Call on the Prime Minister of Canada to make a formal and meaningful apology to the Representative Plaintiffs and the survivors of Canada's discrimination and those who have passed away.	In a letter dated October 12, 2023, Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse and Interim National Chief Joanna Bernard wrote to the Prime Minister advocating for an apology on behalf of the Government of Canada to the Representative Plaintiffs and all First Nations children, families and communities harmed by Canada's discrimination.
5.	Continue to support the Representative Plaintiffs and all survivors and victims of Canada's discrimination by ensuring that compensation is paid, and adequate supports are provided as quickly as possible to all those who can be immediately identified and to continue to work efficiently to ensure that compensation reaches all those who are eligible.	The development of the Distribution Protocol is now underway following the Settlement Approval by the Federal Court, with the principles of a fair, equitable, simple, and trauma-informed claims process at its core. The AFN met with the Compensation Wellness Supports Task Team on the following dates:

6. Direct the AFN to return to the First Nations-in-Assembly to provide regular progress reports on supports, implementation and the claims process and seek direction where required.

- June 27, 2023, to review the Indigenous Services Canada mental wellness supports proposal and discuss allied supports for claimants (e.g., financial literacy, life skills, etc.).
- August 25, 2023, to review the updated supports proposal, discuss funding allocations, and review the communications strategy.
- October 20, 2023, to discuss the Claims Administrator navigation supports proposal.
- Late November (date TBD) 2023 to discuss the communications strategy for supports.

The AFN also met with the NAC to seek feedback on the mental wellness supports proposal, discuss allied supports for claimants, and provide input into the navigation supports proposal.

The AFN will provide an update on compensation at the December 2023 Special Chiefs Assembly in a plenary session on December 5, 2023. The AFN is seeking further direction on supports for claimants related to documentation by way of a resolution at the December 2023 Special Chiefs Assembly.

AFN RESOLUTION 05/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Repatriation of First Nations Children
Mover	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB

Seconder	Chief Heidi Cook, Misipawistik Cree Nation (Grand Rapids), MB
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#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on Canada to acknowledge there is a generation of lost First Nations children who were placed outside of their communities, both within Canada and internationally, who have never been reunified with their families.	In a letter dated October 12, 2023, Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse and Interim National Chief Joanna Bernard wrote to the Prime Minister advocating for an apology on behalf of the Government of Canada to the Representative Plaintiffs and all First Nations children, families and communities harmed by Canada’s discrimination. It included a request for the apology to include acknowledgment of “the lost generation of First Nations children who were unnecessarily taken from their families and who have not been reunited with their nations and communities.” The timeline has been revised to initiate work on the funding proposal in January 2024.
2.	Direct Canada to fund the Assembly of First Nations to engage with First Nations to develop a repatriation strategy to identify First Nations children who are domestically and internationally displaced and have not reconnected with their families and/or nations.	
3.	Call on Canada to meaningfully engage and collaborate with First Nations to address the impacts of First Nations children who were removed from their families and nations, both within Canada and internationally.	

AFN RESOLUTION 06/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Supporting Indigenous Tourism in Canada
Mover	Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, M’Chigeeng First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Economic Development Sector to seek resources and further build an interim plan to coordinate discussions with regions regarding a First Nations and Indigenous tourism strategy that includes relevant government and non-profit partners at all levels to identify opportunities for growth and economic development within First Nations and Indigenous tourism in Canada.	Initial discussions were held with Global Affairs Canada, the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement and other organizations.
2.	Direct the AFN, with the guidance of the Chiefs' Committee on Economic Development, to work with an Indigenous-led national tourism body to complete a full review of a national tourism strategy and its recommendations for the updated Federal Tourism Growth Strategy to ensure that all regional Indigenous and First Nations tourism concerns are validated and reflected. Further, ensure that this work is acknowledged by the Government of Canada as it moves toward implementing the appropriate actions identified.	
3.	Direct the AFN to include Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC), Indigenous Tourism Alberta (ITA), Indigenous Destinations Saskatchewan (IDSK), Indigenous Tourism Manitoba (ITM), Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO), Indigenous Tourism Quebec (ITQ), Indigenous Tourism Association of New Brunswick (ITANB), Nova Scotia Indigenous Tourism Enterprise Network (NSITEN), Newfoundland and Labrador Indigenous Tourism Association (NLITA), Indigenous Tourism Association of PEI (ITAPEI), Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism (YFNCT) as well as the NWT Indigenous Tourism Association to be a part of the review of the national tourism strategy and in a coordinated approach ensuring all regions receive a fair and equitable base investment and share of all national resources, and is included in a meaningful way to contribute to a national strategy that identifies economic growth and opportunity through all territories.	
4.	Call to ensure that all tourism including Indigenous tourism must respect appropriate First Nations land title and rights holders. It also should be territorial-specific, culturally appropriate, and with the free, prior and informed consent of affected First Nations.	

AFN RESOLUTION 07/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the NeeStaNaN Port and Corridor
Mover	Chief Morris Beardy, Fox Lake First Nation, MB
Seconder	Chief Elwood Zastre, Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation (Indian Birch), MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to support the establishment of the NeeStaNan Utility Corridor Project (“the Corridor”).	The AFN attended the November 2023 Indigenomics Conference.
2.	Direct the federal government to support the establishment of the Corridor.	Letters to ministries to be assigned and drafted after the conference.

AFN RESOLUTION 08/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Government Support for First Nations Digital Connectivity and Spectrum Sovereignty
Mover	Chief Dylan Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi Anishinaabeg, QC
Seconder	Chief Bruce Acheepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the Government of Canada to immediately stop all sales and renewals of any spectrum licenses and permits on Indigenous traditional territories until consultations on the issue of spectrum have been completed with First Nations governments and mandated organizations in both official languages.	Letters sent to the Ministers of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Patty Hajdu, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) François-Philippe Champagne, and the CRTC Commission Chairperson and Chief Executive Office Vicky Eatrides.
2.	Call upon the Government of Canada to revisit, review, and redefine decision-making processes related to spectrum licensing in a way that upholds First Nations' rights, title, and Treaty rights and Canada's obligation to bring federal ways, policies, and other collaborative initiatives and action into alignment with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Crown's legal duty to consult and collaborate with Indigenous Peoples, and free, prior and informed consent.	Feedback for CRTC has been drafted and is awaiting submission. Funding of \$3.4 million has been allotted to CCAB to work on the federal procurement strategy.
3.	Call upon the Government of Canada and Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) to initiate a forum to review the broad issue of Indigenous spectrum sovereignty and related matters involving government departments and agencies as well as First Nations governments and mandated organizations.	
4.	Call upon the federal government to contribute capital and operational investments to support First Nation management of spectrum resources and eliminate fees to access currently unused spectrum in Indigenous territories and communities, which will reduce costs of connecting remote and rural areas.	
5.	Call upon the Government of Canada, and provincial, and territorial governments to support First Nations in undertaking business ventures and partnerships in the area of mobile and fixed wireless connectivity, enabling First Nations to be able to deliver services on their own or with a provider of their choice.	

AFN RESOLUTION 09/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Upgrades to Airport Runways and Infrastructure in Remote First Nations: National Action Plan for Air Services to Remote First Nations
Mover	Chief Derek Nepinak, Pine Creek First Nation, MB
Seconder	Chief Jordan Hill, Shamattawa First Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the federal Minister of Transport, the federal Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, the federal Minister of Emergency Preparedness, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Manitoba Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, and other provincial and territorial transportation and infrastructure Ministers to immediately and collectively work in full partnership and cooperation with northern remote First Nations in Manitoba and across Canada to:	<p>Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Inc and AFN are jointly developing a letter to Minister of Transport and Departmental officials (DM, ADM level) to set up a meeting to explore ways to work collaboratively to advance action items in Resolution 09/2023.</p> <p>MKO is currently working with the AFN to set the stage to advance action items in the resolution.</p>
1.a.	identify the requirements, priorities, strategies, costs and programs that will ensure that the service levels and the regulation, construction, capacities, maintenance and operation of airports serving remote First Nations in Manitoba and throughout Canada are adequate for the basic air transportation requirements and the needs of remote First Nation communities;	
1.b.	are at least reasonably comparable to airports serving similar non-First Nations communities in similar locations;	
1.c.	address the increasingly critical and essential role of airports in emergency response and climate change adaptation; and,	
1.d.	include up to date guidance systems.	
2.	Direct the AFN to take every step to ensure that federal, provincial, and territorial governments collaborate with First Nations to identify these requirements, priorities, strategies, costs, and programs in a “National Action Plan for Air Services to Remote First Nations” that includes adequate and sustainable budgetary commitments and timelines; that will ensure that the service levels, regulation, construction, capacities, maintenance and operation of airports serving remote First Nations in northern Manitoba and other regions meet the basic air transportation requirements and the needs of remote First Nations communities, are reasonably comparable to airports serving non-First Nations communities in similar locations, effectively address the increasingly critical role of airports in emergency response and climate change adaptation, and include up to date guidance systems.	
3.	Direct the AFN to take every step to ensure that both the federal and provincial governments amend or establish their respective legislative	

	frameworks governing the setting of standards for service levels and the regulation, construction, capacities, maintenance and operation of airports serving remote First Nations communities that are not connected to the provincial all-weather highway network to class airports serving remote First Nations as an “essential service” and “critical infrastructure,” together with enforceable statutory obligations on the part of Canada and Manitoba to:
3.a.	ensure that these airports meet the basic air transportation requirements and needs of remote First Nations communities;
3.b.	are at least reasonably comparable to airports serving non-First Nations communities in similar locations;
3.c.	address the increasingly critical and essential role of airports in emergency response and climate change adaptation; and
3.d.	include up to date guidance systems.
4.	Ensure that the AFN obtains deficiency inspections from Transport Canada, that they be costed out as to what the repairs would cost, and that the AFN advocates for resources to address repairs

AFN RESOLUTION 10/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the First Nations National Action Plan for the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-32)
Mover	Duane Aucoin, Proxy, Teslin Tlingit Council, YT
Secunder	Chief Ira McArthur, Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations languages remains with individual First Nations.	The Final FNNAP has been shared with DCH as the First Nations submission to Canada National Action Plan for the IDIL. The Sector has also provided input on FNNAP implementation through bi-weekly meetings with the JISC.
2.	Ratify the First Nations Languages National Action Plan to inform the Department of Canadian Heritage’s National Action Plan for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL).	<p>The FNNAP primary objectives are to enhance and support the reclamation and revitalization of First Nations languages such that First Nations languages will thrive as living languages over the course of the Decade and well into the future.</p> <p>Five action areas and associated goals have been created to support this primary objective include: Enhancing Awareness, Increasing Engagement, Building Community Strategies, Enhancing Support and Improving Measurement.</p>
3.	Call on the Government of Canada and demand adequate funding to support needs-based activities related to the IDIL, as determined by each First Nation, and not divert funding committed to support the efforts of First Nations to reclaim, revitalize, and strengthen their languages, including amendments to Bill C-13, An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act to further support First Nations languages.	<p>DCH has informed AFN that individual First Nations and First Nations communities can apply for IDIL specific event funding from Global Affairs Canada.</p> <p>The Sector requested IDIL specific funding in the 2024 AFN Pre-Budget Submission, asking for \$106.6 million over 5 years, to support needs-based activities related to the IDIL, separate from Indigenous Languages and Culture Program funding.</p> <p>Funding and IDIL Factsheets have been developed. Ongoing Social Media posts for the Share Your Language Campaign are sent out weekly, and videos are sent out as needed.</p> <p>The Sector is working with the Communications Sector to create communication objectives, to exert and maintain pressure on the federal government, to provide adequate, sustainable, and long-term funding for First Nations language revitalization, which includes IDIL funding.</p>
4.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), with support from the Chiefs’ Committee on Languages (CCOL), and the Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL), to monitor the implementation of the IDIL.	At the October 5, 2023, CCOL meeting, the TCOL and CCOL finalized a list of 9 candidates to nominate to the Global Task Force. These names were brought to the AFN Executive Committee for a final decision, and it was decided that Dr. Lorna Williams would be the AFN nomination. Blaire Gould was chosen as the alternate.

		The Sector will continue to advocate for the parliamentary review of the ILA. The review may be an appropriate place to include a review of Canada's efforts to implement the IDIL and how it relates to the objectives of the ILA.
5.	Direct the AFN to return to First Nations-in-Assembly if the First Nations Languages National Action Plan, or the Department of Canadian Heritage's National Action Plan for the IDIL, requires amendment during the decade, and to report on outcomes following the IDIL.	No revisions to the FNNAP are needed currently.
6.	Affirm the First Nations Languages National Action Plan as a foundational step for First Nations languages and that activities to reclaim, revitalize, and strengthen languages, including First Nations sign languages, will extend beyond the IDIL.	
7.	Direct the AFN to raise the profile of Indigenous languages by removing it from the purview of the Department of Canadian Heritage and work with First Nations to determine an appropriate place.	

AFN RESOLUTION 11/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Right to Education
Mover	Chief Randy Ermineskin, Ermineskin Cree Nation, AB
Seconder	James Jackson, Proxy, Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation #128, AB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Reaffirm First Nations inherent and Treaty rights to education.	The AFN Languages and Learning Sector incorporated a budget ask for REAs in the 2024 Federal Pre-Budget Submission.
2.	Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations education remains with each First Nation.	This REA budget advocacy includes agreements that First Nations negotiate/develop which ensure their respective self-determination and Treaty obligations are being met by ISC.
3.	<p>Call upon Canada to take immediate steps to reach binding agreements with First Nations who are willing and ready, which ensure Treaty obligations and Indigenous self-determination principles regarding education are recognized and implemented in a manner that fully honours the spirit and intent of Treaty rights.</p>	<p>A letter has been drafted on behalf of the CCOE to the Minister of ISC and Minister of Finance in support of these rights to education.</p> <p>The AFN Languages and Learning Sector incorporated a budget ask for REAs in the 2024 Federal Pre-Budget Submission.</p> <p>National program guidelines including Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) Guidelines and REA Guidelines have been updated for 2024-2025. The</p>
4.	<p>Call Upon Canada to comply with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada to ensure Treaty Rights are fully funded in the following forms of education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. K-12 education; b. Post-secondary education; c. Language revitalization; d. Education infrastructure and operations and maintenance; e. Treaty-based and self-determined First Nations education governance systems; f. Special education and specialized services; g. Immersion schools and immersion education systems; h. Adult education; and i. Any other form of Treaty education as determined by First Nations. 	<p>The AFN Languages and Learning Sector included a budget ask to improve existing PSE programs, including the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) and the Post-Secondary Partnerships Program (PSP). The budget ask further requests additional ongoing investments to support First Nations in developing their own regional PSE models.</p> <p>The Languages and Learning Sector will work with the Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL), the Chiefs Committee on Languages (CCOL), and First Nations to amend the ILA, to ensure it includes all articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) that relate to languages, to ensure the ILA is defined and enforceable.</p> <p>The AFN has made progress on AFN Resolution 46/2022, <i>Education Infrastructure Capital Reform</i>, through engagements with First Nations leadership, education organizations, transformative education</p>

5. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to write to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and Minister of Finance in support of these Treaty Rights to education.

agreements holders and education experts to develop an interim and long-term approach for education capital reform.

The AFN continues to provide support as identified by First Nations. The Sector has recently completed the AFN First Nations Inclusive Education Costing Report and accompanying model which provides First Nations with an accessible costing model to develop inclusive education needs within their education agreements.

The AFN Languages and Learning Sector reviewed and provided interim amendments to the First Nations Adult Education (FNAE) and First Nations Adult Secondary Education (FNASE) Program Guidelines to align better with First Nations’ visions of adult education.

A letter has been drafted on behalf of the Chiefs Committee on Education to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and Minister of Finance in support of these Treaty Rights to education. The letter will be sent upon the completion of AFN internal review.

AFN RESOLUTION 12/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nations Alternative Approaches to Justice
Mover	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB

Seconded	Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull First Nation, AB
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#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the federal government to support First Nations with rebuilding their justice systems by providing long-term predictable funding to develop, expand, or sustain alternative approaches to law enforcement and justice that are informed by individual First Nations' laws and legal traditions.	<p>During the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers Responsible for Justice and Public Safety meeting with National Indigenous Leaders in October 2023, Regional Chief Teegee called on the FPT Ministers to provide greater resources and support to revitalize First Nations legal traditions and laws.</p> <p>AFN continues to develop the recommendation paper for Canada's Indigenous Justice Strategy.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 13/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Enforcement of Band Council Resolutions and Bylaws On-Reserve
Mover	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal government that it gives clear and firm direction to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), provincial, territorial, and municipal services across Canada, and federal Crown prosecutors that First Nations by-laws enacted through the Indian Act are valid First Nations and federal laws, and must be recognized and enforced by the local policing authority and, where charges are laid and where appropriate, prosecuted by provincial or federal Crown prosecutors.	The direction will be included in the recommendation paper being submitted to the DOJ for the Indigenous Justice Strategy, which is under development. The position will also be conveyed in the cover letter to Minister LeBlanc that will accompany the submission.
2.	Direct the AFN to engage with the Government of Canada to co-develop amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to allow for private prosecutions by First Nations prosecutors in situations of summary offences, including violations of Indian Act by-laws or other First Nations laws.	The Justice Sector is monitoring new funding opportunities to support this work.
3.	Call on the federal government for sustainable and long-term funding for First Nations prosecutors to enforce laws and by-laws enacted under the Indian Act or the FNLMA.	The Justice Sector is conducting research to prepare a letter to send to the Ministers.
4.	Call on the Attorney General of Canada to act on Section 31 of the Indian Act to enforce trespass by-laws enacted by First Nations.	The Justice Sector is including this mandate into the recommendations paper being prepared for the submission to DOJ for the Indigenous Justice Strategy.
5.	Call on the Government of Canada to work with First Nations who wish to establish a court system and that Canada fund those systems.	

AFN RESOLUTION 14/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Canada to Announce a New Self-Administered Police Service for Northern Manitoba First Nations
Mover	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB
Seconded	Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull First Nation, AB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on Canada to announce its support of and commitment to establishing new self-administered First Nation Police Services in Manitoba, including to serve the northern Manitoba First Nations.	The Justice Sector is conducting research to prepare a letter to send to the Minister.
2.	Call on Public Safety Canada to immediately engage with the northern Manitoba First Nations and the Manitoba Minister of Justice and senior officials to advance the substantive steps necessary to develop, enter into, and operationalize an agreement for a new self-administered police service for the northern Manitoba First Nations, including, but not limited to:	
2.a.	Development of a governance model including the approach to community engagement in setting policing priorities;	
2.b.	Identifying the scope and standards for service delivery and the related officer compliment;	
2.c.	Recruitment and training;	
2.d.	Capital investments for facility locations and configuration;	
2.e.	Equipment and resource requirements; and	
2.f.	A funding and operations agreement between Canada, First Nations, and Manitoba.	

AFN RESOLUTION 15/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Advocacy and the Establishment of a Working Group to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Men and Boys
Mover	Catherine Merrick, Proxy, Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MB
Seconder	Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull First Nation, AB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief and Executive Committee to advocate and lobby the Government of Canada to commit funds and resources for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Men and Boys, similar to that of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People (MMIWG2S+).	<p>The AFN Women’s Council have discussed the need to prioritize MMIMB2S+ and discussion of adopting MMIP.</p> <p>The Justice Sector will continue to raise this with government counterparts.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to advocate for dedicated resources to establish a Murdered and Missing Indigenous Men and Boys working group, to examine the root causes of violence against Indigenous men and boys and to advocate for solutions to address the disproportionate number of First Nations men and boys who go missing or are found murdered.	<p>The AFN National Chief met with the Dubois Family and provided support for them to lobby and seek meetings with the Ministers of CIRNAC, ISC, DOJ, PSC and Health. The Dubois Family are calling for a National Inquiry into Missing, Murdered, and Neglected Indigenous Men, Boys and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People.</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to work with the Minister of Justice/Attorney General of Canada and the provinces, the Department of Justice Canada as well as the RCMP, provincial and municipal police forces across Canada to commit to devoting greater resources to investigating unsolved cases of Missing and Murdered First Nations Men, Boys and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.	<p>The Justice Sector will continue to monitor for funding opportunities that will support this work.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 16/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Distinctions-Based Indigenous Health Legislation
Mover	Chief Derek Nepinak, Pine Creek First Nation, MB
Seconder	Chief Andrea Paul, Pictou Landing First Nation, NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Call on Canada to ensure First Nations have reasonable time and opportunity for adequate and meaningful dialogue to consider the following guiding principles in the development of distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation and sustainable healthcare models, including:</p> <p>a. recognition, respect and inclusion of inherent rights to traditional healthcare systems, including traditional medicines, knowledge and healing practices;</p> <p>b. recognition, respect and inclusion of the Treaty right and human right to health;</p> <p>c. recognition, respect and inclusion of the particular visions of self-determination and self-government of every First Nation; and,</p> <p>d. Recognition, respect and inclusion of the standards in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.</p>	<p>The AFN hosted a National Forum on Distinctions-based Health Legislation in Toronto from May 31–June 1, 2023. The Forum included key guest speakers and facilitated dialogue on the development of the legislation.</p> <p>The Sector developed 1-page information fact sheets on the National Dialogue Summary Report, Treaty Right to Health report, and ISC’s What We Heard Report.</p> <p>The Sector hosted bi-monthly meetings, or as needed, with the Chiefs’ Committee on Health (CCoH) to review of health legislation process/progress including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of ISC key elements document • Development of CCOH Recommendation to AFN Executive to temporarily suspend AFN participation in health legislation process. • Development of Draft Resolution 13/2023 to Temporarily Suspend AFN participation in health legislation process.
2.	<p>Call on Canada to engage the active and meaningful participation of representatives of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, in the engagement and discussions towards distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation with proper title holders in accordance with inherent title and rights and Treaty rights, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.</p>	<p>The AFN Health Sector led analysis of ISC’s Key Elements Document developed and sent back to ISC including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for participation of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, along with provinces/territories to work with the AFN, with the guidance of the AFN Chiefs’

3.	Call on Canada to consider in the process of co-drafting the legislation the analysis and recommendations of Canada's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996) in its final report.	Committee on Health and the AFN Executive Committee, to ensure active and meaningful engagement with First Nations on a Distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation.
4.	Call on Canada to strictly adhere to its legal obligations under international customary law as adopted in the common law of Canada and as set out in the 2000 General Comment on Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as set out in the preamble of this resolution.	
5.	Call on the First Nations-in-Assembly to delegate the Chiefs' Committee on Health (CCoH) to coordinate, inform, and make recommendations on all aspects of distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation and report back to to the AFN Executive Committee periodically and the First Nations-in-Assembly for final vetting before going through the parliamentary process.	
6.	Call on Canada to put conditions into place on transfer payments to provinces, on condition that provinces must pass laws so that there is no discrimination in the operation of hospitals or health systems licensed by the province.	<p>The Sector developed a formal letter to Minister Hajdu requesting adequate funding for regional and national engagement sessions on health legislation.</p> <p>A meeting took place between Regional Chief Hare with Minister Hajdu to discuss key elements of health legislation</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 17/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Prioritize Land Back Through All Federal Laws, Policies, and Programs
Mover	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC
Seconder	Victor Linklater, proxy, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Prime Minister of Canada and the Crown to prioritize the return of lands to First Nations through all laws, policies, and processes.	The AFN Lands Sector has emphasized the need to return lands to First Nations through a range of advocacy activities, including developing and submitting a brief to the INAN Committee on the restitution of lands, emphasizing the return of land through ATR and Specific Claims policy reform initiatives, and through a range of correspondence with the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to work with all First Nations to identify open, transparent, and funded processes that prioritize the return of lands to First Nations through nation-to-nation discussions.	AFN successfully advocated for the inclusion of key Action Plan Measures in the National Action Plan related to the recognition of First Nations land rights, including a commitment by the Government of Canada to repeal the Comprehensive Land Claims and Inherent Right to Self-Government Policies.
3.	Direct the AFN to ensure adequate funding is provided for First Nations and their representative organizations to fully participate in the return of lands through nation-to-nation discussions.	The AFN continues to advocate for a First Nations driven engagement process with sufficient funding for First Nations to identify the types of flexible nation-to-nation processes necessary to address First Nations land rights.
4.	Direct the AFN to seek funding and opportunities to support First Nations asserting self-determination and control over their lands through research, analysis, communications, and political intervention.	

AFN RESOLUTION 18/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Treaty 9 Legal Action on Cumulative Impacts
Mover	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Victor Linklater, proxy, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to lend political support for Treaty 9 in the legal action and work with the Treaty 9 Nations to explore avenues for continued support as the legal action progresses, including ensuring that this legal action can be used as a positive precedent for other Treaty First Nations in Canada to pursue similar claims and protect their traditional territories.	<p>The AFN issued a press statement on April 14, 2023, affirming its support for the Treaty 9 legal action on cumulative impacts.</p> <p>The AFN continues to monitor the litigation related to the Treaty 9 legal action on cumulative impacts.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to call on Canada and all of the provinces, through correspondence to Minister Lametti, Minister Guilbeault, and Minister Miller, to ensure the Treaty 9 First Nations' lands and waters are respected and protected, including by taking immediate measures to address the cumulative impacts of resource development on the Nations' Treaty rights and way of life in such a way to ensure climate change resiliency can occur and that landscape scale biodiversity is achieved.	<p>The AFN will connect with the Resolution Mover and Seconded to identify appropriate advocacy activities which the AFN can advance to ensure Treaty lands and waters are protected from the cumulative impacts of resource development across Turtle Island.</p> <p>The AFN, through its National Climate Strategy, is advocating to ensure climate change resiliency is a priority across Governments.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 19/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Repatriation of Grave Sites
Mover	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC
Seconder	Victor Linklater, proxy, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to urge the Government of Canada and the Alberta Government to repatriate the ancestral grave sites to the Enoch Cree Nation.	The AFN will contact Enoch Cree First Nation to discuss potential actions to implement the resolution, which could include a letter from the National Chief to the Government of Canada.

AFN RESOLUTION 20/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Draft National Action Plan
Mover	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Gull Bay First Nation), ON
Seconders	Chief Lisa Robinson, Wolf Lake First Nation, QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the Government of Canada to proceed without delay to amend the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDRIP Act), for tabling the Action Plan with Parliament annually, in order that Indigenous Peoples be consulted and accommodated pursuant to Section 6(1) of the UNDRIP Act and Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.	<p>The AFN Rights Sector as well as the Portfolio holder (Regional Chief Teegee) and the former National Chief and Interim National Chief have advocated for this amendment between April 2023 and October 2023 at numerous bilateral meetings and in correspondence with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA).</p> <p>Canada indicated an inability and unwillingness to formally amend Section 6(4) of the UNDRIP Act as called for by the First Nations-in-Assembly in mid-2023; this position was reported to the Ad Hoc Chiefs Committee on UNDA.</p>
2.	In the event that the Government of Canada is unwilling or unable to amend Section 6 (4) of the UNDRIP Act, direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to:	AFN was able to secure a commitment from Canada to revisit the National Action Plan implementation process and Action Plan Measures every two-years in late 2023.
2.a.	Call on the Government of Canada to commit to amending the Action Plan annually after June 21, 2023, following consultation that meets the requirements of the UNDRIP Act, and First Nations Inherent and Treaty rights, title and jurisdiction.	
2.b.	Call upon the Government of Canada to ensure additional funds and resources be made available to all First Nations who wish to participate in the consultation of the Action Plan, in order to meet the requirements of free, prior, and informed consent as per Article 19 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the duty to consult and accommodate.	

		<p>Available funding mechanisms were conveyed to the Ad Hoc Chiefs Committee on the UN Declaration Act until July 2023, when that Ad Hoc Chiefs Committee’s mandate ended.</p> <p>Funding needs were conveyed at every bilateral and multilateral meeting held with DOJ and CIRNAC by the Rights Sector throughout 2023.</p> <p>AFN secured confirmation that the majority of existing funding will be deployed using ‘grants’ rather than contribution agreements going forward unless otherwise requested by First Nations.</p> <p>Preliminary technical discussions were held in late 2023 developing the direct distribution of funds to Regions on an immediate basis.</p> <p>Canada has indicated that the general lack of funding for UN Declaration Act implementation is hampering the further development of improved funding mechanisms as well as increased funding amounts; AFN has continued its advocacy calling for \$1.517B over 5 years for First Nations implementation in the 2024 Pre-Budget Submission.</p>
3.	<p>Call on the Government of Canada to continue to consult and cooperate with First Nations title and rights and treaty holders and their representative institutions, where mandated by the First Nation, to review and co-develop amendments to the National Action Plan in order to address the gaps that have been identified by First Nations. This process must be supported by a national oversight body with representation from First Nations and Crown governments, to ensure transparency and the incorporation of First Nations submissions on the National Action Plan.</p>	<p>AFN, with legal counsel, developed a preliminary technical analysis of notable First Nations gaps and issues in the National Action Plan and engaged DOJ on these issues from mid to late 2023; the work of improving the National Action Plan will continue for the foreseeable future as Action Plan Measures are implemented by various federal Ministries over the coming years. DOJ has confirmed that evolutions and amendment of the Action Plan Measures will continue throughout the forthcoming years. However, Canada has not yet committed to formal implementation of the Action Plan; rather, DOJ has confirmed that the implementation of the measures will continue to evolve with a goal of First Nations leading the process of implementation.</p> <p>Preliminary legal and political analysis was conducted by AFN, including legal counsel, and the Ad Hoc Chiefs Committee advised AFN on proposed key issues and recommendations for the creation of a National Oversight Body and bilateral working groups until the end of the Ad Hoc Chiefs Committee Mandate in July 2023. Further technical discussion is ongoing as the National Oversight Body is developed by Canada. The lack</p>

		<p>of federal funding and the proposals for the Métis and Inuit preferences creating a 'pan-indigenous' approach remain challenging issues.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Support First Nation and region-specific approaches that uplift First Nations right-holders and advance the implementation of the Declaration based on ongoing work, identified priorities and positions in relation to the UNDRIP Act, and the National Action Plan.</p>	<p>AFN continues to advocate for forthcoming 2024 Budget deployment to be the opportunity for Canada to amplify and streamline investment direction to those Regional approaches (Regional/Treaty Group/ Representative Bodies etc.) that are sought by First Nations.</p> <p>Development of a toolkit for implementation is under development by AFN for deployment in 2024 based upon the AFN Essential Elements document.</p> <p>Following political and technical meetings throughout 2023, AFN sent formal follow-up emails and 'leave behind' documents calling for resourcing of regional and First Nations approaches. AFN has also included this priority in the emerging National Action Plan Measure related engagements being conducted by other Ministries in late 2023 that this approach is formally called for by the First Nations-in-Assembly. Coordination with Regions is ongoing to amplify and implement this approach in emerging Action Plan Measure related processes.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Call on the Department of Justice to provide a copy of all the proposals it has reviewed and approved, without restrictions, to the Assembly of First Nations.</p>	<p>AFN, with legal counsel, undertook this analysis in mid-2023. The legal advice indicated that obtaining a copy of all proposals it has reviewed and approved, without restrictions, to the Assembly of First Nations would be a violation the standard of Free, Prior and Informed Consent, as well as the Duty to Consult.</p> <p>This information was provided to the Ad Hoc Chiefs Committee on the UN Declaration Act in July of 2023.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 21/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Replacing First Nations Lands Lost Due to Climate Disasters
Mover	Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
Seconder	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to take a whole of government approach, working in full partnership with affected First Nations, to respond immediately to climate emergencies impacting First Nations lands, including the replacement of lands that have been lost or damaged, and the relocation of reserves vulnerable to climate disasters.	<p>The AFN National Climate Strategy was released on October 18, 2023. The Climate Strategy, as well as materials from the 2nd AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on AFN's website.</p> <p>A technical webinar outlining the Climate Strategy was hosted on October 25, 2023, as well as presented at the Joint Committee on Climate Action and the Adaptation Plenary.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to work in full partnership with affected First Nations to identify the priorities, objectives, and resources needed to respond to climate emergencies impacting First Nations lands, including the replacement of lands that have been lost or damaged and the consideration of granting personhood to vulnerable lakes, rivers, aquifers, and other bodies of water.	
3.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to ensure its policies, processes, and laws facilitate a whole of government approach to climate emergencies, particularly the purchase, transfer, and conversion of lands to replace First Nations lands lost or damaged by climate emergencies. In those cases where policy, process or law is an impediment, the Government of Canada must identify alternative approaches that prioritize immediately responding, in full partnership with affected First Nations, to climate emergencies impacting First Nations lands.	

AFN RESOLUTION 22/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nations Engagement on Canada's 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan
Mover	Chief Robert Charlie-Tetlich, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon Canada to take immediate steps to work with First Nations to ensure that the implementation of the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act, the 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan, and all related actions, respect First Nations' Treaty and Aboriginal rights and Title.	The AFN National Climate Strategy was released on October 18, 2023. The Climate Strategy, as well as materials from the 2 nd AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on the AFN's website.
2.	Call upon Canada to ensure adequate funding and resources to engage with First Nations on information regarding carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) technologies, including the potential issues, impacts, and opportunities for First Nations.	A technical webinar outlining the Climate Strategy was hosted on October 25, 2023, as well as presented at the Joint Committee on Climate Action and the Adaptation Plenary.
3.	Call upon Canada to secure the free, prior, and informed consent of First Nations prior to approving the use, promotion, development, and deployment of CCUS technologies on First Nations' lands and traditional territories.	The 20 th meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Action took place on November 1-2, 2023. https://afn.ca/environment/national-climate-strategy/ . An implementation plan is currently being developed, including the preparation of a draft letter outlining the need for CCUS to respect Treaty and Aboriginal rights and title of First Nations.

AFN RESOLUTION 23/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Prohibit Oil and Gas Exploration and Development in the Sacred Calving Grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd
Mover	Chief Robert Charlie-Teflichi, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief to call upon the United States Congress and President of the United States to recognize the inherent rights of Gwich'in to continue to live their way of life and maintain their sacred relationship with the Porcupine Caribou Herd by meaningfully acknowledging and engaging with the Gwich'in and by repealing the language in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which mandates oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	<p>On September 7, 2023, the Department of Interior of the Government of the United States revoked the seven remaining exploration licenses within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act mandates that a subsequent lease sale be conducted prior to 2024, to which administration officials have indicated intention to comply.</p> <p>The AFN will continue to advocate for no additional exploration licenses to be granted within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.</p>
2.	Support the Gwich'in, through available domestic and international diplomatic avenues, in their efforts to raise awareness of this international human rights issue and advocate for political leaders, corporations and financial institutions to take firm stances on:	A letter will be drafted formally opposing the mandate of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to grant additional exploration licenses and will be inclusive of a call to repeal the language within the Act to mandate granting of exploration licenses.
2.i.	opposing development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and;	The AFN continues to identify supplementary activities to support the Gwich'in People, following the announcement by the current US administration of revocation of exploration licenses issued by the previous administration.
2.ii.	stressing the importance of permanent protection of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	
3.	Direct the AFN National Chief to urge the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada to continue to support efforts aimed at seeking permanent protection of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	<p>A letter will be drafted formally opposing the granting of future exploration licenses within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, both towards the 2024 mandate of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and in perpetuity into the future.</p> <p>The AFN will continue advocacy work with the Government of Canada, including the Prime Minister and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada to support the AFN's effort to prevent future exploration license granting, and exploration within the Arctic National Wildlife</p>

Refuge. Advocacy work will contain reference to the commitments made by Canada and the United States to the *2022 Porcupine Caribou Herd Agreement*.

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for an Equitable Carbon Tax on Industrial Fossil Fuel Protection
Mover	Chief Robert Charlie-Teflichi, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Fully support an equitable carbon price that holds large emitters accountable for their role in perpetuating climate change through their activities and products.	The 20 th meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Action took place on November 1-2, 2023.
2.	Urge the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to immediately begin exploring options for a managed wind-down of the provincial and national fossil fuel sector.	A short discussion took place, following the announcement by the Prime Minister to pause the fuel charge on heating oil (a new exemption) and double the rural top-up for pollution pricing rebates (from 10 – 20%) on October 26, 2023. AFN is currently exploring what this means for our advocacy.
3.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive and staff to work with First Nations and like-minded organizations to advocate for greater First Nations oversight and decision-making in allocating revenues accrued by carbon levies applied on title lands.	The AFN National Climate Strategy was released on October 18, 2023. The Climate Strategy, as well as materials from the 2 nd AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on the AFN's website. An implementation plan is currently being developed.

AFN RESOLUTION 25/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Call for an Exemption to the Federal Carbon Levy for First Nation Governments in Rural and Remote Communities
Mover	Chief Robert Charlie-Teflichi, Inuvik Native Band, NWT
Seconder	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal government for an exemption to the federal carbon levy for diesel-reliant rural and remote First Nation governments.	The 20 th meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Action took place on November 1-2, 2023.
2.	Call on the AFN to urge the federal government for increased funding and resources to ensure that rural and remote First Nations governments are able to transition away from a reliance on diesel power by no later than 2030.	A discussion took place, following the announcement by the Prime Minister to pause the fuel charge on heating oil (a new exemption) and double the rural top-up for pollution pricing rebates (from 10 – 20%) on October 26, 2023. AFN is currently exploring what this means for our advocacy. A letter is under development to the Minister of Finance.

AFN RESOLUTION 26/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Transition from Open Net-Pen Fish Farming
Mover	Chief Robert Charlie-Teflichi, Inuvik Native Band, NT
Seconded	Judy Wilson, Proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Fully support a rapid transition away from open net-pen aquaculture led by First Nations that shifts aquaculture to land-based closed-containment facilities and does not utilize unproven methods, such as semi-closed containment.	A letter has been drafted for signature by the National Fisheries Council Co-Chairs, which details the concerns raised by First Nations and insists on the need to preserve the integrity of wild fish and aquatic populations and their habitats.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations Executive Committee to work with like-minded organizations and the Governments of Canada on a plan to transition from open net-pen aquaculture to closed containment alternatives by 2025.	AFN Staff met with the First Nation Fisheries Council (FNFC) Executive Director to discuss ways to support the transition away from open-net pen fish farms on the coastal waters in BC by 2025. DFO has not made any public announcements as to its plans to implement the DFO Mandate Letter to transition away from open-net pens by 2025.
3.	Call upon the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to ensure Indigenous rights are foundational to federal aquaculture legislation and to co-develop legislation with Indigenous title and rights holders.	<p>The AFN Fisheries Sector developed a briefing note on the status of the draft <i>Aquaculture Act</i> and the transition away from open-net pen fish farms in preparation of a political meeting between the NFC Co-Chairs and the new appointed minister of DFO on October 25, 2023. In addition, the Fisheries Sector has added Aquaculture as a standing agenda item to the bi-monthly meeting agenda of the Joint Planning Table between AFN and DFO.</p> <p>The AFN Fisheries Sector drafted a letter for signature by the NFC Co-Chairs to be issued to the Minister of DFO in respect to the concerns First Nations have raised in connection to open-net pen fish farms and the need to transition away from open waters to land-based / closed containment.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 27/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Endorsement of A Response to the Vatican Statement on the Doctrine of Discovery
Mover	Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlups, BC
Seconded	Chief Philip Blake, Tsiigehtchic Dene First Nation, NT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Chief Gerald Antoine in informing and continuing to work with Residential School Survivors and the AFN Executive Committee to deliver a response to the Vatican, in his ongoing capacity as portfolio holder for the AFN.	The Dene Nation Regional Office is the lead on Vatican responses.
2.	Call on the Government of Canada to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. formally renounce the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius. b. take steps in collaboration and with the consent of First Nations, to provide effective redress for the violation of First Nations' rights to lands, territories and resources taken without free, prior, and informed consent are effectively redressed; and c. no longer invoke the Doctrine of Discovery in any manner, including in contemporary court cases or negotiations. 	The Dene Nation Regional Office is the lead on this file and the Justice Sector is providing support to secure funding to carry out this mandate.
3.	Call on the AFN to seek resources to support a communications strategy to educate non-Indigenous persons, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples about the history of the Doctrine of Discovery and what is required to support the affirmation of First Nations rights.	Justice Sector continues to monitor for opportunities to secure funding to support this mandate.

AFN RESOLUTION 28/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Dene Funding
Mover	Ted Qewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
Seconders	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support the Dene Nation to call upon the federal government to uphold the honor of the Crown and their Treaty obligations by agreeing with First Nations before allocating any federal transfer payments to the Territory (state).	The AFN Governance Sector continues to advocate for expanding the NFR Grant to more First Nations and First Nation aggregates, as well as addressing the barriers for First Nations becoming eligible for the grant.
2.	Direct the AFN to advocate for First Nations to have direct access to funding, including direct Treaty-based transfer funding agreements, in a way that is consistent with First Nations Treaty and inherent rights.	The AFN Governance sector participates in two key working groups with ISC, the Governance Modernization Working Group and a New Fiscal Relations Working Group. At these tables, AFN is beginning engagement on the co-development of opt-in options for the eventual statutory funding and transfer of services from ISC to First Nations. These options will then return to First Nations-in-Assembly for review and ratification.
3.	Direct the AFN to support and advocate for the Dene communities North of 60° to receive direct Treaty-based transfer funding agreements.	The AFN Governance Sector will coordinate a meeting with the mover and seconder to receive more direction on advocacy and to identify Dene First Nations that might be interested in participation of this work.

AFN RESOLUTION 29/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Indian Residential School Survivors Organization
Mover	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
Seconded	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the Indian Residential School Survivors organization in their endeavor to represent all Indian Residential School Survivors on all matters regarding the Indian Residential School legacy of the Indian Residential School policy, including in accessing financial resources for its organizational activities.	The Dene Nation Regional Office is the lead on activities supporting Indian Residential School Survivor organizations.
2.	Support all regional Indian Residential School Survivors' organizations in their efforts and ongoing work.	The Dene Nation Regional Office provides ongoing support to regional Indian Residential School Survivors organizations who reach out for support.

AFN RESOLUTION 30/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Towards a National Cultural Safety and Humility Standard
Mover	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
Seconder	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Recognize the importance of enhancing access to quality, culturally safe health care that is free of Indigenous-specific racism and that affirms Indigenous cultures, rights, and identities.	The Sector met with FNHA Cultural Safety and Humility leads to understand historical and current milestones on the BC Standard.
2.	Support the adoption of the British Columbia Cultural Safety and Humility Standard or similar standards by federal, provincial, and territorial governments and entities across the country.	<p>Two meetings with the Health Standards Organization to discuss this approach and timelines of the BC Standard and translating past work into the national context took place.</p> <p>The Sector met with Accreditation Canada and Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association to as they are working on developing a National Cultural Safety Standard.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 31/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Advocate for First Nations Athletes Induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame and Other Sports Halls of Fame
Mover	Ted Quwezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
Seconder	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support and advocate for the nomination and induction of Reggie Leach into the Hockey Hall of Fame, as well as to support the current nomination of Jim Neilson.	<p>The AFN Health Sector is planning to meet with Hockey Indigenous to discuss the nominations.</p> <p>AFN will send a copy of the resolution to Hockey Indigenous as Reggie Leach is on their Board.</p> <p>AFN will draft the support letter to the Hockey Hall of Fame.</p> <p>AFN will update and seek input from Chiefs Committee on Health (CCoH) and National First Nations Health Technicians Network (NFNHTN) about players who could support the nominations.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to develop a shortlist of First Nations athletes who demonstrate and support cultural pride in First Nations youth and who meet the requirements of being inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame and other sports halls of fame.	<p>The AFN will create a shortlist based on Hockey Indigenous' recommendations.</p> <p>The AFN will update and seek input from CCoH and NFNHTN on eligible athletes who demonstrate cultural pride.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 32/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Modify CMHC Tender Security Bond Requirements
Mover	Ted Quewezance, proxy, Keeseekoose First Nation, SK
Seconder	Bill Erasmus, proxy, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, NWT

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to work jointly with the AFN to uphold the principles of reconciliation and revise its funding and procurement policy by reducing the requirement for security bonds for First Nations construction companies eligible to bid for its construction tenders and contracts.	<p>The AFN Housing and Homelessness Sector is collaborating with the Infrastructure Sector and ISC on revising the ISC tendering policy and considering the connections to the CMHC bonding resolution DR-32.</p> <p>The Sector met with CMHC to discuss the suggested flexibility modifications proposed by CMHC and future communication.</p>

RESOLUTION TITLE	AFN Article 22, Charter Procedures
Mover	Chief Irene Kells, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, ON
Seconder	Chief Kyra Wilson, Long Plains First Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the recommendation of the Executive Committee and hereby expel RoseAnne Archibald from the Board of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and remove her as National Chief.	The National Chief was removed by way of vote at the June 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly.
2.	Direct that the Executive Committee follow the procedures outlined in Article 22 (3) of the AFN Charter to select an interim National Chief from amongst themselves and call an election to be held at the December 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly.	Regional Chief, Joanna Bernard, was selected as interim nation chief and has been supported to fill role.
3.	Hereby direct and mandate that National Chief RoseAnne Archibald be immediately removed from office and that all pay and benefits be stopped effective immediately.	Final payment completed.

RESOLUTION TITLE	Appointment of a Chief Electoral Officer and the Timing of the Election of the National Chief
Mover	Chief Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC
Seconder	Chief Junior Gould, Abegweit First Nation, PEI

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Delegate its authority to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive Committee to appoint the Chief Electoral Officer from the list of proponents who respond to the Request for Proposal, no later than October 10, 2023.	<p>A recommendation to the Executive Committee for approval of a Chief Electoral Officer led to the selection of the Chief Electoral Officer. The election will be undertaken at the 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly in December 2023.</p> <p>Chief Electoral Officer contract approved, and election process implemented to conclude December 6, 2023.</p>
2.	Direct that the term of the next National Chief be adjusted to expire in the month of July 2027, extending the term of office to three years and six months.	In December the election will be completed, and a new National Chief will serve a 3 years and 6 months term.

AFN RESOLUTION 35/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal- Engagement on Charter Report
Mover	Chairperson Khelsilem, Squamish Nation, BC
Seconded	Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Supports the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal to engage the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), First Nations leadership, citizens, including the AFN Executive Committee, AFN Secretariat, AFN Regions, First Nations leaders, staff, and advisors on the development of the AFN Charter Report.	The Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal is securing funding and support from CCoCR members in order to implement this resolution.
2.	Direct the period of engagement to commence forthwith and end prior to the December 2023 Special Chiefs' Assembly.	
3.	Direct the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal to incorporate the feedback received into a final AFN Charter Report, a copy of which is to be provided to the AFN Executive Committee and presented for consideration at a future Special Chiefs' Assembly.	
4.	Direct the AFN Secretariat to seek adequate resources for the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal to facilitate the necessary engagement.	

AFN RESOLUTION 36/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Urgent and Transformative Climate Action through the AFN National Climate Strategy
Mover	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, B.C
Seconder	Chief Terry Richardson, Papineau First Nation, N.B.

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Reaffirm the declaration of a First Nations Climate Emergency, calling for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A recognition that the climate crisis constitutes a state of emergency for our lands, waters, air, ice, animals, and peoples; b. Local, national, and international communities, governments, organizations, and movements to safeguard the inherent, Treaty and constitutionally protected rights of First Nations, respect First Nations knowledge systems, and uphold Treaties and other constructive arrangements between First Nations and the Crown; and c. 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's Changing Climate Report (2019) to reduce emissions in Canada by 60% below 2010 levels by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050. 	<p>The AFN National Climate Strategy was released on October 18, 2023. The Climate Strategy, as well as materials from the 2nd AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on the AFN's website.</p> <p>A technical webinar outlining the Climate Strategy was hosted on October 25, 2023, as well as presented at the Joint Committee on Climate Action and the Adaptation Plenary.</p>
2.	<p>Fully endorse the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Climate Strategy and its seven key priority areas of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prioritize First Nation Knowledge Systems, health, languages, cultures, and spiritualities. b. Recognize, respect, and position First Nations inherent jurisdiction and inherent right to self-determination as central to climate decision-making at all levels. c. Address capacity needs to support First Nations governance and their role as climate leaders. d. Ensure First Nations self-sufficiency in food, water, and energy. 	<p>A COP Position Paper has been prepared and disseminated, supporting the attendance of an AFN Delegation to COP 28.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Close the natural and built infrastructure gap. f. Ensure First Nations are equipped to mitigate, prevent, respond, and recover respond to all emergencies. g. Leverage the First Nations Climate Lens to reform federal, provincial, and territorial legislation, regulation, policy, and programs. 	
3.	Call on the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to work directly, and in full partnership with, First Nations rights and title holders to implement self-determined First Nations climate priorities, including, but not limited to, those outlined in the AFN National Climate Strategy.	
4.	Direct the AFN to work with First Nations rights and title holders to advocate to the federal, provincial, and territorial governments for sufficient and sustainable funding to First Nations to implement their own strategies in a manner consistent with Article 39 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.	
5.	Call on the federal government to compensate First Nations with new or additional lands for any lands that First Nations may lose due to climate change.	
6.	Direct the AFN to use the AFN National Climate Strategy in national and international contexts as an advocacy tool, including with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.	

AFN RESOLUTION 37/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Returning First Nations Lands through Additions to Reserve Reform
Mover	Chief Patricia Bernard, Madawaska Maliseet First Nation, NB
Seconder	Chief Calvin Sanderson, Chakastaypasin Band, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to co-develop with First Nations a clear, effective, and transparent process to restore, reacquire, and/or remedy the historic dispossession of reserve lands, including fully implementing outstanding legal obligations to create or add to existing reserves or other land tenure systems in a manner that is respectful of inherent and Treaty rights.	<p>Through regular meetings of the Additions to Reserve (ATR) Senior Officials Lands Table, the AFN continues to advocate for clear, effective, and transparent processes to restore, reacquire, and/or remedy the historic dispossession of reserve lands.</p> <p>The AFN submitted a report to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs as part of its study on the Restitution of Land to First Nations, Inuit, and Metis. The submission emphasized the minimum standard for restitution of lands outlined in the UN Declaration and highlighted ways in which the ATR process consistently fails to meet those standards.</p> <p>The AFN is collaborating with Indigenous Services Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations to review ATR implementation at the regional level. This will support analysis of the existing ATR process and support reform.</p> <p>The AFN continues to carry out an analysis of the findings from its 2022 ATR Survey.</p> <p>The AFN has initiated an ATR Case Study Project with several First Nations from different regions with differing land regimes. The case studies will take place between November 2023 and March 2024 and will support AFN analysis of the ATR process and the development of reform recommendations.</p>
2.	<p>Direct the AFN to engage with First Nations on the restitution of lands to First Nations, including through the review and re-design of the Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy and process, and to develop a comprehensive report that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies the many priorities First Nations have respecting ATR. Provides an analysis of the existing policy framework for ATR. Proposes potential policy and legislative solutions for consideration by the First Nations-in-Assembly at an upcoming Assembly. 	

AFN RESOLUTION 38/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Recognize First Nations Laws and Legal Orders in the Specific Claims Process
Mover	Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation, ON
Seconder	Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to work with First Nations to research, plan, and develop frameworks for the recognition of Indigenous laws, legal orders, and systems of land tenure in the specific claims process.	The Specific Claims Implementation Working Group (SCIWG) has met regularly throughout Fall 2023 to co-develop with Canada an Independent Centre for the Resolution of Specific Claims.
2.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to support the recognition of the laws, legal orders, and dispute resolution mechanisms as articulated by participating First Nations in all aspects of resolving specific claims, including in the conduct of adjudication, dispute resolution and negotiations.	The AFN has used these meetings to advocate for the recognition of Indigenous laws, legal orders, and systems of land tenure in the specific claims process. The AFN has continued to convene regular meetings of the CEIL to provide expert advice on Indigenous laws and specific claims.
3.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to provide adequate resources and funding to First Nations to ensure that Indigenous laws, legal orders, and systems of land tenure are recognized at all stages of the specific claims process including immediately providing additional research funding to First Nations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and renewing a 5-year funding envelope going forward to increase annual funding to meet actual needs.	The AFN continues to meet with the SCIWG to co-develop reforms to the specific claims process and advocate for the recognition of Indigenous laws, legal orders, and systems of land tenure. The Interim National Chief sent a letter to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations calling for an immediate increase in research funding for this fiscal year and a recommitment to adequate research funding moving forward.

AFN RESOLUTION 39/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Repeal or Amend Legislation that Breaches First Nations Inherent and Treaties Rights to Natural Resources
Mover	Sharman Fourhorns, proxy, Star Blanket Cree Nation, SK
Seconder	Chief Sheldon Kent, Black River, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to identify the funds for work to be done by First Nations to conduct research to identify legislative and regulatory instruments where the federal government has delegated jurisdiction to provinces and territories over crown lands and natural resources that restrict or extinguish the inherent, Treaty and constitutional rights of First Nations.	Preliminary discussions with AFN legal have been held. Meetings with NRCan to identify priorities and funding opportunities.
2.	Call on the Prime Minister of Canada and the provinces and territories to repeal or amend legislative and regulatory instruments that breach First Nations' Inherent and Treaty Rights, including the 1930 Natural Resources Acts.	A letter to the Prime Minister and the Minister of NRCAN is being drafted calling for provinces to repeal and amend legislative and regulatory instruments that breach First Nations inherent and Treaty rights.
3.	Call upon Canada to ensure that the principle of free, prior, and informed consent or permission, is followed in any repeal or amendment of legislative and regulatory instruments that breach First Nations' inherent and Treaty Rights, including the 1930 Natural Resources Acts.	Biweekly meetings with NRCan and AFN have taken place. A larger meeting between NRCan, ministers, and leadership is tentatively set for Spring 2024

AFN RESOLUTION 40/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for an Independent Inquiry into First Nations Deaths while in Police Custody
Mover	Sharman Fourhorns, proxy, Star Blanket Cree Nation, SK
Seconder	Chief Sheldon Kent, Black River, MB

	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call-upon on the Federal Government to call a Royal Commission of inquiry into all First Nations deaths and serious injuries while in police and correctional services custody.	The AFN met with the Office of the Correctional Investigator of Canada and discussed the need for an inquiry into deaths or serious injuries while in Federal correctional custody.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to provide political advocacy support the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs in demanding an independent, Mi'kmaw led inquiry into Mi'kmaw deaths while in police and correctional services custody from the Province of Nova Scotia.	The Justice Sector continues to monitor funding opportunities to support this work.
3.	Call on agencies, such as police investigation agencies, chief coroners offices, and other similar bodies as they exist across Canada, to work with independent investigations into deaths by police or in police and correctional services custody.	The AFN raised this mandate during AFN meeting with RCMP engagement on their Reconciliation Pathway update.

AFN RESOLUTION 41/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Equitable Funding for First Nations Policing
Mover	Chief Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON
Seconder	Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon the Government of Canada and Public Safety Canada (PSC) to cease its disrespectful, colonial, and discriminatory tactics to undermine the rights, jurisdiction, and sovereignty of First Nations, and immediately fund all First Nations police services in Canada in an equitable manner.	This was completed during the July 2023 AGA in Halifax, NS.
2.	Direct the AFN to call upon the Government of Canada to recognize and uphold First Nations inherent, Treaty and constitutional rights in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to respect the findings of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) in Dominique decision and withdraw its appeal.	The AFN made a public statement calling for PSC to withdraw their appeal on the Dominique decision. AFN has requested a meeting with Minister LeBlanc; however, that meeting has not been confirmed.
3.	Direct the AFN to legally support the complaints and legal actions brought forward by First Nations and First Nations Chiefs of Police Associations with respect to PSC's discriminatory conduct, specifically, with respect to the appeal of the CHRT Dominique decision and the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) complaint filed by Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario (IPCO).	AFN Legal has made submissions to support actions being brought forward by First Nations Chiefs of Police and continues to monitor the cases.
4.	Direct the AFN to call upon Canada and PSC to re-commit to the co-development of First Nations policing legislation in a meaningful partnership based upon upholding First Nations inherent, Treaty and constitutional rights in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.	AFN sent a letter in August 2023 asking for a meeting to discuss this mandate. Minister LeBlanc has not responded to the request for a meeting.
5.	Direct the AFN to re-engage with PSC and co-develop policing legislation on the following conditions:	AFN sent a letter in August 2023 asking for a meeting to discuss this mandate. Minister LeBlanc has not responded to the request for a meeting.

- a. The Minister of PSC agrees to meet as soon as possible with the AFN Policing Taskforce Committee;
- b. The Minister of PSC commits to appointing a representative who has experience engaging with First Nations and possesses an understanding of First Nations rights and policing to engage with the AFN and act as an intermediary between the Minister of PSC and PSC officials;
- c. PSC commits to co-development of guiding principles that recognize First Nations inherent rights, Treaty rights, constitutional rights, as well as sovereignty and jurisdiction over First Nations policing;
- d. PSC commits to a true co-development process with clear timelines for introduction of a bill in the House of Commons;
- e. Representatives from Indigenous Service Canada, Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs, and the Department of Justice fully participate in the co-development process to provide support to PSC and the AFN during discussions regarding the legislation; and
- f. AFN representatives meet regularly with the PSC's federal/provincial/territorial working group on First Nations policing to directly participate in discussions regarding the legislation.

AFN RESOLUTION 42/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the Legal Challenge by Three First Nations Police Services (Anishinabek Police Service, Treaty 3 Police Service, and UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service)
Mover	Chief Brian Perrault, Couchiching First Nation, ON
Seconder	Chief Adam Pawis, Shawanaga First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the federal government, in the spirit of reconciliation and its duty to deal honourably with First Nations peoples, to respect the Decision of June 30, 2023, by not filing an appeal of the Decision.	This was completed during the July 2023 AGA in Halifax, NS.
2.	Condemn Canada and PSC for their dishonourable conduct and repeated breaches of their commitments to reconciliation, in failing to negotiate FNIPP funding agreements in good faith with First Nations, as found by the Court in the Decision of June 30, 2023.	
3.	Call upon the federal government to immediately flow funds to the three First Nations police services – APS, T3PS, UCCM Police – as required by the Decision of June 30, 2023.	
4.	Call upon the federal government, in line with the Honour of the Crown, Canada’s commitments to reconciliation, and the Decision of June 30, 2023, to take immediate steps to create a plan for negotiating revised Terms and Conditions with all First Nations which receive funding under the FNIPP, ensuring that funding fulfils the guarantee of equitable policing set out in the 1996 Policy.	

AFN RESOLUTION 43/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Review of the Past Ten Years of Assembly of First Nations/National Indian Brotherhood Audits
Mover	Chairperson Khelsilem, Squamish Nation, B.C.
Seconder	Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlups te Secwepemc, B.C.

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Direct the Assembly of First Nations' (AFN) Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal (CCOCR) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide recommendations regarding the scope and nature of an independent audit; Provide an estimate of the cost of such an audit; and Recommend an independent firm to conduct the review in a manner consistent with the recommended nature and scope of the review. 	<p>A contractor is in the process of being retained, with the scope of work to be approved by the CCOCR. A report will be completed and shared at a future Assembly.</p>
2.	Direct the CCOCR to provide their recommendations through a resolution to be voted on as soon as possible by the First Nations-in-Assembly at a future Assembly.	
3.	Direct the AFN to address the CCOCR's resolution at a future Assembly prior to moving on to any other business, including, if possible, prior to the election of a new National Chief.	
4.	Subject to available funding and direction from the CCOCR, direct the AFN Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to retain the appointed firm to carry out the review of the past 10 years of finances, including findings of fact and other recommendations on whether or not evidence supports the need for a further investigation (e.g., a forensic audit), and provide a report as soon as possible.	
5.	Direct the AFN Chief Executive Officer to provide copies of audited financial statements from the past 10 years to the First Nations-in-Assembly for their information and review, as well as a copy of the current AFN Finance Policy that guides the administration of finances at the AFN	

6.	Direct the Executive Committee, including any interim or incoming National Chief, to recuse themselves from any direct involvement in the financial review and investigation conducted by any independent auditor/firm to ensure the complete independence of this work.	Ongoing
7.	Direct the AFN Secretariat to provide resources for the CCOCR to complete the work of this resolution and seek the required funding if needed.	Limited funding provided and included in the RFP as per the criteria.

AFN RESOLUTION 44/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Protect First Nations Rights and Interests from Unfounded Métis Rights Assertions
Mover	Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation, ON
Seconder	Brittane Laverdure, proxy, Lower Post First Nation, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Affirm that no land, air, or water-based inherent and constitutional Métis rights exist in Ontario or British Columbia, and that any non-land, air, or water-based inherent and constitutional Métis rights that may exist in Ontario or BC do not supersede the inherent, constitutional, and human rights of all First Nations, including inherent rights that are protected by Treaty, and are subject to and necessarily limited by the inherent laws, legal systems, systems of governance, and jurisdictions of First Nations.	<p>This letter was drafted and conveyed by the Interim National Chief to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers in late 2023 in advance of the direct action called for in the Resolution.</p> <p>At high-level technical and political meetings between AFN and Canada this position was reiterated to Minister Anandasangaree.</p>
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to seek resources immediately to support national and regional advocacy and work to examine and address the issue of unfounded Métis rights assertions and the role of the Government of Canada, provincial governments, and industry in facilitating these assertions.	The AFN has advocated for resources at both political and technical levels to support advocacy work on unfounded Metis rights assertions. The AFN has sought to provide in-kind contributions wherever possible in lieu of available funding.
3.	Seek resources for the AFN to coordinate with each interested region as soon as possible, a national campaign, including social media, communications, legal, and political strategy, to advance national advocacy opposing unfounded Métis rights assertions and the role of the Government of Canada and provincial governments in facilitating these assertions.	AFN continued to seek these resources at technical and political meetings between AFN and Canada throughout 2023. To date, funding has not been obtained. The creation of a national campaign will take place in early 2024 once the AFN has completed its focus areas for fall 2023, which were the September 2023 demonstration on Parliament Hill and participating in the parliamentary process of Bill C-53.
4.	Direct the AFN Interim National Chief to advocate politically, including by scheduling a meeting with the Prime Minister as soon as possible, against unfounded Métis rights assertions and the role of the Government of Canada and provincial governments in facilitating these assertions.	These positions were similarly relayed to Parliament through the AFN's written submission to the INAN Committee as part of its study of Bill C-53.

5.	Direct the Interim National Chief to demand that the Government of Canada cease and desist in any and all negotiations with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), including proceeding further in the legislative process with the implementation legislation for the MNO-Canada Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MNO Implementation Legislation), until such time as First Nations in Ontario are meaningfully consulted and give their free, prior, and informed consent to any overlapping arrangements in their territories.	
6.	Direct the Interim National Chief to demand that the Government of Canada, provincial, and territorial governments cease to provide any grants to the Métis and Métis organizations in respect of the rights of First Nations.	
7.	Direct the AFN to support coordination efforts of a demonstration at Parliament Hill when the House of Commons returns in September 2023 against the MNO Implementation Legislation.	This activity was conducted and completed throughout mid/late 2023. AFN provided logistical and financial support to the Chiefs of Ontario for the demonstration which occurred on September 20, 2023.

RESOLUTION TITLE	Supporting First Nations to Receive Funding for Off-Reserve Members
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconder	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Government of Canada to work with First Nations to seek new funding formulas and transfer agreements that provide adequate funding so all First Nations governments can provide safe, reliable, culturally-appropriate programs and services to both on and off-reserve members.	The AFN Governance Sector advocates at ISC's New Fiscal Relations Grant and Governance Modernization Working Groups for funding formulas and agreements to be based on the needs of First Nations. AFN advocates at these tables that the many unique factors that influence the costs of service delivery, such as remoteness and inflation, are considered as a part of the work on the New Fiscal Relationship.
2.	Call on the Government of Canada to direct the funding that it currently transfers to the province on behalf of First Nations members who reside off-reserve to First Nations governments to enable them to provide improved services to their members who reside off-reserve.	The AFN Governance Sector advocates for increased funding for First Nation governments through the Pre-Budget Submission, calling for increased funding for programs such as Band Support Funding, Band Employee Benefits, Tribal Council Funding, and Professional and Institutional Development. Future plans for 2024 include seeking funding from ISC to have the capacity to undertake regional engagements and to undertake technical and legal analyses to outline the barriers and opportunities for implementation.

AFN RESOLUTION 46/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Increases to Tribal Council Funding
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to provide political support for First Nations in securing increases in funding for the existing Tribal Council program through renewed funding agreements that include indexation, are needs-based, sufficient, predictable, and sustainable.	AFN's Pre-Budget Submission advocated for Tribal Council Funding increases for inflation and a population escalator. The AFN presented its Pre-Budget Submission to Parliament as well as to ISC to advocate for increased funding in this area.
2.	Call on Canada to ensure that Tribal Council program funding be increased to address chronic underfunding since 1996.	Draft materials such as letters and briefing notes are being prepared to support technical and political advocacy.
3.	Mandate the Assembly of First Nations to immediately bring forward this resolution to the Government of Canada and to keep the First Nations and Tribal Councils apprised of the status of discussions.	The AFN Governance Sector has also advocated directly with ISC's officials to call for increases in funding and make them aware of this mandate. Political correspondence from the Interim National Chief to the Minister of ISC will be issued towards late November 2023 in support of increasing tribal council funding.

AFN RESOLUTION 47/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Proposed Federal First Nations Drinking Water and Wastewater Legislation
Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Reject the consultative draft legislation titled, An Act respecting drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure, on First Nation lands in its current form and support the Minister in delaying the introduction of the legislation to address the critical requirements identified by First Nations including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recognition of First Nations rights and jurisdiction over lands and waters; b. Mandatory requirements for Canada to provide water and wastewater treatment that meets minimum national standards (or where requested, the more stringent of the federal requirements or provincial standards governing residential water quality); c. Adequate and sustained funding (including at a minimum capital, operations and maintenance, and inspections) to address water and wastewater; d. Mechanisms to address transboundary waters; e. Liability protection for owners and operators, and f. Recognition of rights over source water, minimum binding national standards, commitment to funding, liability protection for First Nations governments, water governance structures. led by First Nations, and mechanisms to address management of transboundary source water. 	<p>The AFN concluded advocacy support to seek an expanded mandate to include the critical requirements. We await the Cabinet process and anticipated introduction of the legislation in November/December.</p>
2.	<p>Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and Canada to co-develop regulatory instruments and policies that support or are made under the replacement legislation, An Act respecting drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands.</p>	
3.	<p>Call on the AFN and Canada to co-develop a funding formula for adequate and sustained funding, including but not limited to capital, operations and maintenance, inspections, liability protection for First Nations governments,</p>	<p>The AFN has explored and analyzed risks related to the introduction of legislation with the existing mandate or a fully or partial expanded mandate. Accordingly, the AFN has developed a communications</p>

	management mechanisms of transboundary source water and the establishment of First Nations-led water governance structures.	strategy and letters of response pending the Cabinet decision. If the expanded mandate is not obtained, AFN will be pursuing alternative interventions such as the parliamentary committee process. The AFN will provide First Nations with the required information and resources and the opportunity to submit written submissions at the parliamentary stage.
4.	Call on Canada to fund and support First Nations-led engagement, including with inherent and Treaty rightsholders, on the critical requirements identified for the proposed drinking and wastewater legislation in each region through the summer and fall of 2023.	Proposed funding request was partially approved by ISC.
5.	Call on the Minister of Indigenous Service Canada to work with the AFN, with the guidance of the AFN Chiefs' Committee on Housing and Infrastructure and the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment, to co-develop regulatory instruments, and policies that support or are made under the replacement legislation An Act respecting drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands, and to bring back the draft legislation for approval at a future Assembly.	The AFN has underpinned that First Nations require sufficient time to review and co-develop the final draft of the proposed legislation. The AFN urged Canada to share and co-develop the draft proposed legislation as soon as possible.

AFN RESOLUTION 48/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Revitalization of Indigenous Laws and Legal Orders
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Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the Government of Canada to support First Nations initiatives to revitalize their traditional justice practices by adequately funding an innovative First Nations-led approach to justice and healing that is meaningfully informed by the sacred Knowledge Keepers and oral traditions of First Nations.	The Justice Sector hosted a Virtual Justice Speaker Series in October 2023 that discussed this theme. The AFN Justice Sector will incorporate this into the recommendation report to submit to Justice Canada.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to continue engagement with First Nations and national or regional Indigenous organizations to determine options to support all First Nations as they seek to revitalize their legal practices and traditions and, where requested, by working with all First Nations and required internal and external partners in their co-development of processes that will revitalize Indigenous laws and traditional justice systems where mandated to do so.	The Chiefs Committee on Justice met for the first time in September 2023. During this meeting they provided input on this mandate for consideration and inclusion in the recommendation report that will be submitted to Justice Canada.

AFN RESOLUTION 49/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for First Nations Wildland Firefighters and Impacted Communities
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Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to recognize the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities of First Nations Wildland Firefighters as more than adequate and on par with non-First Nations Wildland Firefighters.	AFN will continue to advocate for the acceptance of the knowledge, skills, and abilities of First Nations wildland firefighters during discussions with emergency management partners: ISC, PSC, and NRCan.
2.	Call upon Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and its regional partners, to work with the AFN and First Nations Wildland Firefighters on formal recognition of the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities of First Nations Wildland Firefighters.	Discussions between ISC headquarters and regional offices during their monthly update meetings have begun on the formal recognition of First Nations Wildland Firefighters; however more in-depth discussion is required with regional emergency services providers in coming weeks to arrive at a consensus definition.
3.	Call upon ISC to engage with other federal departments and work with First Nations impacted by wildland fires to support and adequately fund initiatives that incorporate the expertise and knowledge of those communities, given First Nations mastery over their unique hazardscapes.	Despite on-going scheduling conflicts, discussions during the ISC – AFN bimonthly meetings will continue to initiate discussion with Natural Resources Canada regarding the Budget 2023 funding allotment and the training of First Nation Wildland Firefighters
4.	Call upon ISC and its regional partners, to include First Nations Wildland Firefighters and First Nations in any economic opportunities arising out of wildland firefighting or suppression activities on par with the inclusion of Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and Costa Rica and/or any other wildland firefighting organization called to assist Canada.	<p>In collaboration with ISC during bimonthly discussions, AFN is continuing to research other First Nations emergency service organizations for their inclusion in economic opportunities afforded to wildland firefighters from other countries such as Mexico, New Zealand, and Australia.</p> <p>To date, only the Yukon First Nation Wildfire (YFNW) organization is known to have acquired several contracts to train First Nations Wildland Firefighters through proposal-based funding from NRCan, and assist in fighting wildfires in BC, NWT, and Saskatchewan.</p>
5.	Direct the AFN, contingent on funding resources, to work with First Nations Wildland Firefighters in developing a policy proposal within two years for presentation to the First Nations-in-Assembly, which would provide clear recommendations to government for support adequate and stable funding for culturally relevant training and recognized certification for First Nations Wildland Firefighters.	Discussions during bi-monthly meetings between ISC and the AFN have noted wildland firefighter funding is managed by the Emergency Management Directorate and disbursed equally to all applicants through the FireSmart program.

		AFN has initiated discussions between with the YFNW organization to develop a policy proposal within two years for presentation to the First Nations-in-Assembly which would provide clear recommendations to government for culturally relevant training and recognized certification for First Nations Wildland Firefighters.
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AFN RESOLUTION 50/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Addressing Impacts from Mining Activities
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Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on federal, provincial, and territorial governments to ensure that all mining and mineral extraction projects taking place on First Nations lands and waters – including but not limited to, mining and minerals permitting processes, regulatory process development, mitigation and remediation reporting mechanisms, and emergency response processes to water, land, and environmental contamination – adhere to the minimum standards of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the principles of free, prior, and informed consent, and protections under the Constitution Act, 1982.	<p>A letter is being developed with input from Environment and Climate Change Canada to federal, provincial, and territorial governments, with a commitment that federal agencies would support and would aid to distribute to provincial and territorial governments.</p> <p>A proposal is in progress to fund this work. AFN staff are conducting an environmental scan related to mining and will report on findings when complete.</p>
2.	<p>Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to dedicate funding and resources to work with First Nations to review and renew existing policies, legislation, and regulations to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> develop protocols that improve all aspects of operations, including but not limited to, sewage treatment, fuel storage, tailings pond security, monitoring, safety, accountability, enforcement, and oversight of mine tailings management, seepages, leaks, and breeches and to protect First Nations downstream and/or occupying lands across provincial or territorial borders of such operations prevent and mitigate any deleterious or negative effects on First Nations due to emergency events and industrial activities. 	<p>Planning is underway on the development of a database and is expected to evolve in 2024.</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to work with relevant Chiefs’ Committees and technical bodies, to holistically identify First Nations priorities related to mine activities, including the impacts on terrestrial, ecosystems, hydrological systems, human health, and safety, and ultimately any adverse effects to First Nations rights due to emergency events and industrial activities.	
4.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments, to work with First Nations to create and co-develop a database of mine tailings spills, gaps and failures in managing, monitoring,	

enforcement, and reporting mechanisms, and to establish appropriate recommendations to prevent or respond to these events.

AFN RESOLUTION 51/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Recognition of Canada's Indian Residential School Genocide and Reparations for Survivors and Descendants
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Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Government of Canada to recognize that the establishment and operation of Indian Residential Schools was genocide as acknowledged by Pope Francis and in accordance with Article II of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.	
2.	<p>Call on the Government of Canada to commit to the following actions in the spirit of reconciliation and to begin healing after the recognition of genocide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The continued healing of and support for the Survivors of Indian Residential Schools, their families, and communities through the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada; b. Providing a guaranteed annual income for Survivors of the Indian Residential School system, their descendants, and descendants thereafter in perpetuity to support the revitalization of First Nations; and c. Educating all Canadians about the lessons from the Indian Residential Schools System genocide, its continuing impacts on society, and to bridge efforts of reconciliation between Indigenous Peoples and all Canadians. 	The Dene Nation Regional Office is the lead on activities and follow-up from the Papal Visit and Doctrine of Discovery. The Justice Sector is providing support by monitoring and advocating for funding to support this work.

AFN RESOLUTION 52/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Securing Accountability of Nuclear Technology, Waste, Transport and Storage
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Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Government of Canada to fully adhere to the standards of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the protections under the Constitution Act, 1982, where information on the nature, size, pace, reversibility and scope of any proposed nuclear project or expansion are transparently disclosed and where an assessment of likely economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts is provided to First Nations, sufficiently in advance of any commencement or authorization of a nuclear project or an expansion.	A new position has been filled to lead this work, which is expected to take shape in early 2024. A letter is being developed to federal, provincial, and territorial governments.
2.	Call on federal, provincial, and territorial governments to ensure that no testing, development, expansion, or deployment of nuclear activities, including SMRs, occur on or near First Nations territories or infringes on First Nations inherent jurisdiction without the free, prior, and informed consent of all First Nations whose lands, territories, and/or other resources may be affected, including via transportation of any spent nuclear fuel.	AFN staff are planning four regional engagements in Vancouver, Thunder Bay, Burlington, and Fredericton for the spring of 2024. Once details have been confirmed, a Save-the-Date will be distributed.
3.	Call for an urgent meeting between the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Government of Canada to address concerns regarding the consultation policy of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission as it relates to nuclear waste transport and disposal decision making including, but not limited to the Near Surface Disposal Facility at Chalk River (NSDF).	
4.	Direct the AFN to continue working with the Regions and Natural Resources Canada to develop a coordinated response to the new radioactive waste and decommissioning policy to include First Nations strategies and mitigation measures to fully conform with, and promote, the implementation of international human rights laws and standards.	
5.	Direct the AFN to explore avenues for “Eliminating Environmental Inequality” under Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms with respect to consultation and policies related to the nuclear industry.	

AFN RESOLUTION 53/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nations-led Process for National Water Stewardship and the Canada Water Agency
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Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on Canada to halt the creation of the Canada Water Agency until First Nations concerns are addressed, and First Nations Treaty and rights holders are meaningfully engaged, ensuring that the Agency adheres to Treaty and the standards of the UN Declaration, including the principles of free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) and protections under the Constitution Act, 1982.	<p>Regular meetings have occurred with the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Canada Water Agency (CWA) to discuss First Nations concerns.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for November 23 between the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Regional Chief Ghislain Picard and Regional Chief Hare.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to call on Canada to fund the creation of a national First Nations-led water stewardship task force, under the guidance and meaningful participation of the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) and the Chiefs' Committee on Housing and Infrastructure (CCOHI), to inform the implementation and co-development of any such agency, including related legislation, policies, and initiatives, with AFN reporting back to the First Nations-in-Assembly at the next General Assembly.	<p>Funding is currently being discussed with ECCC Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of the Canada Water Agency.</p> <p>A proposal is being drafted for a multi-year agreement.</p> <p>Ongoing discussions are occurring between the Water and Infrastructure Sectors on the CWA including the First Nations-led water stewardship task force.</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to call upon the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to dedicate funding and resources for the meaningful and sustained engagement and participation of First Nations across Canada, and adequate funding for the creation of First Nations-led institutions that can support a whole-of Canada approach to water stewardship and source water protection.	<p>The Sector will be reaching out to Chiefs Committee members to understand their needs/wants in the shaping of the task force.</p> <p>The Sector is currently planning a meeting with the Advisory Committee on the Environment and the Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure where the CWA will present the draft legislation.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 54/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Demand Consultation on Section 50 Policy Amendments under the Indian Act
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Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to consult directly with First Nations before any and all proposed policy changes to the Indian Act and specifically on the Section 50 Policy.	<p>The AFN developed a letter from the AFN Interim National Chief to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada calling on the Government of Canada to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult directly with First Nations before any and all proposed policy changes to the Indian Act and specifically on the Section 50 Policy. • Support First Nations in their consultation processes with the Government of Canada regarding proposed policy changes on the interpretation and application of Section 50 of the Indian Act. • Adhere to the principle of free, prior, and informed consent in accordance with the UN Declaration. • Adequately and appropriately fund First Nations to participate in formal consultation and to undertake extensive community engagement on any proposed policy changes. • Refrain from establishing any new policies relating to the interpretation of the Indian Act until such time that all First Nations have been adequately consulted.
2.	Direct the AFN to support First Nations in their consultation processes with the Government of Canada regarding proposed policy changes on the interpretation and application of Section 50 of the Indian Act.	
3.	Call on Canada to adhere to the principle of free, prior, and informed consent in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples when developing any proposed Section 50 Policy.	
4.	Direct the AFN to call on Canada to adequately and appropriately fund First Nations to participate in formal consultation and to undertake extensive community engagement on any proposed policy changes on the interpretation and application of Section 50 of the Indian Act and any other proposed changes to the Indian Act.	
5.	Direct the AFN to call on ISC to refrain from establishing any new policies relating to the interpretation of the Indian Act until such time that all First Nations have been adequately consulted.	

AFN RESOLUTION 55/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the Reform and Enforcement of First Nations Laws
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Mover	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
Seconded	Judy Wilson, proxy, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on Canada to work directly with First Nations to support First Nations enforcement of their laws.	<p>The Justice Sector hosted the final engagement on the Indigenous Justice Strategy with a Virtual Justice Speaker Series in October 2023. The input from the discussion during the Virtual Justice Speaker Series will be incorporated into the AFN’s Recommendation Report for Canada’s Indigenous Justice Strategy.</p> <p>The AFN continues to call on the federal government to ensure FPIC is followed.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to call on Canada to ensure that it treats First Nations laws and self-governance in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as specifically required in Section 5 of the Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.	
3.	Call upon the federal government to support First Nations in exercising jurisdiction over the assertion, practice and enforcement of First Nations laws and legal orders by resourcing extensive First Nations-led engagement on the enforcement of Indigenous laws.	
4.	Call on the federal government to ensure that any changes to laws and policies, including the Indian Act, be undertaken with the free, prior and informed consent of each Nation.	

AFN RESOLUTION 56/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Unilateral Education Programming Decisions by Indigenous Services Canada
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Mover	Tyrone McNeil, proxy, Sqewlets (Scowlitz First Nation), BC
Seconded	Lambert Cote, proxy, Cote First Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Reaffirm First Nations inherent and Treaty rights to education.	The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Indian Education Council (NIEC) has provided several recommendations for edits on the national program guidelines for the Adult Education Program, the Elementary Secondary Guidelines, and Regional Education Agreements (REA) Guidelines.
2.	Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations education remains with each First Nation.	
3.	Call on the Government of Canada to improve and strengthen partnerships with First Nations through an honourable, transparent, and respectful process that supports First Nations control of First Nations education, First Nations decision-making in all processes concerning education, and regional First Nations models of education.	
4.	Call on the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada to recognize the Chiefs' Committee on Education (CCOE) recommendations to decentralize all funding in education programming and support regional model approaches, implementation, and equitable funding methodologies, primarily base plus per-capita allocations.	The education portfolio holder, Regional Chief Cameron, sent a letter to the Minister of ISC on October 6, 2023, urging ISC work with the CCOE, NIEC, and the AFN Languages and Learning Sector to rectify all unilateral decision-making in the Education Partnership Program (EPP), Adult Education, and any other programs. No response has been received yet.
5.	Call on the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada to immediately meet with the CCOE, the NIEC and the AFN to rectify unilateral decision-making processes and ensure First Nations Adult Education and Education Partnership Program authorities, funding methodologies, and requirements are consistent with the Chiefs' Committee on Education recommendations.	The CCOE and NIEC have not yet had the opportunity to meet with the ISC Senior Officials but have continued to recommend that unilateral changes to the EPP, REA, and Adult Education be reversed via advocacy letters and updated guidelines.
6.	Direct the AFN to advocate for additional sources of funding in place of any funding loss to First Nations related to the Education Partnerships Program (EPP).	The education portfolio holder, Regional Chief Cameron, sent AFN Resolution 56/2023 and a letter to the Minister of ISC on October 6, 2023, urging ISC to rectify unilateral decision-making in the EPP, REA and Adult Education.

AFN RESOLUTION 57/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	National Unity on Education
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Mover	Chief Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation,ON
Seconders	Chief Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation,ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Agree that it is paramount that unity be re-established at the AFN National Indian Education Council (NIEC) and the Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE).	Both Committees' Terms of Reference have draft amendments proposed based on the resolution requirements, as well as revisions proposed in 2019. The NIEC and CCOE Terms of Reference are awaiting recommendations from the NIEC by November 2023 and the CCOE in 2024.
2.	<p>Agree that the Terms of Reference for the NIEC and the CCoE must immediately be amended to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Under Roles and Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ensure that any recommendations made to the AFN Executive or First Nations-in-Assembly are accompanied by details regarding any non-consensus regarding the recommendation. b. Under Composition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The list of NIEC and CCoE representation should be updated to reflect any change and be publicly accessible. ii. Composition must be updated to reflect accountability structure and how this process is to be followed. 	
3.	<p>Agree that over the next year the Terms of Reference for the NIEC and CCoE be revised to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That meetings are conducted in a manner that identifies and addresses conflict of interest issues; b. Voting representation is consistent between the NIEC and the CCoE; c. A formal process is articulated for making recommendations; d. Recommendations reflect consensus or non-consensus of the committee, and that building consensus is paramount even for committee members who are not present at the meetings; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Communications are a key function of the committees; and f. The role of the Chair and/or Co-Chairs is clearly articulated. 	
4.	Direct the Chiefs' Committee on Charter Renewal to review and provide recommendations in the AFN Charter Report regarding Chiefs' Committee composition that considers size and unique regional elements in determining regional representation.	The Sector has flagged this resolution clause for the AFN Lead on the AFN Charter to review with the CCoCR.

AFN RESOLUTION 58/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	A Study on First Nations Guaranteed Liveable Income
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Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD) to conduct and oversee a research study to identify First Nations' concerns and priorities as it relates to guaranteed livable income, including the fiscal impacts and policy opportunities for the On-reserve Income Assistance Program	<p>The Social Development Sector is developing a funding proposal to submit to ESDC on a research study to identify concerns and priorities for a First Nations guaranteed livable income. The funding proposal is expected to be drafted and shared with the TWGSD for input by November 30, 2023.</p> <p>The Social Development Sector facilitated a meeting with the TWGSD on regional considerations for the study on GLI at a meeting on October 12, 2023.</p>
2.	Direct the AFN to seek funding from the Government of Canada for the TWGSD to conduct and oversee the study.	<p>The Social Development Sector is in the planning stages of the 2024 Income Assistance Forum, where the GLI study will be discussed.</p> <p>The AFN Social Development Director and Social Branch Senior Director met with the Senior Associate Deputy Minister of ESDC on November 1, 2023, to discuss the Engagement Protocol Agreement and advocate for ESDC to fund the GLI study.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 59/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Call for Extending Indigenous Services Canada's Timeline for Developing the Longterm and Continuing Care Framework
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Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the federal government to revise their Memorandum to Cabinet submission timeline to Winter 2024 to allow Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) the appropriate amount of time to work with First Nations in the co-development of policy recommendations for the development of a continuous, dynamic wholistic Seven Generations Continuum of Care approach that effectively provides culturally safe care to First Nations across their lifespan.	<p>A letter advocating for a later Cabinet date was sent by Regional Chief Glenn Hare to Minister Hajdu. (04-20-2023)</p> <p>ISC verbally informed the AFN of a projected Cabinet date of February/March 2024. (09-25-2023)</p> <p>The AFN hosted a series of Regional Focus Group to discuss the priorities for reform with First Nations. (07-25-23 to 08-03-23)</p> <p>The AFN hosted a National Focus Group to present the findings from the regional focus group series. (09-14-23)</p>
2.	Direct the Chiefs' Committee on Health to continue to oversee the AFN and the Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD) co-development of policy recommendations with ISC for a Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework through the reform of the Assisted Living (AL) and First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care (FNIHCC) Programs.	<p>The AFN presented and discussed the policy recommendations with the Technical Working Group on Social Development. (10-12-23)</p> <p>The AFN presented and discussed the draft policy recommendations with the CCOH. (08-28-2023)</p>
3.	Direct the AFN to continue to work horizontally in the co-development of policy options for the reform of the AL and FNIHCC programs into a Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework.	On-going: The Health and Social Development sectors have maintained communication, co-developed presentations, BNs, documents and met with ISC counterparts.
4.	Direct the AFN to seek validation of the proposed First Nations-developed policy recommendations for the reform of the AL and FNIHCC Programs in December 2023.	<p>The Health and Social Development Sectors submitted a joint resolution to the December SCA.</p> <p>The Health and Social Development Sectors will facilitate a dialogue session to present the policy recommendations.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 60/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Measures to Address the Impacts of the Opioid Crisis
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconders	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to undertake advocacy and provide political support for First Nations who wish to bring civil law litigation against those trafficking and responsible for the loss of life in our First Nations to ensure reparations for this new genocide can be provided to assist families in their healing and First Nations to have the capacity to support measures to address the opioid crisis.	The Health Sector is drafting a letter of support to share with the Justice Sector for input.
2.	<p>Call on the AFN to request the federal government to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support First Nations in their efforts to ensure policing as an essential service. Provide enhanced support for the RCMP to develop culturally-relevant and trauma-informed supports to support relationships with First Nation governments and their citizens where directed by the First Nation. Provide immediate resources for any interested First Nations, including Yukon First Nations to create, implement, and maintain community safety officer programs. Ensure First Nations governments who wish to provide safe and reliable access to predictable, pharmaceutical-grade substances are able to do so in exercise of their inherent and Treaty rights. Provide funding and support for ongoing advisory committees on opioid addiction prevention and harm reduction, and for law enforcement and health care providers that will include committee representatives with living or lived experience. 	The Health Sector is working with the AFN mental wellness committee, First Nations and government partners to strategize on how information can be shared with First Nations in regions. Regarding funding for advisory committee on opioid addiction, meet with government colleagues, colleagues from the Justice Sector, and First Nations partners advocate for funding First Nations advisory committees that would help stem the opioid crisis.

3.	Direct the AFN to call on Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to provide updates on recommendations from Honouring Our Strengths (HOS) Framework and the AFN's Opioid Strategy and that any work in updating First Nations on the recommendations must address identified gaps and ensure that the HOS and Opioid Strategy are relevant to the needs of First Nations.	The Health Sector is working with First Nations partners to strategize opportunities for a workplan to hold ISC accountable to the HOS recommendations and request plans from ISC on how they will address any identified gaps.
4.	Direct the AFN to call on ISC to ensure that enhanced flexible funding be accessible to all First Nations who wish to implement HOS Framework and Opioid Strategy and to work with relevant First Nations Mental Wellness organizations that would help them address their substance use needs.	The Health Sector will advocate that ISC develop a list of funding opportunities for First Nations and disseminate through governmental regional processes and First Nations networks.

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support to Parents Affected by Historical Cases of Newborn Child Abduction
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconders	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the federal government to call for an independent inquiry into the tragedy of First Nations newborn abductions by healthcare professionals.	The Justice Sector will monitor for funding opportunities that will support this work.
2.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to advocate for an independent and thorough examination of each case involving the forced separation of First Nations newborns from their mothers with the ultimate goal of finding the truth, reuniting mother and child, and seeking justice for families.	

AFN RESOLUTION 62/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for the Development of Hockey Indigenous
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconder	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to draft a letter of support to the federal government, Hockey Canada, the International Ice Hockey Federation, the National Hockey League, and other appropriate government ministries, organizations, and individuals in support of Hockey Indigenous to access financial resources from those parties to support its operations and development.	<p>The AFN Health Sector will meet with Hockey Indigenous to discuss the requirements of a letter in support of Hockey Indigenous.</p> <p>The AFN Health Sector will circulate the letter to request funding from government and partners/organizations for Hockey Indigenous.</p>
2.	Call on the Government of Canada, Hockey Canada, the International Ice Hockey Federation, the National Hockey League, and the provinces and territories to provide the necessary funding to Hockey Indigenous for the development of regional and national strategies, including but not limited to an awareness campaign, capacity building, youth hockey skills clinic, and sensitivity cultural training in hockey to educate appropriate hockey bodies across Canada.	<p>The AFN Health Sector will conduct national advocacy to support Hockey Indigenous' requests for funding at meetings (e.g., Hockey Indigenous, AFN Leadership, AFN Communications, Sport Canada).</p> <p>The AFN Health Sector will work with Hockey Indigenous to raise awareness about their new organization and Indigenous hockey players.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 63/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Conduct a Longitudinal Study on Strengths-Based Indicators of Mental Wellness
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconder	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with First Nations Mental Wellness Partners, including Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, First Peoples Wellness Circle, and other First Nations researchers to identify pathways of research that are strengths-based, wholistic, and in alignment with First Nations worldviews and that any and all data collection activities abides by the Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP®) Principles so that the research findings directly benefit First Nations.	A Working group was created with Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, First Peoples Wellness Circle, First Nations Information Governance Centre, First Nations Health Managers Association, and terms of reference has been drafted. Next phase is to beginning planning to develop a workplan.
2.	Direct the AFN to provide technical support to ensure the research process supports, empowers, and involves, Knowledge Keepers, women and girls, 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples, men and boys, people with lived/living experience, persons with disability/accessibility needs and that processes, protocols, and methodologies are reflective of First Nations inherent and Treaty rights, values, languages, and cultures.	The Sector is engaging with the mental wellness committee to invite members from regions that are reflective of groups and specialized populations to help guide work as subject matter experts.
3.	Direct the AFN to call on Indigenous Services Canada, Health Canada, and the office of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to fully support First Nations-led research initiatives by providing adequate funding, capacity development, access to resources, and networks and mechanisms that support the development of strengths-based approaches to the mental wellness of First Nations led by First Nations and that a sustainable and cooperative research process is in place that imbues the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework.	Based on workplan timelines and milestones (2024), a proposal to access funding is in draft and will be completed by next fiscal. Meet with government departments to identify funding mechanism, resources, and opportunity for capacity development that would support study.

AFN RESOLUTION 64/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for FSIN's Health Equity Test Case to Address Healthcare Inequities for First Nations
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconder	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Support the need to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the health crisis and to ensure protection and promotion of the Inherent and Treaty Rights to health and wellness; b. the gaps in the provision of health services and discriminatory practices and impacts; and c. the chronic underfunding of First Nation health services. 	<p>The Health Sector is currently initiating communication to establish a working group which includes representation from FSIN/AFN Health/AFN Legal to identify a critical path and determine resources needed to support the Health Equity Test.</p>
2.	<p>Provide advocacy and political support for the filing of the health equity test case by the representative plaintiffs and the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) in the effort to call on Canada to improve the health care crisis and to assist First Nations across Canada with a meaningful precedent.</p>	

AFN RESOLUTION 65/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Affirmation of First Nation Education Sovereignty
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconders	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support the First Nations with Schools Collective (FNWSC) in their engagement in a separate process, outside of a Regional Education Agreement (REA), for transformative education agreements, including any pilot projects or other tables that seek to address outstanding education gaps.	The Resolution has been shared with the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations on September 12, 2023.
2.	Support the right of the eight communities in the establishment of the FNWSC Joint Education Technical Table (JETT) and the First Nation Education Self-Determination Framework Initiative which seeks to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support development of First Nation and Crown leadership on the connection between Indigenous rights and title, Crown-Indigenous relations, community development and learner outcomes as a result of work undertaken at JETT. Increase awareness of education self-determination on-reserve as a legislator issue, not a student capacity issue, and mobilize delegates of the JETT to create problem-solving mechanisms for the full control of education by First Nations within the framing of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. Conclude education jurisdiction agreements with comprehensive funding formulas at duly convened JETT sessions by negotiating teams within pre-determined negotiating terms on behalf of participating First Nations of the Collective and Canada for acceptance and ratification by each of their respective authorities. 	<p>The Languages and Learning Sector has provided information on national priorities to the FNWSC as requested.</p> <p>The Sector has also added the FNWSC to National Indian Education Council emails to enable better communication between the Council and their collective.</p>
3.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to write to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada confirming the support of the First Nation Education Self-Determination Framework Initiative of the FNWSC.	The AFN sent correspondence and provided the signed AFN Resolution 65/2023, <i>Education Sovereignty</i> , to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada on September 12, 2023. The correspondence affirmed

		<p>AFN's support of the First Nation Education Self-Determination Framework Initiative of the FNWSC and their current Memorandum of Understanding.</p> <p>A response has not been received.</p>
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AFN RESOLUTION 66/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Funds Management in Breach of the UN Declaration
Mover	Chief Rachel Manitowabi, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation ON
Seconded	David Pratt, proxy, James Smith Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	<p>Call upon the Government of Canada to respect the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by affirming First Nations jurisdiction over housing in their traditional and unceded territories, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First Nations' control of allocation of federal Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing (URN) funds to organizations that provide off-community housing services to First Nations citizens and Indigenous Peoples not affiliated with recognized Metis or Inuit organizations and communities; Co-developing, through a distinctions-based process with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and First Nations, any programs, initiatives or policies that will direct both urgent, short-term and long-term Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy implementation funds directed to benefit both First Nations citizens; and Allocating sufficient funding for First Nations urban, rural, and northern housing management, administration, and program delivery 	<p>The AFN drafted a letter to Minister Fraser from Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse as well as a letter from the Interim National Chiefs on advocating for distinctions-based funding and programs for First Nations and to direct Urban Regional and Northern Indigenous Housing funding benefiting First Nations to First Nations.</p> <p>The Housing and Homelessness Sector coordinated Joint Working Group meetings to discuss Urban, Northern, and Regional housing initiatives including the drafting of a First Nations 'shadow' Memorandum to Cabinet.</p> <p>The Sector also held a meeting with AFN and CMHC Vice Presidents to discuss Urban, Regional and Northern Indigenous Housing.</p>
2.	<p>Call upon the Government of Canada and all provincial and territorial governments to acknowledge that resolving the First Nation on-community housing crisis will also address a large part of the urban Indigenous housing crisis.</p>	
3.	<p>Express appreciation to the many urban and rural Indigenous housing providers that provide housing programs and services for First Nations citizens.</p>	

AFN RESOLUTION 67/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Denouncement of Manitoba Decision on Landfill Search for Remains of First Nations Women
Mover	Chief Michelle Glasgow, Sipekne'katik (Shubenacadie) First Nation, NS
Seconder	Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley, We'koqma'q First Nation (Waycobah First Nation), NS

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Denounce the decisions of all levels of government, police, and law enforcement services across Canada that result in failures to adequately search for and/or recover the remains of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including the decision of the Manitoba Provincial Government to not search the Prairie Green Landfill for the remains of the missing First Nations women murdered in Manitoba.	<p>This was completed with a press release and statement of support for the families.</p> <p>A press release was issued that called on the former Manitoba Premier to reconsider her decision not to search the landfill.</p> <p>This was also raised by the Interim National Chief during the FPT Meeting on the Status of Women held in July 2023.</p>
2.	Call on the Manitoba Premier Heather Stefanson to reconsider the decision not to search the Prairie Green Landfill and work together with the Federal Government to conduct searches of both the Prairie Green Landfill and Brady Landfill.	
3.	Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal, provincial, and municipal governments for commitment to fund and support a thorough search of the Prairie Green Landfill and Brady Landfill for the remains of Morgan Beatrice Harris, Mercedes Myran, and Mashkode Bizhiki'ikwe (Buffalo Woman), and any other missing First Nations women.	
4.	Support the ongoing peaceful social actions at Manitoba landfills over the Government of Manitoba's decision not to search the Prairie Green Landfill and denounce and reject orders and injunctions from colonial courts that seek to remove these protestors.	

AFN RESOLUTION 68/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Establishment of Inter-Regional Mutual Aid Agreements Among First Nations for Disaster Response and Resource Sharing
Mover	Cecile Brass, proxy, Oregon Jack Creek Band, BC
Seconder	Dutch Lerat, Proxy, Flying Dust First Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), subject to adequate funding, to support and facilitate urgent regional discussions among First Nations across all affected regions for the establishment of mutual aid agreements, including such agreements between regional representative First Nations organizations and Canada for disaster response and recovery, and to seek confirmation of commensurate funding on an emergency basis.	The AFN Governance Sector has advocated in the pre-budget submission for increased direct funding to First Nations to increase local capacity levels. Once investments are secured that First Nations communities can sustainably meet their own needs, they can begin to partner with other communities and establish their own mutual aid networks.
2.	Direct the AFN to seek funding and resources to support all aspects for the development of clear protocols and procedures to develop mutual aid agreements, ensuring that these agreements respect the sovereignty, cultural practices, and unique contexts of each First Nation.	In the fall of 2023, the AFN participated in high level meetings with Cabinet ministers and opposition leadership in Ottawa at the Climate Proof Canada's National Adaptation Summit series. At these meetings, the AFN presented directly to Cabinet Ministers such as Ministers Hajdu, Sajjan, Vandal, as well the leader of the NDP, Jagmeet Singh, calling for increased funding directly to First Nations and to open up and expand program eligibility to established emergency management funding bodies like the Emergency Management Assistance Program.
3.	Call upon the Government of Canada to support the establishment and implementation of mutual aid agreements through appropriate funding and resources to provide adequate resources for the development and distribution of educational materials and capacity-building opportunities to assist First Nations in understanding, negotiating, and implementing mutual aid agreements.	The AFN is currently filling absent regional representation seats at the Chiefs Committee on Emergency Management (CCEM). At an upcoming CCEM meeting in early 2024, the AFN will host a discussion on the progression of operating procedures and drafting a toolkit of resources.

AFN RESOLUTION 69/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	National Indigenous Gaming Regulator
Mover	Chief Michael Starr, Star Blanket First Nation, SK
Seconder	Chief Lee-Anne Kehler, Kawacatoose First Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Support research into the establishment of an independent National Indigenous Gaming Regulator that is optional for First Nations.	The resolution was discussed at the November 2024 CCED meeting. More discussions will resume at the CCED in early 2024
2.	Support First Nations seeking to conduct, facilitate, and regulate gaming, online gaming, and gaming related activities independent of federal and provincial regulations.	
3.	Direct that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) engage the Government of Canada to amend the Criminal Code as it relates to preventing First Nations from exercising their inherent rights in gaming.	Preliminary discussions regarding criminal code amendments will take place with AFN Legal to discuss options and approaches to be reported to CCED.

AFN RESOLUTION 70/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Support for Treaty and Inherent Rights to Tax and Tariff Exemption
Mover	Chief Michael Starr, Star Blanket First Nation, SK
Seconded	Chief Lee-Anne Kehler, Kawacatoose First Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to work with Canada to expedite provisions within its free trade agreements (FTAs), facilitate an ongoing dialogue between First Nations and enact an Indigenous Peoples Rights General Exception with the United States.	The AFN is seeking participation in GAC's Indigenous International Working Group. The AFN will outline funding needs to support this work.
2.	Call on the United States to allow for an immediate amendment to any FTAs to enact a dedicated Indigenous general exception affirming First Nations rights to exemptions from current trade tariffs for 100% First Nations-owned softwood lumber manufacturers that export softwood lumber into the United States.	A letter will be written to US Secretary of the Interior to share the resolution.
3.	Call on the United States to allow for an immediate return of 100% of all softwood lumber tariffs imposed by the U.S. Department of Commerce and held on deposit with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for Canadian 100% First Nations-owned softwood lumber exporters/importers of record.	

AFN RESOLUTION 71/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Treaty Rights to Lands, Water, Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering
Mover	Chie Frank Dieter, Peepeekisis First Nationh, SK
Seconder	Chief Larry Ahenakew, Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations to call on the federal government to establish a fund to support First Nations in hosting gatherings at the local, regional, and national level, to discuss First Nations solutions to address climate change and its impacts on First Nations' ability to exercise their inherent and Treaty rights to lands and waters, as well as harvesting rights, which includes hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering.	<p>The AFN National Climate Strategy was released on October 18, 2023. The Climate Strategy, as well as materials from the 2nd AFN National Climate Gathering, can be found on the AFN's website.</p> <p>An implementation plan is being developed over the coming months, which will include a letter calling for increased financial support for First Nations-led Gatherings.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION 72/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nations-Led Procurement Organization and the National Benefits-Sharing Framework
Mover	Chief Scott Mcleod, Nipissing First Nation, ON
Seconder	Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit, Fort Albany First Nation, ON

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Call upon the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association to immediately initiate the development of a new First Nations-Led Procurement Organization (FNPO) to provide wrap-around procurement services, such as necessary procurement certification, networking, education, and promotion, that will increase First Nations and First Nations businesses' success in securing procurement opportunities no matter where they reside.	The AFN will meet with NACCA to discuss in December 2023. Funding has been provided to CCAB by ISC to lead the development of the procurement agency development.
2.	Encourage National Indigenous Economic Organizations to collaborate with the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association on the establishment and operation of an FNPO.	At the November 2023 CCED Meeting, CEO Shannin Metatawabin from NACCA presented on the current procurement landscape.
3.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to sit on the Steering Committee of the future FNPO.	ISC has appointed CCAB as the lead on this work, providing CCAB with \$3.4 million to conduct work for 23-24 fiscal. More information will be available in December 2023.
4.	Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada to provide the necessary start-up capital and on-going financial support to establish and operate a First Nations-Led Procurement Organization for the benefit of First Nations and First Nations businesses.	The CCED will meet for strategic planning and to discuss approaches to funding in early 2024.

AFN RESOLUTION 73/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	First Nation Rights-Based Inland Fisheries Framework
Mover	Cathy Merrick, proxy, Fisher River Cree Nation, MB
Seconded	Chief Sheldon Kent, Little Black River First Nation, MB

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Secretariat to host a meeting, subject to the availability of adequate financial resources, in 2023, whose focal point of discussion would be the development of a Rights-Based Inland Fisheries Framework, which should not, in any way, affect or interfere with initiatives of a similar nature that may already be underway in any First Nation's respective Traditional Territory; and	<p>The Fisheries Sector developed a proposal for funding under the DFO Indigenous Habitat Participation Program with the intent of fully supporting all meeting logistics of a Rights-Based Inland Fisheries Framework Engagement.</p> <p>AFN obtained funding support in full for this engagement, which was hosted on November 21-23, 2023, in Scaterbury Manitoba. In partnership with the Keewatinook Fishers of Lake Winnipeg, AFN provided travel support for approximately 60 delegates from First Nation fishing communities across Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories.</p>
2.	<p>Direct the AFN Secretariat to research, present, and discuss at the 2023 Inland Fisheries meeting potential elements of a Rights-Based Inland Fisheries Framework, which could include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Traditional Knowledge and traditional management practices; b) Stock assessment, restoration and enhancement; c) Community-based fishery improvement plans; d) Quota and allocation guidance; e) Emergency management processes; f) Regulation and enforcement; g) Funding streams; and h) Revenue sharing agreements. 	<p>Based on input received from a Steering Committee composed of technical reps from the NFC, the 3-day agenda was designed to focus attention on existing Rights-Based fisheries models on day 1 to set the context for how such fisheries can be managed by First Nations directly.</p> <p>Day 2 focused on the challenges imposed by the Natural Resources Transfers Agreements across the prairies and inland fisheries with opportunity for Elders, fish harvesters, and Knowledge Keepers to share their experiences, traditional management, practices of their ancestors, and to identify or state their goals and aspirations for future generations of inland fish harvesters.</p> <p>Day 3 focused on DFO's Wave 3 content, which was the sole source of funding for the whole engagement with a view to eliciting First Nations views, perspectives, and positions on those proposals. Day 3 also</p>

included a presentation by the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, which has a vested interest in inland fisheries.

Overall, the Engagement was intended as a platform for participants to identify ways to promote their involvement in the management of their inland fisheries and to set the stage for a work plan to develop a Framework for inland fisheries rooted in First Nations Aboriginal and treaty-protected rights.

AFN is now reviewing an “As Was Heard” report in anticipation of development a work plan to continue development the Framework.

AFN RESOLUTION 74/2023

RESOLUTION TITLE	Wage Parity for First Nations
Mover	Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation, ON
Seconded	Sharman Fourhorns, Carry the Kettle Nakota Nation, SK

#	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
1.	Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to develop a Wage Parity Task Force, with all interested First Nations that will work with Canada to identify and implement means for increasing First Nations access to funding and supports for human resource recruiting, training, equitable compensation, and retention. The Wage Parity Task Force must be based on the needs and requirements of First Nations, as determined, and defined by First Nations, rather than on competition for the limited program funding that is currently available on terms that are not our own.	<p>In the Fall of 2023, the Governance Sector initiated meetings with other AFN sectors, such as the Health Sector, and Economic Development on the forming of a wage parity task force.</p> <p>The Governance Sector is seeking funding from ISC to support the creation of a Wage Parity Task Force.</p> <p>The AFN Governance Sector advocates at ISC's NFR Grant and Governance Modernization Working Groups for funding formulas and agreements to be based on the needs of First Nations. At these tables, AFN advocates that the many unique factors that influence the cost-of-service delivery such as remoteness and inflation be considered as a part of the work on the New Fiscal Relationship.</p>
2.	Call on Canada and the AFN to expressly reject all formula-based funding approaches for First Nations governments that do not reflect the true costs of supporting the unique needs of First Nations communities and are not determined by First Nations, and to support the development and/or application of formula-based funding approaches that do reflect true costs as determined by First Nations.	
3.	Call on Canada to honour its fiduciary duty in support of an equitable standard of living for our people, and to that end, commit its support toward the development of a Wage Parity Task Force, and commit thereafter to work in good faith with that Task Force.	