ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
July 15, 16, & 17, 2008, Quebec City, QC

Resolution no. 33/2008

SUBJECT:	Support for Student Transportation Fuel Costs
MOVED BY:	Chief Cameron Alexis, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, AB
SECONDED BY:	Shawn Yellowbird, Proxy, Samson Cree First Nation, AB
DECISION:	Carried by consensus.

WHEREAS:

A. First Nations have always maintained that Education is a Treaty right;

B. Canada has enacted laws declaring that every child must be afforded an education until they reach the age of consent;

C. Transporting First Nations children to school is an essential service funded under annual or multi-year agreements with the Government of Canada; and

D. The cost of fuel has increased significantly and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has not provided fuel subsidies to First Nations school bus operators and/or Education Authorities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Chiefs in Assembly support all First Nations in their efforts to ensure that INAC provides immediate subsidies to First Nations school bus operators and/or Education Authorities who have incurred increased fuel costs.

2. The Chiefs in Assembly direct the National Chief to write a letter to the Minister of INAC outlining the concerns of First Nations on this issue.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 17th day of July, 2008 in Quebec City, QC.

Phil Fontaine, National Chief