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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 01/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE A Renewed Framework Providing Strategic Direction and Action Toward Evolutionary and Positive Change	
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<div>1. Support the implementation of the renewed Permanent Bilateral Mechanism/Memorandum of Understanding framework entitled the Healing Path Forward Accord (The Accord), that includes input and feedback from each region.</div> <div>2. Support the creation and implementation of a workplan that includes a steady timeline and ensures an approach that is inclusive and informative before bringing it forth for negotiations. Some of the steps include:<div><div>a. Regional Chiefs to bring the Accord back to their respective regions with the intent of providing feedback, and,</div><div>b. AFN Secretariat to do more research, assess the considerations and technicalities, and compile information to begin the formal development of the Accord.</div><div>c. Once the second draft is developed and agreed upon by the Executive, a motion will be passed that will result in the signing of the Healing Path Accord.</div></div></div> <div>3. Support the establishment of an ad hoc technical advisory committee comprised of governance specialist, Chiefs from each region, and legal counsel to support the work mentioned above and in turn, will report back to the Executive Committee.</div> <div>4. Direct the Executive Committee to issue a final report of the Accord and a suite of recommended structural changes to ensure the Accord includes political processes that will focus on action, continue to advance national priorities while also respecting regional diversity and promoting First Nations regionally led processes.</div> <div>5. Support the current sitting National Chief to push the Prime Minister and his Cabinet to agree to renew the PBM/ MOU as outlined in the final draft of the Healing Path Forward Accord document.</div>	<div>The implementation activities relating to this resolution are in progress. A more thorough update will be provided at a later date.</div>



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 02/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Addressing AFN Governance Gaps**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the AFN Executive Committee to take all steps necessary and implement effective immediately the following definition of quorum for all current and future Chiefs Committees, which can be amended from time to time in a policy or resolution passed by the Chiefs-in-Assembly:
 - a. “50%+1 of the total number of members officially appointed to a Chiefs’ Committee.”
2. Direct the AFN Chiefs’ Committee on Charter Renewal to lead a Governance Review of the AFN.
3. Direct the AFN to provide technical support and seek funding to support the Chiefs’ Committee on Charter Renewal in undertaking the Governance Review.
4. Define the following for the Governance Review:
 - a. Purpose: Seek input and feedback on the effectiveness and performance of the AFN’s governance structures in achieving the purpose of the AFN.
 - b. Objectives:
 - i. Seek input and feedback from the AFN Executive Committee members, AFN staff, AFN Chiefs’ Committees members, Advisory Council members, and any First Nations interested in providing feedback.
 - ii. Collect feedback on what is working well and what is not working well in AFN governance structures to achieve the AFN’s purpose.
 - iii. Report on findings of the feedback and recommend potential charter, bylaw, or policy changes needed to address the Governance Review findings.
 - iv. Process: The process will use digital and paper surveys, a series of focus group meetings to collect feedback, a final written report, and a verbal report to the First Nations in Assembly.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

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- v. Report and Planning: Charter Renewal Chiefs' Committee will collect data, analyze the results, and provide a detailed report for the First Nations members of the AFN, and provide a verbal report at an Assembly within 180 calendar days of the passing of this resolution. The Committee will prepare recommendations for the Chiefs-in-Assembly on the next steps for addressing feedback in the Governance Review report.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 03/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Investigation and Audit of AFN's Financial and Management Policies**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the National Chief, the Executive Committee, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief of Staff to come together and begin a process of reconciliation, guided by our traditional customary ways, and informed by the National AFN Councils, to heal these relationships.
2. Direct the National Chief and the Executive Committee to actively cooperate in the ongoing human resources investigation, being led by the independent investigator, to respond to and resolve the staff complaints in good faith, and to refrain from making any public comments to the media, in the interim, until the investigation has been completed and reported on to the Chiefs-in-Assembly.
3. Direct the AFN to ensure that the agenda for the 2022 Special Chiefs Assembly includes a Report from the HR Investigator and hold an additional Special Chiefs Assembly if required.
4. Direct the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal to identify and dedicate resources to fully implement AFN Resolution # 13/2020: *Becoming a Role Model in Ending Sexual Orientation and Gender-Based Discrimination within the Assembly of First Nations*, in conjunction with an independent third-party investigation into the climate of toxicity, bullying, and lateral violence at the AFN.
5. Direct the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal to conduct a review, informed by Resolution 11/2021 *Improving Assembly of First Nations Financial Procedures to reinforce transparency and accountability and advance First Nations jurisdiction, priorities, and interests* to:
 - a. conduct a review of AFN financial policies and practices (the "Review") and provide a report with recommendations to the AFN Executive Committee with the intent of implementing the recommendations in the 2022/2023 fiscal year. This Review will have, at minimum, the following scope:
 - i. Identify how the current practice and process of awarding contracts is exercised;
 - ii. Review any concerns, past or present, with conflicts of interest with respect to the National Chief's Office, AFN Executive Committee members, and AFN Secretariat;

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

The 2023 Special Chiefs Assembly took place June 28, 2023, which included a Report from the HR Investigator.

The Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal is leading the implementation of Resolution 03/2022. The implementation activities relating to this resolution are in progress. A more thorough update will be provided at a later date.



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- iii. Make recommendations to strengthen financial policies and procedures with respect to conflict of interest;
 - iv. Review policies and processes with respect to transparency, accountability and reporting to the AFN Executive Committee on contracts awarded, regardless of value;
 - v. Make recommendations on potential amendments to the financial policies and procedures on how to ensure greater transparency and accountability, compliance and consistency with other governance tools and processes; and
 - vi. Make recommendations with respect to potential governance models which distinguish and clarify political versus administrative roles and responsibilities.
6. The Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal, whose mandate includes governance review, shall also make recommendations regarding the scope and nature of a forensic audit not be limited in time to anything less than 10 years.
7. Direct the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal to hire an independent auditor consistent with the recommendations as to nature and scope, and if it is necessary, as determined by the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal:
- a. conduct an independent, third-party forensic audit into the previous ten years of financial activity of the AFN, with particular attention to recent AFN salary payouts and contracts; and
 - b. conduct a digital investigation into alleged breaches of communication at the AFN.
8. Direct that the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal return to the Chiefs-in-Assembly (otherwise known as the First Nations in Assembly) with updates and a final report by end of fiscal year 2022.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 04/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **First Nations Determination of the Reforms to the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and Jordan’s Principle Ordered through the 2022 Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Ruling 8**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call on Canada to honour its relationship with First Nations by immediately recognizing First Nations’ Inherent Right to care for their children and families regardless of whether they reside on or off reserve.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), to make a submission to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) requesting that they support First Nations right to self-determination by ordering that all funding provided through the 2022 CHRT 8 ruling be disbursed to First Nations and self-governing First Nations in the Yukon in order for them to determine how to allocate this funding between their governments and FNCFS agencies, and support the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada to make their submission.
3. Call on Canada to redirect Provincial and Territorial funding for First Nations children living off-reserve to First Nations reclaiming jurisdiction over their children and families.
4. Call on Canada to ensure that any First Nations exercising jurisdiction over child and family services will not receive less funding than they would have received had they remained under the reformed First Nations Child and Family Services Program following the implementation of 2022 CHRT 8.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: AFN continued negotiations towards a Final Settlement Agreement on long-term reform that recognizes First Nations’ inherent rights to provide care for their children and families, regardless of where they reside; ensures funding for First Nations children residing off-reserve is provided directly to First Nations where the First Nation has reclaimed jurisdiction over their children and families; and ensures that First Nations children exercising their jurisdiction over child and family services receive equitable funding to what they would have received under the reformed FNCFS Program.

The negotiations on the long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program (“FNCFS Program”) continues. While the negotiations remain settlement privileged, the AFN is currently awaiting on news of a revised mandate from Canada in light of the submission of a joint proposal by the AFN and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada which sought to delineate the scope of work and timelines for the completion of a Final Settlement Agreement on the long-term reform of the FNCFS Program.

Outputs: The AFN participated in numerous negotiation meetings with Canada, Chiefs of Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, and the Caring Society and has made substantial progress towards a Final Settlement Agreement on long-term reform.

Outcomes: The AFN and negotiating parties have made significant progress towards reaching a Final Settlement Agreement on long-term reform and have identified a path forward to reach a Final Settlement Agreement by December 2023.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 05/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support for the Assembly of First Nations Women’s Council Mandate and Funding**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to take the appropriate steps as recommended by the AFN Women’s Council, to ensure that any newly created organs, committees, caucuses, or advisory bodies will not duplicate or usurp the role, mandate, and responsibilities of the AFN Women’s Council.
2. Direct the AFN to ensure that the AFN Women’s Council and First Nations women’s groups across the country is properly resourced and at the forefront of advocacy for all First Nations women’s issues as directed by AFN Resolutions 59/2019, *Strengthening and Supporting the Assembly of First Nations Women’s Council*, and 46/2021, *Reaffirming Support for the Role and Mandate of the Assembly of First Nations Women’s Council*, as well as direct that the AFN Women’s Council receives and oversee all funding allocations relating to First Nations women’s issues, including but not limited to, MMIWG2S+, gender-based analysis plus (GBA+), gender-based violence (GBV), and the National Caucus of Elected Women’s Leaders (NCEWL).

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

The implementation activities relating to this resolution are in progress. A more thorough update will be provided at a later date.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 06/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **A New Economic Deal for First Nations via a National Prosperity Table**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call on the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to recognize that for true prosperity building for First Nations, revenue and benefit sharing agreements are necessary to ensure that Canada shares the wealth derived from and upon our lands, territories, and resources whether they are treaty or unceded territories.
2. Support and participate in a National First Nations Economic Growth, Wealth Building, and Prosperity Table that can lead the process to advance a new economic deal for First Nations.
3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs' Committee on Economic Development (CCED) to provide advice to the National First Nations Economic Growth, Wealth Building and Prosperity Table.
4. Direct the AFN to seek resources to support the establishment of a technical advisory committee comprised of specialists to support the work of the CCED.
5. Direct the AFN, with the guidance of the CCED, to develop a terms of reference and finalize a proposal to seek resources to ensure funding for the National First Nations Economic Growth, Wealth Building and Prosperity Table.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: National Chief Archibald presented overview of proposed Prosperity Table approach at the December 2022 Special Chiefs Assembly dialogue sessions.

At the CCED April 2023 meeting, NRCan attended to discuss engagement on Critical Minerals, Regional Economic Resource Tables and National Benefits Sharing Framework. There is potential support and coordination with the Prosperity Table at the Regional Economic Resource Tables.

Outputs: AFN continues to advocate for direct and distinct engagement with First Nations rights holders on resource development on First Nations lands and jurisdictions.

Although, the AFN submitted a three-year implementation plan and budget for 2022–2025 to Indigenous Services Canada for the development of the National Prosperity Table, Budget 2023 did not allocate any new funding for the Prosperity Table.

The AFN is examining funding opportunities with ISC and NRCan that would compliment and create capacity for Prosperity Table.

Outcomes: Pending receipt of proposal funding



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 07/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	
Reform of the On-Reserve Income Assistance Program	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Support the reform of the On-reserve Income Assistance (IA) Program as directed and determined by First Nations to address longstanding gaps and shortcomings in the IA program, including:<ol style="list-style-type: none">First Nation governance over the IA Program to meet IA client and family needs;A provision of IA rates that account for the true cost of living on-reserve;Wrap-around and comprehensive supports for IA clients and families with special and additional needs;Increased resources and resourcing to support administration and case managers;First Nations designed data strategies and collection;Infrastructure investments to enable First Nations to administer their own IA program; and,Strengthening wrap-around programming and services to support clients in a multi-faceted way.Call on Canada to use First Nation-created policy recommendations for their Memorandum to Cabinet in the Fall of 2022 on IA Program reform, including recommendations developed through individual First Nations and their regional decision-making processes.Call on the Assembly of First Nations Technical Working Group on Social Development to conduct and oversee an assessment of the long-term financial investments required to fill the gaps within the on-reserve IA Program.	<p>Actions: The AFN submitted a policy document to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in January 2023 which detailed the co-developed policy recommendations that were supported by the First Nations-in-Assembly. These policy recommendations were utilized by ISC in a Memorandum to Cabinet to reform the IA Program in early 2023. The AFN is seeking funding to conduct an assessment of the long-term financial investments required to fill the gaps within the IA Program.</p> <p>Outputs: A policy document detailing co-developed policy options for a First Nations-led path to shift First Nations from surviving to thriving was developed.</p> <p>Outcomes: The co-developed policy options were utilized in a 2023 Memorandum to Cabinet, which was supported in May 2023.</p>



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 08/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	Early Learning and Child Care Legislation
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assert that federal Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) legislation must respect and uphold First Nations rights to self-determination and jurisdiction over ELCC, including respect for regional approaches.2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development to directly engage with rights holders on the development of federal ELCC legislation, including providing funding for First Nations-led regional engagement to discuss and determine priorities for and the applicability of the proposed legislation for First Nations.3. Direct the AFN and the National Expert Working Group (NEWG) on First Nations ELCC to develop recommendations for the First Nations-in-Assembly to consider a First Nations position on federal ELCC legislation versus First Nations-specific ELCC legislation, to be presented to the First Nations-in-Assembly by July 2023.	<p>Actions: AFN Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse (MB), Social Development Portfolio Holder, wrote to the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development on February 10, 2023, notifying Canada of the resolution and asserting that federal ELCC legislation must respect and uphold First Nations rights. The AFN and NEWG developed a submission to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and Status of Persons with Disabilities (found here), asserting that legislation must respect First Nations rights to Free, Prior and Informed Consent, must uphold and respect First Nations jurisdiction, and must include long-term, sustainable funding to support First Nations ELCC.</p> <p>Outputs: The NEWG met on February 22–23, 2023, to discuss legislation and identify priorities for the HUMA submission. Due to a delay in receiving funding, the NEWG is still in progress developing a First Nations position on developing First Nations-specific ELCC legislation.</p> <p>Outcomes: A submission outlining First Nations key considerations for legislation was submitted and considered by HUMA as part of their legislative study.</p>



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 09/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Targeted Support to Improve First Nations Fire Protection**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to seek funding and resources to support a National First Responders Gathering to help identify priorities in addressing and improving fire protection for First Nations and informed by the new First Nation Fire Protection Strategy goals.
2. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to immediately invest in firefighting equipment to improve First Nations fire departments to respond to capacity issues, climate change-related weather events, and fire incidents at the wildland urban interface.
3. Direct the AFN to advocate to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for targeted, comparable, and sustainable funding for First Nations-led fire protection services to support First Nation fire departments, including fully remunerated First Nation fire department positions so First Nations can better respond to their fire incidents.
4. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to make long-term and sustainable funding commitments towards First Nations community infrastructure to improve First Nation fire department accessibility, such as critical road infrastructure and access to water services.
5. Direct the AFN to advocate to ISC for immediate targeted funding supports to First Nations who are under current evacuation orders and to establish an expedited emergency relief fund for First Nations to access in the event of future evacuation orders caused by extreme weather events.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: Co-developed with Indigenous Services Canada the First Nations Fire Protection Strategy 2023

Outputs: Hosted two engagement sessions, planned, and delivered First Nations First Responders Gathering, and the First Nations Fire Protection Strategy (FNFPS) document

Outcomes: strategic goals based on the recommendations contained in the FNFPS to be achieved with designated timelines

Next steps:

- The AFN will advocate for and work with ISC to secure targeted funding to properly implement the strategic goals of the strategy.
- AFN and ISC have discussed working collaboratively on improved fire levels of service standards and future fire protection projects.

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1683892947884/1683892982915>



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 10/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Post-Pandemic Support for National First Nations Assets Needs**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to ensure the federal government includes First Nations immediate infrastructure needs as part of Canada's post-pandemic recovery plan and have these infrastructure investments incorporated into its 2023 federal budget.
2. Direct the AFN to call on Canada to work in full partnership with First Nations to ensure that First Nations perspectives and priorities are included in Canada's post-pandemic recovery plan.
3. Direct the AFN to ensure the federal government commits to making long-term and sustainable funding commitments to invest in First Nations infrastructure investment needs as defined by the National First Nations Assets Needs Study, including the use of the Study's findings to inform federal investments in growth, upgrades, and level of service standards improvements, and adequate operations and maintenance funding for all applicable First Nation assets.
4. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to improve capacity building programs available to First Nations for infrastructure planning and program delivery to enable First Nations to be stewards in the effective management of their own current and future infrastructure assets.
5. Direct the AFN to work with the Chiefs' Committee on Housing and Infrastructure, AFN Technicians, and appropriate technical bodies to assist First Nations in predicting and quantifying the costs of climate change adaptation for applicable First Nation assets that ensures an improved level of service standard to maintain infrastructure resilience.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: The Asset Needs Study was used to form the foundation of the Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030 – National Cost Estimate

Outputs: Two reports, the first being the "Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030: A Collaborative and Comprehensive Cost Estimate Identifying the Infrastructure Investment Needs of Canada's First Nations."

The second, the Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030: Implementation and Prioritization Plan. Both reports used the Asset Needs Study as a foundation for the expanded "closing the gap" reports, including contributions from the same national engineering firm.

Outcomes: Using the reports to inform and direct policy reform to Close the Infrastructure Gap by 2030 and support budget advocacy for a significant federal budgetary ask in Budget 2024.

- The AFN will continue to advocate for the funding indicated in the Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030 cost estimate report to be included in the budget 2024 funding requests.

This resolution aligns with AFN resolution 26/2021, *Support for Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030*.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 11/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Establishing a Chiefs' Committee on Justice**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to continue working with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and relevant ministries to carry out engagement on a National First Nations Justice Strategy.
2. Direct the AFN to appoint a Chiefs' Committee on Justice, in accordance with Article 7 (3) of the AFN Charter, to provide advice and direction on matters relating to justice reform and reclamation of First Nations justice systems, legal traditions, and customary laws.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Meetings with Justice Canada's Indigenous Justice Strategy (IJS) on engagement activities for the IJS.
- Send out letters to Regional Chiefs requesting appointment to the Chiefs Committee on Justice.

Outputs:

- Attended four meetings with Justice Canada to discuss engagement approach on the IJS development.
- 12 Letters sent to Regional Chiefs for appointment.

Outcomes:

- The first Chiefs Committee on Justice meeting is being planned for September 2023.

Linkages:

- Resolution 36/2021, *Call for Recommitment, Funding and Clear Timeline for Development and Implementation of a National First Nations Justice Strategy* – this resolution supports the mandate outlined in this resolution.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 12/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Call for Full First Nations Participation in the Implementation of the UN Declaration

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call on Canada to publicly confirm to the First Nations-in-Assembly at the next Assembly that full and meaningful First Nations leadership and participation in all aspects and processes of implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) are an absolute and unreserved requirement for success now and in the future.
2. Reiterate that Canada, as a colonial Nation, does not acquire directly or indirectly any of the rights, privileges, responsibilities, or sacred relationships affirmed in the UN Declaration by virtue of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (the Act).
3. Remind all colonial governments that the UN Declaration does not require colonial legislations such as the Act to operationalize and apply the UN Declaration within Canada's colonial legal systems.
4. Call on the Government of Canada to immediately deploy further resources to First Nations, as the rights-holders, to ensure meaningful and consent-based First Nations participation in the co-development the National Action Plan that must be completed in less than one year from this Assembly.
5. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for meaningful and fully resourced First Nations participation in all the operative provisions of the Act, specifically Sections 5, 6, and 7 on an ongoing basis.
6. Direct the AFN to provide quarterly updates to all Chiefs henceforth on the status of Canada's activities under the consistency of laws provision at Section 5, the progress on the National Action Plan development and implementation at Section 6, and the annual reporting process at Section 7 of the Act.
7. Direct the AFN to immediately and on an ongoing basis advocate for First Nations free, prior, and informed consent, including fully resourced and meaningful participation in all activities Canada undertakes to achieve consistency of its laws with the UN Declaration under Section 5 of the Act.
8. Direct the AFN to immediately and on an ongoing basis advocate for a meaningful and fully resourced co-development process with the rights holders to ensure that First Nations voices and views are

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Built an active working group with Canada led DOJ that met biweekly to assess and recommend improvements to Canada's process of engagement and interaction with First Nations on UN Declaration implementation. Through this working group AFN advocated for more funding, more transparency for and with First Nations leadership and rapid increases in DOJ's investment with First Nations. AFN made hundreds of direct interventions with DOJ and with other Ministries, particularly CIRNAC, on critical technical improvements to the process of UN Declaration implementation to support First Nations full and meaningful leadership and participation.
- The AFN also advocated and called upon Canada in bilateral and quadrilateral meetings with the other NIOs to publicly confirm commitment to the full and meaningful First Nations leadership and participation in all aspects and processes of implementing the UN Declaration. This was supplemented by supporting the National Chief in submissions and meetings with the UN Special Rapporteur that emphasized First Nations priorities.
- The AFN held five national UNDRIP engagement sessions virtually in the East, Centre, Prairies, West, and Northern Regions to provide updates and briefings to First Nations leadership and members as well as their organizations, and created opportunity for them to provide direct input into the development of Action Plan measures through submissions to Canada and/or facilitation of their direction interaction with key Canadian officials in various Ministries (i.e. Fisheries Minister on fisheries related issues) as well as connecting interested Nations with key DOJ officials leading UNDRIP implementation.

Outputs:



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included in the development, deployment to Parliament, and implementation of the annual reporting process on UN Declaration implementation under Section 7 of the Act.

- AFN organized and held a dedicated four-day Special Chiefs Assembly in April of 2023 dedicated to expanding First Nations participation and leadership in the implementation of the UN Declaration.
- DOJ Minister Lametti and other federal Ministers acknowledged publicly that First Nations leadership and participation was an absolute pre-condition to implementing the UN Declaration in April of 2023.
- Two major publications, the first outlining the potential measures to protect First Nations Data Sovereignty ('Data Sovereignty Report') in the implementation of the UN Declaration and the second outlining the essential elements necessary for Canada to implement the UN Declaration based upon hundreds of Resolutions passed by the First Nations-in-Assembly. These publications were released at the April SCA.

Outcomes:

- Increasing the scope and scale of Canada's Action Plan Measures (APMs) in the National Action Plan such that First Nations priorities were more included and respected; specifically increasing the number of APMs from 101 to 181 overall.
- Increasing awareness and respect for First Nations rights and title for the 30 Ministries identified in the Action Plan to implement the UN Declaration and the Annual Reporting process.
- Identifying and conveying to First Nations the risks associated with other NIO's positions and priorities in Canada's process to implement the UN Declaration.
- Increasing First Nations awareness and capacity to respond to Canada's process to implement the UN Declaration.
- AFN Advocacy led to key Ministries and critical entities within Canada's bureaucracy being explicitly identified in key APMs, including specifically the Treasury Board Secretariat and the Privy Council Office amongst others so that accountability and predictability in Canada's implementation of the UN Declaration was enhanced for First Nations.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 13/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **First Nations Priorities to Guide the Crown's Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Affirm that the Crown, in all of its forms whether federal, provincial, or territorial, is obliged to respect, uphold and protect the human rights of First Nations including self-determination as articulated in the UN Declaration.
2. Affirm that First Nations Declarations, Statements, Policies and other expression of their inherent rights to their territories that must necessarily be respected as the Crown implements the UN Declaration.
3. Acknowledge the Declaration on Natural Resources on Treaty 5 Territory as one such expression of inherent rights; and, to advocate for this Declaration and all others to be considered and respected in the National Action Plan the UNDA National Action Plan co-development process over the coming year.
4. Call upon the Crown, in all of its forms whether federal, provincial or territorial, to take every action necessary to immediately ensure their laws and policies are consistent with the UN Declaration.
5. Remind the Crown, in all of its forms whether federal, provincial or territorial, that the unilateral imposition of provincial and territorial boundaries on First Nations requires the Crown, in all of its forms, to ensure its differing laws, policies and practices that impact First Nations are consistent with the UN Declaration.
6. Declare that those provincial and territorial governments that refuse to cooperate with the federal government in implementing the UN Declaration are intentionally denying First Nations human rights as expressed in the UN Declaration.
7. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to establish an ad-hoc National Expert Panel on the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples Act National Action Plan to support research and analysis for First Nations interested in contributing to the National Action Plan creation and implementation over the next two years.
8. Direct the AFN to ensure that members of the National Expert Panel be selected from each AFN region and that they be tasked with considering issues of aboriginal rights, title, use and management of First

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- See the 'Actions' noted for Resolution 12/2022, *Call for Full First Nations Participation in the Implementation of the UN Declaration*, as there is significant overlap between these two Resolutions.
- The AFN engaged the CC-UNDA on the establishment of an ad-hoc National Expert Panel on the Declaration Act's National Action Plan to support research and analysis for the First Nations interested in contributing to the National Action Plan creation and implementation. This work is ongoing.

Outputs:

- The AFN developed a 5-year Budget proposal for the UN Declaration for Canada's investment totalling over \$300 million, which includes funding models/advocacy that is inclusive of National, Regional, and First Nation's priorities and needs. Canada has not yet responded in its formal Budgeting process.
- The AFN reported Quarterly at the April SCA and is reporting at the forthcoming AGA on the status of Canada's activities under the consistency of laws provision at Section 5, the progress on the National Action Plan development and implementation at Section 6, and the annual reporting process at Section 7 of the Act.

Outcomes:

- 18 specific references to provincial and territorial governments were made in Canada's Action Plan to implement the UN Declaration.
- Canada has formally committed in the National Action Plan to formally repudiate the Doctrines of Discovery and Terra Nullius.
- Significantly increased capacity amongst First Nations to engage and coordinate between federal and provincial implementation of the UN Declaration, notably in BC,



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Nations territories, homelands and waterways with a focus on identifying tangible steps for the Crown, in all of its forms whether federal, provincial, or territorial, to ensure that their laws are consistent with the UN Declaration.

9. Direct the National Expert Panel once convened to undertake an analysis on the purported “cede, release, surrender and yield” provision in the text of Treaties #1-11 for their consistency with the UN Declaration and to present this analysis back to the First Nations-in-Assembly for their consideration as soon as practicable.
10. Direct the AFN to continue international advocacy on behalf of First Nations by advocating for the repeal of States and other internationally influential body’s doctrines, laws, and policies that are inconsistent with the UN Declaration; specifically advocating to the Catholic Papacy to formally rescind the Doctrine of Discovery during their visit to Canada and to advocate to the Catholic Papacy and the Canadian Government to formally rescind and repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery by the end of this calendar year.

with ongoing efforts to secure Territorial legislation in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

- Increased capacity and discourse and awareness between First Nations facing adverse provincial governments that are actively opposing the implementation of the UN Declaration, particularly in Quebec, including strong linkages to the BC AFN so that cohesive strategies and positions can be developed.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 14/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **First Nations Self-Determination over Citizenship**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Affirm and assert First Nations' inherent right to exercise jurisdiction over citizenship.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to engage the Government of Canada to end the practice of legislative assimilation and to immediately provide adequate funding to First Nation governments to establish their own citizenship laws and processes.
3. Direct the AFN to engage the Government of Canada to address all remaining impacts of gender discrimination arising from the *Indian Act* past and present.
4. Direct the AFN to engage First Nations on issues of citizenship, seek input on how best to support First Nations citizenship approaches, and examine and convey back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the next National Assembly on options, approaches and funding structures that support First Nations' jurisdiction over citizenship.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- The AFN met regularly with CIRNAC and ISC to seek updates on Bill C-38, *An Act to amend the Indian Act*, the Government of Canada's plans to address all remaining impacts of gender discrimination arising from the *Indian Act*, and broader efforts to support First Nations jurisdiction over citizenship.

Outputs:

- The AFN advocated directly to ISC and CIRNAC for the immediate provision of adequate funding to First Nation governments to establish their own citizenship law and processes.
- The AFN drafted issue updates to provide First Nations-in-Assembly with information about the AFN's advocacy on the inherent right to self-determination over citizenship.
- The AFN developed a discussion paper on Bill C-38, *An Act to amend the Indian Act* in response to the Superior Court of Quebec decision in *Descheneaux c. Canada* and the transition from Indian Act registration to full recognition of First Nations' inherent right to self-determination over citizenship.
- The AFN advocated to the Department of Justice as part of the Draft National Action Plan process for Canada to withdraw Bill C-38 and provide adequate resources to First Nations to transition from Indian Act membership.

Outcomes:

- Information provided to First Nations-in-Assembly through issue updates. Direct advocacy to CIRNAC and ISC through regular meetings.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 15/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Major Investment Needed to Build Fully Accessible First Nations

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Calls on the federal government for further engagement, and resources for all First Nations to be made fully accessible and to extend the Accessible Canada Act timeline of 2026 for implementation in First Nations.
2. Calls on the federal government for an agreement that provides multi-year commitments and a major funding envelope for First Nations governments and regions, as well as providing timely research/ data collection to determine the state of First Nations accessibility/disability. This includes consideration of First Nations persons with disabilities and to ensure that inclusion and access to programs, services, and facilities are built and modified for persons of all abilities.
3. Calls for investments and collaborations with a whole of government approach on accessibility to enable innovate systems changes and to address the critical costs of doing nothing.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: A meeting with Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, and AFN Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse is in development to advocate to extend the 2026 timeline for implementation of the Accessible Canada Act (ACA) in First Nations including advocating for resources for First Nations to become accessible.

Outputs: On January 12, 2023, AFN Acting CEO, met with Deputy Minister of Employment Social Development Canada (ESDC) Jean-Francois Tremblay in advocacy efforts to extend the ACA timeline past 2026 including resources for the regions and for engagements with First Nations on legislative options, implementation, and jurisdictional barriers to resolve. On-going meetings of AFN Health Director and First Nations Inuit Health Branch's Senior Management Committee to establish a working group (mobilizing collaboration and investments on a whole of government approach) to address barriers to services and programs and accessibility for First Nations. A First Nations Persons with Disabilities and Knowledge Keepers advisory circle met six times since February to guide the development of First Nations survey tools to inform a framework to build fully accessible First Nations.

Outcomes: The AFN successfully secured ESDC funding in January 2023, to support ongoing engagements with First Nations on legislative options, and engagements to inform a national accessibility framework. In efforts to affirm the rights and inclusion of First Nations persons with disabilities, the AFN continues to work with all other sectors at the AFN to ensure all large meetings and forums are inclusive and accessible to audiences, including positioning the AFN as a national model for accessibility for First Nations across Canada.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 16/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Supporting First Nations Pandemic Recovery**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call on Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and other federal departments to work with provincial and territorial governments to ensure First Nations are included in discussions related to the post-pandemic recovery and the economic restart.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon ISC to provide the necessary funding required by First Nations to guide their own recovery and healing processes.
3. Direct the AFN to call upon ISC to fund First Nations to review and re-design their Pandemic Plans to reflect learnings from the pandemic and a focus on health, economic and social recovery.
4. Direct the AFN to develop a national advocacy plan to support the work of First Nations in reviewing their Pandemic Plans and supporting work focused on recovery.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: Development/Posting/Contract on RFP *First Nations Economic, Social and Health Recovery*

- Bi-weekly meetings with Suslop Inc. to review and provide feedback and guidance on the deliverables related to the *First Nations Economic, Social and Health Recovery*

Participation on weekly/bi-weekly/monthly working groups of ISC/FNIHB including:

- Indigenous COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Working Group
- AFN/ISC - COVID comms
- COVID-19 Public Health Working Group on Remote and Isolated Communities
- SMC/FNIHB

Outputs: Related to the RFP *First Nations Economic, Social and Health Recovery*

- Literature review and update to draft report, *AFN Study of COVID-19 Business Recovery Support Programs for First Nation Businesses and Organizations* (2021), including scan of pandemic supports for First Nations economic development initiatives and assessment of the economic impacts of the pandemic.
- Regional engagements on lessons learned and key activities on the pandemic response throughout the pandemic period of 2021-2022, development of recommendations on pandemic recovery, economic restart, and healing processes at the regional/community levels.
- Final report summarizing activities in 1 & 2 along with tools and resources to support economic development leaders in First Nations and First Nations regional organizations.

Relating to the governmental working groups:



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- Feedback to ISC/FNIHB related to marketing, communications, and reports.
- Strategic knowledge sharing on vaccine uptake, logistics, health human resources, investments) to inform senior management.
- Input into cultural relevant public health messaging, including gaps.
- Ensure First Nations voices are included at FPT COVID working groups; support long term pandemic recovery for First Nations
- Continued networking and sharing of regional and national events of interest.
- Internal report back on results and findings from First Nations Economic, Health and Social Recovery and information sharing, updates, presentations, and analysis within AFN, CCOH, the regions, and ISC

Outcomes:

- Ongoing advocacy for pandemic response and support to First Nations
- Ongoing partnership with government
- Ongoing communications (internal and external)
- Inclusion of public health, PPE and testing at AFN national events

Things to include:

- No further funding necessary with shifting prioritization away from pandemic to other public health issues, including TB and STBBIs.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 17/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Support for the First Nations Languages Funding Model

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Reaffirm that First Nations self-determination over First Nations languages must be respected as a fundamental principle of any federal language initiative, including Numbered Treaties, Modern Treaties, land claim agreements, and self-government agreements.
2. Ratify the interim First Nations Languages Funding Model to inform the Treasury Board Submission to unlock Budget 2019 funding for 2023-24 and future years.
3. Call on the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH) to annex the First Nations Languages Funding Model to the Treasury Board Submission that it is developing to unlock language revitalization funding for 2023-24 and future years.
4. Call on the Government of Canada to honour its commitment to provide adequate, sustainable, and long-term funding for the reclamation, revitalization, maintenance and strengthening of First Nations languages, including by means of a whole-of-government approach that includes other federal departments and other governments.
5. Call on DCH to improve and strengthen partnerships with First Nations and to fully co-manage the implementation of the Funding Model.
6. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to monitor and oversee the implementation of the First Nations Languages Funding Model, to periodically review the model, and to recommend amendments, as required, for consideration by the First Nations-in-Assembly.
7. Direct the AFN to advocate for adequate, sustainable, and long-term funding both from the Department of Canadian Heritage for language revitalization outside schools, and from Indigenous Services Canada for pre-school, elementary school, secondary school, and post-secondary education to strengthen First Nations languages education.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: The AFN worked with the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH) to inform the Treasury Board Submission (TBS). Sending letters to the Government of Canada advocating for adequate, sustainable, and long-term funding to First Nations language revitalization. The AFN will need to develop research on costs of revitalizing languages within schools, to develop a Budget ask for sufficient funding for language revitalization both outside of schools and within First Nations schools. The AFN will continue to monitor the implementation of the Funding Model, and provide any recommended amendments as required, for consideration by the First Nations-in-Assembly.

Outputs: The Funding Model was included with DCH's Treasury Board Submission. The AFN conducts weekly bilateral meetings with DCH to support the implementation of the Funding Model, as well as participates at Joint Implementation Steering Committee (JISC) meetings when implementation discussions must be discussed with DCH, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Metis National Council. The AFN also sent out a letter on behalf of the Language Portfolio Holders to the Minister of Canadian Heritage requesting a meeting to discuss ongoing funding challenges.

Outcomes: Ongoing funding (\$115.7M annually for Indigenous languages starting in 2024-25, approximately \$52M for First Nations) was unlocked through DCH's Treasury Board Submission, and First Nations Funding Model. Further work is required to ensure DCH languages funding is adequate, sustainable, and long-term for the reclamation, revitalization, maintenance and strengthening of First Nations languages. A whole-of-government approach to First Nations language revitalization, which includes provincial and territorial funding for First Nations languages both within and outside of schools would be a significant indicator of success. The AFN will continue to work with DCH to ensure they fully implement the First Nations Languages Funding Model, and the Indigenous Languages Act.



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8. Call on the Government of Canada to provide sufficient funding for language revitalization both outside of schools and within First Nations schools.

In the AFN Pre-Budget Submission for 2024/25, the Languages and Learning Sector states, in the next five years, First Nations will require over \$3.8 billion in incremental funding from DCH to support Section 8 and 9 agreements, ongoing programmatic funding, and all proposals submitted to the Indigenous Languages Component (ILC). Additional funding will be required for funding language revitalization within First Nations schools is included in the Budget ask.

The AFN will continue to engage internal Committees on the implementation of the Funding Model. The AFN works on the co-implementation of the Indigenous Languages Act and the Funding Model at the Joint Implementation Steering Committee with representatives from DCH and other Indigenous representative organizations.

This resolution is aligned with [AFN Resolution 47/2022](#), *First Nations Languages – a defined and Enforceable Right*, as the increased enforceability of the *Indigenous Languages Act* is expected to secure additional funding to support First Nations language initiatives through the Funding Model, as well as funding to support languages within schools, e.g., bilingual or immersion education in First Nations languages.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 18/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Support for Criminal Code Amendments Regarding Gaming Jurisdiction

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Support the following amendments to section 207 of the Criminal Code of Canada to recognize First Nations jurisdiction over gaming;
 - i. 207(1)(a.1) for an Indian Band, either alone or in conjunction with another Indian Band or collective of Indian Bands, to conduct and manage a lottery scheme in their home province, or in that province and the home province of the other Indian Band or Indian Bands, in accordance with any law enacted by that Indian Band;
 - ii. 207(1)(b.1) for a charitable or religious organization, pursuant to a license issued by an Indian Band, or by such other licensing authority as may be specified by the Indian Band, to conduct and manage a lottery scheme in that province if the proceeds from the lottery scheme are used for a charitable or religious object or purpose.
2. Support any consequential amendments to federal legislation required to give effect to the above amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada.
3. Calls on the Government of Canada to amend the Criminal Code of Canada accordingly.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: The Chiefs Committee on Gaming is unfunded and have not met since the AFN reorganization and transition of the portfolios from AFN Legal to the AFN Economic Development Sector on April 1, 2021. Consequently, Gaming portfolio activity has been limited.

In August 2021, an AFN proposal was submitted to the Department of Justice however it was not funded, and AFN gaming portfolio activity is currently limited. The Economic Development Sector has been understaffed and underfunded.

Outcomes: The AFN has secured core funding beginning April 2023 and priority is to fill the vacant positions of Director, Policy Advisors, and Analysts to establish stable and adequate resources. A new Director began on May 29, 2023.

Next Steps: Development of a proposal/workplan by the AFN to further support the Gaming portfolio in Gaming advocacy, research, and engagement. Assign a lead to the Gaming portfolio and coordination of the Chiefs' Committee on Gaming to review of the amendments to section 207 of the Criminal Code of Canada to recognize First Nations jurisdiction over gaming.

Secure funding for the research, engagement, and advocacy of First Nation's full participation in the gaming industry. Currently, there are two First Nations that have established gaming/casinos under inherent rights.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 19/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Executive Committee Representation, Newfoundland**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct that Article 17 Composition of the AFN Charter and any other Articles that refer to the number of Regional Chiefs be amended to include Newfoundland as a Region represented under the Charter.
2. Direct that the AFN Secretariat's (National Indian Brotherhood) By-laws and all other relevant corporate documentation be amended to reflect the regional participation of Newfoundland.
3. Affirm their ongoing and strong support for regional AFN Executive representation.
4. Direct the AFN Secretariat to advance funding advocacy efforts and call on Canada to increase financial support to facilitate the work of the AFN Executive.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

1. All articles of the AFN Charter that refer to the number of Regions and Regional Chiefs have been amended to include Newfoundland as a Region represented under the Charter.
2. AFN is seeking Executive Committee approval on the changes to the NIB By-Laws and AFN Articles of Incorporation consistent with the intention of resolutions 19/2022 and 20/2022, *Charter Amendment - Corporate Name Change*.
3. The AFN continues to advocate for multi-year funding agreements to support Regional Offices.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 20/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Charter Amendment - Corporate Name Change**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct that the Assembly of First Nations Charter and corporate registration be amended to remove the term National Indian Brotherhood and replace it with Assembly of First Nations.
2. Direct the AFN Executive Committee in its capacity as the National Indian Brotherhood (to be renamed AFN) board of directors to:
 - a. Apply for a corporate name change of the National Indian Brotherhood to be officially named the Assembly of First Nations Inc., and file supplementary articles of incorporation consistent with the intent of this resolution, and
 - b. Do all such acts and things, provide such instructions and execute and deliver all such other documents and instruments as necessary or advisable to carry out the resolution's intent.
3. Supports the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund board of trustees in its efforts to identify and register a name change that reflects the organizations goals, purpose, and mandates.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Action: In May 2023, the AFN Executive Committee passed a motion supporting 'the Board of Trustees in the registration of an official name change, from National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund to Future Generations Foundation / La Fondation des Generations a Venir, and the completion of all acts to ensure the intent of the resolutions is delivered, as outlined by Resolutions 20-22 from the December 2022 Special Chiefs Assembly (hosted a meeting, drafted a letter)'.

AFN is recommending that the Executive Committee:

- Approve amending all relevant corporate documents and to file amended documents with Corporations Canada;
- Approve the changes to the NIB By-Laws and AFN Articles of Incorporation consistent with the intention of resolutions 19/2022 and 20/2022;
- Call for a meeting to pass the amendments to corporate documents.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 21/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Charter Amendment - Conflict of Interest

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct that a new section be inserted after Section 26 - Functions of the AFN Charter, which shall state:

Conflict of Interest

Article 27

- 1.1 All members of principal organs of the AFN with a direct conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest must adhere to Section 27 of this Charter.
- 1.2 Conflict of interest are or may be:
 - a. defined as situations in which personal, business or financial considerations may affect, or appear to affect a member of the Principal Organ's objectivity, judgement or ability to act in the best interests of the Assembly of First Nations.
 - b. real, potential or perceived in nature:
 - i. A real conflict of interest arises where a member of a Principal Organ has a private or personal interest, for example, a close family connection or financial interest.
 - ii. A potential conflict of interest may arise when a member of a Principal Organ has a private or personal interest, such as an identified future commitment.
 - iii. A perceived or apparent conflict of interest may exist when a reasonable, well-informed person has a reasonable belief that a member of a Principal Organ has a conflict of interest, even if there is no real conflict. Full disclosure, in itself, does not remove a conflict of interest.
- 1.3 Conflicts of Interest should be declared as soon as is practicable to the respective body, and that person must recuse themselves from deliberation and decision on that topic.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

After Article 26 – Functions of the AFN Charter, a new Article 27 has been inserted and titled Conflict of Interest. As directed by Resolution 21/2022, it states:

- 1.1 All members of principal organs of the AFN with a direct conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest must adhere to Section 27 of this Charter.
- 1.2 Conflict of interest are or may be:
 - c. defined as situations in which personal, business, or financial considerations may affect, or appear to affect a member of the Principal Organ's objectivity, judgement, or ability to act in the best interests of the Assembly of First Nations.
 - d. real, potential, or perceived in nature:
 - iv. A real conflict of interest arises where a member of a Principal Organ has a private or personal interest, for example, a close family connection or financial interest.
 - v. A potential conflict of interest may arise when a member of a Principal Organ has a private or personal interest, such as an identified future commitment.
 - vi. A perceived or apparent conflict of interest may exist when a reasonable, well-informed person has a reasonable belief that a member of a Principal Organ has a conflict of interest, even if there is no real conflict. Full disclosure, in itself, does not remove a conflict of interest.



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1.4 Where a conflict of the issue is raised by any members of principal organs of the AFN, the AFN may choose to retain the advice of legal counsel for advice on the conflict-of-interest matter to uphold the integrity of the applicable process. Each principal organ of the AFN may choose to address and resolve the issue by means identified by that organ to maintain the integrity of the process.

1.3 Conflicts of Interest should be declared as soon as is practicable to the respective body, and that person must recuse themselves from deliberation and decision on that topic.

1.4 Where a conflict of the issue is raised by any members of principal organs of the AFN, the AFN may choose to retain the advice of legal counsel for advice on the conflict-of-interest matter to uphold the integrity of the applicable process. Each principal organ of the AFN may choose to address and resolve the issue by means identified by that organ to maintain the integrity of the process.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 22/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Charter Amendment - AFN Orientation**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct that Section 26(4) be added to the AFN Charter, which shall state:
 - i. *The AFN Secretariat shall provide orientation on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations specifically to support and provide information for official AFN political and/or technical representatives to ensure the efficiency of AFN's operations, gatherings, and assemblies.*
2. Direct the AFN Secretariat, in the development and delivery of orientation, either through by-laws, policies or resolutions, addresses the following considerations that may include;
 - a. An orientation to introduce official AFN representatives and participants to AFN governance and operations;
 - b. Expectations concerning delegate and participant conduct and interaction at Assemblies, committees, working groups, and AFN gatherings;
 - c. Education and teachings on AFN principles, traditional values and guiding foundations.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

1. The AFN Charter was amended to add Section 26(4), which states:
 - i. *The AFN Secretariat shall provide orientation on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations specifically to support and provide information for official AFN political and/or technical representatives to ensure the efficiency of AFN's operations, gatherings, and assemblies.*



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 23/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE *Re-Commitment to Co-Development of Replacement Legislation for Safe Drinking Water for First Nations*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on Canada to cease further development of its legislative drafting and release what they have developed thus far on safe drinking water.
2. Direct the AFN to withdraw from the Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG) unless Canada re-commits to the co-development of legislation in a meaningful partnership with First Nations in compliance with the original Terms of Reference of the JTWG and the confidentiality agreement.
3. Direct the AFN to co-develop legislation that includes at a minimum:
 - 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. A commitment to adequate and sustained funding (including at a minimum, capital, operations & maintenance and inspections) to address water and wastewater;
 - d. Mechanisms to address transboundary waters;
 - e. Liability protection for owners and operators; and,
 - f. Governance structures that ensure First Nations are decision-makers in the provision of water and wastewater services.
4. Direct the AFN to call on Canada to ensure there are no criminal charges and/or penalties against the owner(s) or operator(s) of a public water system where Canada has failed to provide adequate funding for the operations, capital maintenance and independent inspection of their public water system.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

As directed by the First Nations-in-Assembly through Resolution 23/2022, the AFN repeatedly re-iterated to ISC officials at a series of meetings throughout Winter-Spring 2023 to recommit to meaningful co-development of legislation.

Once Canada released its draft consultation legislation in February 2023, the AFN repeatedly clarified its position during a series of meetings that we do not support the draft bill in its current form, given that it did not address the five critical requirements, as presented to ISC by AFN and First Nations during the development of the current draft: recognition of rights over source waters, 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 waters.

On May 16th, 2023, Ontario Regional Chief Hare sent a letter to Minister Hajdu which re-iterated the AFN's position that it does not support the draft bill in its current form and urged Canada to seek an expanded mandate to develop legislation that addresses the needs and concerns of First Nations and underscored Canada's obligation to ensure that this legislation is consistent with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Throughout Canada's consultation period, the AFN supported 10 regional engagement sessions, to share information and support First Nations in analyzing and providing comments on Canada's draft legislation.

Since the release of the draft consultation legislation, the AFN also held 4 meetings with the Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure and the Regional Water Coordinators to provide status updates, hold discussions, and seek recommendations for next steps.



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Outputs: After the release of the draft consultation legislation, the AFN immediately conducted a legal analysis on the proposed Act, as well as outlined the AFN’s recommended changes. This analysis was shared with First Nations during their regional engagement sessions and was a useful tool in supporting First Nations during their review of the Legislation.

The AFN-supported regional engagement sessions also ensured that all First Nations had a meaningful opportunity to share their comments on the proposed Act.

The letter from Ontario Regional Chief Hare that was sent to the Minister of Indigenous Services and the motion that was carried by the AFN Executive Committee and subsequently shared with ISC on May 15, 2023, were instrumental in clearly defining the AFN’s position that we do not support introduction of the legislation in its current form and in calling on the Minister of Indigenous Services to re-commit to meaningful co-development and in seeking a revised cabinet authority, in order to address the five critical requirements.

Outcomes: As a result of sustained advocacy from the AFN, as directed by Resolution 23/2022, and from First Nations across the country, the introduction of the Legislation has been delayed until September 2023, to allow for additional time to engage First Nations on its content. During this period, the AFN will continue to advocate for the Minister of Indigenous Services to seek an expanded mandate from Cabinet to meaningfully address the five critical requirements outlined by First Nations, to make certain that First Nations are protected. The AFN will also continue to call on Canada to carefully co-develop legislation with First Nations technical expertise, to ensure it will advance the highest standards for the safety, health, and well-being of First Nations, and all those who reside, work, or visit First Nations lands and territories.

The AFN is requesting additional resources to allow First Nations through regional engagement to continue develop and seek input to support ISC to secure an expanded mandate on the five critical items. It is very important that ISC /AFN/ Regions/First Nations continue to work together to arrive at legislation that meets First Nations goals to provide sustainable management of safe drinking water, proper sanitation and support the required related infrastructure and recognition of rights.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 24/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	
AFN's Commitment to Transparency and Proactive Disclosure of Procurement Records	
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and AFN Executive Committee to issue and share a confidential quarterly report with the First Nations-in-Assembly, itemizing all awarded contracts and:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Process (i.e., RFP).b. Sector and/or person requesting the contract.c. Amount and term of the contract.2. Direct the AFN to create and implement a Summary of Awarded Contracts document, itemized by year and quarter, for greater monitoring of procurement activities.3. Direct the AFN and AFN Executive to complete an annual analysis of procurement to ensure that the principles of accountability, transparency and fairness are reflected in procurement decisions.4. Direct the AFN and Executive Committee to add to the current procedures of the policy, <i>Contracts</i>, the preceding new activities.	<p>The implementation activities relating to this resolution are in progress. A more thorough update will be provided at a later date.</p>

AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 25/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	
Advancing Gender Equity in Leadership for Women and Families	
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES



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1. Support the recommendation found in the Stratford Report that AFN Regional Chiefs' compensation should include benefits coverage, which would include maternity and parental leave.
2. Support the principle that AFN Executive Members, regardless of their gender, should be supported by the AFN to pursue growing families, and direct the AFN to:
 - i. provide the AFN Regional Offices with financial support to provide for coverage (which may include a Regional Chief's designate) for maternity and parental leave.
 - ii. create a policy and special fund that would support AFN Executive Members to take maternity/parental leave, long-term leave due to sickness or bereavement, and/or leave in emergency situations, and be supported to do so.
 - iii. look at options for providing childcare at AFN Assemblies for AFN Executive Members, AFN Staff, and Chiefs and Proxies to ensure that all staff and elected officials who have families have the ability to fully participate in Assembly proceedings. These options must be brought before the AFN Management Committee for recommendation to the AFN Executive.
3. Express their support of women in leadership and direct the National Chief and the AFN to:
 - i. continue to advocate to remove barriers for women, and those who identify as women, to pursue leadership.
 - ii. provide an update to the First Nations-in-Assembly at the 2023 AFN Annual General Assembly on specific actions taken by the AFN to support women in leadership.
4. Direct the AFN to develop an advocacy strategy to advocate for the federal government to provide financial resources to First Nations to be able to provide maternity and parental benefits for elected First Nation leaders.

Action: The AFN Management Committee directed the Secretariat to explore options to financially support Regional Chiefs for maternity and parental leave.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 26/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Plan for National Community Safety Reform: Political Support and Resourcing**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to support First Nations-led solutions in responding to the epidemic of suicides, public safety challenges, and substance abuse issues faced by First Nations and First Nations citizens.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for and seek appropriate resources to:
 - a. Engage in or carry out activities for the creation and implementation of a *Plan for National Community Safety Reform*, which is intended to assess the need to provide resources and support to First Nations to address community safety, policing, and wellbeing wherever we may be, to be presented to First Nations-in-Assembly; and
 - b. Support the establishment of a Chiefs Committee on Community Safety, which will provide advice and direction on the development and implementation of a national survey to be distributed to First Nations that will assess the priorities of First Nations in relation to their community wellbeing, safety, and policing needs, with the results informing the drafting of the *Plan for National Community Safety Reform*.
3. Direct that the Chiefs Committee on Community Safety will be comprised of one (1) Chief representative from each AFN Region, who shall be appointed in collaboration with Chiefs, former RCMP and Justice workers.
4. Direct the Chiefs Committee on Safety Committee to report back to the First Nations-in-Assembly upon their progress, such as indicators of advances made, funding sources, and the priorities of First Nations (in aggregate).

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Drafted funding proposal (dependent on capacity funding).
- TBIR 2-4 are dependent on receiving funding and cannot be actioned out until funding can support the work.

Outputs:

- No funding opportunities are currently available for the scope of this work; the AFN continues to advocate for funding.

Outcomes:

- Establish a Chiefs Committee on Community Safety.
- Development and administering of a national survey.
- Draft a Plan for National Community Safety Reform.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 27/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support for the Family of Chantel Moore and Implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for greater RCMP accountability and justice for the family of Chantel Moore and call for the implementation of the recommendations from the New Brunswick Coroner's Inquest regarding police intervention, training, and equipment.
2. Call upon the AFN to strongly denounce any acts of violence perpetrated by police against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people and advocate for greater police reform and accountability.
3. Call upon the federal government to accelerate the implementation of the National Action Plan and 231 Calls for Justice and to disclose in a transparent manner how the funding for implementation of the National Action Plan is being allocated.
4. Call upon the federal government to establish an independent third-party oversight body mandated to provide accountability for the implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
5. Call on the federal government to work with the provinces and territories in a role as a convener to ensure that the *2021 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan: Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People* is implemented fully, and that this work is prioritized equally as the *Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People*.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Invited the family of Chantel Moore to the National MMIWG2S+ Gathering to participate and share their story.
- Advocate for full implementation of the Calls for Justice.

Outputs:

- Held a National MMIWG2s+ Gathering in February 2023.
- Release of *Connecting Hearts and Changing Minds* report on June 3, 2023.

Outcomes:

- Raised awareness of Chantel Moore's case and messaging to government partners.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 28/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Final Settlement Agreement on Compensation for First Nations Children and Families**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Support compensation for victims covered by the proposed Final Settlement Agreement (FSA) on compensation and those already legally entitled to \$40,000 plus interest under the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) compensation orders to ensure that all victims receive compensation for Canada's willful and reckless discrimination.
2. Direct Canada to fund post-majority supports tailored to the specific needs of each child and young adult victims up to age 26 who are eligible for compensation until such time that community-based supports funded by Canada can adequately support all victims for the duration of the compensation period.
3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to immediately seek a minimum of 12 months following the announcement of a revised Final Settlement Agreement for claimants to determine whether they will participate in the class action. Persons entitled to compensation shall determine whether they will participate in the class action based on complete information, including the terms of any settlement.
4. Call upon Canada to immediately place the minimum of \$20 billion earmarked for compensation in an interest-bearing account held by an independent and reputable major financial institution and immediately pay the compensation to all victims of Canada's discrimination, including those eligible under the class action and under the CHRT orders.
5. Support the principles on which the FSA is built, including taking a trauma-informed approach, employing objective and non-invasive criteria, and ensuring a First Nations-driven and culturally-informed approach to compensating individuals.
6. Continue to support the Representative Plaintiffs and all victims of Canada's discrimination by ensuring that compensation is paid as quickly as possible to all those who can be immediately identified and to continue to work efficiently to compensate those who may need more time.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: AFN continued negotiations towards a Final Settlement Agreement (FSA) on Compensation to address the considerations raised by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) and in accordance with the mandate given in Resolution 28/2022. The AFN successfully renegotiated an FSA with the Parties—now valued at \$23 billion—to include individuals who were placed in kith care agreements and their parents/caregivers, as well as ensuring all individuals covered by the CHRT's orders. The AFN has also advocated for an extended opt-out period for claimants, which is now revised to August 23, 2023. Further, the AFN has made the request for the funds for compensation to be placed in trust and has continued to advocate for comprehensive wellness supports to be available to claimants.

Outputs: The AFN participated in numerous compensation negotiations between January and April 2023, resulting in a revised Final Settlement Agreement that was presented to and approved by the First Nations-in-Assembly in April 2023 via AFN Resolution 04/2023, *Revised Final Settlement Agreement on Compensation for First Nations Children and Families*.

Outcomes: The AFN will continue to provide updates to the First Nations-in-Assembly on progress on the implementation of the compensation FSA. The AFN will take the revised FSA to the CHRT for approval, followed by the Federal Court of Canada.



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7. Ensure that the AFN returns to the First Nations-in-Assembly to provide regular progress reports and seek direction on any outstanding implementation issues.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 29/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Establishment of an AFN Chiefs Committee on Indian Residential Schools**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Establish an Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Indian Residential Schools to:
 - a. Help share and track information between First Nations who are undertaking ground searches for unmarked graves at former sites of Residential Schools;
 - b. Advocate to fully implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; and
 - c. To work with AFN Executive Committee, Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments, and the newly appointed Special Interlocutor to address and investigate matters related to the Indian Residential School System.
2. Call on the AFN to ensure the Chiefs' Committee on Indian Residential Schools shall draft their terms of reference, which will include an annual report, ensure that composition of the committee will include participation from residential school survivors and will establish a mechanism for First Nations to share information with the Chiefs' Committee on Indian Residential Schools.
3. Call on the AFN to work with the newly created Chiefs' Committee on Indian Residential Schools to urge the federal government, in full partnership with First Nations, to:
 - a. Call on Canada and Church entities to identify and release records in their control to ensure the records are available to inform the investigations needed at former Residential School sites; and
 - b. Call on Canada and Church entities to provide records to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that Indian Residential School Survivors, their families and First Nations have full and complete access, including funding the necessary resources to access, review and analyze the records held by Canada, Church entities and any third parties.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- AFN participated in follow-up meetings with CIRNA regarding draft funding proposal.
- Sent a letter to Prime Minister, Premiers and Special Interlocutor advocating for TBIRs.
- Further action on TBIRs 1-4 are dependent on securing funding; the AFN continues to advocate for funding.

Outputs:

- Develop terms of reference for the Chiefs Committee on Indian Residential Schools and workplan (dependent on securing funding).

Outcomes:

- No response or funding commitments made yet.



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4. Call on the AFN to ensure the Chiefs Committee on Indian Residential Schools will work to ensure that the federal government and involved Churches take active steps towards providing consistent and substantive supports to Residential School Survivors, families and First Nations in their efforts of investigation, as well as comprehensive supports for the dynamic and evolving needs of survivors in their journey towards healing from the horrific trauma inflicted by the Residential School System and memorializing the sites where First Nations children were recovered.
5. Direct the AFN to advocate for and seek appropriate resources to engage in or carry out activities to support the Chiefs Committee on Indian Residential Schools in carrying out their mandate.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 30/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Call to Formally Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Fully reject the racist and colonial Doctrine of Discovery as a justification for the forceful dispossession of sovereign Indigenous Nations from their territories.
2. Fully support and endorse the findings and recommendations outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action related to the Doctrine of Discovery and *terra nullius*, recommendations 1.16.1 and 1.16.2 of the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal people, and the Assembly of First Nations' *Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* report.
3. Call on King Charles III to renounce the Doctrine of Discovery and likewise to renounce all doctrines of moral superiority asserted in aid of colonialism, so the Crown does not continue to rely upon or use these doctrines in aid of colonial purposes, especially as the Crown has distinct and lasting fiduciary obligations to the Indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world.
4. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the federal Minister of Justice to include formal rescinding and repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery in Canada's United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan and to ensure the policy and legislation measures in this action plan reflect the rescinding and repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery.
5. Direct the AFN to continue to call on the Pope to rescind and repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery and *terra nullius* and recognize Indigenous inherent sovereignty, jurisdiction and self-determination.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- AFN First Nations statement delivered to Pope Francis.
- National Chief statement to Prince Charles in person in September 2022 to be reiterated at coronation in May 2023.
- Draft letter to Minister Lametti.

Outputs:

- AFN statements calling on the Pope to rescind and repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery.

Outcomes:

- Vatican formally repudiates the Doctrine of Discovery.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 31/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	
Establishment of an Indian Residential Schools Museum	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support the establishment of a First Nations-controlled national museum in Saskatchewan with a mandate to explore the subject of residential schools in order to preserve the stories of survivors and enhance public understanding of residential schools and encourage reflection and dialogue.2. Call on the federal government to fund the planning, development, implementation and permanent ongoing operations of the museum.	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AFN will draft support letters. <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AFN support letter for museum in Saskatchewan. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal government funding to establish a First Nations-controlled national museum.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 32/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	Extension of Day School Claims (McLean Class Action) Application Deadline for 1 year
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<p>1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to request an extension for the Day School Claims applications from January 13, 2023, to January 12, 2024, through the Minister of the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada department.</p>	<p>The AFN prepared a letter addressed to Minister Miller which called on Canada to extend the Day School Claims application period from January 13, 2023, to January 12, 2024. Further, it provided the AFN resolution on this request to the Minister.</p>



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 33/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Healing Forum for Residential School Survivors/Veterans/Thrivers**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call upon the federal and provincial governments to fully resource and provide capacity support for First Nations-led and hosted healing forums in alignment with their obligations under the UN Declaration and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for and seek appropriate resources to engage in or carry out activities to support hosting national and regional forums for residential school and day school survivors/veterans/thrivers, intergenerational survivors, and their invited guests and supports, to come together and identify their collective needs for healing.
3. Direct the AFN to call on like-minded organizations, including the Indian Residential School Survivors Society, to help plan and host the national and regional forums to ensure that a “trauma informed” approach is used.
4. Direct the AFN to approach the Government of Canada to develop a National Recognition Pin for Survivors of the Indian Residential School System to honour their bravery, courage, and strength, designed in collaboration with Survivors, Indian Residential School organizations, and the arts community.
5. Direct the AFN to advocate for a National honouring ceremony to bring Survivors to the forefront to receive these National Recognition Pin for Survivors, if they so wish.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Draft funding proposal (dependent on capacity funding).

Outputs:

- Host a national forum (dependent on securing funding).
- Develop commemorative pin for Survivors of Indian Residential Schools.

Outcomes:

- Federal government funding commitment to host a national forum.
- Federal government funding commitment to develop a pin recognizing Survivors of Indian Residential Schools.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 34/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Justice and Reconciliation for Indian Residential School Survivors and Missing Children and Unmarked Graves**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to prioritize the international actions included in resolutions 01-2021 and 02-2021.
2. Direct the AFN to advocate for the establishment of an independent international commission, such as utilizing the UN Special Rapporteur to examine how IRS survivors were failed by the IRSSA on their individual complaints, conduct studies, provide advice on technical cooperation and undertake visits to assess specific human rights issues or situations in Canada.
3. Direct the National Chief, Executive Committee, and AFN Secretariat to intervene in the legal matters of IRS survivors of national importance with the Government of Canada and the Roman Catholic Church, including calls for support from the international community on behalf of survivors to obtain relevant documents, have their claims reopened and re-adjudicated and appropriate compensations be awarded to them in a trauma-informed process.
4. Direct the AFN to seek justice through international processes to hold the Government of Canada and the Churches accountable for their actions and for the violation of human rights pursuant to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the UNDRIP and the UNDA, without delay, in recognition that survivors are aging and are passing away before they receive justice.
5. Direct the AFN to commission an academic review, subject to funding, of the IRSSA to determine whether the IRSSA has fulfilled social justice obligations.
6. Direct the AFN to pursue the release of all related evidence and documents in full to the National Centre of Truth and Reconciliation.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Draft funding proposal (dependent on capacity funding).
- Draft support letters.

Outputs:

- No funding opportunities are currently available for the scope of this work.

Outcomes:

- Draft a progress report to present to First Nations-in-Assembly (dependent on capacity funding to carry out the work).



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7. Direct the AFN to adopt a definition of reconciliation which enhances and strengthens the TRC's definition of reconciliation with an emphasis that true reconciliation cannot be achieved until justice is served for Indigenous People.
8. Direct the AFN to report back annually at the Annual General Assembly on any progress made.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 35/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Reimbursements of Legal Costs for Residential School Survivors**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the National Chief and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive Committee to call on the federal government to compensate those Survivor litigants who were not reimbursed for the legal fees that they incurred by bringing their individual Residential School claims through the courts.
2. Direct the National Chief and the AFN Executive Committee to call on the federal government to ensure that the families of those Survivors litigants, who have since passed on, are eligible to receive the compensation.
3. Direct the National Chief and the AFN Executive Committee to call on the federal government to resolve this outstanding issue for Survivor litigants as expeditiously as possible.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

The AFN is legally prescribed from requesting that the Claimants under the IRSSA be compensated for legal fees and that families of those Survivors litigants, who have since passed on, are eligible to receive the compensation as a party thereto. This issue is best addressed at the political level. The IRSSA is a contract, and it was agreed to between the Claimants and Canada. The Agreement further defined how legal fees and compensation would be provided and the Claimants agreed to that process. The Agreement is complete, and all its processes are closed.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 36/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Reopening of Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call on the Government of Canada to immediately reopen the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) for survivors that missed the Deadline to file a claim for their experiences at Residential School or to facilitate a process, in consultation with First Nations leaders, to provide adequate compensation to which survivors are entitled.
2. Call on the Government of Canada to immediately ensure that sufficient monies, either by surplus under the IRSSA or otherwise, be allocated to First Nations-led measures and institutions to promote and foster healing for survivors and their families.
3. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to negotiate, as a party to the IRSSA, to reopen the IRSSA or negotiate a process, in consultation with First Nations leaders, to provide adequate compensation to which survivors are entitled.
4. Call on the Government of Canada to allocate further financial resources to First Nations-led measures and institutions for the purpose of addressing the ongoing harmful effects of Residential Schools.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

The AFN is legally prescribed from seeking to re-open the IRSSA as a party thereto. This issue is best addressed at the political level. Moreover, the IRSSA is complete. The Independent Assessment Process for compensation under the IRSSA has also been completed under the agreement.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 37/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support for a First Peoples Monument on the Grounds of Parliament**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call upon the federal government to allocate funds to create a national monument that is meant to commemorate all First Peoples and their contributions to Canadian society.2. Call upon all levels of government to support the creation of a First Peoples Monument, which will serve as a reminder to all members of Parliament to support First Peoples and to serve as a symbol of reconciliation and redress for past injustices and wrongs.3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with First Peoples leaders, the local First Nations Kitigan Zibi Anishnabeg and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, Elders, youth, and artists to design a concept of a First Peoples Monument which would provide for commemoration and support for healing from intergenerational trauma, and to build for a stronger future.4. Direct the AFN to approach Heritage Canada to fund an initiative that will result in the design, construction, and installation of a First Peoples Monument on the grounds of Parliament with input from First Peoples leaders, Elders, youth, and artists.	<p>Actions: In May 2023, a letter and copy of the resolution were sent to the Minister of Canadian Heritage informing them of the resolution and requesting a contact to discuss next steps. The resolution was brought forward to the Joint Implementation Steering Committee whose members include Canadian Heritage, Métis Nation Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami.</p> <p>Outputs: The resolution has been identified as an agenda item at the Federal Provincial Territorial Meeting for Ministers responsible for Culture and Heritage taking place on June 28, 2023.</p> <p>Outcomes: Funding will need to be secured by the Department of Canadian Heritage for both the coordination of this work along with the monument itself. Once funding is secured a working group will need to be established to provide direction and support for the ongoing development of this project.</p>



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 38/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support to Further Actions Post-Papal Apology**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call upon the Holy Father to renounce and formally revoke the “Inter Caetera” 1493 Doctrine of Discovery and replace it with a new Papal Bull that decrees Indigenous Peoples and cultures are valuable, worthy, and must be treated with dignity and respect.2. Call upon the federal government and church entities to provide additional investments into long-term healing initiatives beyond the recent commitments of \$ 30 million announced on September 27, 2021, to ensure support programs and services for survivors and their descendants.3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for and seek appropriate resources to develop an AFN National Strategy on Residential School Reconciliation following the Papal Encounters, which will address the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Analysis of the Papal apology speeches to identify commitments and support initiatives;b. Advocacy strategy for the return of diocese land properties back to First Nations on whose traditional lands they are situated;c. Seek commitments from church entities to release records and related materials of Residential School institutions, including death records of students;d. Analysis of the constitutional impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery and its relationship with the Church and Canada;e. Seek commitments for the return of artifacts from church entities;	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft funding proposal (dependent on capacity funding).• Draft support letters. <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AFN National Strategy on Residential School Reconciliation (dependent on capacity funding)• AFN statements calling on the Pope to rescind and repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vatican formally repudiates the Doctrine of Discovery.

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RESOLUTION TITLE **Opposition to Bill C-21 Federal Gun Control Legislation**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Publicly oppose Bill C-21, An act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms), which potentially criminalizes long guns (rifles) used by First Nation peoples in exercising their Aboriginal and Treaty rights to sustenance hunt and harvest.
2. Call upon the Government of Canada to conduct proper and adequate consultation with First Nations as is required under the United Nations Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, prior to enacting laws that impact First Nations inherent, Constitutional and Treaty rights to sustenance hunt and harvest.
3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to advocate for amendments to Bill C-21, including:
 - a. Removing from the list of prohibited weapons, the long guns commonly used by First Nations sustenance hunters in exercising their inherent Aboriginal, Treaty and Constitutionally recognized rights, contained in the adopted amendment to Bill C-21;
 - b. Amending the “red flag” and “yellow flag” provisions to ensure that First Nations inherent, constitutional, and treaty rights are respected, and clarify how the “red flag” and “yellow flag” provisions will apply to First Nations and First Nations citizens;
 - c. Creating an oversight mechanism to ensure that the Chief Firearms Officer consult with First Nations to ensure that orders do not restrict First Nations access to firearms commonly used in sustenance hunting;
 - d. Ensuring additional provisions to support First Nations police services and ensure that the resources they require to maintain law and order within their jurisdictions is provided, specifically in relation to root causes of gangs and gun violence; and
 - e. Ensuring additional provisions be implemented to support First Nations prevention programs for youth in relation to gang violence and illegal guns, as well as prevention

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Advocate for amendments to draft legislation on gun control.

Outputs:

- Meetings with Public Safety Canada officials to advocate for amendments to the draft gun control legislation.

Outcomes:

4. Amendments to the draft gun control legislation were introduced but do not reflect the proposed amendments in the resolution.



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programs targeting gender-based violence and violence against First Nations women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

- f. Removing the requirement for Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) for First Nations citizens.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 40/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **To Ensure Quality of Life to the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and Jordan's Principle**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct Canada to ensure that funding and other mechanisms related to long-term reform measures regarding child and family services enable First Nation Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Agencies and First Nation child and family service providers to deliver services based on substantive equality, best interests of the child, that is culturally appropriate and takes into full account the distinct circumstances of their communities.
2. Direct Canada to ensure that any interim and long-term reform measures, including the Reformed CFS Funding Approach, do not reduce or disrupt current funding levels and are sufficiently flexible to respect First Nations authorized service providers to deliver child and family services at a level that protects and promotes the best interests of their children in keeping with the principles of sovereignty, inherent jurisdiction, and nation-to-nation building.
3. Direct the Parties to develop evidence-and policy-based options for the long-term reform of Jordan's Principle that will include mechanisms to enable and support self-determination and to return to the First Nations-in-Assembly for review and approval.
4. Call upon Canada to extend the timeframes for signing the Final Settlement Agreement (FSA) on long-term reform. The First Nations-in-Assembly must approve the FSA on long-term reform.
5. Call upon Canada to increase funding commitments above the currently allocated \$19.807 billion, over 5 years and beyond, that is needs-based to ensure substantive equality, the best interests of the child, and services that are culturally appropriate and reflective of the distinct needs and circumstances of individual First Nation communities.
6. Direct Canada to fund the Assembly of First Nations National Advisory Committee on First Nations Child and Family Services Program Reform and regional and other technical experts to inform the FSA.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

The AFN continued to work with the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD) to refine, test and model the reformed First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) funding model with First Nations. The AFN has continued negotiations towards a Final Settlement Agreement (FSA) on long-term reform that reflects First Nations' priorities for reform of the FNCFS Program and Jordan's Principle, including funding principles for FNCFS Program reform, developing evidence-based policy options for the reform of Jordan's Principle, and extending the timeframe to reach an FSA. The AFN and Caring Society have proposed revised timelines to reach an FSA on long-term reform to ensure that First Nations rights to Free, Prior and Informed Consent are realized, including time for regional engagement. The AFN will be hosting a dialogue session on long-term reform at the July 2023 Annual General Assembly to provide an update to First Nations leadership on the IFSD's research and the path forward, and to discuss long-term reform.

Outputs:

The AFN participated in numerous negotiation meetings with Canada, Chiefs of Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, and the Caring Society and has made substantial progress towards a Final Settlement Agreement on long-term reform.

Outcomes:

The AFN and negotiating parties have made significant progress towards reaching a Final Settlement Agreement on long-term reform and have identified a path forward to reach a Final Settlement Agreement for FNCFS by December 2023.



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7. Call upon Canada to ensure Chiefs shall be provided with all available options and related supporting financial resources and materials to ensure First Nations can exercise their Free, Prior and Informed Consent on long-term reforms.
8. Ensure that the FSA does not detract from the right of the Parties to the current complaint before the CHRT from seeking orders from the Tribunal to ensure that all First Nations children, youth, and families will be free from discrimination and its recurrence for all generations to come.
9. Call upon Canada to develop legislative protections to ensure that First Nations have sufficient liability coverage over the services they provide.
10. Call upon Canada to continue funding capital at actual costs for First Nations, FNCFS Agencies and First Nation Service Providers, pursuant to 2021 CHRT 41, until otherwise ordered by the Tribunal.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 41/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Rejection of The Saskatchewan First Act and Sovereign Alberta within a United Canada Act**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Support First Nations in rejecting The Saskatchewan First Act (Bill 88) and to immediately repeal its introduction.
2. Support the First Nations demanding for the withdrawal of the Sovereign Alberta within a United Canada Act.
3. Support First Nations to call on the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta to immediately engage in meaningful and respectful dialogue on resource revenue sharing, so that First Nations benefit from the resource wealth in their respective traditional territories.
4. Call on the Government of Canada to immediately address provincial and territorial encroachment on First Nations' sovereignty, rights, and title.
5. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to immediately formally reject these laws that abrogate and negate First Nations sovereignty, rights, and title via a letter or official communique.
6. Direct the AFN to commission a comprehensive legal analysis on the issue of territorial and provincial legislative encroachment on First Nations' sovereignty, rights, and title.
7. Direct the AFN to not only include legislation such as the Natural Resource Transfer Act (1930), but to also include the Saskatchewan First Act (Bill 88), and the Sovereign Alberta within a United Canada Act in their comprehensive legal analysis.
8. Direct the AFN to report back to the First Nations-in-Assembly at the next Assembly, on the comprehensive legal analysis on territorial and provincial encroachment on First Nation sovereignty, rights, and title

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- The AFN continues to advance this mandate through advocacy on ensuring that the laws of Canada are consistent with UNDRIP.
- Regular and ongoing advocacy with the CIRNAC, ISC, and the DOJ, various federal decision makers, and political leaders on the need to address the requirement for a whole of government approach to implementation that includes the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments.

Outcomes:

- AFN hosted a SCA in April, on UNDRIP, where First Nations directly engaged the Minister of Justice on issues of provincial and territorial encroachments, the Sovereign Alberta Act, The Saskatchewan First Act, and the Natural Resource Transfer Act (1930).
- The Government of Canada responded and mitigated their reactions to the dialogue occurred during the SCA through media outlets. Although no commitments were made publicly, the AFN continues direct advocacy with the Government.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 42/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Demand for Consultation on Amendments to the Indian Act (1985)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on Canada to consult directly with First Nations communities pursuant to community-specific consultation processes and pursuant to the duty to consult regarding any and all proposed amendments to the Indian Act (1985) and uphold Crown obligations to the Terms of Reference for a Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process (2007).
2. Direct AFN to support First Nations in their consultation processes with the Government of Canada regarding proposed amendments to the Indian Act (1985).
3. Call on Canada to adhere to the principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent, as per the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), through the process and engagements of any proposed amendments to the Indian Act (1985).
4. Direct the AFN to call on Canada to ensure that any amendments to the Indian Act (1985) are consistent with the international and fundamental human rights enumerated in UNDRIP, as specifically required in Section 5 of the Declaration.
5. The AFN calls on Canada to adequately and appropriately fund First Nations to participate in formal consultation and to undertake extensive community engagement on any and all proposed changes to the Indian Act (1985).
6. The AFN calls on Canada to not table any legislative amendments to the Indian Act until such time that all First Nations have adequately and appropriately engaged with members and the duty to consult has been fully upheld.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- The AFN met regularly with ISC to seek information about proposed amendments to the Indian Act.
- The AFN met regularly with CIRNAC to seek information about their plans to seek a Cabinet Mandate and funding to initiate work on supporting First Nations jurisdiction over citizenship.

Outputs:

- Briefing note to Regional Chief Prosper for information: Indian Act Registration – Proposed Legislative Amendments (November 4, 2022).
- Briefing note to National Chief for information: Bill C-38 – Proposed Legislative Amendments to the Indian Act (January 31, 2023).
- Letter sent March 8, 2023, from the National Chief to Minister Hajdu calling for the immediate withdrawal of proposed legislative amendments to the Indian Act.
- Briefing note to CEO: Bill C-38 – Current Status and Next Steps (May 24, 2023).
- Issue Updates developed for First Nations-in-Assembly as part of 2022 and 2023 AFN Assemblies.
- The AFN advocated to the Department of Justice as part of the Draft National Action Plan process for Canada to withdraw Bill C-38 and provide adequate resources to First Nations to transition from Indian Act membership.

Outcomes:

- First Nations and AFN leadership updated on amendments to the Indian Act re: Citizenship.



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- Ongoing advocacy with ISC and CIRNAC advancing AFN positions re: Bill C-38 and amendments to the Indian Act.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 43/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Call for Municipalities to Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to explicitly legislate requirements for municipalities to implement the UN Declaration.
2. Call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen UNDRIP accountability measures of municipalities in order to ensure that local governments are taking all measures necessary to meet the minimum standards of the UN Declaration.
3. Call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to ensure that municipalities are reporting on their implementation actions.
4. Call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to ensure that municipal governments do their work in UNDRIP implementation in consultation and cooperation with First Nations of the territories where they exist.
5. Call upon municipal governments to strengthen and develop unique First Nation-municipal relations in order to continuously work in consultation and cooperation with First Nations and to uphold and implement the UN Declaration as required by the Declaration Act.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- The AFN met regularly with Canada (see 'Actions' for Resolutions 12/2022, *Call for Full First Nations Participation in the Implementation of the UN Declaration*, and 13/2022, *First Nations Priorities to Guide the Crown's Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, and in these meetings continually advocated for inclusion of municipal governments in the overall process of implementing the UN Declaration in Canada.
- AFN, in its collective analysis on ways and means to implement the UN Declaration identified in its Essential Elements Report, shared with First Nation at the April Special Chiefs Assembly, and formally conveyed to Canada for inclusion in the National Action Plan identified all orders of government's responsibility to implement the UN Declaration including calling for refined and First Nations'-led accountability measures.
- The AFN advocated to the Department of Justice and Various Departments, that the Crown, in all its forms (F/P/T) are obligated to legislate requirements for municipalities to implement the UN Declaration.
- Engaged the Ad-Hoc Chiefs Committee of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act on the best approaches to lobbying for changes.

Outputs:

- See the 'Outputs' section for Resolutions 12/2022 and 13/2022 as there is significant overlap and coordination in outputs.
- Detailed analysis and recommendations on Canada's proposed Action Plan Measures focused on identifying synergy points between all orders of government (F/P/T/Municipal).

Outcomes:

- Significantly expanded references to municipal orders of government in Canada's National Action Plan.



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- Building upon mandates in Resolution, 13/2022, Resolution 12/2022; and Resolution 17/2021, *National Action Plan to Implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, improved dialogue, and coordination of First Nations on advocacy strategies to ensure non-federal orders of government respect First Nations human rights by implementing the UN Declaration.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 44/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	
Co-development of Policy Options with Indigenous Services Canada for a Memorandum to Cabinet on the Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework	
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<div>1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD) to co-develop policy recommendations with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for the reform of the Assisted Living and Home and Community Care Programs, with oversight from the Chiefs Committee on Health (CCOH).</div> <div>2. Direct the AFN to seek funding from ISC for the TWGSD to co-develop policy recommendations for the reform of the Assisted Living and Home and Community Care Programs.</div> <div>3. Direct the AFN Social Development Sector to work horizontally with the AFN Health Sector in the co-development of policy options for the reform of the Home and Community Care and Assisted Living Programs into a Long-term and Continuing Care Framework.</div> <div>4. Call upon ISC to report to TWGSD and the CCOH by July 2023 on interdepartmental progress on current and previous engagement related to a Seven Generations Continuum of Care within the federal government, including First Nations’ recommendations on the Accessible Canada Act, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.</div> <div>5. Direct the AFN to seek validation of the proposed policy recommendations developed by the TWGSD for the reform of the Home and Community Care and Assisted Living Programs from the First Nations-in-Assembly in July 2023.</div>	<div>Actions: Regional Chief Glen Hare (ON), Health Portfolio Holder and Chair of the Chiefs Committee on Health, wrote to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services, to request an extension for the co-development of policy recommendations for the creation of a Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework. The AFN is planning a series of regional focus groups to discuss the reform of the First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care and Assisted Living Programs. A resolution has been submitted seeking for the First Nations-in-Assembly to support the extended time periods.</div> <div>Outputs: The TWGSD met three times and the CCOH met twice to discuss and hear updates on the Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework. The AFN has presented at a regionally hosted meeting in Saskatchewan and to the Atlantic Health Partnership Meetings in Newfoundland and Labrador.</div> <div>Outcomes: The AFN has identified seven priorities for reform that will be discussed further during AFN hosted regional focus groups. The priorities include culture as the foundation, wholistic, restructuring and advancing infrastructure, scalable and sustainable resources, building and supporting health human resources, governance, and self-determination, and universal.</div>



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 45/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support The Challenge of Quebec's Bill 96, An Act Respecting French, The Official and Common Language of Québec**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Reaffirm that the jurisdiction over First Nations languages and education remains with First Nations and thereby reject the Government of Quebec's Bill 96 and its severe impact on the rights of First Nations concerning education, languages, and traditions.
2. Support First Nations, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Quebec-Labrador and First Nations organizations in Quebec in their efforts toward a potential legal challenge to the Quebec government's Bill 96, An Act Respecting French, the Official Language of Québec.
3. Call upon the AFN to strongly denounce the Quebec Government's Bill 96 and support First Nations, the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador and First Nations organizations in Quebec in their efforts toward a potential legal challenge of Bill 96.
4. Request the AFN National Chief to communicate with Quebec's Premier and demand the recognition of First Nations' language and education rights and that Bill 96 be amended to take these rights into account.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

The actions associated with implementing resolutions include drafting a letter to support AFNQL and the First Nations Education Council's (FNEC) challenge to Bill 96, now known as Law 14, from AFN National Chief to Quebec's Premier, press release to support First Nations in Quebec toward a potential legal challenge to Law 14, hosting a meeting to discuss issues with Law 14 and how to move forward and support those affected by Law 14. AFN is working with the FNEC to support their challenges to Law 14. Developing key messages through a Communications Plan to advocate for First Nations language rights. The Languages and Learning Sector has drafted a letter of support from the National Chief to challenge Law 14.

Outputs:

A letter from the National Chief to Premier Legault and Minister Jolin-Barrette was sent in December 2021 stating AFN's concerns with Bill 96 and the implications it would have on First Nations in Quebec. In 2022, the Languages and Learning Sector had a legal analysis conducted to review the negative impacts Law 14 would have on First Nations in Quebec and found Law 14 ignores First Nations in their entirety, emphasizing the rights for the French-Canadian majority in Quebec.

Outcomes:

The key results used to determine success would include having First Nations in Quebec exempt from the language credit requirements and the language and literature standardized exam allowing First Nations students to continue to study in their maternal and second language of their choice and protecting the rights of any First Nations student living on and off-reserve. As well as First Nations in Quebec being exempt from linguistic requirements for regulated



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professionals, including professionals who reside in Quebec but off-reserve. It is essential that First Nations jurisdiction over their education and languages are respected in Quebec. These are just a few examples of what successful outcomes would be with AFN's challenge to Law 14. The ultimate outcome would be to have successful changes to Law 14, in favour of First Nations language rights.

The AFN will continue advocating to Canada, and Quebec to challenge Law 14, and provide legal changes to the legislation to recognize First Nations language and education rights, as mandated through this resolution.

Linked to [AFN Resolution 47/2022](#), *First Nations Languages – a defined and Enforceable Right*, as the AFN continues to advocate for funding needed to engage First Nations to provide input into revising language legislation or policy.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 46/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Education Infrastructure Capital Reform

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Reaffirm First Nations' inherent and Treaty rights to education, including education infrastructure.
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 that respects First Nations control of First Nations education and First Nations decision-making in all processes concerning education.
4. Support the Chiefs Committee on Education, the National Indian Education Council and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to lead a co-development process that would create authorities and reform First Nations education infrastructure capital processes to provide First Nations with the ability to include capital and education infrastructure processes into new or existing education agreements.
5. Support First Nations, regions or Treaty territories who want to independently engage, develop regional models, create new authorities and reform processes for education infrastructure capital needs.
6. Affirm that a co-development approach concerning First Nations education infrastructure capital is not intended to detract or hinder First Nations from advancing their current capital processes.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Action: In May 2023, a letter was sent to Minister Hajdu informing Indigenous Services Canada of the resolution and requesting a process on next steps to implement the resolution. An engagement plan is under development to ensure First Nations both in a Regional Education Agreement and outside of one have input into the process.

Outputs: Since January 2023 monthly meetings have taken place between AFN and ISC regarding defining a process for next steps, and ISC has been invited to speak with the National Indian Education Council to start to map out the Capital Reform Process at their June meeting. AFN will work with the Chiefs Committee on Education (CCoE) and National Indian Education Council (NIEC) to define a First Nations process on Education Capital Reform, including engagements with First Nations to determine needs.

Outcomes: The desired outcome of this resolution is to build upon First Nations Education, Resolution 65/2017, *New Interim Funding Approach for First Nation Education*, and Resolution 34/2019, *First Nations Education Infrastructure Review*, to amend the Regional Education Process to be inclusive of education capital needs, while ensuring capital funding is available for First Nations without a Regional Education Agreement. A joint working group between AFN, the NIEC and CCOE, and ISC will need to be established in order to develop a First National policy proposal and possible Memorandum to Cabinet to seek a change in policy authorities.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 47/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **First Nation Languages – A Defined and Enforceable Right**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call on the Government of Canada to work with First Nations to amend the operative clauses of the Indigenous Languages Act to adopt the implementation of Article 14, and other articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which mention Indigenous languages, and to ensure that First Nation language rights, including First Nations sign language, are defined and enforceable.
2. Direct the AFN to call on the Government of Canada, outlining this recommendation, as a means to begin addressing the dire state of First Nation languages as well as a first step for Canada towards implementing its commitment to the UNDRIP Act.
3. Direct the AFN to determine the funding required to engage First Nations and First Nations representative organizations (on and off reserve) in Canada to provide input into the development of the legislative amendments and any subsequent policy, regulatory and/or funding requirements.
4. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to provide funding to support engagement of First Nations in this process.
5. Direct the AFN to report progress on this initiative regularly until First Nation language rights, including First Nations sign language, are defined and enforceable in federal legislation.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: The actions associated with implementing Resolution 47/2022 would include advocating for adequate funding to engage First Nations and First Nations representatives to develop legislative amendments. Drafting letters of support to the Government of Canada, and Press Releases, as necessary, to gain support for amending legislation. The AFN will need to report on progress made regularly until First Nations language rights are defined and enforceable. The AFN will need meetings with appropriate federal departments to make amendments. The Parliamentary Review of the Indigenous Languages Act may take place in Fall 2023, the AFN will have a chance to suggest revisions to include UNDRIP Article 14, and any other necessary amendments.

Outputs: The activities accomplished to achieve these outcomes include hosting engagement sessions with First Nations to develop input to revise current legislation. The number of meetings to be held are to be determined. The AFN will continue to advocate for adequate, sustainable, and long-term funding to support First Nations language revitalization.

Outcomes: The key results used to determine success would include successfully advocating for the Government of Canada to revise the Indigenous Languages Act to include UNDRIP article 14 among other articles related to languages. The AFN will need to initiate reviews of the legislation through engagements with First Nations, to successfully revise the ILA.

The Government of Canada has the mandate to revise the ILA, based on the Parliamentary Reviews. The AFN needs to advocate to the Government of Canada to work with First Nations to revise the Indigenous Languages Act to include UNDRIP Article 14, ensuring First Nations language rights are defined and enforceable.

Continued joint work will be accomplished working with the Technical Committee on Languages (TCOL), the Chiefs Committee on Languages (CCOL) and bilaterally with the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH), as well as work with other National Indigenous Organizations (NIOs) the



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Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) and the Métis National Council (MNC) as needed. As well as advocating for changes to legislation needed at Federal/Provincial/Territorial meetings as required, to ensure there is a whole-of-government approach.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 49/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support for Sustainable Funding and Accountability for the Implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for long-term sustainable funding to address and prevent all forms of gender-based violence targeting First Nations women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ (2-Spirit [Two-Spirit], lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, and '+' indicating diversity of remaining identities not listed) peoples.
2. Direct the AFN to advocate that all levels of government, and all others with obligations to act on the 231 Calls for Justice from the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Final Report), implement the 2021 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan: Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People and the Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People according to the Principles for Change from the Final Report, including but not limited to:
 - a. The Principle of, “Nothing about Us, Without Us”, which centers the inclusion of families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, survivors of gender-based violence, and First Nations women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, with lived experience, and as rights holders and citizens of their self-determining Nations. This approach involves full engagement for guidance according to their lived experience and expertise;
 - b. Distinctions-based through a regional approach accounting for geographical (e.g., northern, remote, isolated, urban, etc.) realities, needs, and priorities. A First Nations-based approach ensures the lived realities stemming from systemic and societal impacts and influences, past, present, and future, are accounted for and considered in determining the best path forward to address distinct needs and actions; and

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Advocate for full implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice.
- TBIR 3 is dependent on funding capacity to carry out work.

Outputs:

- Produce an AFN annual report on implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice.

Outcomes:

- Funding commitment to support development of AFN report on implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice.

Linkages:

- Resolution 27/2022, *Support for the Family of Chantel Moore and Implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice*.
- Resolution 08/2021, *Implementation of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People*.



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- c. Self-determined, sustainable, and resourced First Nations-led solutions and services through the promotion of Indigenous data sovereignty strategies to measure, monitor, and report on the implementation process and outcomes for transformative change.
3. Establish an independent accountability mechanism within the AFN to produce and publish an annual report on the implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice, including tracking to specifically break down the actions and items that have been undertaken and those still outstanding and report back to the First Nations-in-Assembly.
4. Establish an accountability mechanism for the development, application, monitoring, and annual reporting on organizational gender-based policies and strategies that promote gender balance and the safety, security, self-determination, and restoring power and place of First Nations women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples. This would include outcomes from “The 2020-2021 AFN Investigative Review to End Sexual Orientation and Gender-Based Discrimination”.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 50/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support for James Smith Cree Nation's Calls for Indigenous Policing and Addictions Treatment**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Stand in strong support of James Smith Cree First Nation in their road to recovery and overcoming the trauma of this highly violent incident on September 4, 2022.
2. Call upon the Province of Saskatchewan and Government of Canada to provide all health, mental health, social and financial assistance that James Smith Cree First Nation may request.
3. Support the calls made by the James Smith Cree First Nation for the governments of Saskatchewan and Canada to fund on-reserve addictions treatment centres and self-governing Indigenous community policing programs in line with their obligations under the UN Declaration.
4. Call on all levels of government, police and justice actors to work with Indigenous Peoples and community-based organizations and uphold James Smith Cree First Nation's right to self-governance. This work must be in alignment with the Calls for Justice to decolonize policing and create culturally safe health, mental health and healing supports and services, on-reserve addictions treatment centres, trauma-informed practices, distinctions based, and Indigenous-led crisis intervention responses to prevent future acts of violence.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Draft support letters.

Outputs:

- Provide support letters for James Smith Cree First Nation.

Outcomes:

- Increased advocacy in support of James Smith Cree First Nation.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 51/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **First Nation Sovereignty over Policing**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Call upon the federal government in the policing and public safety division to directly negotiate with First Nations, who are seeking a policing service under the First Nation Inuit Policing Program (FNIPP), to determine a funding framework and allocation, that is equitable and fair, based upon the critical need for community and cultural safety, which will ensure quality policing services, infrastructure, and human resources.
2. Directs that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) recommend that the future FNIPP legislation be modelled after Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families, in that federal policing legislation must allow First Nations to enact their own community policing legislation, ensuring true First Nation jurisdiction over justice and policing systems that will serve First Nations in a culturally appropriate and respectful manner free from systemic racism and discrimination.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Advocate for a legislative framework recognizing First Nations Policing as an Essential Service.

Outputs:

- Legislative framework recognizing First Nations Policing as an Essential Service.

Outcomes:

- Legislation and funding framework for First Nations Policing that is equitable and fair, based upon the critical need for community and cultural safety.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 52/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Mandate to Co-Develop Criminal Code Amendments for the Criminalization of Forced and Coerced Sterilization

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Directs the Assembly of First Nations to engage with the Government of Canada to co-develop amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada that will recognize forced and coerced sterilization of First Nations women as a specific criminal offence and an act of genocide.
2. Reaffirm their support efforts to raise awareness about forced and coerced sterilization and reproductive rights in First Nations, as well as efforts to stop the forced sterilization of First Nations women and girls.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Advocate for amendments to Criminal Code of Canada.

Outputs:

- Meetings with Justice Canada to raise amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada as a priority.

Outcomes:

- Amend the Criminal Code of Canada to recognize forced and coerced sterilization of First Nations women as a specific criminal offence and an act of genocide.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 53/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE *Fair Resolution of Claims Over \$150 Million*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the Government of Canada to remove the \$150 million limit on financial compensation at the Specific Claims Tribunal and ensure that all resolution mechanisms are equitable and consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration).
2. Direct the AFN to work jointly with the Government of Canada to establish principled mechanisms to resolve all specific claims regardless of value through a new, fully independent specific claims process consistent with the UN Declaration.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- The AFN prepared Regional Chief Paul Prosper for an appearance before the Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples to speak to specific claims co-development, including the arbitrary \$150 million limit.
- The AFN continues to advance this mandate through the AFN-Government of Canada specific claims co-development process and the need for a transformed process to be equitable and consistent with the UN Declaration.
- The AFN has initiated internal research on the impacts of the \$150 million limit on claims resolution.

Outputs:

- Regional Chief Paul Prosper direct advocacy with the Senate of Canada. Ongoing direct advocacy with federal officials through the specific claims co-development process.
- The AFN has developed a draft submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Indigenous Peoples to initiate a Senate Study on the \$150 million limit on compensation.
- The AFN developed issues updates to First Nations.

Outcomes:

- Regular ongoing direct advocacy with federal officials, federal decision makers, and political leaders on the need to address the \$150 million limit on financial compensation consistent with the minimum standards for redress in the UN Declaration.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 54/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Political and Financial Support for the Western Treaty Nations on the Natural Resource Transfer Agreement Summit**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support the Western Treaty Nations on the Natural Resource Transfer Agreement and Acts (NRTA) in their efforts to re-establish First Nations' jurisdiction, authority, and management over the lands, water, wildlife, and natural resources.
2. Direct the AFN, subject to available funding, to appoint a liaison to assist the Western Treaty Nations on the NRTA secretariat in planning a Summit planned for Spring 2023.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

1. The AFN met with Chief Ermineskin, the host Nation for the National Resource Transfer Agreement Summit (NRTA Summit) to discuss ways in which the AFN could support Summit organizers.
2. The AFN identified potential sources of funding through Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) to support the NRTA Summit.

Outputs:

1. The AFN provided meeting organizers with support materials from previous NRTA summits.
2. The AFN notified AFN Regional offices within Saskatchewan and Manitoba about the upcoming NRTA Summit.
3. The AFN developed a draft briefing note and speaking points for the National Chief to support her participation in the NRTA Summit.

Outcomes:

4. The NRTA Summit was successfully delivered by Western Treaty First Nations.
5. The National Chief participated in the NRTA Summit providing political support.
6. The AFN continues to seek funding to further support this work.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 54/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Political and Financial Support for the Western Treaty Nations on the Natural Resource Transfer Agreement Summit**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support the Western Treaty Nations on the Natural Resource Transfer Agreement and Acts (NRTA) in their efforts to re-establish First Nations' jurisdiction, authority, and management over the lands, water, wildlife, and natural resources.
4. Direct the AFN, subject to available funding, to appoint a liaison to assist the Western Treaty Nations on the NRTA secretariat in planning a Summit planned for Spring 2023.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions: To implement this resolution an AFN liaison for numbered Treaties Summits.

Outputs: The AFN, in support of the National Fisheries Committee, aims to host a meeting on this subject in October 2023 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to begin developing a framework towards the establishment of a Rights-Based Inland Fisheries within the context of the NRTA.

Outcomes: The key results used to determine success would seek amendments to unilaterally developed provincial legislation that does not affirm the rights of First Nations or include them in its program implementation in a respectful manner.

Activities for resolution will include:

- A multibranch of AFN proposal for us to undertake work on a common conference on this subject.
- AFN has been advocating with to Canada's Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister as well as the UN Declaration Act's National Action Plan developments to further this work.
- There is an existing Joint Working Group with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans that serves one part of a multiple departmental implementation effort.

These resolutions are aligned with work to implement previous resolutions on the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (Resolutions 04/2012, *Sustainability and Integration of First Nations Health*, 29/2003, *Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation*, 03/1994, *First Nations Working Group on Aboriginal and Traditional Harvesting*).



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 55/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support for First Nations Impacted by Flooding and Droughts**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on Canada to immediately engage with Swan Lake First Nation and its partners in restoring Swan Lake to a healthy condition.
2. Direct the AFN to call on Canada to provide funding to Swan Lake First Nation to support the stakeholders of Swan Lake in restoring Swan Lake and the Pembina River and implement the recommendations supported by Swan Lake.
3. Call upon Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to adequately fund and support future feasibility studies that First Nations communities affected by flooding and drought may need to ensure their right to the conservation and protection of the environment and productive capacity is upheld.
4. Direct the AFN to call upon the relevant ministries to adequately empower and financially support the results of future feasibility studies that First Nations engage in.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- A letter of support was drafted and sent to Minister Hajdu of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

Outputs:

- ISC and AFN have agreed to bi-weekly meetings to discuss ongoing matters and initiatives related to emergency management.
- AFN EM received a response to the letter of support from the Office of Minister Hajdu.

Outcomes:

- ISC is in direct contact with Swan Lake First Nation to engage with the feasibility study and explore possible sources for funding the proposed project in the study.
- AFN EM is monitoring this process and increased engagement with ISC to facilitate future efforts for other First Nations seeking support to implement work on protecting communities from flooding and drought.

This work and increased engagement with ISC will help facilitate the ongoing work to draft a new resolution to request support for First Nations Wildland Firefighters. AS part of this ongoing work this new resolution will call for a recommitment to the following resolutions:

- 03/2015, *First Nations Involvement in Emergency Preparedness*;
- 83/2019, *First Nations Control of Emergency Management*, and;
- 84/2019, *Call for Emergency Operations Management Planning in First Nations*.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 56/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **First Nations Participation at the Fifth International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC 5)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for a federal commitment to First Nations' leadership in marine conservation, such as through the establishment of marine Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas, during the Fifth International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC 5), scheduled for February 3-9, 2023, in Vancouver, British Columbia.
2. Direct the AFN to work with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment and other relevant Chiefs' and technical bodies to identify appropriate First Nations delegates to participate alongside other Indigenous leaders and federal Ministers at the IMPAC 5 Leadership Event on February 9, 2023.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

1. Finalized AFN's report on Marine Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) – shared with relevant partners and government officials for advocacy purposes
2. Developed a communications plan to share messages and promote the AFN's Marine IPCA paper on social media
3. Worked in advocacy messages on Indigenous-led conservation and Marine IPCAs into displays at the IMPAC5 Indigenous pavilion
4. Participated in IMPAC5 Indigenous Working Group meetings to plan and shape First Nations-led conservation content throughout the conference
5. Attended and participated in IMPAC5 Indigenous events as well as the IMPAC5 Leadership Forum to share information on AFN's advocacy on Marine IPCAs and our Marine IPCA report
6. Met with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) to present AFN's Marine IPCA paper and main messages at IMPAC 5
7. Identified and supported AFN Portfolio holders to attend IMPAC5, as well as other interested technical committee members to attend and participate in IMPAC5

Outputs:

1. Shared AFN's report on Marine Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) with First Nations, government officials from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), and Parks Canada (PCA), as well as environmental non-governmental organizations.
2. Communications plan developed – key messages and Marine IPCA report shared via AFN's social media.
3. Key messages shared on Indigenous-led conservation and advancing Marine IPCAs incorporated into displays at Indigenous pavilion at IMPAC5, and at Indigenous events at IMPAC5 including Indigenous caucus meetings, and Indigenous banquet.



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4. Yukon Regional Chief Kluane Adamek and BC Regional Chief Terry Teegee participated in IMPAC5 presentations and roundtables at the Leadership Forum alongside First Nations and Inuit leaders from Canada, ECCC Minister Steven Guilbeault, DFO Minister Joyce Murray, international Indigenous delegates, and other international government officials regarding AFN's advocacy on First Nations-led conservation, advancing Marine IPCAs and our Marine IPCA report.
5. While the Minister of Fisheries did not make a strong statement on IPCAs, Minister Murray did make a few announcements on First Nations-led marine conservation initiatives, one of which was to put regulations in place to protect the marine portion of an IPCA that had been declared by Mamalilikulla First Nation in British Columbia.

Outcomes:

1. Identified 21 recommendations to provide better guidance on how the AFN, First Nations, and Crown agencies can advance marine IPCAs.
 2. Obtained strong statements from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on First Nations-led marine conservation initiatives including implementing regulations to protect the marine areas of the Mamalilikulla First Nation IPCA.
 3. Improved understanding on Indigenous-led conservation and how to support marine IPCAs.
 4. Identified potential partnerships and additional contacts to support marine IPCA advancement.
- The AFN Marine IPCA Recommendations Report:
[/https://afn.bynder.com/m/18f2621b593d7591/original/Marine-Indigenous-Protected-and-Conserved-Areas-Final-Report-January-2023.pdf](https://afn.bynder.com/m/18f2621b593d7591/original/Marine-Indigenous-Protected-and-Conserved-Areas-Final-Report-January-2023.pdf)
 - AFN Communications: <https://afn.ca/all-news/news/afn-calls-on-the-government-of-canada-to-take-action-to-support-the-establishment-of-more-marine-indigenous-protected-and-conserved-areas/>



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 57/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	
First Nations Nature Table	
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES
<div>1. Endorse the creation of the First Nations’ Nature Table (FNNT) as a technical body to interface with Environment and Climate Change Canada and other relevant departments on the design and implementation of Canada’s National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan and Nature Agenda in national and international fora, as appropriate, and in a manner that addresses, promotes, and respects First Nations’ self-determined nature priorities.</div> <div>2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to develop a Terms of Reference for the FNNT that ensures balanced regional representation, and alignment with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE).</div> <div>3. Direct the AFN to call upon the Government of Canada to ensure that:<div><div>a. First Nations are fully involved in all aspects of development and implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan and Nature Agenda;</div><div>b. These modalities recognize and respect First Nations’ assertion of their inherent and Treaty rights;</div><div>c. Adequate funding and resources for these undertakings are provided; and,</div><div>d. The FNNT does not replace or alleviate the Crown of its duty to consult and accommodate First Nations at a local, regional, or national level on issues related to the National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan or Nature Agenda.</div></div></div>	<div>Actions:</div> <div><div>• AFN/ECCC Collaborative TOR drafting process is ongoing and nearing completion. Draft TOR expected for review and finalization in Summer 2023.</div><div>• Respective AFN/ECCC Co-Chairs for the FNNT have been pre-identified as current Director-level individuals.</div><div>• AFN and ECCC will also respectively identify and appoint the members for the FNNT after finalization of the TOR by both AFN and ECCC.</div><div>• Contracts and job responsibilities to hire Regional Nature Coordinators linked the FNNT have already been distributed to all AFN regional offices.</div><div>• Hiring of a National Nature Coordinator will take place during the Summer 2023.</div><div>• The inaugural meeting of the FNNT is expected to take place in Fall 2023.</div><div>• The AFN has secured multi-year funding to support establishment and maintenance of the FNNT.</div></div> <div>Outputs:</div> <div><div>• Finalized Terms of Reference document</div><div>• Identification of First Nations representatives to the FNNT</div><div>• Successful hosting of inaugural FNNT meeting in Fall 2023 and subsequent meetings</div><div>• Securing subsequent funding to support the ongoing operation of the FNNT beyond 2025</div></div> <div>Outcomes:</div> <div><div>• Co-development of Canada’s design and implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and approaches to achieving Canada’s Nature Agenda with a whole-of-government approach.</div><div>• Identification of shared nature-related priorities.</div><div>• Creation of sub-working groups, as needed, to guide work of the FNNT.</div></div>



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- Advising Canada on nature related priorities not captured in the Nature Agenda scope, as deemed appropriate by the FNNT.
- Affirmation of First Nations rights to decision-making over Traditional territories and critical conservation leadership role.
- Positive relationship development with Canada's nature-related departments.

Resolution 57/2022 is aligned with Resolution 03/2019, *The Convention on Biological Diversity*, which calls for First Nations inclusion in mechanisms related to preventing biodiversity loss, and Resolution 64/2018, *Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas – Pathway to Canada Target 1: Conservation 2020 Initiative*, which calls for the full and effective participation of First Nations in all aspects of environmental conservation and protection.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 58/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Support for an Annual AFN Water Walk**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Support the creation of a National Day of Water Walks that adheres to the customs and protocols of respective Nations.
2. Support the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Water Sector with guidance from the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) and working with relevant Chiefs' Committees and technical bodies, AFN Councils, and Water Walkers as appropriate, to acquire funding and organize an Annual AFN Water Walk that supports, uplifts, raises awareness of the traditional roles of First Nations women and includes youth and gender-diverse people in water stewardship.
3. Call upon AFN political leadership and staff to participate in the Annual AFN Water Walk and for First Nations leadership to commit to leading Water Walks in their home territories.
4. Direct the AFN Water Sector, with guidance from Water Walkers and relevant Chiefs' Committees, to facilitate and engage with communities who want to participate and to advocate for funding to support communities to organize their own Water Walks.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

1. Adhere to local First Nations customs and protocols to plan and host a water walk.
2. Develop webinars that aim to support, uplift, raise awareness of the traditional roles of First Nations women, and including youth and gender-diverse people.
3. Develop a water walk planning guide that will aid First Nations communities in organizing water walks within their own communities.
4. Organize an internal AFN Water Walk Planning Committee where interested secretariat staff can participate in the planning process related to the water walk event.
5. Seek long-term funding to support Water Walk on an annual basis.
6. Draft letter to political leadership to participate in the Annual AFN Water Walk or lead water walks within their own community.

Outputs:

1. Working with local First Nations to host a one-day event surrounding the Kichi Sibi (Ottawa River), in late August, early September 2023.
2. Developing two virtual webinars that aim to support, uplift, raise awareness of the traditional roles of First Nations women, and including youth and gender-diverse people.
3. Developing a water walk planning guide that will aid First Nations communities in organizing water walks within their own community.
4. Organizing an internal AFN Water Walk Planning Committee for AFN Secretariat who are interested in participating in the planning process.

Outcomes:



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1. Funding acquired for current fiscal year; however additional advocacy will need to be done for subsequent years.
2. All deliverables still in progress at this time.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 59/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **Transformative Federal Investment Needed in First Nations Housing**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the federal government to commit in its 2023 budget to invest the full \$135.1 billion from 2023-24 to 2029-30 to fulfill part of the Indigenous Services Minister's mandate to close the infrastructure gap by 2030 as it pertains to housing.
2. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to invest in the community infrastructure, especially serviced lots, water, wastewater systems, and any other public utilities required to support any new housing built through new and future investments to accommodate growth.
3. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to transition the insufficient federal housing and infrastructure investment commitment timeframes of 5 to 10 years to long-term commitments of 25 to 30 years or more to provide ongoing, predictable, and sustainable funding.
4. Direct the AFN to seek funds from the federal government to conduct research and engage First Nations to annually identify the cost estimates of additional housing needs, including those that have not yet been costed.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Advocating for the required investment to close the infrastructure (housing) gap; on infrastructure to support new and future housing.
- Consider merits of proposing legal research as follow-up to UNDA housing legal opinion. Propose initiatives to add to the evergreen UNDA Action Plan.
- Accelerate additions of land and awareness of legislated accessibility requirements.
- Seek federal funding to conduct research on costing housing needs not yet identified in current work (Closing the Infrastructure Gap report).

Outputs:

- Meetings with Deputy Ministers and other Sr. officials on required investments.
- Finalizing advocacy package for use by Chiefs.
- Completion of a 'shadow' memorandum to cabinet.

Outcomes:

- The key results used to determine success (legislation co-developed, rights affirmed, program implemented.) Government provides the investments required to close the infrastructure (includes housing) gap.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 60/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE **First Nations Involvement in the Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the federal government to ensure that the Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy (URN Strategy) aligns with the National First Nations Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy and that it does not derogate from First Nations rights, jurisdiction, and nationhood.
2. Urge the federal government to ensure the AFN, First Nations regional organizations, and individual First Nations are fully involved in the development of the URN Strategy in a distinctions-based process, and to commit adequate resources to support this involvement.
3. Urge the federal government to ensure First Nations can easily opt to control the use of funds directed to urban, rural, and northern housing providers in relation to their members/citizens, and to ensure that First Nations have adequate resources to meet the housing needs of their citizens no matter where they live.
4. Urge the federal government and their partners in the development of the URN Strategy to accommodate the unique circumstances of Dene Nation communities and Yukon First Nations in a manner directed by them.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Advice to Chiefs, government officials and others on advocating to the federal government that the URN Strategy align with the National First Nations Housing and Related Infrastructure Strategy and that it does not derogate from First Nations rights, jurisdiction, and nationhood. Propose federal funding for all First Nations, regional First Nations organizations and AFN to develop First Nations Off-Community Housing Strategies at all levels and that the federal URN strategy support the implementation of those First Nations strategies. Propose initiatives to add to the evergreen UNDA Action Plan.
- Advice to Chiefs, government officials and others on advocating to ensure the AFN, First Nations regional organizations, and individual First Nations are fully involved in the development of the URN Strategy in a distinctions-based process, and to commit adequate resources to support this involvement.
- Assisting the regions in more engagements.
- Advice to Chiefs, government officials and others on advocating to ensure First Nations can easily opt to control the use of funds directed to urban, rural, and northern housing providers in relation to their members/citizens, and to ensure that First Nations have adequate resources to meet the housing needs of their citizens no matter where they live. Seek federal funding to research off-community housing needs and their cost estimate, reasons for out and in-migration, PT social housing funding intended to benefit First Nations citizens and results and expanded housing authority models to include off-community services.
- Advocating to the federal government and their partners in the development of the URN Strategy to accommodate the unique circumstances of Dene Nation communities and Yukon First Nations in a manner directed by them.

Outputs:



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- Federal funding proposals.
- Meetings with Deputy Ministers and other Sr. officials
- Meetings with the Joint Working Group and Technicians.
- Meetings with Deputy Ministers and other Sr. officials
- Additional Regional engagements as required in Regions and Chiefs Committee
- Subject to regional concurrence, outreach to Indigenous housing providers to seek areas of consensus and mutual aid.
- Meetings with Deputy Ministers and other Sr. officials
- Research reports
- Advisory supports to Dene Nation and Yukon First Nations in their regional strategies.
- Dene Nation and Yukon are represented in the First Nations distinct section of the Indigenous Housing Strategy is included.

Outcomes:

- First Nations distinct section of the Indigenous Housing Strategy is included in the Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy and First Nation distinct programs and services are fully funded and made accessible to all First Nations.



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AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 61/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE
Reforming Non-Insured Health Benefits Travel Policies

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. Reaffirm support for the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to continue working with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) to complete the Joint Review of the Non-Insured Health Benefits program (NIHB), as outlined in previous AFN mandates.
2. Direct the AFN and Chiefs' Committee on Health to:
 - a. Ensure the Joint Review of NIHB includes travel policies set by NIHB; and,
 - b. Engage First Nations in isolated, northern, and remote areas, as part of this review, to fully understand the challenges they are facing with existing health policies.
3. Direct the AFN and Chiefs' Committee on Health to provide recommendations for reforming NIHB policies so First Nations people needing to travel outside their communities for medical attention receive the financial and personal supports they need to be adequately cared for.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Actions:

- Re-engage Chiefs, government officials, and others involved in the Joint Review Steering Committee (JRSC) meetings; review the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN) report – December 2022 and advise Chiefs, government officials, and others involved in JRSC of implication to federal government response.
- Advice to Chiefs, government officials, and others involved in Joint Review of NIHB travel policy recommendations provided by First Nations.
- Engage NIHB Navigators to draft a NIHB Medical Transportation Implementation Plan.
- Engage NIHB Navigators, more specifically in isolated, northern, and remote areas to identify NIHB travel challenges.
- Advice to Chiefs, government officials, and others involved in the JRSC on NIHB travel policy recommendations for isolated, northern, and remote areas, such as recognition of inadequate travel challenges and ineffective funding.
- Host a national dialogue session to understand NIHB challenges in all regions, such as isolated, northern, and remote areas.

Outputs:

- Schedule Joint Review meetings (November 2022, May, and September 2023)
- Review and approve JRSC Terms of Reference (TOR) (May and September 2023)
- Review and implement JRSC benefit review process—NIHB Medical Transportation (May and September 2023)
- Engage NIHB Navigators to draft a NIHB Medical Transportation Implementation Plan
- Review and implement JRSC NIHB Administrative and Operational Issues (May and September 2023)
- Report to federal government response to INAN report – December 2022



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- Add NIHB travel policies to JRSC agenda (May and September 2023)
- Update NIHB travel recommendations for joint review
- Advocate for increase funding on self-governing authority over existing health policies
- Recognition, by the federal government and AFN, of NIHB travel policy challenges endured by isolated, northern, and remote areas
- Appoint another AFN observer from isolated, northern, and remote areas to the NIHB-AFN JRSC (from NWT) (September 2023)

Outcomes:

- NIHB-AFN Joint Review re-revitalized and will implement plans with First Nations recommendations and feedback.
- NIHB Navigators drafted the NIHB Medical Transportation implementation plan to advance policies written by First Nations, for First Nations.

AFN RESOLUTION REPORT 62/2022

RESOLUTION TITLE	Direct the AFN to Advocate that the Governments of Canada Increase Funding for Accessible First Nations Mental Health and Addictions Support
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES



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1. Call on the Government of Canada at all levels to increase the funding and supports to equitable levels of service needed for mental health and addictions.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) call on Canada to establish more First Nations-led resources and programming to help address mental health and addictions crisis in our communities and neighbouring cities.
3. Call on Canada to affirm that First Nations’ ways of addressing mental wellness and addictions healing, such as land-based programming, be respected and supported in any program funding criteria that is established by the Governments of Canada.

Actions:

- Meet with the Toronto regional office of the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) [The Institute - ISOCARP](#) to support dialogues on Canadian cities objectives to meet the United Nations 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and ensure First Nations mental wellness and accessibility strategies (as examples) are mutually aligned and supported in Canadian cities aims to meet the 2030 targets.
- Prioritize discussions with FNIHB Mental Wellness Division with the core activity of requesting how Canada is implementing recommendations from the *Honour Our Strengths (HOS): A Renewed Framework to Address the Substance Use Issues Among First Nations Peoples in Canada*. The HOS have numerous elements that focus on Community Development, Intervention and Aftercare, Risk Reduction, and Active Treatment. Within the elements are recommendations on how Canada can fund capital projects and ensure flexible funding is available that fosters culturally safe care for First Nations in various sectors that intersects with mental wellness and addiction.

Outputs:

- Convene 3-4 meetings this fiscal year with ISOCARP’s regional office located in Toronto. The AFN is convening a meeting soon with Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, and AFN Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse to advocate the Minister’s commitments cited in the federal mandate to undertake a comprehensive review of access to federal disability programs, including mental health challenges and to fund timely PTSD trauma related services and interventions and First Nations access to unhindered federal disability programs.
- Provide First Nations an update from FNIHB on the recommendations for the HOS and work with the Mental Wellness Committee and First Nations partners to push for an action plan that identifies gaps and how they will be addressed.