ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 12, 13 & 14, 2011, MONCTON, NB

Resolution no. 01/2011

TITLE:	Coordination and Support for the Youth, Women's and Elders Councils
SUBJECT:	Tri-Council Coordination
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Doug Kelly, proxy, Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The *United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) states in Article 22: "Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities in the implementation of this Declaration."

B. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Executive is advised and supported by three councils, representing a family-model of decision making: the Elders Council, Women's Council and Youth Council.

C. The Councils provide direct support to the AFN Secretariat, represent the AFN in public forums and provide critical perspectives and advice with regard to on-going work.

D. There is a need for meaningful and purposeful recognition and engagement of the councils within AFN's structure and decision-making processes.

E. The Councils have identified a need for a coordinator and support staff to work with them collectively to support and assist them to fulfill their mandates.

F. The Councils have also expressed a need for increased funding to support their work and to fulfill their council priorities and mandates.

G. The Councils have identified the need for information sharing and coordination among and between them to fulfill the spirit of traditional family decision-making and gender balance.

H. Greater coordination and collaboration could be achieved through regular Tri-Council meetings.

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

1. Reaffirm their strong support for the on-going roles of the Assembly of First Nations Elders Council, Women's Council and Youth Council.
2. Direct the AFN to designate a resource development coordinator to work with all three councils and designate support staff as required to assist.
3. Direct the AFN to coordinate annual Tri-Council meetings to facilitate partnerships, share information, and discuss strategies and actions to move forward on collectively fulfilling their mandates.
4. Direct the AFN to explore options for increasing funding for the work of the Councils.
5. Direct the AFN to work with the Councils to discuss options for meaningfully including all Councils in decision-making and policy processes, ensuring family and gender balance in all aspects of work.

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