

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point
June 27,28,29, 2005

Resolution No. 2005/09

Subject: Gimaakinidizowin - Instituting Comprehensive Self-Government Negotiations Under a revised Negotiations Framework

WHEREAS by Resolution 95/25 the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians to enter into self-government negotiations with the Federal government in all areas including, among others, governance, education, lands, resources, justice and social services; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians have been involved in Governance and Education negotiations under the federal Inherent Right Policy since 1996, recognizing that twenty-eight First Nations have already approved the Agreement in Principle with respect to Education and six First Nations have approved the Agreement in Principle with respect to Governance, with more communities considering whether to enter into these agreements; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that Anishinabek First Nations gain greater control over lands, resources, fiscal relationships and other jurisdictions beyond Education and Governance and the Inherent Rights Policy and that this greater control be based on our inherent rights to self-government and self determination; and

WHEREAS the Inherent Rights Policy is a Government of Canada policy that provides a framework for negotiating self-government agreements that was developed without input from First Nations. The Inherent Right Policy does not meet the needs of our First Nations, nor does it recognize our right to have our governments acknowledged as fully self-governing and sovereign First Nations; and

WHEREAS the Federal government has supported comprehensive self-government negotiations in many parts of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Federal government has moved to establish a new government-to-government relationship based on the "*Recognition of First Nations Governments*" accord signed on May 31st, 2005 between Prime Minister Paul Martin and National Chief Phil Fontaine and the National Aboriginal Roundtables process; and

WHEREAS in the spring of 2005 the Ontario Provincial government developed a new Aboriginal policy that indicates that they desire to create a "new constructive, co-operative" relationship with First Nations which may include the Province of Ontario may also be a party to a revised negotiation framework.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to develop a strategy to expand current negotiations to include all comprehensive sectoral areas including lands, resources, economic development and social services, and that a proposal to move forward on these comprehensive negotiations be included and presented to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly in the fall of 2005.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to explore a new, revised comprehensive negotiation framework based on the "Recognition of First Nations Governments" accord, based on our inherent right to self-government, Section 35 of the Constitution Act of Canada, our own Anishinabek Nation and First Nations constitutions within a revised Canadian constitutional framework.

Moved By:	Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
Seconded By:	Chief Franklin Paibomsai - Whitefish River First Nation
Status:	Passed by Consensus

In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None



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