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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 01

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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement Reform |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Ogimaa Kwe Donna Big-Canoe, <i>Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation</i> |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Seconder) | Gimaa Joe Miskokomon, <i>Chippewas of the Thames First Nation</i> |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | Social Development |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | Social Development |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | None |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement (IWA) is an outdated and discriminatory agreement that was developed without input from First Nations and does not respect First Nations jurisdiction and needs;
2. WHEREAS the IWA is a historic cost-sharing arrangement between Canada and Ontario that enables the delivery of specific social and welfare programs to First Nations on reserve and has historically covered four (4) main program areas: Child and Family Services, Social Assistance, Childcare, and Homemaking;
3. WHEREAS First Nations in Ontario, including Anishinabek First Nations, have been calling for reform of the IWA for decades;
4. WHEREAS in 2016 through the *Caring Society v. Canada* case, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) ruled that the IWA's child welfare funding structures continued systemic discrimination against First Nation children and ordered Canada to cease its discrimination and reform the IWA child and family services to align with its orders;



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5. WHEREAS in 2023 Chiefs of Ontario's (COO) Leadership Council established a negotiating team and advisory committee to fulfill and support its role in preliminary discussions with Canada and Ontario regarding IWA reform. The COO Negotiating Team consists of COO Social Sector Staff, a Leadership Council Portfolio Holder, and representatives from OKT Law. The Negotiating Team receives advice from the Advisory Committee and is accountable to the Ontario Regional Chief, Leadership Council, Chiefs Committee on Social and the Chiefs-in-Assembly. Anishinabek Nation has an advisory role through its representatives at the Advisory Committee along with other Provincial Territorial Organizations (PTOs) and independents. The Anishinabek Nation does not currently have a seat directly at the negotiating table;
6. WHEREAS a similar negotiating team and advisory committee had been established for First Nation Child and Family Services (FNCFCS) reform, and despite lengthy and ongoing efforts by the Anishinabek Nation throughout FNCFCS reform negotiations to advise and demand that COO, Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) and Canada ensure ferry-connected communities were included within remoteness funding, this was not achieved in the proposed national agreement, nor the Ontario Final Agreement on FNCFCS reform;
7. WHEREAS COO, NAN and Canada, who are parties to the CHRT litigation, developed a Trilateral Agreement in Respect of Reforming the 1965 Agreement and this was approved by Ontario Chiefs in February 2025;
8. WHEREAS although the Province of Ontario is a party to the IWA, it is not a party to the CHRT proceedings and the tribunal's orders regarding 1965 reform are not binding upon Ontario. Taking this into account, COO, NAN and Canada have been working together on outreach to Ontario regarding joining IWA reform negotiations;
9. WHEREAS COO, NAN and Canada have developed a draft workplan to engage Ontario to participate in the process of reforming the IWA. The draft work plan was brought to the Advisory Committee with a very tight deadline for feedback that did not allow the Anishinabek Nation to fully engage leadership and technicians. Despite Anishinabek Nation's request for extended time for proper engagement to provide feedback on the draft workplan, COO and NAN moved forward with the work plan and its original timelines without respecting the Anishinabek Nation' request; and
10. WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations are concerned that our interests and voices towards IWA reform will not be protected through the participation on the COO 1965 Reform Advisory Committee. The Anishinabek Nation should have a seat directly at the 1965 IWA Reform Negotiating Team.

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BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. That the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Council Chief, with supports by Anishinabek Nation staff, to take immediate steps to secure an Anishinabek Nation seat directly at the 1965 IWA Reform Negotiating Table along with COO, NAN and Canada; and
2. That the Social Development department report back to Grand Council Assembly on the status of this request and continue to update the Chiefs in Assembly on the 1965 IWA reform.




Linda Debassige
Grand Council Chief


Chris Plain
Deputy Grand Council Chief



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6. WHEREAS expanding the FNDC to include all on-reserve electricity accounts would support community sustainability, economic reconciliation, and self-determination.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Call upon the Government of Ontario to expand the First Nations Delivery Credit program to all on-reserve electricity accounts, including commercial, band-owned, and community infrastructure accounts;
2. Call upon the Ontario Energy Board to review electricity rate structures and enable delivery charge relief beyond residential classifications;
3. Call upon the Government of Canada to work with First Nations and Ontario to support equitable electricity pricing on reserve; and
4. Direct the Grand Council Chief and Political Office to advocate, engage, and report back to Chiefs-in-Assembly on progress.



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Chris Plain
Deputy Grand Council Chief



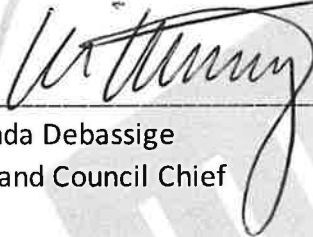
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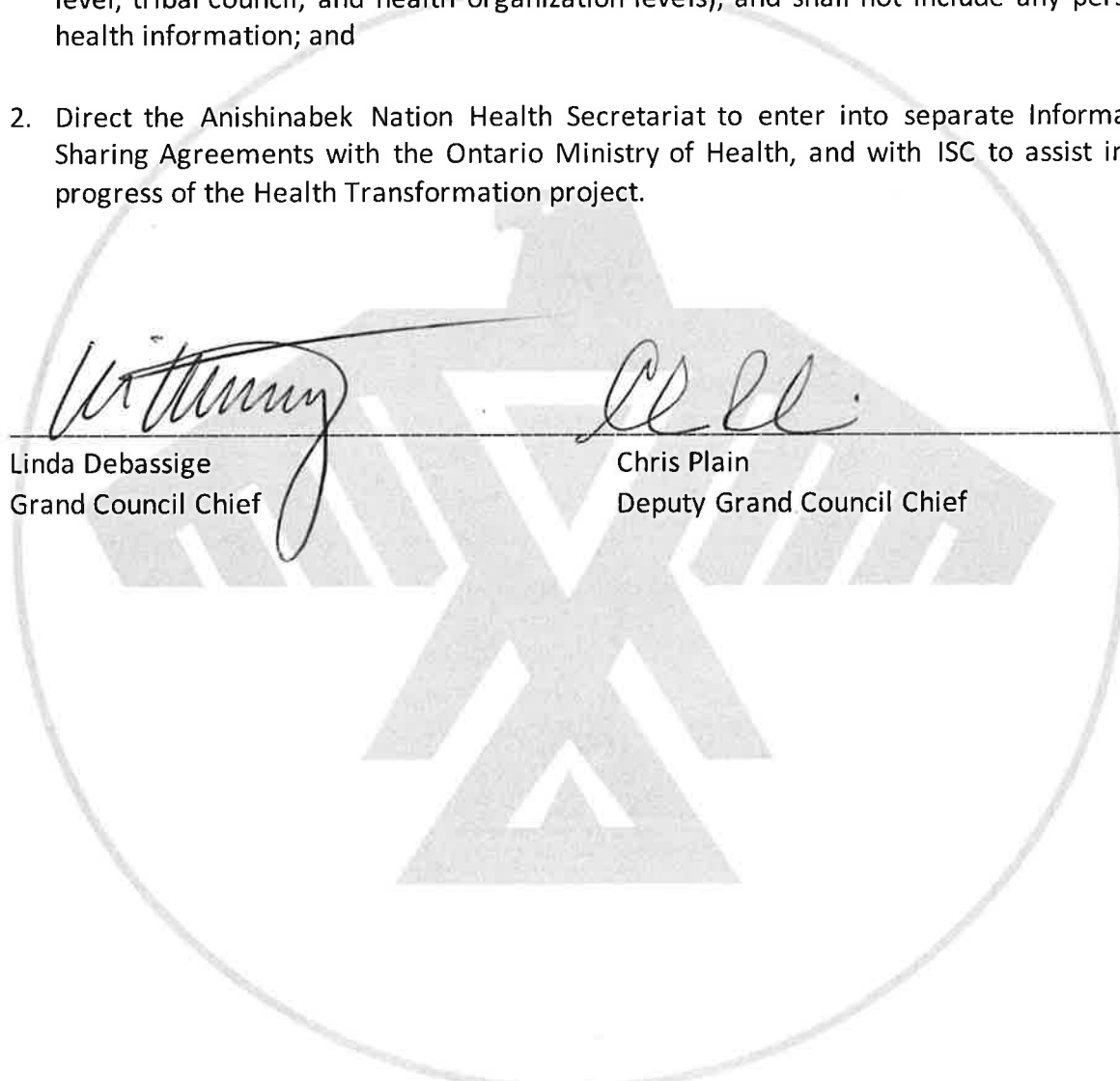
1. Support and grant permission for the sharing of financial and statistical information between the Ontario Ministry of Health, ISC, and the Anishinabek Nation Health Secretariat to assist in the continued progress of the Health Transformation project, provided that all data shared shall be disaggregated at the recipient level (e.g., community level, tribal council, and health organization levels), and shall not include any personal health information; and
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Health Secretariat to enter into separate Information Sharing Agreements with the Ontario Ministry of Health, and with ISC to assist in the progress of the Health Transformation project.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 04

Debaachigaadeg

(Subject)

Health Transformation AiP Development

E-gaandinang

(Mover)

Ogimaa Kwe Kimberly Bresette, *Kettle and Stony Point First Nation*

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

(Secondar)

Ogimaa Kwe Cathy Stevens, *Nipissing First Nation*

Be-minidag

(Status)

Carried

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing

(Lead Department)

Health

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing

(Support Department)

Health

Nendowendizig

(Opposed)

None

Gegoo e-kidsig

(Abstained)

None

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly have passed several resolutions directing the Anishinabek Nation Health Secretariat to engage in dialogue with the Provincial and Federal Governments to develop a model to provide health services and funding to Anishinabek First Nations;
2. WHEREAS on September 29, 2023, a business case for the Anishinabek Nation Health Transformation Initiative was presented to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). While this submission was not supported due to budget constraints, an updated business case was presented to ISC on December 16, 2025 by the Grand Council Chief with support from the Health Transformation Team requesting \$6.5 million for 2026-27.
3. WHEREAS on May 15, 2026, Grand Council Chief received a letter indicating that Anishinabek Nation will be onboarded into formal Health Transformation negotiations in fiscal year 2026-27, with a funding amount of \$2.5 million to support Anishinabek Nation's health transformation process;
4. WHEREAS a Tripartite Planning and Implementation Committee has been established among the Anishinabek Nation, ISC, and the Ontario Ministry of Health to develop strategic direction, set priorities, and make recommendations for transforming the existing health services and program delivery model for First Nations; and,



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5. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly affirm that the health and well-being of Anishinabek citizens is a core responsibility of Anishinabek leadership, and that advancing health transformation represents an important step toward the exercise of Anishinabek self-determination and jurisdiction in the design, management, and delivery of culturally appropriate health services.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct that the Anishinabek Chiefs Committee on Health, with support from the Health Secretariat, develop governance models for the future Anishinabek Nation Health Authority and present these to the Chiefs-in-Assembly for consideration and approval;
2. Direct that the Health Secretariat work with ISC through the Tripartite Planning and Implementation Committee to prepare a Draft Agreement in Principle (AiP) for approval and signing at Grand Council Assembly. The Draft AiP, which will not be legally binding, shall form the basis for future formal negotiations between the Anishinabek Nation and Canada, regarding the establishment and long-term operation of an Anishinabek Nation Health Authority. It will contain the following elements:
 - i. the policy and legal framework for health transformation;
 - ii. the governance structure of the future Anishinabek Nation Health Authority;
 - iii. the scope of programs, services, and responsibilities to be transferred;
 - iv. the fiscal arrangements and sustainable funding framework; and
 - v. the implementation pathway and transition planning; and
3. Support the advancement of discussions with the Government of Canada toward a formal health transformation negotiation process and authorize the Anishinabek Nation Health Secretariat to advance the drafting of the AiP.


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Grand Council Chief


Chris Plain
Deputy Grand Council Chief



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 05

Debaachigaadeg

(Subject)

Southeast Land-based Treatment Centre

E-gaandinang

(Mover)

Gimaa Ted Williams, Chippewas of Rama First Nation

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

(Seconder)

Ogimaa Kwe Laurie Hockaday, Curve Lake First Nation

Be-minidag

(Status)

Carried

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing

(Lead Department)

Health

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing

(Support Department)

Health

Nendowendizig

(Opposed)

None

Gegoo e-kidsig

(Abstained)

None

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation's Southeast Region communities are under-served in detox and treatment services for their members and forcing members to travel a significant distance to other regions for service;
2. WHEREAS the Inter-generational trauma rooted in colonization, residential school enforcement, the Sixties Scoop, loss of lands and cultural oppression continues to significantly impact mental health in the communities. There is a high rate of substance abuse, in all of the eight communities, which can be linked to the inter-generational trauma;
3. WHEREAS the services communities can access in the nearest regions are mainstream and do not reflect Anishinabek worldviews or healing practices and have no land-based component. There is a high rate of recidivism from those programs;
4. WHEREAS a detox and treatment model for the Southeast Region must reflect the Anishinabe way, include a land-based treatment component and be the collective responsibility of the eight communities, irregardless of which land it occupies; and
5. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation, through the services of the NVision Insight Group, has developed a feasibility study which will provide the base-line for the work to develop a land-based treatment centre for the Southeast Region.



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BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Health Secretariat, using the Southeast Land-based feasibility study as a foundation, to work on having a shovel ready land-based treatment centre by 2028. This will involve but not be limited to identifying the site for the centre, establishing governance, a treatment model/approach, and securing funding;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Health Secretariat to work with the Southeast Chiefs to identify and determine the site/location for the land-based treatment centre; and
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Health Secretariat to work with the Southeast Chiefs and the Southeast Health Board throughout the process as well as provide updates at Southeast Regional Chiefs meetings and at the annual Grand Council Assembly.



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education departments, and community services;

6. WHEREAS comparable provincial funding under the IFA must reflect the true costs required to support First Nation learners, including equitable and adequate resources across all components of the education system;
7. WHEREAS NAAKINIGAN Resolution #2023-20, *Anishinabek Nation Access to Indigenous Services Canada Education Data to Monitor and Advocate for Anishinabek Funding*, directs the Anishinabek Nation to obtain First Nation-level, side-by-side education data to support monitoring and advocacy efforts under the IFA;
8. WHEREAS the 2025–2026 fiscal year marked the first time Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) released Anishinabek side-by-side data to Anishinabek Nation, however ISC has indicated that the mandate for continued data sharing must be reaffirmed; and
9. WHEREAS access to timely, transparent, and comprehensive information and data sharing is essential to support informed advocacy, meaningful engagement with Anishinabek First Nations, the ability to track year-over-year funding changes, and to provide evidence-based advice at technical tables such as the OTTIFA.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to access Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) side-by-side education funding data for the purpose of tracking year-over-year changes and to report back annually to leadership on findings, trends, and impacts;
2. Oppose any unilateral change by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) that would result in a reduction of Anishinabek Nation First Nation or second-level education funding under the Interim Funding Approach (IFA); and
3. Reaffirm the mandate and role of the Anishinabek Nation Education Secretariat to represent Anishinabek First Nations at the Ontario Technical Table on the Interim Funding Approach (OTTIFA) and to advance recommendations that support equitable, needs-based, and sustainable education funding.


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5. WHEREAS to date, no Anishinabek First Nations have experienced direct funding impacts as a result of the September 25, 2025 notification, aside from typical fluctuations associated with changes in nominal roll between the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 funding years;
6. WHEREAS the full removal of funding protection in 2025–2026 for Second-Level Service Providers has raised significant concerns regarding the long-term sustainability and continuity of indirect education services that support Anishinabek First Nations. This shift introduces risks of staff layoffs and the potential dismantling of education departments within these organizations, further impacting service delivery at the community level. It also detracts from provincial comparability measures, which focus primarily on direct education funding to school boards and fails to account for economies of scale and the true costs required to deliver comparable education supports; and
7. WHEREAS this is an Ontario-wide issue that has been prioritized at the technical level through the Ontario Bilateral Education Learning Table (OBELT).

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Call upon Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to restore 2017–2018 funding protection measures for Second-Level Service Providers until a sustainable and equitable funding approach is established, with funding calculations separated from nominal roll-based allocations, and without negatively impacting Anishinabek Nation community budgets;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to coordinate engagement between ISC Headquarters, First Nations, and Second-Level Service Providers, to co-develop a distinct and appropriate funding model that recognizes the essential role of Second-Level Service Providers and reflects the true costs of delivering indirect First Nations education services; and
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Education Secretariat to continue to advocate for Second-Level Service Provider funding at the Ontario Bilateral Education Learning Table (OBELT) until a resolution is achieved that supports the long-term sustainability and continuity of education services for First Nations.


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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 08

Debaachigaadeg **AN-A/OFRC Environmental Baseline and Resource Development Readiness Program**

(Subject)

E-gaandinang **Ogimaa Kwe Helen (Angela) Paavola, *Namaygoosisagagun First Nation***

(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang **Gimaa Taynar Simpson, *Alderville First Nation***

(Seconder)

Be-minidag **Carried**

(Status)

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing **Political**

(Lead Department)

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing **Lands and Resources**

(Support Department)

Nendowendizig **None**

(Opposed)

Gegoo e-kidsig **None**

(Abstained)

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations are increasingly impacted by the surge of mineral exploration and mining activities within their traditional territories, particularly with the global demand for critical minerals. This rush has escalated pressure on the lands and resources of Anishinabek First Nations, amplifying the need for coordinated management;
2. WHEREAS historically, baseline environmental information has often been limited or developed late in project planning, ultimately reducing the ability of impacted First Nations to fully understand potential cumulative impacts on Aki (Lands) and Nibi (Waters). There is growing recognition of the need for proactive, coordinated baseline data collection that supports community-led decision-making and environmental stewardship;
3. WHEREAS a strong coordinated approach among Anishinabek First Nations is essential for ensuring that the development of major projects, including mines and mining-related activities, are carried out in a way that supports Anishinabek values and goals related to environmental stewardship, economic prosperity, and well-being of their citizens while ensuring that Anishinabek communities have a significant role in decision-making, monitoring, and benefit-sharing;



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4. WHEREAS the Ontario government continues to focus on regulatory reform, accelerating the approval process for mining and other major projects. This has raised concerns with First Nations surrounding the adequacy of consultation processes, the potential for increased environmental risks, infringement on exercising rights, such as harvesting, and the erosion of protection for Aki (Lands) and Nibi (Waters) in the Anishinabek Nation. Ontario's fast-tracking approach may disproportionately impact First Nations' ability to engage meaningfully in decision-making processes and ensure that their Aboriginal and Treaty rights are upheld throughout mining developments;
5. WHEREAS the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Energy and Mines acknowledges their duty to consult with First Nations regarding Aboriginal and Treaty rights. The environmental, social, and economic implications of major projects, including mining activities, directly affect the ability of Anishinabek First Nations to exercise these rights. It is imperative to ensure that these activities are conducted in a manner that respects Aboriginal and Treaty rights and upholds Anishinaabe laws and values, which includes consideration for cumulative project impacts; and
6. WHEREAS the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre holds extensive experience delivering fisheries and aquatic science services to First Nation communities, and is well positioned to serve as a key technical partner in this effort.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to partner with the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC) to establish an Environmental Baseline and Resource Development Readiness Program; and
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to develop a Joint Steering Committee consisting of representatives from the Anishinabek Nation and A/OFRC to report back to the Chief's Committee on Mining and subsequently the Chiefs Committee for the Environment and the Chiefs-in-Assembly.


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Grand Council Chief


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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 09

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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | Canada Nature Fund | |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Ogimaa Kwe Michele Solomon, <i>Fort William First Nation</i> | |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Secondar) | Gimaa Gerry Duquette Jr., <i>Dokis First Nation</i> | |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried | |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | | Political |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | | Lands and Resources |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None | |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | None | |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation and the affiliated First Nations have a deep connection and assert jurisdiction over the Great Lakes Basin and rely on a balanced environment. Anishinabek First Nation rights are communal in nature and grounded in historical harvesting traditions and practices. The inherent and Treaty Rights must be recognized through environmentally, socially, and economically responsible resource management;
2. WHEREAS the Government of Canada has the vision to protect nature and is moving terrestrial conservation from 14% to 30% by 2030, and marine conservation from 15.55% to 28% on the way to 30% by 2030. Ecosystem services are the direct and indirect contributions of nature to human well-being, supporting survival and quality of life. Protecting nature and sustaining these services requires collective environmental stewardship - a shared responsibility and value;
3. WHEREAS on March 31, 2026, Canada released the new "A Force of Nature: Canada's Strategy to Protect Nature" with the announcement of \$3.8 billion investment in nature for Canada that aims to protect nature and restore old growth forests, safeguard rich carbon peat lands, and revive the ecosystems. This will include investments to launch the Canada Nature Protection Fund, driving further private sector investment in nature as well as driving innovation and strengthening national conservation efforts. This fund will reinforce strong partnerships, engage in non-traditional sectors, and leverage investments under three (3) pillars: Protecting Nature in Canada, Building Canada Well, and Valuing



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Nature and Mobilizing Capital;

4. WHEREAS under pillar 1, Canada can support the Anishinabek Nation by providing support for Indigenous-led stewardship initiatives. Canada is continuing to support and advance Indigenous-led stewardship through new investments in nature, including enhancing Indigenous Guardians Programs. Under pillar 2: Build Canada Well, Canada will integrate its nature and economic agendas to support timely development decisions while protecting nature. Nature-based solutions are one tool that can help meet goals by protecting and restoring nature in ways that strengthen climate adaptation and mitigation. Under pillar 3: Valuing Nature and Mobilizing Capital, Canada is to work with partners to drive private investment in nature to achieve positive outcomes and sustain the benefits of nature. Canada will establish an Expert Taskforce on Natural Capital Accounting and Nature Financing;
5. WHEREAS mapping nature within the Anishinabek Nation Territory will assist the Anishinabek First Nations that partner with Canada to support and enable integrated conservation, carbon accounting, and project planning. Harnessing data, mapping, and artificial intelligence (AI) will help identify Key Biodiversity Areas and will accelerate project permitting by giving investors and project proponents better data to strengthen decision-making;
6. WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations must be ready, particularly if regional assessments under the Impact Assessment Act are completed within their traditional and/or treaty territories. These regional assessments are to examine the effects of development within specific regions. Assessments allow Canada and the Anishinabek First Nations to identify measures to address effects, including cumulative effects, in advance of project assessments and project permitting for more effective and efficient decision-making, as well as continue the work to strengthen the protection and recovery of species at risk; and
7. WHEREAS the Government of Canada is committed to working alongside Indigenous Peoples. First Nation-led conservation is and will continue to be foundational to our collective effort to protect and conserve nature.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct and support the Grand Council Chief to seek funding and create an “Anishinabek Nation Nature Strategy” that would prioritize Anishinabek First Nation-Led conservation, use of traditional knowledge, and assertion of jurisdiction;



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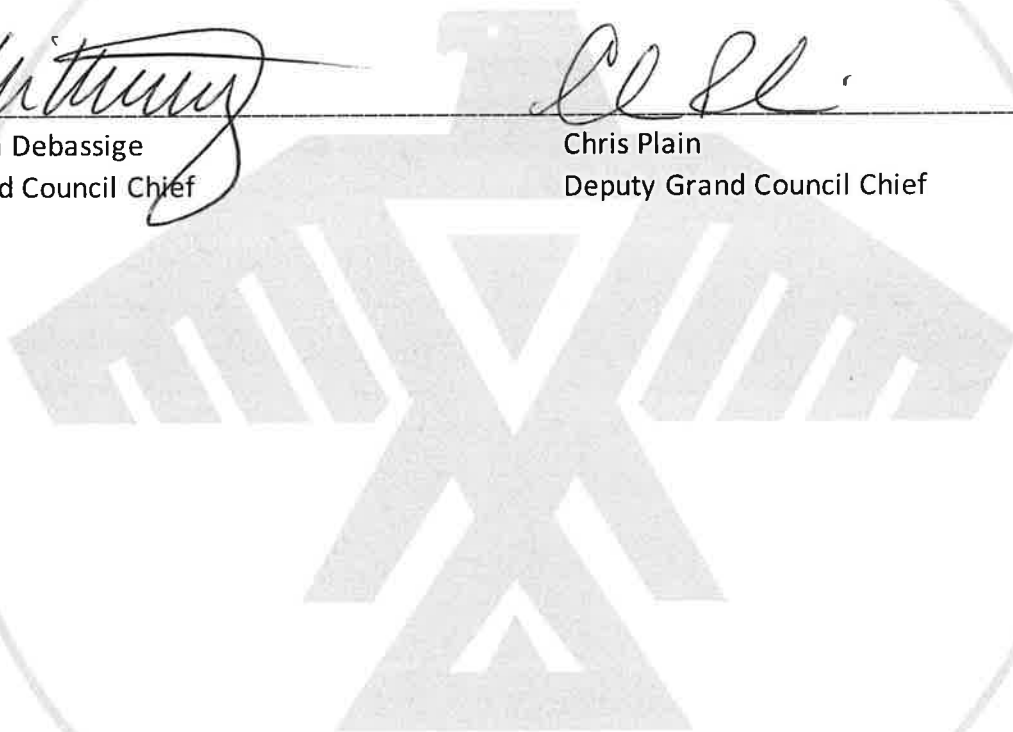
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to advocate and support a partnership between Environment Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC), as the A/OFRC scientific work aligns with the federal focus on aquatic species, collaborative management, especially habitat restoration, and monitoring; and
3. Direct and support the Grand Council Chief to seek a seat at the Federal “Expert Taskforce on Natural Capital Accounting and Nature Financing” to support the discussions that will develop recommendations and explore how to measure nature’s economic value and redirect private investments toward protecting nature.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 10

Debaachigaadeg

(Subject)

Consultation for Mining Exploration

E-gaandinang

(Mover)

Gimaa Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

(Seconder)

Ogimaa Kwe Laurie Hockaday, Curve Lake First Nation

Be-minidag

(Status)

Carried

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing

(Lead Department)

Political

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing

(Support Department)

Lands and Resources

Nendowendizig

(Opposed)

None

Gegoo e-kidsig

(Abstained)

None

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations are increasingly impacted by the surge of mineral exploration and mining activities within their traditional territories, particularly with the global demand for critical minerals. This rush has escalated pressure on the lands and resources of Anishinabek First Nations, amplifying the need for coordinated management;
2. WHEREAS the Ontario government continues to focus on regulatory reform, accelerating the approval process for mining and other major projects. This has raised concerns with First Nations surrounding the adequacy of consultation processes, the potential for increased environmental risks, infringement on exercising rights, such as harvesting, and the erosion of protection for Aki (Lands) and Nibi (Waters) in the Anishinabek territory. Within the current regulatory processes, technical review and First Nation consultation take place over 5-60 days. This is not sufficient in scope or period to address the complex scientific processes related to early exploration activities, such as drilling, mechanized stripping, and water-taking;
3. WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Energy and Mines states that early exploration activities can have potential adverse effects to Aboriginal and Treaty rights that are quite localized (site specific) and time limited. Early exploration projects are typically considered to be at



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the lower end of the consultation spectrum because they generally have only minimal land impacts. The scope or content of the duty to consult falls along a spectrum. Where the duty falls on that spectrum is determined on a case-by-case basis by conducting a preliminary assessment of the nature and strength of the established or asserted Aboriginal or Treaty rights, and the seriousness of potential impacts of the proposed action or decision to established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights;

4. WHEREAS the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Energy and Mines acknowledges their duty to consult with First Nations regarding Aboriginal and treaty rights. The environmental, social, and economic implications of major projects, including mining activities, directly affect the ability of Anishinabek First Nations to exercise these rights. It is imperative to ensure that these activities are conducted in a manner that respects Aboriginal, and Treaty rights and upholds Anishinaabe laws and values, which includes consideration for cumulative project impacts; and
5. WHEREAS in fulfilling the duty to consult, the Province of Ontario retains the ultimate responsibility for substantive aspects of the duty, such as identifying the First Nations to be consulted, assessing assertions made about Aboriginal or Treaty rights, assessing the adequacy of consultation, and where appropriate, accommodation.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Grand Council Chief to engage with the Ontario Minister of Energy and Mines to address concerns relating to the consultation process and scope associated with early and advanced mining exploration, as identified under the *Mining Act*, RSO 1990, c M.14, and associated regulations and policies; and
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Lands and Resources Department, or another assigned department, to engage with Ontario to address concerns relating to the consultation process and scope associated with early and advanced mining exploration, as identified under the *Mining Act*, RSO 1990, c M.14, and associated regulation and policy.


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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 11

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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | Species at Risk | |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Proxy Sherri Crowley, Aamjiwnaang First Nation | |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Seconder) | Ogimaa Kwe Kelly LaRocca, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation | |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried | |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | | Political |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | | Lands and Resources |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None | |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | None | |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:
(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS Canada has a vast amount of natural capital. It is home to 20% of the world’s total freshwater, 37% of the world’s lakes, 25% of the world’s wetlands, 24% of the world’s boreal forests, the world’s longest coastline, and one of the world’s largest marine territories. It also provides essential habitat for approximately 80,000 species;
2. WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations rely on a balanced environment. First Nations rights are communal in nature and are grounded in historical harvesting traditions and practices of First Nations that began before the arrival of European settlement. The Anishinabek First Nation asserts jurisdiction over the Aki (Lands), Nibi (Waters), and resources within their traditional and treaty territory. Inherent and Treaty Rights must be recognized through environmentally, socially, and economically responsible resource management;
3. WHEREAS the Federal Government administers 6% of the land in Canada, of which 4.7% is protected. The provinces and territories manage 76% of the land. Indigenous Peoples manage 6%, and private owners manage 12%. The legal duty to consult with First Nations applies to both the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and Canadian Species at Risk Act (SARA); and



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4. WHEREAS Ontario's *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act* (Bill 5) replaces the provincial *Endangered Species Act* with the weaker *Species Conservation Act*. The legislation enables the creation of Special Economic Zones, raising concerns among the Anishinabek First Nations on impacting inherent and treaty rights, land stewardship, and meaningful consultation and accommodation.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct and support the Grand Council Chief to advocate and call on both the Federal and Provincial Governments that the Anishinabek First Nations require sustainable capacity funding to support First Nation Led-Projects for Species at Risk; and
2. Direct Grand Council Chief to remind both the Federal and Provincial Governments of their fiduciary duty to consult and accommodate with the Anishinabek First Nations on resource development matters that impact Species at Risk within their traditional and/or Treaty territories.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 12

Debaachigaadeg
(Subject)

Five-year Anishinaabemowin/Language Plan

E-gaandinang
(Mover)

Ogimaa Kwe Irene Kells, *Zhiibaahaasing First Nation*

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang
(Seconder)

Ogimaa Kwe Pearl Waindubence, *Sheguiandah First Nation*

Be-minidag
(Status)

Carried

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing
(Lead Department)

Governance

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing
(Support Department)

Governance

Nendowendizig
(Opposed)

None

Gegoo e-kidsig
(Abstained)

None

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS recognizing that Anishinaabemowin is the official language of the Anishinabek Nation, Article 2 of the Anishinabek Nation Chi-Naaknigewin;
2. WHEREAS understanding the significance of Anishinaabemowin in preserving cultural identity, transmitting traditional knowledge, and saving who we are as Anishinaabe for generations to come;
3. WHEREAS considering the ongoing statistics that show an alarming decline in the number of our First language speakers;
4. WHEREAS the Anishinaabemowin E-Niigaanwidood and Enkiitmajig Wii-aabiziitoong (EWA) Language Revitalization Committee have laid out *Waa-ni-zhiwebag Naaknigewin*, a Strategic Plan to support the preservation, reclamation, retention, and revitalization of Anishinaabemowin;
5. WHEREAS the Anishinaabemowin Department have successfully secured zhoonyaa (money) from Canadian Heritage (Indigenous Language and Culture) to develop a 5-year Anishinaabemowin/language Plan; and



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6. WHEREAS the Anishinaabemowin Department will be collaborating with Anishinaabe organizations to support the development of the 5-year Anishinaabemowin/language Plan.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Approve the development of a 5-year Anishinaabemowin/language revitalization plan, which will include data collection and analysis in support of the *Waa-ni-zhiwebag Naaknigewin - Strategic Plan*;
2. Ensure that the Anishinaabemowin Department continue its support to the Anishinaabemowin E-Niigaanwidood and Enkiitmajig Wii-aabiziitoong Anishinaabemowin, Language Revitalization Committee to finalize the 5-year Plan;
3. Direct Grand Council Chief to continue to call upon all levels of government to recognize and support ongoing and sustainable funding for Anishinaabemowin/language revitalization, while ensuring such advocacy does not adversely affect any funding applications or allocations for First Nation communities within the Anishinabek Nation; and
4. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to regularly report on progress and outcomes of the 5-year Anishinaabemowin/language plan to the Chiefs-in-Assembly.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 13

Debaachigaadeg **Support for Namaygoosisagagun First Nation as a Near Band**
(Subject)

E-gaandinang **Gimaa Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation**
(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang **Gimaa Gerry Duquette Jr., Dokis First Nation**
(Seconder)

Be-minidag **Carried**
(Status)

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing **Governance**
(Lead Department)

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing **Reconciliation**
(Support Department)

Nendowendizig **None**
(Opposed)

Gegoo e-kidsig **None**
(Abstained)

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS Namaygoosisagagun First Nation is a member in good standing of the Anishinabek Nation. This has been affirmed through resolution:
 - i. *#1996-02 Acceptance of Namaygoosisagagun First Nation to the Anishinabek Nation* established membership in the Anishinabek Nation and was carried by majority vote;
 - ii. *#1999-01 Inclusion and Recognition of Poplar Point First Nation, Sand Point First Nation, and Namaygoosisagagun First Nation as full and Participating First Nations* reaffirmed membership and was carried by majority vote;
 - iii. *#2009-28 Namaygoosisagagun First Nation* concerning a petition to remove Namaygoosisagagun from the Anishinabek Nation membership and was defeated by majority vote;
 - iv. *#2011-09 Namaygoosisagagun First Nation Application for New Band Status* reaffirmed membership and was carried by majority vote;



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2. WHEREAS Namaygoosisagagun is also a member in good standing of the Chiefs of Ontario and affirmed as a near band by the Chiefs-in-Assembly;
3. WHEREAS the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP) agreement maintains a clause that enables distribution inclusion and entitlement to Near Bands;
4. WHEREAS the OFNLP provides critical resourcing for community support and development;
5. WHEREAS there has been a recent petition to remove Near Bands from the Chiefs of Ontario membership and the OFNLP agreement;
6. WHEREAS Namaygoosisagagun has been engaged in a federal court process to become recognized by Canada since 2018;
7. WHEREAS Namaygoosisagagun is a situated First Nation, having land, and being comprised of members that are Indian status card holders; and
8. WHEREAS Namaygoosisagagun has presented compelling evidence proving entitlement to federal recognition and continues to strengthen this position through a recent genealogical report.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Reject federal government unilateral determination of our citizens and our nations;
2. Reject the use of federal government recognition as criteria in determining our membership;
3. Reject any calls to remove Namaygoosisagagun from the membership of the Chiefs of Ontario and the OFNLP agreement; and
4. Support the continued recognition of Namaygoosisagagun First Nation as a member of the Anishinabek Nation and the Chiefs of Ontario.


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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 14

Debaachigaadeg
(Subject)

Anishinabek Nation Leadership Social Media Guidelines

E-gaandinang
(Mover)

Ogimaa Kwe Michelle Solomon, *Fort William First Nation*

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

Ogimaa Kwe Helen (Angela) Paavola, *Namaygoosisagagun First Nation*

(Secunder)

Be-minidag
(Status)

Carried

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing
(Lead Department)

Political

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing
(Support Department)

Governance

Nendowendizig
(Opposed)

None

Gegoo e-kidsig
(Abstained)

None

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Leadership recognizes the need for on-going communications to its members;
2. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Leadership entrusts the Getzidjig Advisory Council to provide guidance and advise/Nbaakawin (wisdom) for understanding cultural identity as it pertains to leadership roles and responsibilities;
3. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation Political Office has requested the Getzidjig Advisory Council to assist in the development of Social Media Guidelines as a measure to address the often harsh and critical nature of First Nation politics;
4. WHEREAS the Getzidjig Advisory Council met with technicians to discuss and identify processes to empower Leadership; and recognize the need to lead with balance, with heart, and to lead by using our ways/Anishinaabe Aadizwin and Anishinaabemowin; and
5. WHEREAS the Getzidjig Advisory Council sees the need to develop these processes but will continue to meet and defer presenting recommended guidelines to Chiefs in Assembly until the Fall Grand Council.




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BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

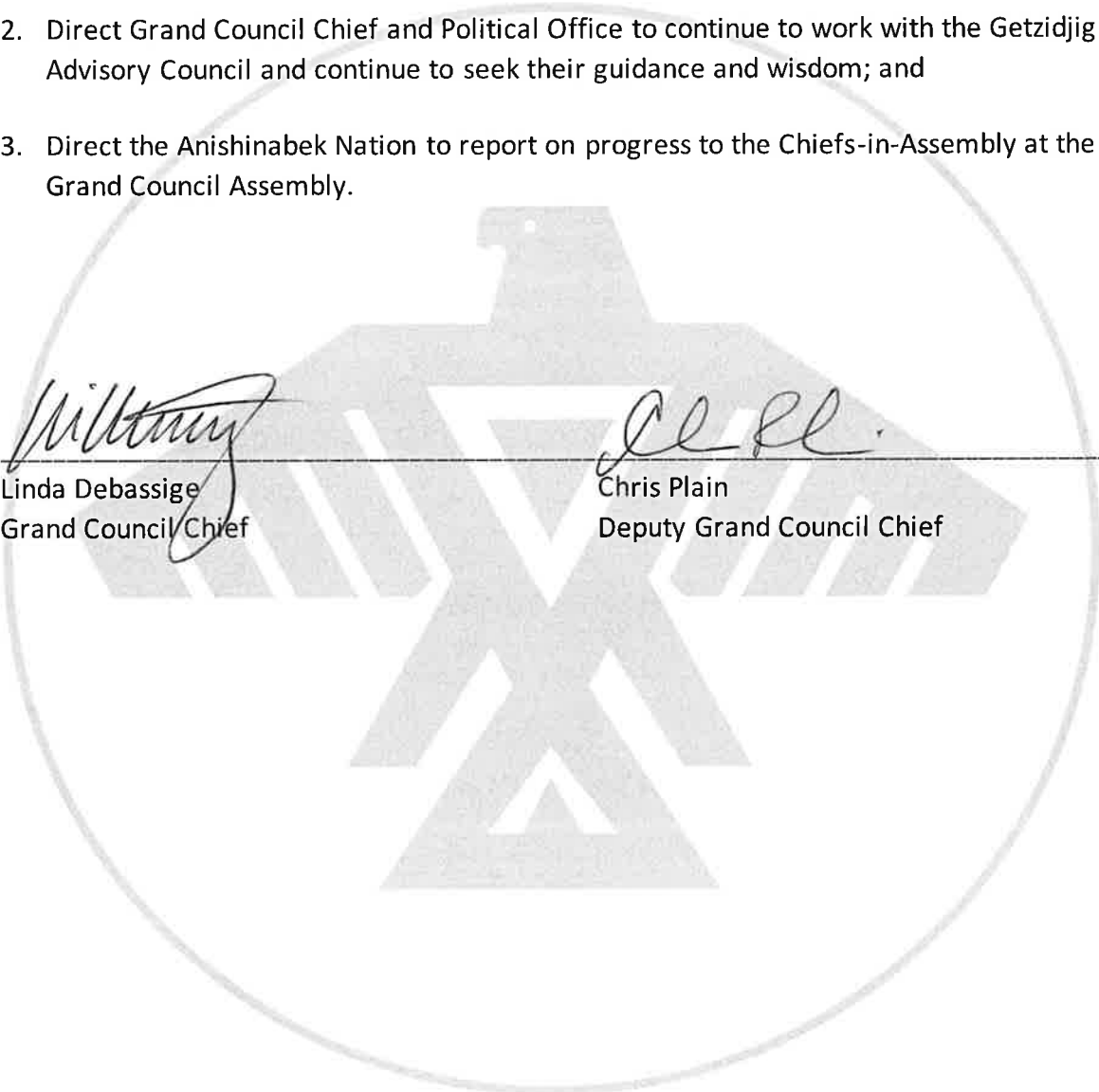
1. Approve the timeframe identified from the Getzidjig Advisory Council to develop the Social Media guidelines to assist our Nations in addressing the harsh and critical nature directed to our leadership;
2. Direct Grand Council Chief and Political Office to continue to work with the Getzidjig Advisory Council and continue to seek their guidance and wisdom; and
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to report on progress to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the Fall Grand Council Assembly.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 15

Debaachigaadeg Anishinabek Nation/Office of the Chief Coroner MOU for Child & Youth Death Review Transformation

(Subject)

E-gaandinang Gimaa Taynar Simpson, *Alderville First Nation*

(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang Ogimaa Kwe Cathy Stevens, *Nipissing First Nation*

(Secunder)

Be-minidag Carried

(Status)

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing Legal

(Lead Department)

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing Legal

(Support Department)

Nendowendizig None

(Opposed)

Gegoo e-kidsig None

(Abstained)

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation is leading the path forward surrounding First Nation political advocacy for Child and Youth Death Review (CYDR) transformation;
2. WHEREAS through engagements with expertise from member Anishinabek First Nations and our Nation Council advisory members, the Legal Department developed a report which presented 30 key recommendations to the Ministry of the Solicitor General Office of the Chief Coroner (OCC) on what is needed for meaningful transformation of CYDR. The report and recommendations were endorsed by the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly in October 2024;
3. WHEREAS in December 2025, the Nation Advisory Council advisors provided guidance that the Anishinabek Nation should seek a formal mechanism, such as a Memorandum of Understanding(MOU), to formally guide our work with the OCC towards implementation of the recommendations;
4. WHEREAS a draft MOU has been developed based on the review and feedback of representatives from the Nation Advisory Council, Political Office, Social Development Department, and Children’s Commissioner. The MOU reflects ongoing commitments to collaboration and accountability for implementation of the Anishinabek Nation recommendations surrounding CYDR transformation. A copy of the draft MOU and a briefing note have been provided in the Grand Council Assembly kits; and



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5. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation is seeking Chiefs-in-Assembly approval of the MOU and direction for this to be signed by our Grand Council Chief along with any signing ceremony recommended by the Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Approve the MOU between the Anishinabek Nation and the OCC towards implementation of the Anishinabek Nation recommendations for CYDR transformation;
2. Direct the Grand Council Chief to sign the MOU and to implement any additional signing ceremony as recommended by the Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit; and
3. Direct the Legal Department to provide status reports and updates to leadership regularly regarding implementation of the Anishinabek Nation recommendations for CYDR transformation as guided by the MOU.



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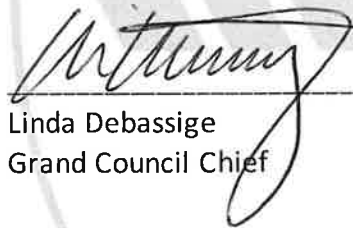
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BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Grand Council Chief to work with the MCM Minister in signing a working relationship protocol agreement on behalf of the Anishinabek Nation that includes the implementation of bilateral tables for addressing heritage and burials matters such as supporting the immediate needs of uncovered sites as well as advocating for First Nation rights in policy and legislation;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Governance Department to advocate for the protection and return of Anishinabek Nation ancestors, sacred knowledge, sacred items, and sacred sites to their rightful home communities in addition to advocating for First Nation rights to cultural heritage management in policy and legislation; and
3. Call on the Government of Ontario to engage with the Anishinabek Nation on advancing First Nation rights to cultural heritage management and include the protection and return of ancestors, sacred knowledge, sacred items, and sacred sites to First Nations within provincial policy and legislation.



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NAAKNIGAN- #2026 - 17

Debaachigaadeg **Preventing Deaths of First Nations Peoples Recently Released from Custody**

(Subject)

E-gaandinang **Proxy Tim Wawia, Red Rock Indian Band**

(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang **Ogimaa Kwe Cathy Stevens, Nipissing First Nation**

(Seconder)

Be-minidag **Carried**

(Status)

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing **Legal**

(Lead Department)

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing **Legal**

(Support Department)

Nendowendizig **None**

(Opposed)

Gegoo e-kidsig **None**

(Abstained)

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS First Nations peoples are disproportionately represented within the Canadian justice system as a result of systemic inequities, persistent racism, inadequate cultural understanding within law enforcement and correctional institutions, and the ongoing impacts of intergenerational trauma;
2. WHEREAS within Ontario’s correctional system, the current release process lacks adequate transitional supports or after-care for individuals exiting custody, with services primarily focused on in-custody programming that often terminates upon release, thereby leaving individuals with limited guidance, insufficient supports for reintegration into their home communities, and barriers to accessing necessary medications and essential services;
3. WHEREAS First Nation and non-First Nation peoples recently released from custody are at elevated risk of overdose due to reduced physiological tolerance resulting from enforced abstinence during incarceration and coordinated transitional supports (after-care) are a precautionary measure that can help reduce health and safety risks related to substance use, homelessness and other risk factors upon release;
4. WHEREAS Evidence from a 2023 population-based study in Ontario found that men who had experienced incarceration were 25 times more likely to die from an overdose compared to men in the general population, while women with a history of incarceration were 67 times more likely to experience overdose-related death compared to women in the general population;

(Butler A, Croxford R, McLeod KE, Gomes T, Orkin AM, Bondy SJ, et al. (2023) The impact of COVID-19 on opioid



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toxicity deaths for people who experience incarceration compared to the general population in Ontario: A whole population data linkage study. PLoS ONE 18(10): e0293251. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0293251>)

5. WHEREAS Coroner's Inquests provide families of deceased individuals with an opportunity for truth-seeking, healing, and closure, while also generating recommendations intended to prevent similar deaths in the future; and
6. WHEREAS The Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario currently faces a significant backlog of mandatory inquests, limiting the capacity to convene discretionary inquests, despite the fact that inquests, while extremely resource-intensive, are critical mechanisms for accountability and systemic reform.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to immediately advocate for the development and implementation of enhanced, culturally appropriate, transitional supports (after-care) for First Nations peoples upon release from custody;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to formally engage the Minister of the Solicitor General through written correspondence, advocating for increased and sustained funding to the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario to address the backlog of mandatory inquests, thereby enabling more timely processes for families and increasing the capacity to conduct discretionary inquests; and
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to ensure ongoing advocacy pertaining to the Opioid crisis meaningfully reflects and addresses the unique needs, lived experiences, and heightened risks faced by individuals recently released from custody.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 18

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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Gimaa Joe Miskokomon, <i>Chippewas of the Thames First Nation</i> |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Second) | Proxy Darrell Grenier, <i>Atikameksheng Anishnawbek</i> |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | Economic Development |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | Economic Development |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | None |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation recognizes the increasing importance of First Nations-led economic participation, ownership, equity investment, and long-term wealth generation in relation to major projects and economic development occurring within First Nations territories;
2. WHEREAS the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation has led the development and exploration of a First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund (FN-SWF) model grounded in First Nations governance, Nation-building, economic sovereignty, intergenerational wealth creation and long-term economic sustainability;
3. WHEREAS an FN-SWF aligns with the Anishinabek Nation's broader economic development priorities by:
 - i. Supporting Nation-led economic development and self-determination;
 - ii. Advancing equity ownership and participation opportunities;
 - iii. Strengthening First Nations governance and jurisdiction over economic development;



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- iv. Creating long-term financial sustainability and intergenerational wealth; and
 - v. Supporting economic reconciliation through First Nations controlled investment and financial mechanisms;
4. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation recognizes the importance of advancing awareness, dialogue, education, and strategic discussions related to an FN-SWF through leadership forums, economic development gatherings, and Nation-building initiatives, including the Anishinabek Nation Economic Development Officers, Anishinabek Nation Economic Development Opportunities (ANEDO) Forum, and related engagement opportunities; and
5. WHEREAS a First Nations-led Sovereign Wealth Fund can serve as a preferred investment vehicle for projects on First Nations lands and within First Nations territories, ensuring equity participation, governance control, and alignment with community priorities.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to work in partnership with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and other First Nations to:
 - i. Advance dialogue and information sharing related to sovereign wealth fund models and governance approaches;
 - ii. Explore potential partnership, investment readiness, and capitalization opportunities;
 - iii. Establish mechanisms to attract domestic and international capital aligned with First Nations values and ESG (environmental, social, and governance framework) principles;
 - iv. Support strategic discussions related to equity participation and First Nations economic sovereignty; and
 - v. Position the FN-SWF as a de-risked, investment ready platform for long-term infrastructure, energy, and land-based economic development;



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2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to continue advocating and advancing awareness and dialogue related to an FN-SWF through:
 - i. ANEDO Forums and economic development opportunities;
 - ii. Chiefs Council on the Economy meetings;
 - iii. Leadership meetings and regional engagement sessions;
 - iv. Strategic partnership discussions with Indigenous economic and financial organizations; and
 - v. Economic reconciliation and Nation building initiatives related to equity participation and investment readiness;

3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to undertake coordinated advocacy, including but not limited to:
 - i. Ensuring advocacy for this initiative is supported as an agenda item at the First Ministers Meeting in the Fall 2026;
 - ii. Requesting bilateral engagement with Finance Canada and the Privy Council Office;
 - iii. Preparing and submitting a formal policy proposal outlining the FN-SWF structure, governance, and 50% carve-out mechanisms;
 - iv. Building a coalition of First Nations, Indigenous financial institutions, and national organizations to advance a unified position on First Nations-controlled capital vehicles; and
 - v. Implementing a communications strategy emphasizing economic reconciliation, First Nations governance, and partnership, not duplication, with federal initiatives;

4. Direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate the Government of Canada along with all levels of government to formally support the recognition of an FN-SWF as the primary investment vehicle for First Nations-led and First Nations-impacted projects, including seeking direct federal capitalization and/or anchor investment; and



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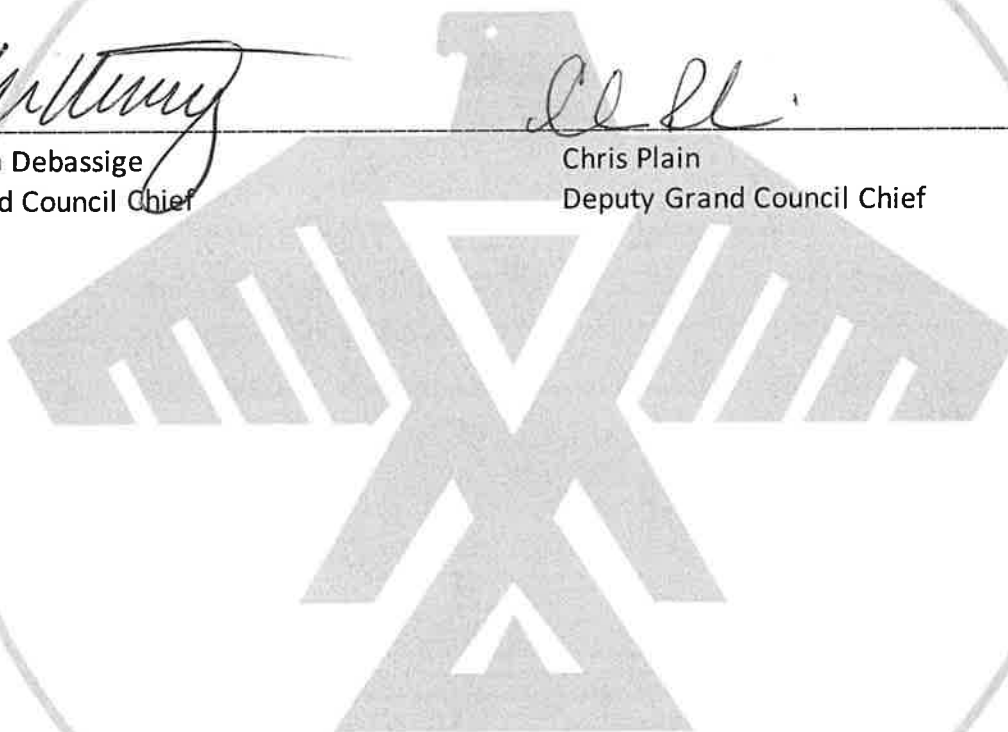
5. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to report back to the Chiefs in Assembly at the 2027 Grand Council Assembly on progress related to:
- i. Advocacy, engagement, and partnership development;
 - ii. Implementation opportunities associated with an FN-SWF initiative;
 - iii. Federal engagement outcomes;
 - iv. FN-SWF development; and
 - v. Securing capital commitments and governance arrangements.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 19

Debaachigaadeg
(Subject)

Nuclear

E-gaandinang

Ogimaa Kwe Kelly LaRocca, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang
(Secunder)

Ogimaa Kwe Laurie Hockaday, Curve Lake First Nation

Be-minidag
(Status)

Carried

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing
(Lead Department)

Political

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing
(Support Department)

Lands and Resources

Nendowendizig
(Opposed)

Chief Brent Niganobe, Mississauga #8 First Nation

Gegoo e-kidsig
(Abstained)

Chief Shane Tabobondung, Wasauksing First Nation

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS nuclear activities must not be treated as isolated energy projects. Whether related to energy production, nuclear waste, nuclear defense, or nuclear medicine, they are interconnected, long-term jurisdictional decisions with cumulative environmental, health, security, and intergenerational impacts on Aki (Lands), Nibi (Waters), Treaty and inherent rights, and responsibilities;
2. WHEREAS The Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirm that all nuclear-related activities, including new reactors, refurbishments, waste generation, transportation, storage, and abandonment require Free, Prior and Informed Consent;
3. WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations, Governments and proponents must address nuclear energy expansion and nuclear waste management together, recognizing that increased generation directly increases long-term waste, transportation risk, and stewardship obligations for First Nations territories;
4. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation supports the Anishinabek First Nations and will continue to oppose any approach that results in the permanent abandonment of radioactive waste within or across the Anishinabek Nation territory, particularly near major water bodies, and will advocate for alternatives that prioritize ongoing responsibility, monitoring, and retrievability;



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5. WHEREAS Anishinabek First Nations affected by nuclear generation, waste storage, or transportation need to strengthen regional and treaty-level collaboration to reduce duplication, share expertise, and present unified positions where interests align and provide tools such as templates for consultation protocols or implementing initiatives like the Spirit of the Land Toolkit that can be used for decision-making; and
6. WHEREAS our positions on Nuclear production and waste have not changed in that our First Nations maintain their sovereignty to make decisions that reflect their visions for the future.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

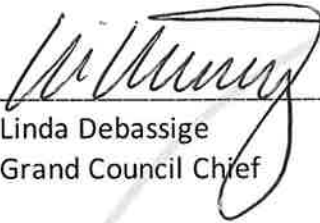
1. Direct that the Grand Council Chief advocate and call for the governments to provide long-term, predictable resources to support First Nations' governance, technical review, legal analysis, and community engagement related to nuclear matters, including the cumulative impacts and recognizing the multi-decade nature of the nuclear industry;
2. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation provide support to strengthen coordination with other treaty bodies and regions of the Anishinabek Nation to seek a principled vision on nuclear development, waste management, and cumulative impacts;
3. Continue to support the Anishinabek First Nations in implementing tools and resources such as their consultation protocols and other initiatives like Spirit of the Land in nuclear decision-making;
4. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation Lands and Resources department, or another assigned department, seek resources for an independent, First Nation-informed expert to provide updated analysis on small modular reactors, large-scale reactors, waste durability, transportation risks, and long-term stewardship to maintain a living briefing package that tracks Ontario's nuclear projects, regulatory milestones, and implications for Anishinabek Nation's territory, to support timely leadership engagement and advocacy;
5. Recognize that accommodations agreements and economic opportunities for First Nations will form part of the ongoing engagement strategy with the nuclear energy sector;
6. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation provides advocacy support relating to ancillary industries connected to Nuclear project development, including but not limited to: transmission lines, uranium production, and battery energy storage; and



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7. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation Lands and Resources Department, or another assigned department, create a committee to speak on all points surrounding a principled vision on Nuclear Development, Waste Management, and cumulative impacts.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 20

Debaachigaadeg **Relationship Building with the Canada Water Agency**
(Subject)

E-gaandinang **Gimaa Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation**
(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang **Ogimaa Kwe Laurie Hockaday, Curve Lake First Nation**
(Seconder)

Be-minidag **Carried**
(Status)

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing **Political**
(Lead Department)

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing **Lands and Resources**
(Support Department)

Nendowendizig **None**
(Opposed)

Gegoo e-kidsig **None**
(Abstained)

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations have an inherent right and sacred responsibility as caretakers of the gifts provided to us by the Creator and that responsibility for protecting, managing and caring for all creation was never relinquished. The Anishinaabe women have the responsibility to care for the land and waters. The First Nations have never ceded the Great Lakes to any foreign government; therefore, we continue to uphold our collective stewardship through responsibility to the Great Lakes and assert jurisdiction;
2. WHEREAS the Canada Water Agency (CWA) plays a key coordination role in both the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health (COA) and the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA). In addition, under the GLWQA, Lake-wide Action and Management Plans (LAMPs) are developed for each Great Lake to assess the condition, identify environmental priorities, and coordinate restoration and protection actions; and
3. WHEREAS the CWA is leading preparation for a review of the Canada Water Act to reflect Canada's freshwater reality, including climate change, the rights of Indigenous peoples, as well as supporting "A Force of Nature: Canada's Strategy to Protect Nature." Within this strategy, "Pillar 2 – Building Canada Well" references how the Canada Water Agency will collaborate with Indigenous, provincial, and territorial partners and stakeholders to develop Canada's first National Water Security Strategy to protect one of nature's vital and strategic resources to meet Canada's long-term environmental, social, and economic



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needs. This is in addition to the National Freshwater Data Strategy that will establish guidelines and principles for how freshwater information should be organized, stored, and shared in Canada.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct that Grand Council Chief advocate and advance Anishinabek Nation priorities for Great Lakes governance including;
 - Recognition of First Nation water laws, protocols, and jurisdiction;
 - Accountability and reporting mechanisms for water protection; and
 - First Nation participation in federal, provincial, and binational decision-making;
2. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation Lands and Resources Department seek funding to support participation and engagement on the Canada Water Act review, National Freshwater Data Strategy, and the National Water Security Strategy;
3. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation Lands and Resources Department support engagement and dialogue by facilitating meetings between the Anishinabek Nation, Anishinabek First Nations, and Federal and Provincial Governments on the Canada Water Act review, National Freshwater Data Strategy, and the National Water Security Strategy; and
4. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation provide an update to the Chiefs-in-Assembly on the Canada Water Act Review, the National Freshwater Data Strategy, and the National Water Security Strategy at the 2027 summer Grand Council Assembly.



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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 21

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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | Rejection of the 2023 Metis Nation of Ontario Agreement and Call for Consultation on Future Metis Policy | |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Ogimaa Kwe Cathy Stevens, <i>Nipissing First Nation</i> | |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Seconder) | Proxy Darrell Grenier, <i>Atikameksheng Anishnawbek</i> | |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried | |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | | Legal |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | | Political |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None | |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | None | |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS in 2017 the Anishinabek Nation developed a Métis Action Plan prior to federal Bill C-53, Bill C-21, Métis Self Government implementation agreements, and other current developments and events;
2. WHEREAS in 2023, Canada and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) signed a Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement without consultation with First Nations. This agreement is a foundation for Métis assertion of rights including laws, and policies that currently impact First Nation treaty rights and section 35 rights and agrees to a future Métis treaty;
3. WHEREAS Canada tabled Bill C-53, which is now lapsed and has not been revived since the last parliament prorogued; however, Canada has agreed in the terms of the 2023 Métis Self-Government Implementation Agreement with the MNO to bring Federal enabling legislation forward;
4. WHEREAS Canada proposes Bill C-21 which relates to Métis Self-Government only in Manitoba; however, the process and approach can impact First Nations in Ontario;
5. WHEREAS Métis self-identification and community identification in the 2023 Métis Self Government Implementation Agreement with MNO currently impacts First Nation rights as proponents recognize the duty to consult in a generic way that now includes Métis even



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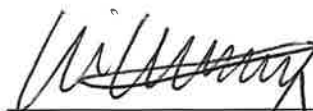
in First Nation treaty lands;

6. WHEREAS First Nation and Métis rights are currently clashing in regard to the Crown's duty to consult on Treaty land development and use, hunting, fishing, and other resources; and
7. WHEREAS First Nation rights are inherent rights predating section 35 and the treaties themselves and are now recognized by treaty by the Crown.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Reject the 2023 Métis Self Government Implementation Agreement as it is based on information that is inaccurate and non-transparent, and lacks accountability;
2. Call upon the Federal and Ontario governments to open consultations with Anishinabek First Nations concerning any Métis related policy, law, or agreement;
3. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation revise and update its Métis Action Plan to address following:
 - i. Concerns with Métis self-identification;
 - ii. Métis community identification and determining what is a "Métis community" under the law;
 - iii. Concerns with reconciling Métis s.35 rights with First Nation s.35 rights;
 - iv. Concerns of a future Métis Treaty in Ontario committed to MNO in the 2023 Metis Self-Government Implementation Agreement; and
4. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to coordinate and support facilitation of a gathering of Nations and their lawyers to meet and discuss an overall Metis strategy.


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NAAKNIGAN - #2026 - 22

Debaachigaadeg Additions to Reserve Redesign Report and ATR Time Reduction Analysis based on Redesign

(Subject)

E-gaandinang Ojima Kwe Cathy Stevens, Nipissing First Nation

(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang Gimaa Gerry Duquette Jr., Dokis First Nation

(Seconder)

Be-minidag Carried

(Status)

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing Legal

(Lead Department)

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing Political

(Support Department)

Nendowendizig None

(Opposed)

Gegoo e-kidsig None

(Abstained)

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Ministry of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) has been engaged in Additions to Reserve (ATR) “redesign” process for approximately four years, since 2021-2022;
2. WHEREAS in March 2023, the CIRNAC consultation phase on ATR ended and in October 2024, CIRNAC released their “What We Heard” report and despite having seventeen months to make a report on substantive redesign changes, have not done so;
3. WHEREAS in December 2024 CIRNAC announced nine interim changes to the ATR policy directive. While helpful, this has not substantively changed the timelines of ATR approvals for Anishinabek First Nations; and
4. WHEREAS CIRNAC anticipates a three-month consultation engagement phase after its release of the ATR redesign report with substantive changes.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Call upon Canada immediately release the revised ATR redesigned policy and directive and report even if it is still in draft form and the Grand Council Chief to advocate for this release;

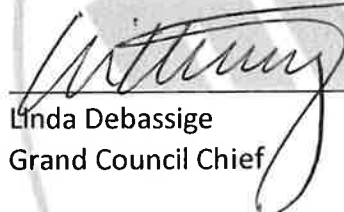


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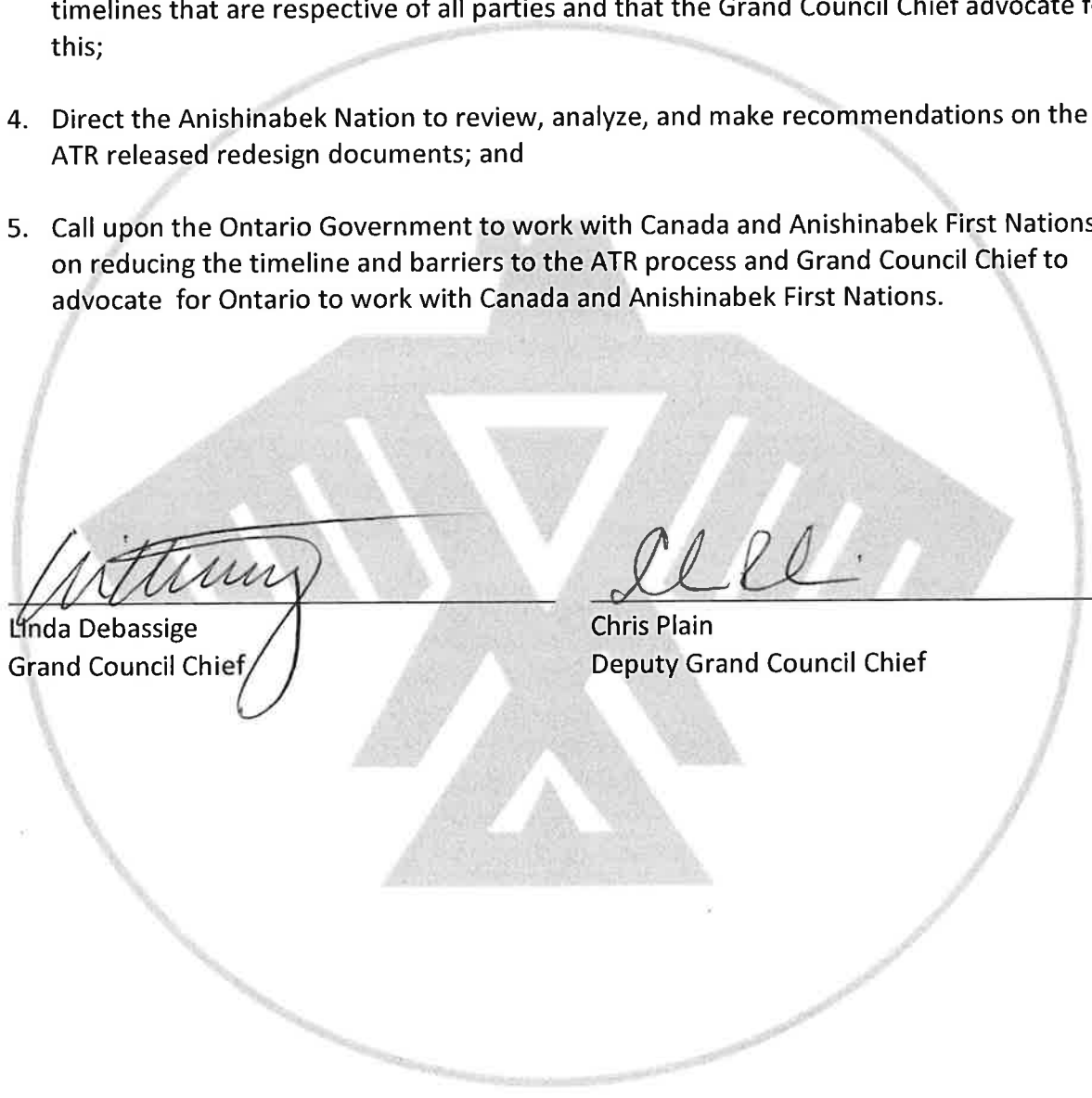
2. Call upon Canada release their anticipated ATR time reductions analysis based on the redesign or if not done, for the Grand Council Chief to advocate for Canada to create an ATR time delay reduction analysis or projection based on the redesign;
3. Call upon Canada to re-engage with Anishinabek First Nations on the draft ATR redesigned policy and directive with sufficient time to be meaningfully consulted with timelines that are respective of all parties and that the Grand Council Chief advocate for this;
4. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to review, analyze, and make recommendations on the ATR released redesign documents; and
5. Call upon the Ontario Government to work with Canada and Anishinabek First Nations on reducing the timeline and barriers to the ATR process and Grand Council Chief to advocate for Ontario to work with Canada and Anishinabek First Nations.



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NAAKNIGAN- #2026 - 23

Debaachigaadeg **Advocacy Affirming First Nation Rights to Access, Control, and Stewardship of Records Held by Religious Institutions and Archives**

(Subject)

E-gaandinang **Ogimaa Kwe Helen (Angela) Paavola, *Namaygoosisagagun First Nation***

(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang **Gimaa Taynar Simpson, *Alderville First Nation***

(Second)

Be-minidag **Carried**

(Status)

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing **Reconciliation**

(Lead Department)

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing **Governance**

(Support Department)

Nendowendizig **None**

(Opposed)

Gegoo e-kidsig **None**

(Abstained)

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the earliest arrivals to our lands did so under the authority of religious orders and were guided by ecclesiastical doctrines, including the Doctrine of Discovery and *Terra Nullius*, which have been used historically to justify the colonization, dispossession, and assimilation of Indigenous lands and peoples worldwide;
2. WHEREAS these agents relied extensively on written documentation to record their efforts of indoctrination and conversion, resulting in the creation of archival records spanning centuries that now hold significant historical and evidentiary value;
3. WHEREAS many critical records relating to First Nations peoples are held by religious institutions and archives, including vital records such as baptismal, burial, marriage, and death records, which are often among the only surviving documentation of individuals, families, and communities;
4. WHEREAS these vital records are integral to First Nations genealogy, the reclamation of family lineage, and the restoration of identity, particularly where colonial policies disrupted or erased traditional kinship systems, and First Nations have the right to determine their own citizens and this right is integral to the First Nation defining their citizenship from a nation-building perspective;



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5. WHEREAS access to these records held by religious institutions and archives remains inconsistent, incomplete, delayed, or restricted. The inaccessibility of such records can impede the ability of individuals to demonstrate citizenship within their First Nation, particularly where status, band membership, or recognition was lost through enfranchisement and other provisions of the *Indian Act*, disproportionately affecting women, children, and their descendants;
6. WHEREAS First Nations hold inherent rights to self-determination, including governance over knowledge, history, and cultural heritage as affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which recognizes the right to maintain, control, protect, and develop cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, and cultural expressions;
7. WHEREAS Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession Principles (OCAP) affirm First Nations' authority over data concerning their own communities and guide the ethical management of information;
8. WHEREAS First Nations must lead the identification, interpretation, access, and stewardship of records relating to their children, families, lands, and histories, including decisions about access, culturally appropriate use, preservation, and repatriation/rematriation; and
9. WHEREAS the religious institutions holding records concerning First Nations have a moral obligation to ensure that these records are given to the appropriate First Nation communities in their efforts to reconcile the Church's history.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Assert that our records held by religious archives be governed by First Nations in accordance with OCAP Principles;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to immediately advocate for full, and barrier-free access to all records relating to First Nations individuals, families, communities, and institutions. This includes advocating for a commitment to transparency regarding the existence, scope, and condition of all relevant records;
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to advocate for the enacting or amending of Canadian legislation, regulations, and policies to ensure the mandatory disclosure and access to records held by religious institutions;
4. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to advocate for funding to support the creation of a database to track institutional compliance with OCAP Principles, UNDRIP, and the 94 Calls to Action and report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the Grand Council Assembly in 2027; and



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5. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to advocate for Federal funding for the Anishinabek Nation communities to support them in negotiating agreements with institutions regarding access, digitization, repatriation, and stewardship of records.



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NAAKNIGAN- #2026 - 24

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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | Preventing Loss of IRS Survivor Testimony | |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Gimaa Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation | |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Secunder) | Ogimaa Kwe Tracey Hendrick, Moose Deer Point First Nation | |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried | |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | | Reconciliation |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | | Reconciliation |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None | |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | None | |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples affirms Indigenous Peoples’ rights to truth, justice, redress, access to information, and the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, historical records, and manifestations of their cultures;
2. WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada ordered that the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) records collected during the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) be destroyed on September 19, 2027, following the expiration of a court mandated retention period [*Canada (Attorney General) v Fontaine, 2017 SCC 47*];
3. WHEREAS a component of the Settlement included the Notice Program, which was designed to educate Survivors of their rights to preserve their own records through the 2021, *My Records My Choice* program. This program has proven to be entirely ineffective in reaching Survivors, raising serious concerns regarding the adequacy, reach, accessibility, and cultural appropriateness of the process intended to ensure Survivors make informed decisions regarding the preservation of their records;
4. WHEREAS since 2021, there have been significant discoveries, developments, and findings relating to the deaths and disappearances of children attending Indian Residential Schools. In response, many First Nations have established IRS Survivor-centred research projects dedicated to finding these children which require access to



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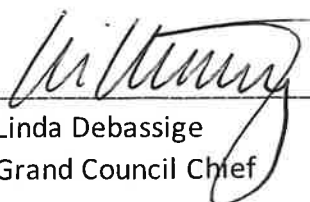
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- records which may contain information relevant to deaths, disappearances, burials, transfers of children, and other matters potentially disclosed in IAP and ADR records;
5. WHEREAS the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal, expressed concern in its May 29, 2026, Preliminary Statement which specifically criticized Canada's failure to prevent the imminent destruction of the records that may contain information relevant to missing children;
 6. WHEREAS the records proposed for destruction contain the lived experiences of Survivors and constitute critical evidence of genocide, the loss of which would be irreversible. Such records may be essential in supporting ongoing efforts to locate missing children and identify unmarked burial sites; and
 7. WHEREAS any measures to prevent the loss of IRS Survivor testimony must be undertaken with the utmost respect for the autonomy, dignity, and expressed wishes of Survivors, including those who have requested the destruction of their records.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to explore all viable avenues to prevent the permanent loss of the critical information contained within the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) Independent Assessment Process (IAP), and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) records, while fully respecting the expressed wishes of Survivors who have requested the destruction of their records;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to immediately advocate that the Government of Canada obtain an extension to the September 19, 2027, destruction deadline to allow sufficient time for comprehensive analysis and the exploration of preservation options;
3. Direct Anishinabek Nation to obtain a legal review to determine the feasibility and validity of requesting an amendment to the Supreme Court decision to allow for families of deceased loved ones to request record preservation; and
4. Direct Anishinabek Nation to take necessary steps to develop and implement a renewed, culturally appropriate, Survivor-led notice and outreach process to ensure Survivors are fully informed of their rights and options regarding preservation of records.


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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | Sovereign Wealth Fund Board Representation | |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Gimaa Rodney Nahwegahbow, <i>Whitefish River First Nation</i> | |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Seconder) | Ogimaa Kwe Pearl Waindubence, <i>Sheguiandah First Nation</i> | |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried | |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | | Political |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | | Political |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None | |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | Ogimaa Kwe Patsy Corbiere, <i>Aundek Omni Kaning First Nation</i> | |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation is required to nominate a representative to the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund Board of Directors to represent the Anishinabek Nation for a one-year period; and
2. WHEREAS the annual process of confirming the Anishinabek representative for the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund Board of Directors is the decision and responsibility of the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Nominate and appoint Patrick Madahbee for a one-year period from June 2026 to June 2027 to represent the Anishinabek Nation on the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund Board of Directors.


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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | Canada Strong Fund - First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Gimaa Taynar Simpson, <i>Alderville First Nation</i> |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Second) | Ogimaa Kwe Gladys Thompson, <i>Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishnaabek</i> |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | Economic Development |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | Economic Development |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | None |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Government of Canada has announced the establishment of the Canada Strong Fund as a national sovereign wealth and strategic investment mechanism intended to support major projects, infrastructure, energy, critical minerals, and economic growth initiatives across Canada;
2. WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation recognizes that First Nations territories, lands, resources, and rights are foundational to Canada's economic future and that First Nations must be full economic partners, in any national investment framework connected to resource and infrastructure development;
3. WHEREAS the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation has undertaken leadership in advancing the exploration and development of a First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund (FN-SWF), grounded in First Nations lands rights, governance, economic sovereignty, Nation-building, equity participation, and long-term intergenerational wealth creation; and



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4. WHEREAS without explicit recognition and structural inclusion of First Nations governance and capital allocation mechanisms, the Canada Strong Fund risks:
 - i. Diverting capital away from First Nations-led investment vehicles (“capital crowding-out”);
 - ii. Reinforcing a “stakeholder” approach rather than the necessary “rights holder” approach to First Nations participation;
 - iii. Undermining economic reconciliation and First Nations financial sovereignty; and
 - iv. Creating potential conflicts with Section 35 rights, Treaty rights, and UNDRIP, particularly regarding Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), land and resource jurisdiction, and economic self-determination.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate for a minimum 50% First Nations investment allocation within the Canada Strong Fund dedicated to First Nations-related projects and that:
 - i. Is governed independently by First Nations;
 - ii. Aligns with Section 35, Treaty rights, and UNDRIP principles, including FPIC;
 - iii. Prioritizes projects where First Nations hold equity, ownership, or jurisdictional authority; and
 - iv. Seeds and capitals a FN-SWF governed by First Nations;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to work in partnership with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and other First Nations to:
 - i. Establish mechanisms to attract domestic and international capital aligned with First Nations values and ESG (environmental, social, and governance framework) principles; and
 - ii. Position the FN-SWF as a de-risked, investment-ready platform for long-term infrastructure, energy, and land-based economic development;
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to undertake coordinated advocacy, including:
 - i. Calling for bilateral engagement with Finance Canada and the Privy Council Office;
 - ii. Preparing and submitting a formal policy proposal outlining FN-SWF structure, governance, and carve-out mechanisms;



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- iii. Ensuring that the 2026 Fall First Ministers' meeting and engagement thereafter reflect the messaging set out in this resolution;
 - iv. Building a coalition of First Nations, Indigenous financial institutions, and national organizations to advance a unified position on First Nations-controlled capital vehicles; and
 - v. Implementing a communications strategy emphasizing economic reconciliation, First Nations governance, and partnership, not duplication, with federal initiatives;
4. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to ensure that all engagement related to the Canada Strong Fund:
- i. Is grounded in the recognition of First Nations as rights holders;
 - ii. Upholds Free, Prior, and Informed Consent; and
 - iii. Advances First Nations jurisdiction over lands, resources, and economic development; and
5. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to report back to the Chiefs in Assembly at the 2027 Grand Council Assembly on progress related to:
- i. Federal engagement outcomes; and
 - ii. Securing capital commitments and governance arrangements.



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| Debaachigaadeg (Subject) | Opposing Ontario District School Board Cuts to Outdoor Education | |
| E-gaandinang (Mover) | Ogimaa Kwe Kelly LaRocca, <i>Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation</i> | |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang (Secondar) | Ogimaa Kwe Laurie Hockaday, <i>Curve Lake First Nation</i> | |
| Be-minidag (Status) | Carried | |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing (Lead Department) | | Political |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing (Support Department) | | Education |
| Nendowendizig (Opposed) | None | |
| Gegoo e-kidsig (Abstained) | None | |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:
(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS the Ontario District School Board (TDSB) has announced closures affecting outdoor education centres and in-school programming that provide students with direct access to land-based learning, environmental stewardship, cultural education, and experiential learning opportunities;
2. WHEREAS outdoor education programs play a critical role in supporting Indigenous heritage, environmental awareness, leadership development, physical and mental wellbeing, and academic success, while also providing urban Indigenous students with opportunities to connect with the land, water, and traditional ecological knowledge;
3. WHEREAS land-based education is consistent with Indigenous ways of knowledge and learning, and supports the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action, including calls related to education, Indigenous knowledge, language, culture, and relationship building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples;
4. WHEREAS the elimination of outdoor education opportunities disproportionately impacts Indigenous students, low-income students and students from urban areas who may otherwise have limited access to natural spaces, cultural programming, and outdoor experiential learning opportunities; and



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5. WHEREAS continued investment in outdoor education aligns with objectives related to reconciliation, environmental sustainability, climate literacy, youth well-being and equitable access to education opportunities for all students in Ontario.

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(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to oppose any proposed closures, reductions, privatization, or weakening of Ontario public school board outdoor education centres and programs;
2. Call upon the Government of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Education, and the all Ontario District School Boards to maintain and strengthen funding and operational support for outdoor education programming and facilities;
3. Call upon all school boards in Ontario to work in partnership with First Nations, Indigenous educators, and community organizations to maintain and expand land-based learning opportunities for students; and
4. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to advocate for long-term provincial investments in outdoor and land-based education programs that support reconciliation, Indigenous knowledge transmission, climate education, and equitable student access.



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Debaachigaadeg **Reintroduction of First Nations Drinking Water Legislation**

(Subject)

E-gaandinang **Gimaa Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation**

(Mover)

E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang **Gimaa Gerry Duquette Jr., Dokis First Nation**

(Seconder)

Be-minidag **Carried**

(Status)

Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing **Political**

(Lead Department)

Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing **Infrastructure**

(Support Department)

Nendowendizig **None**

(Opposed)

Gegoo e-kidsig **None**

(Abstained)

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS Curve Lake First Nation, a member of the Anishinabek Nation, together with Neskantaga First Nation led a Federal Claim in relation to safe drinking water on October 11, 2019;
2. WHEREAS on July 30, 2021, a Settlement of the Class Action was reached. The settlement ordered by the Federal Court included the repeal and replacement of the 2013 Safe Drinking Water Act;
3. WHEREAS Canada was ordered to develop and introduce replacement legislation in consultation with First Nations by December 31, 2022;
4. WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-61: *An Act respecting water, source water, drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nations lands* which subsequently died on the Order paper when Parliament was prorogued on January 6, 2025;
5. WHEREAS Bill C-61 reflected decades of advocacy by First Nations including Anishinabek First Nations and was a significant step toward long standing water issues and sustainable funding while affirming the human right to clean drinking water and establishing standards;



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6. WHEREAS Bill C-61 addressed source water protection beyond the borders of a First Nation Reserve, and enable collaboration between First Nations, Provinces, and Territories; and
7. WHEREAS there have been discussions that the Government is changing the text of Bill C-61 and will be introducing the First Nations Drinking Water Legislation soon without consultation or discussions with First Nations.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Demand that Canada introduce the *First Nations Drinking Water Legislation* in a manner that does not diminish any language contained in the former Bill C-61;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to continue to advocate, advance, and support the position of Anishinabek First Nations and their inherent jurisdiction, inherent rights of Anishinabek First Nations to Water, including safe, clean, and sustainable drinking water, and source water protection;
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation provide an immediate analysis of the *First Nation Drinking Water Legislation* to Anishinabek First Nations;
4. Direct the Anishinabek Nation seek funding to support the Anishinabek First Nations to participate in all processes available moving forward; and
5. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly in the summer of 2027 and regularly thereafter.



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| Debaachigaadeg | Office of the Chief Coroner – Opioid Toxicity Deaths in the Anishinabek Nation | |
| (Subject) | | |
| E-gaandinang | Ogimaa Kwe Patsy Corbiere, <i>Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation</i> | |
| (Mover) | | |
| E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang | Proxy Darrell Grenier, <i>Atikameksheng First Nation</i> | |
| (Seconder) | | |
| Be-minidag | Carried | |
| (Status) | | |
| Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing | | Reconciliation |
| (Lead Department) | | |
| Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing | | Political |
| (Support Department) | | |
| Nendowendizig | None | |
| (Opposed) | | |
| Gegoo e-kidsig | None | |
| (Abstained) | | |

MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. WHEREAS Anishinabek Nation has declared a State of Emergency as it relates to drug trafficking and organized crime activity;
2. WHEREAS there continues to be growing mental health and addictions in all Anishinabek First Nations;
3. WHEREAS there is a lack of statistical data relating to Opioid Toxicity Deaths in the Anishinabek First Nations; and
4. WHEREAS the Office of the Chief Coroner (“OCC”) could prepare reports in the Spirit of Learning from the dead to protect the living.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to work with the Office of the OCC to prepare an Anishinabek Nation report on Coroner Investigations of opioid toxicity deaths in the Anishinabek First Nations;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to work with the OCC to prepare an Anishinabek Nation Regional Report for each of the Anishinabek Nation Regions; and



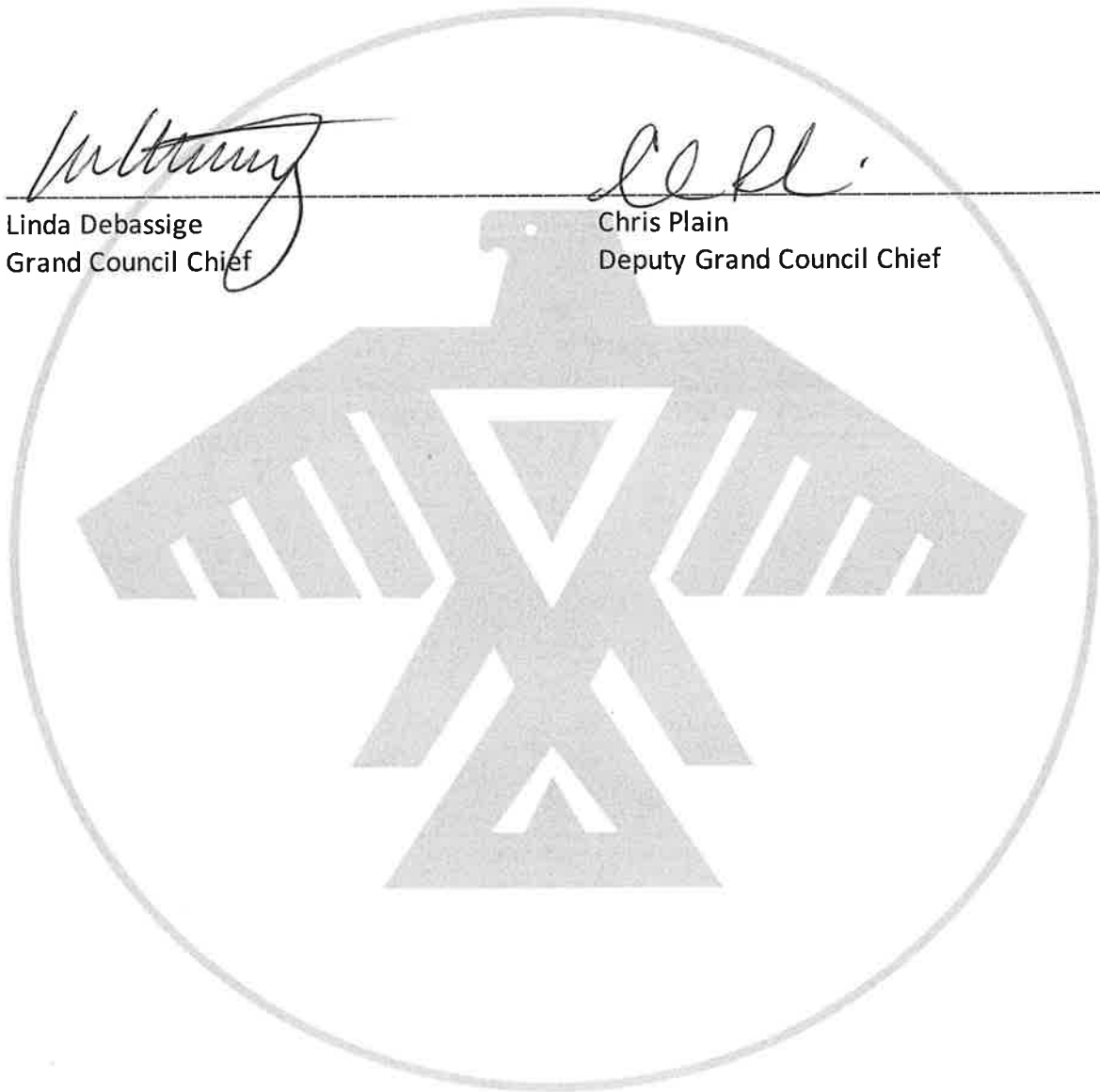
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3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation work with the Anishinabek First Nations and the OCC to have individualized reports for each Anishinabek First Nation for their exclusive use. For greater certainty, the Anishinabek Nation will not receive individual reports for each community.


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5. WHEREAS it is clear that First Nations have been discriminated against by providing a lesser version of policing services than those comparable to off-reserve communities; that Canada and Ontario have acted dishonorably, failed to meet their contractual obligations to First Nations, and breached their fiduciary duty towards First Nations and residents; and
6. WHEREAS Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek is proposing a class action challenging the inequitable delivery of police services on-reserve and is seeking support.

BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Support Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek with the Ontario First Nations Policing Class Action;
2. Direct the Grand Council Chief, Deputy Grand Council Chief, Leadership Council, and Anishinabek Nation to provide strategic support to the Ontario First Nations Policing Class Action;
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to help coordinate with Anishinabek First Nations with respect to their direct participation and that of their citizens;
4. Direct the Grand Council Chief to engage with the self-administered First Nation Police Services within the Anishinabek Nation territory to seek to establish a meeting between them and Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek with respect to this matter; and
5. Direct Anishinabek Nation to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly in the summer of 2027 and regularly thereafter.



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