



# **ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**

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**2018 MAY SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY (SCA) & ANNUAL  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AGA) RESOLUTIONS UPDATE REPORT**

**DECEMBER 2018**



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**01/2018 First Nations Led Process to Develop New Federal Safe Drinking Water Legislation**

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**Mover:** Chief Dan George, Burns Lake Indian Band/Ts'il Kaz Koh, BC

**Seconder:** Chief Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to immediately communicate to the federal government that, in keeping with the Government's commitments to reconciliation with First Nations, a joint legislative co-development process and mandate will proceed in full partnership with First Nations, including the development of a Joint Working Group on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations.
  2. Direct the AFN to immediately appoint a Chief's Committee on First Nations Safe Drinking Water Legislation that will advise and support the development of a Terms of Reference for the creation of the Joint Working Group on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations.
  3. Direct the AFN to produce a draft framework for safe drinking water legislation for First Nations, aligned with the phased approach recommended in the concept paper, for consideration at the AFN Annual General Assembly in July 2018.
  4. Direct the AFN and the Chief's Committee on First Nations Safe Drinking Water Legislation to develop a draft framework for the creation of the First Nations Water Commission.
  5. Direct the AFN to immediately develop and convey a funding proposal to the federal government that will ensure that the Chief's Committee on First Nations Safe Drinking Water Legislation and the Joint Working Group on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations have the resources required to participate in this joint legislative co-development process in full partnership with First Nations and the federal government.
  6. Direct the AFN to ensure the draft framework for safe drinking water legislation for First Nations affirms First Nations inherent water laws, standards, guidelines and processes.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN Infrastructure Staff prepared the "First Nations Safe Drinking Water Preliminary Concepts" and shared it with the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the 2018 Annual General Assembly where it was endorsed via Resolution 26/2018: Support for a First Nations Safe Drinking Water Preliminary Concepts as a foundational document to assist with national engagement on the forthcoming repeal and replacement of the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act. The "Preliminary Concepts" included provision for the creation of a draft framework for the First Nations Water Commission.
  - The Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure was briefed in detail on the current status of the repeal and replacement process for the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations
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Act on October 29, 2018 and provided their advice and recommendations to AFN Infrastructure sector staff.

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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**02/2018 Federal Recognition of First Nations Jurisdiction over Recreational and Medicinal Cannabis**

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**Mover:** Grand Chief Arlen Dumas, Proxy, for Peguis First Nation. MB

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**Seconder:** Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to inform Canada that First Nations must be consulted by the federal and provincial governments to ensure their full involvement in the design of licensing, production, distribution, and sale of legalized cannabis, including revenue sharing.
  2. Call upon Canada to amend Bill C-45 to recognize that First Nations jurisdiction supersedes provincial legislation and regulation as it pertains to cannabis licensing, production, distribution and sale of legalized cannabis that incorporates community safety and well-being, particularly for children and youth.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has communicated the need for government to consult with First Nations on the legalization of cannabis.
  - The National Task Force on Cannabis is undertaking work and research on potential impacts to First Nations.
  - The National Task Force on Cannabis is also conducting work and studying options on how First Nations may exercise jurisdiction over cannabis in their local First Nations and traditional lands.
  - The AFN has advocated for easier access to federal licenses for the manufacturing, distribution and sale of cannabis, should a First Nation choose to explore economic development initiatives
  - The AFN is advocating for greater revenue sharing from taxes collected by government.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**03/2018 Federal Justice Legislation Amendments, Call for United Nations Special Rapporteur Investigation and Royal Commission**

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**Mover:** Chief Reginald Bellerose, Muskowekwan First Nation, SK

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**Seconder:** Chief Billy Joe Laboucan, Lubicon Lake Band, AB

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the federal government to meaningfully consult with First Nations to restore First Nations justice systems, uphold First Nations individual human rights, and ensure equitable treatment of First Nations in the proposed reforms to Canada's criminal laws as contained in: Bill C-75, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and other Acts and to make consequential amendments to other Acts; Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (victim surcharge); Bill C-38, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (exploitation and trafficking in persons); and, Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (unconstitutional provisions) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts with reference to previous inquiries in other provinces into unresolved homicides due to inadequate investigations by police services, such as the RCMP.
  2. Call upon the Government of Canada to invite the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, and the Special Rapporteur on Racism to conduct an investigation on the Canadian justice system's treatment and on contemporary forms of racism against Indigenous People in Canada.
  3. Request that the mandate of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples include the conduct of lawyers, Crown Attorneys, probation officers, social workers, juries, police officers and the conduct and sentencing practices of judges within all aspects of the criminal justice system.
  4. Call upon the Government of Canada to establish a Royal Commission on the Elimination of Racism in the Canadian justice system with the authority to compel witnesses involved in the miscarriage of justice.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has submitted evidence to parliamentary standing committees on Bill C-75 and the need to consult with First Nations.
  - The AFN continues to advocate for reforms to the criminal justice system to address First Nation overrepresentation and racism.
  - The AFN has commenced discussions with Public Safety Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Correctional Service of Canada on barriers encounter by First Nation individuals as well as addressing systemic discrimination.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**04/2018 First Nations Role in Changes to the Fisheries Act**

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**Mover:** Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

**Seconded:** Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation, ON

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the Government of Canada to properly fund the work with First Nations as it relates to regulation and policy development with respect to legislative amendments to the Fisheries Act.
  2. Direct the AFN to engage with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to release information to First Nations in a timely manner as it pertains to plans for regulations and policies that may affect or infringe on First Nations rights and fisheries to facilitate and ensure proper engagement with First Nations.
  3. Call on the AFN to continue its work with the DFO, and any other related federal government departments as needed, to address issues with respect to: upholding First Nations rights, in particular, Canada's legislation must recognize First Nations' inherent and everlasting responsibilities to their traditional territories, and to hold the Government of Canada accountable to its work concerning the rights and recognition framework; the law and policy review; the Ten Principles Respecting the Government of Canada's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples; and the full and unqualified implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as it relates to the Fisheries Act and other legislation, regulations, and policy.
  4. Call on the AFN to continue to advocate that any legislative, policy, and program reforms to the Fisheries Act must include equitable employment insurance benefits for First Nations fishermen.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- Political and technical discussions continue to take place monthly with Federal representatives from DFO and Minister LeBlanc's office as part of the Environmental Regulatory Review federal table. The discussions include the co-development of policies, regulations, and guidelines.
  - Bilateral meetings have taken place through the fall between the AFN and DFO on plans for proposed regulation development in 2019 on aquaculture, rebuilding fish stocks and catch monitoring.
  - AFN Fisheries Director met with Senator Dan Christmas on October 2, 2018 as an introduction and to discuss general concerns from First Nations within Bill C-68. Senator Christmas is a member of the Senate Standing Committee for Fisheries and Oceans.
  - Reported to the AFN National Fisheries Committee (NFC) and the AFN National Aquaculture Working Group as to the progress of the Bill-68 in the Senate.
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- Invited DFO to present to the National Aquaculture Working Group in November, 2018 on plans for Proposed General Aquaculture Regulations.
- Engaged in discussions with DFO for funding support to carry out analysis of proposed regulations to be introduced in the 2019.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

**05/2018 First Nations Oceans Working Group and the Oceans Act and Marine Protected Areas**

**Mover:** Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

**Seconder:** Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation, ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Fisheries Committee to oversee the work of the First Nations Oceans Working Group and address the partnership between First Nations and the Government of Canada in relation to the development of the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) network.
2. Direct the AFN to call on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to identify how they plan to implement an engagement strategy that is consistent with other tools and strategies with First Nations concerning the regulation and policy development as a result of changes to the Oceans Act, including the MPA network.
3. Mandate the AFN National Fisheries Committee and the First Nations Oceans Working Group to inform the Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers (CCFAM), specifically the Oceans Task Group, of the issues related to the changes to Bill C-55, the Canada Petroleum Resources Act, and related regulations and policies that First Nations must be fully engaged in and co-develop where the rights of First Nations may be impacted or infringed upon. In particular, Canada's legislation must recognize First Nations' inherent and everlasting responsibilities to their traditional territories.

**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- A second meeting of the AFN Oceans Working Group will take place on January 8-9, 2019 in Ottawa. This meeting will have presentations by DFO on proposed Marine Spatial Planning as the underlying planning tool for Marine Protected Areas.
- The AFN is looking into other non-governmental partnership opportunities for data sharing and funding opportunities for regional First Nations organizations that are advancing their capacity in Ocean co-management.



- The AFN is presenting to the Canada Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers on December 4, 2018 in St. John's, NF on the importance of and an ongoing role for First Nations in the six technical task groups including the Oceans Task Group.
- The AFN Fisheries Sector is proposing a resolution for the Special Chiefs' Assembly in December 2018 to seek a mandate to secure a commitment from the Canada Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers to establish regional relationships and processes linked to the task groups including the identification of resources and capacity funding for First Nations support.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

#### 06/2018 Engaging First Nations on Marine Vessels and Salvage Operations

**Mover:** Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

**Seconder:** Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation, ON

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

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to continue to advocate that any legislative, policy, and program reforms related to Bill C-64, An Act respecting wrecks, abandoned, dilapidated or hazardous vessels and salvage operations, must recognize First Nations' inherent and everlasting responsibilities to their traditional territories.
2. Direct the AFN to call on the federal government to provide First Nations with long-term capacity funding that goes beyond cursory Indigenous participant funding and recognize the joint nature of the responsibilities that the federal government shares with First Nations in protecting all coasts in Canada and First Nations fisheries.
3. Direct the AFN to call on the federal government to recognize and respect First Nations' jurisdiction over their traditional marine areas and to engage them as equal partners in all future endeavors in this marine coast protection.
4. Direct the AFN to work with Transport Canada and the Department of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard, in securing core and capacity funding for First Nations and regional level work associated with the Oceans Protection Plan as it relates to First Nations.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN had bilateral meetings with Transport Canada (TC) to gather information on the TC to fund regional First Nation groups and communities related to the Oceans Protection Plan which includes the Abandoned Boats Programs.



- A resolution for further work on the rollout of the Oceans Protection Plan with Transport Canada, the Department of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard will be considered at the 2018 AFN Special Chiefs Assembly.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

**07/2018 Addressing First Nations Rights, Title, and Jurisdiction in Bill C-69: Impact Assessment Act, Canadian Energy Regulator Act, and the Navigation Protection Act**

**Mover:** Bonnie Leonard, Proxy, Skeetchestn Indian Band, BC

**Seconded:** Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

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

1. Call upon the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate that Bill C-69 be amended to include, among other things:
  - a. protections of First Nations inherent and constitutionally protected rights;
  - b. enabling joint decision-making with First Nations governing authority within the Act;
  - c. reducing excessive Ministerial discretion by increasing transparency and stronger requirements to protect s.35 rights;
  - d. strengthening the protection of Indigenous knowledge systems and ecosystems, which are the repositories of ecological knowledge and required for the transference of knowledge to future generations; and
  - e. including direct reference to Canada's commitments to the United Nations Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Convention on Biological Diversity.
2. Reaffirm their position that the current federal legislative process must not be construed as meaningful "consultation", does not meet the standard of free, prior and informed consent, and that additional time must be afforded to consult directly with rights holders in a manner that is respectful of their unique protocols, and processes.
3. Direct the AFN to continue supporting and coordinating, where possible, the interventions and participation of First Nations, regional organizations, and provincial/territorial organizations in the co-development process, including creating regional-specific processes to address regions with specific concerns including support provisions as part of a nation-to-nation relationship.



4. Call on all responsible federal Ministers to provide adequate funding directly to individual First Nations for their full and effective participation in the regulatory and policy development of Bill C-6.
5. Call on the AFN to continue conducting regional information-sessions to support First Nations, regional organizations, and provincial/territorial organizations in the process.

#### IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- AFN staff, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) and OKT LLP, finalized a submission to the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI) on Bill C-69.
- Following the ENVI's amendments to Bill C-69, the Bill is now at Second Reading in the Senate. AFN will continue to monitor and report any progress when it is referred to Committee (expected in early 2019).
- Political and technical discussions are occurring with Federal counterparts for the co-development of policies, regulations, and guidelines. This includes an upcoming session on the Indigenous Cooperation Agreement regulation. It is expected that additional regulations will be released before the end of the year.
- Information Sessions are ongoing, with dates to be proposed in the New Year (2019).
- Dialogue with the ACE to explore ongoing engagement and participation in the co-development and co-drafting of policies, regulations, and guidelines.
- AFN leadership with technical staff support, has been meeting with key Senators to discuss their concerns, questions, and thoughts pertaining to Bill C-69. The efforts will continue.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

**08/2018**    **Implementing Canada's Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework and clarifying the role of the AFN**

**Mover:**     Chief Mike McKenzie, Innu TakuaiKAN Uashat mak Mani-Utenam, QC

**Second:**   Chief Mike McKenzie, Innu TakuaiKAN Uashat mak Mani-Utenam, QC

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

1. Declare that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), as an advocacy body, and any regional organizations cannot negotiate any binding changes to Canada's federal laws, policies and operational practices as part of the Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework (the Framework).



2. Call on Canada to work with First Nations before adopting and implementing any legislative or administrative measures that may affect First Nations in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent.
3. Call on Canada to:
  - a. Rename the Framework to “Protection and Affirmation of Rights and Title Framework”.
  - b. Ensure that all phases of its process, in regard to its Framework, are guided by the standards set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration), the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Study on Treaties, Agreements and Other Constructive Arrangements between States and Indigenous Populations.
  - c. Work closely with First Nations to ensure that the engagement materials are informed, sufficient, accessible and transparent.
  - d. Provide the necessary non-repayable financial contributions directly to First Nations as the rights holders, to support their ability and capacity to lead efforts to meaningfully and directly engage the federal government on the Framework, related activities and initiatives, including federal legislation.
4. Call on Canada to honour its constitutional obligations and commitments to the full implementation and affirmation of inherent rights, Treaty Rights and title.
5. Call on Canada to completely repudiate and abandon the inherent rights policy and any related operating practices.
6. Call on the Governor General to acknowledge its role as the sole representative of the Crown and to participate in First Nations-led agendas when requested by First Nations.
7. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to take appropriate measures to ensure that its organization, executive and administration are in compliance with the UN Declaration in its relationships with First Nations, all levels of governments and international entities.

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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) convened a national policy forum on September 11 and 12, 2018 in direct response to this resolution and the related Resolution 39/2018 “First Nations Determination of the Path to Decolonization”. The AFN made a public call to Canada to commit to a First Nations-led process, pursuant to these resolutions. The matter will be raised for dialogue and potentially, for further direction from the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the Special Chiefs Assembly in December 2018.

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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**09/2018    Develop First Nations-Specific Solutions for the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act**

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**Mover:**        Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

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**Seconder:**    Chief Calvin Sanderson, Chakastapaysin Band of the Cree Nation, SK

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

1. Direct Canada to ensure that the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (Bill C-74) respects:
    - a. First Nations inherent rights, Treaties, title and jurisdiction, and recognize First Nations inherent responsibilities to their traditional territories;
    - b. the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration), including reference to the standard of free, prior, and informed consent; and
    - c. the First Nations right to self-determination, including the creation of a First Nations Carbon Pricing Regimes.
  2. Call on Canada to co-develop with First Nations the policies, regulations and guidelines for the Carbon Levy and Output-Based Pricing Framework in order to respect First Nations inherent rights, Treaties, title and jurisdiction, and recognize First Nations' inherent responsibilities to their traditional territories.
  3. Reiterate the call for the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change Canada, Finance, and other departments to provide adequate financial support for First Nations to explore the implications of carbon pricing on their territories, as well as opportunities for their participation in resource-revenue sharing and in the clean energy economy.
  4. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support First Nations, regional organizations, federal/provincial/territorial organizations and governments in the development of innovative solutions to address the unique circumstances of First Nations.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN Staff, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) and in-house legal counsel, finalized a submission to the Standing Committee on Finance (FINA) and the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment, and Natural Resources on part 5 of Bill C-74.
  - The Bill received Royal assent and will come into force January 2019. Canada has announced that the Federal Backstop will be enforced in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and New Brunswick.
  - The Carbon Pricing Working Group, a sub-committee of the Joint Committee on Climate Action, has met several times to further discuss First Nations considerations in greenhouse gas pollution pricing. These discussions are communicated in the Annual Report of the JCCA to be submitted to the National Chief and Prime Minister.
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- Canada is currently discussing how the revenues will be disbursed.
- On-going engagement with the ACE on how First Nations can be involved / participate in the co-development and co-drafting of policies, regulations, and guidelines.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

## 10/2018 Resources for Engagement on Distinct First Nations Accessibility Legislation

**Mover:** Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

**Seconded:** Chief Randall Phillips, Oneida Nation of the Thames, ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) towards legislation supporting First Nations persons with disabilities, including meaningful resources for regional capacity building.
2. Direct the AFN to secure appropriate resources from the federal government for the development of a First Nations Regional Advisory Disability Task Force, and to explore initiatives, such as a Disabilities centre of excellence, to support promising practices, evidence-based resources in meeting the unique needs of First Nations persons with disabilities, service users, and their families.
3. Direct the AFN to support American Sign Language (ASL) as part of the communications theme in this legislative work, and call on ESDC to provide resources to support First Nations sign languages and include ASL as part of its future conferences and/or assemblies.

### **IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN continues to share this resolution and with federal officials and those responsible for the Federal Accessibility Legislation (for disabilities). Interest has been expressed by some federal departments to advance discussions on capacity/ resource supports.
- The AFN continues to generate awareness and meet with federal officials in support of capacity and resources for a disabilities task force, and the development of a resource centre for First Nations accessibility programs, services, tools, data and promising practices to support First Nations governments, individuals and families.
- The AFN is planning a meeting with the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services, Procurement and Status of Persons with Disabilities with AFN National Chief and leadership to advocate for resources and next steps on Bill C-81, the Accessible Canada Act.



- The AFN continues to advocate for funding for communications tools to promote greater access for persons with disabilities to AFN events and assemblies.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

### 11/2018 Federal Legislation on First Nations Child Welfare Jurisdiction

**Mover:** Mary Teegee, Proxy, Takla Lake First Nation, BC

**Seconded:** Chief Cadmus Delorme, Cowessess First Nation, SK

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

1. Support the establishment of federal enabling legislation for First Nations that incorporates the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and jurisdiction over child and family well-being that respect regional approaches that provide options for regional-based components.
2. Call on Canada to orient their approach to legislation, policy, and practice reform, and their conduct to child welfare activities, on the recognition of First Nations' peoples inherent right of self-determination, meaning that each First Nation, duly-appointed representative of the rights and title holders of First Nations or Treaty First Nations, must decide how and when it will take the jurisdiction that is inherent to it, and will be supported to make those free and informed decisions without any duress or predetermination of the conditions other than its own assessment of how best to care for and establish law, policies and practices to protect and support children, youth and families. Service agencies and other entities created by organizations and charitable services providers will be mandated to engage in child welfare reform on behalf of First Nations only when they are specifically authorized to do so by First Nations rights and title holders, or Treaty First Nations peoples.
3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to endorse a working group comprised of representation from nations, without question, and the National Advisory Committee (NAC) on First Nations Child and Family Services Program Reform.
4. Call on Canada to ensure legislation for First Nations jurisdiction over child and family well-being is passed within the current government's mandate.
5. Call on Canada to ensure full funding for First Nations and Treaty Nations for the exercise of their child welfare authority.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- On November 30, 2018 Minister Jane Philpott, National Chief Perry Bellegarde, President Natan Obed and President Clement Chartier announced that Federal Legislation for



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Indigenous Child Welfare will be drafted. The intention is for the legislation to be passed within the present federal government mandate.

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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**12/2018    Meaningful consultation on Bill C-71, An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms**

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**Mover:**     Chief Peter A. Beatty, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, SK

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**Second:**    Milton Tootoosis, Proxy, Poundmaker Cree Nation, SK

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to participate in future government discussions on Bill C-71, or related discussions on federal legislation affecting First Nations access to firearms and ammunition, through an appearance or submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security.
  2. Direct the AFN to write a letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Ralph Goodale, to ensure improvements to firearms legislation will increase public safety, effectively use public resources and protect First Nations gun owners' access in their exercise of Treaty rights to use firearms and ammunition.
  3. Call on Canada to review and reform all federal legislation, policies and operational practices that impact First Nations inherent and Treaty rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has provided evidence to Parliamentary standing committees regarding First Nations concerns on Bill C-71.
  - The AFN had discussed deficiencies in the federal gun legislation and the impacts these have on First Nations with officials in Public Safety Canada.
  - The AFN will continue to advocate for further reforms to federal gun legislation
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**13/2018 Co-Development of Airport Safety Legislation**

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**Mover:** Chief Peter A. Beatty, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, SK

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**Seconded:** Chief Reginald Bellerose, Muskowekwan First Nation, SK f B. Lynn Acoose, Sakimay First Nations, Treaty 4 Territory, SK

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call on the Government of Canada to co-develop legislation which:
    - a. Recognizes First Nations' control over airports that service First Nations, and require that all runways servicing First Nations either meet or exceed national safety standards and provide the necessary funding to meet these standards.
    - b. Ensures that all airports servicing First Nations are sufficiently resourced to: adequately service aircrafts; guarantee aircrafts can safely arrive and depart; and ensure the required equipment be made available- including lighting, de-icing machines, and emergency response equipment.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The Honourable Marc Garneau, federal Minister of Transport, and the Honourable Lori Carr, Minister of Highways and Infrastructure for Saskatchewan, will be convening a meeting between federal-provincial-territorial ministers responsible for transportation and highway safety and the five national Indigenous leaders, on January 21, 2019, in Montreal, Quebec. The issue of inadequate runways in First Nation will be raised.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**14/2018 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples- Legal Standing - Implementation**

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**Mover:** Okimaw Iskwew Margaret Bear, Ochapowace First Nation, Treaty 4 Territory, SK

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**Seconded:** Chief B. Lynn Acoose, Sakimay First Nations, Treaty 4 Territory, SK

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

1. Declare that, in order to succeed in achieving an effective and comprehensive Rights Framework, the federal government must formally and without delay, implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) within the context of the Canadian Constitution in co-development with First Nations across Canada.
  2. Reaffirm that the UN Declaration is the legal standard and, therefore, is considered to be an international Treaty equal to other existing United Nations Treaties.
  3. Invoke our legitimate right to self-determination as stipulated in the UN Declaration as a legally binding and non-aspirational legal standard which is, therefore, to be considered an international Treaty equal to other existing United Nations Treaties.
  4. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to take appropriate measures to ensure that its organization, executive and administration be in compliance with the rights affirmed in the UN Declaration in its relationships with First Nations, all levels of governments and international entities.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- AFN is engaged in advocating for Bill C- 262 to receive Royal Assent which will create a domestic legal requirement to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
  - The National Chief regularly reminds the Prime Minister and federal Ministers of the Crown's obligations under Treaties, the Constitution and the international human rights law to fully and meaningfully meet its obligations to First Nations.
  - The Chiefs Committee on AFN Charter renewal reported at the AGA 2017 that the Secretariat is seeking resources to fund future work including engagement with First Nations. Further implementation of this resolution to take place over the next fiscal year.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**15/2018 Renewed Call for Vatican Apology**

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**Mover:** Chief Michael Starr, Starblanket Cree Nation, SK

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**Seconder:** Chief Reginald Bellerose, Muskowekwan First Nation, SK

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

1. Call on the Government of Canada to ensure that there is a reference to the Indian Residential Schools system, and the parties involved, as the principle cause of the drastic decline of Indigenous languages in Canada in the future *Indigenous Languages Act*.
  2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief and the Executive Committee to renew discussions with the Vatican on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, to pursue a full apology directed to all First Nations, for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the Indian Residential Schools System.
  3. Direct the National Chief and the Executive Committee to call on the Roman Catholic Church to fulfill their commitment to raise the remainder of the \$25 million obligation for the healing of Residential School Survivors.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has been engaged in ongoing communications with His Excellency the Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, requesting a formal apology from His Holiness, the Pope, (Call to Action #58) to Residential School Survivors and their families.
  - Since the resolution has passed, renewed discussions have taken place with parties of the Indian Residential School Agreement.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**16/2018 Support for the Indigenous Heritage Circle**

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**Mover:** Millie Olsen, Proxy, Na-cho Ny'a'k Dun First Nation, YT

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**Seconded:** Chief Terrence Lee Spahan, Coldwater Indian Band, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to draft a letter to the Minister of Heritage in support of the Indigenous Heritage Circle as an independent, inclusive national organization devoted to sharing information related to Indigenous cultural places, landscapes, narratives, languages, practices, legal traditions, protocols and collections and strengthening the capacity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples to advocate on heritage issues of interest to them.
  2. Direct the AFN to urge the Government of Canada, including Parks Canada, to fulfill Call to Action #79 in developing a reconciliation framework for Canadian heritage and commemoration.
  3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to ensure that any future national strategy on the repatriation of Indigenous cultural property is created with the full participation of First Nations and upholds the standards set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- A letter was sent to Minister of Canadian Heritage, Pablo Rodriguez November 27, 2018. The letter requests resources and tools to support the repatriation of objects from repositories in other countries and asserts that Bill C-391, *An Act respecting a national strategy for the repatriation of Indigenous human remains and cultural property*, must uphold the standards set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) and the AFN-Canada Museums Association Task Force.
  - The AFN continues to develop relationships with Indigenous Heritage Circle in advance of their work with Parks Canada.
  - On October 2, 2018, Regional Chief Morley Googoo spoke in the House of Commons Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage on Bill C-391.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**17/2018 Implementation of the Federal Commitment to Forgiveness of Treaty Negotiation Loans**

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**Mover:** Chief Ann Louie, Williams Lake Indian Band, BC

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**Seconded:** Chief Jacqueline Thomas, Saik'uz First Nation, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the federal government to implement its commitment to the full forgiveness of First Nations treaty negotiation loans in accordance with the following principles:
    - a. the full amount of each First Nation's treaty negotiation loan must be forgiven or, in the case of loans that have been repaid, reimbursed;
    - b. Canada's commitment to forgive or, in the case of loans that have been repaid, reimburse treaty negotiation loans must be set out in a legally binding agreement that would provide certainty to First Nations;
    - c. the forgiveness and reimbursement of treaty negotiation loans must be implemented over the shortest possible time period; and,
    - d. to address concerns of First Nations that are about to commence or are engaged in a ratification process, the loan forgiveness commitment must include a guarantee that any loans that are still outstanding will be forgiven in full on the effective date.
  2. Direct the AFN to work with the federal government to ensure that the federal commitment to negotiation loan forgiveness and reimbursement is fully implemented in the 2018/2019 fiscal year.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- Continued discussions on funding with Canada through the Joint Technical Working Group on Specific Claims (JTWG).
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**STATUS:** The JTWG continues to meet. It is expected that there will be substantive engagement with First Nations rights holders on specific claims reform in the coming months.

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**18/2018 Support for further study on the targeted management of seal and sea lion populations and the development of targeted management strategies**

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**Mover:** Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC

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**Seconder:** Chief Greg Louie, Ahousaht First Nation, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with First Nations and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to formulate and implement an action plan for conducting necessary management studies regarding impacts upon fisheries, in particular, salmon and herring stocks, and the decline of the population numbers potentially associated with the growing population of seals and sea lions throughout the entire British Columbian coast.
  2. Direct the AFN to work with First Nations and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to implement targeted management strategies in regard to the growing population of seals and sea lions throughout the entire BC coast.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- On October 31, 2018, the National Fisheries Committee British Columbia representative provided an update on First Nations that have applied to harvest seals. If successful, they will pursue additional funding to support management and impacts to fisheries. The AFN Fisheries Sector will continue to support First Nations in identifying funding opportunities and partnerships.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**19/2018 Support for the establishment of an Indigenous Lacrosse Association (ILA)**


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**Mover:** Chief Ron Sam, Songhees First Nation, BC

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**Seconded:** Chief Ava Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River, ON

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

1. Support the establishment of an Indigenous Lacrosse Association (ILA), which will foster the growth of Indigenous lacrosse across all First Nations and other Indigenous groups.
  2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to draft a letter of support to the Ministry of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, the Coaching Association of Canada, the Canadian Lacrosse Foundation, and any other appropriate organizations and individuals, for the establishment of an ILA, including financial resources to support its operations.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has drafted letters from the National Chief to 27 organizations, including national/provincial lacrosse associations and national/provincial Aboriginal sports and recreation organizations indicating support for the establishment of an Indigenous Lacrosse Association.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**20/2018 Support for the Development of the Indigenous Certificate in Geological Studies at Lakehead University**


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**Mover:** Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation, ON

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**Seconded:** Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation, ON

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

1. Support Lakehead University, Matawa Management Group of First Nations, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinabek Employment and Training Services, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seven Generations Education Institute and Oshki Wenjack in the development of the Indigenous Certificate in Geological Studies at Lakehead University.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- Discussions are taking place among technicians on how best to support the development of this certificate.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**21/2018 Support for Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig's Anishnabek Discovery Centre (National Chiefs Library)**

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**Mover:** Chief Dean Sayers, Ojibways of Batchewana First Nation, ON

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**Seconded:** Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation, ON

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

1. Support the work of Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig and the Anishnabek Discovery Centre to establish a National Chiefs Library as an official repository for First Nations-created and First Nations-related research and scholarship information across the country.
  2. Support the Anishnabek Discovery Centre by providing materials and records (in all formats) of enduring value to be housed in the National Chiefs Library for use according to agreed-upon protocols.
  3. Support First Nations in lobbying external agencies and organizations that may possess materials rightfully belonging to First Nations that can be housed in the National Chiefs Library.
  4. Support Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig and the Anishnabek Discovery Centre in partnering with constituent organizations and member First Nations to preserve their records in the National Chiefs Library.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The education sector continues to examine ways to support the Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig's Anishnabek Discovery Centre (National Chiefs Library).
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**22/2018 Redress for the Forced Sterilization of Indigenous Women**

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**Mover:** Chief Derek Sunshine, Fishing Lake First Nation, SK

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**Seconded:** Chief Ronald Ignace, Skeetchestn Indian Band, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to support efforts to raise awareness about forced sterilization and reproductive rights in First Nations.
  2. Direct the AFN to support efforts to stop the forced sterilization of Indigenous women.
  3. Direct the AFN to support survivors of forced sterilization in seeking redress.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

The AFN released a press statement on November 14, 2018 urging action on 'gross human-rights violation' of forced sterilizations.

Ongoing efforts to raise awareness about, to stop, and to support survivors with respect to the forced sterilization of Indigenous women.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**23/2018 First Nations Participation in the Re-negotiation of the Columbia River Treaty**


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**Mover:** Chief Michael Lebourdais, Whispering Pines/Clinton First Nation, BC

**Seconded:** Bonnie Leonard, Proxy, High Bar First Nation, BC

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

1. Affirm the right to direct participation in decision-making as a means to pursue self-determination.
  2. Affirm that all international treaties entered into by Canada must acknowledge and protect First Nations inherent and Treaty rights which are recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and acknowledge the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
  3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for the direct participation of the Ktunaxa Nation, Secwepemc Nation and Syilx Okanagan Nation in the renegotiated Columbia River Treaty.
  4. Call upon Canada to work with the AFN to develop a strategy for the effective participation of First Nations in all negotiation and implementation of international agreements entered into by Canada, consistent with obtaining their free, prior, and informed consent.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- Letters were sent from the National Chief to Global Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland (June 28, 2018) and British Columbia Premier John Horgan (July 3, 2018) advocating for First Nations direct participation in the renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**24/2018 Increased Focus on Disabilities Centered on Human Rights**

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**Mover:** Chief Harvey McLeod, Upper Nicola Indian Band, BC

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**Seconded:** Chief Michael Lebourdais, Whispering Pines/ Clinton First Nation, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for disabilities as a central issue in all policy and program sectors, disaggregated indicators and statistics, United Nations human rights machinery, and work of the United Nations, as integral to restoring the human rights of First Nations persons with disabilities.
  2. Direct the AFN to work with Employment Social Development Canada (ESDC) and other federal government departments to ensure an intersectional lens/disability analysis is applied to program and policy areas and all new initiatives and budgets to ensure persons with disabilities are not an afterthought, and nobody is left behind.
  3. Direct the AFN to work with ESDC and other federal government departments to ensure the Federal Budget 2019 includes meaningful regionalized funding for regional capacity building, and the establishment of a national Task Force on Disabilities to build a national framework and a centre of excellence, to better address the human rights of First Nations persons with disabilities who are the marginalized of the marginalized.
  4. Call on ESDC to ensure voices of persons with disabilities are not further excluded and increased focus on disabilities in international processes of Indigenous and humanitarian value, including the climate change agenda, and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
  5. Direct the AFN to work with Indigenous Services Canada to ensure a disability analysis/ lens is applied to the Non-Insured Health Benefits Joint Review Process.
  6. Direct the AFN Chiefs Committee on Human Resources Development to provide updates on activities and report back to Chiefs-in-Assembly.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN continues to advocate, and foster awareness of disability/ accessibility as a central human rights issue in many cross-cutting policy/ program discussions with federal partners, and others in engagement on distinct First Nations accessibility legislation.
  - The AFN has advocated for resources in its Pre-budget Submission for the 2019 Federal Budget to enable a centre of excellence and regional capacity building efforts for the empowerment of First Nations persons with disabilities and First Nations governments.
  - The AFN continues to advocate for a disability/ accessibility lens and strategy on the Non-Insured Health Benefits policy/program benefit areas with Indigenous Services Canada and others; “leaving no one behind” in the spirit and implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**25/2018 Next Steps on a Distinct First Nations Labour Market Strategy**

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**Mover:** Chief Jacqueline Thomas, Saik'uz First Nation, ON

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**Seconded:** Chief Harvey Mcleod, Upper Nicola Indian Band, BC

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

1. Direct the Chiefs Committee on Human Resources Development (CCHRD) and its Technical working group of experts to continue working with Employment and Social Development (ESDC) officials to:
    - a. Respond to the impacts of inflation and population growth amongst First Nations.
    - b. Communicate regularly on the co-development and implementation of the new distinct First Nations labour market strategy.
  2. Direct the CCHRD to call on the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour to:
    - a. Address the shortfall of Budget 2018 due to inflation and population growth.
    - b. Provide the necessary financial supports for the development of capacity.
  3. Initiate a parallel process for the full devolution of labour market authority and jurisdiction under the control of First Nations governments.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has coordinated two First Nations Technical Working Group on First Nations Human Resources Development (TWG) National Meetings on the First Nations Labour Market, on September 13-14, 2018 and November 6-7, 2018, to share information and seek input on the implementation of a new First Nations Labour Market Strategy (FNLMS) for April 1, 2019. The discussions included dialogue on the funding considerations for a FNLMS, the terms and conditions for a new First Nations labour market agreement, planning for new First Nations Labour Market Agreement holders, urban services, child care, disabilities, the structural capacity required to support the FNLMS. The meeting also provided an opportunity to review the draft agreement for the FNLMS.
  - The CCHRD, TWG and the AFN continue to advocate for resources to address population increases and inflation and to support a new governance structure, a First Nations Labour Market Council and Secretariat. The new structure would be outside of First Nations Labour Market Program funds and a bridge between First Nations Service Organizations and the Government of Canada. It would replace the role of Service Canada and develop needed capacity for the complete transfer of labour market program authority to First Nations.
  - The AFN has advocated in its Pre-budget Submission for the 2019 Federal Budget on the critical need for new investments into the First Nations employment and training.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**26/2018 Support for a First Nations Safe Drinking Water Legislation Preliminary Concepts**

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**Mover:** Chief Dan George, Burns Lake Indian Band/Ts'il Kaz Koh, BC

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**Seconder:** Chief Jacqueline Thomas, Saik'uz First Nation, BC

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

1. Support the First Nations Safe Drinking Water Legislation Preliminary Concepts as a working document to support engagement with First Nations.
  2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to proceed with national engagement with First Nations to develop the First Nations Safe Drinking Water Legislation Draft Framework.
  3. Direct the AFN to advocate for co-development with First Nations and Canada, new First Nations safe drinking water and wastewater legislation in a manner that affirms and ensures First Nations rights, interests, aspirations, inherent rights and laws, standards, guidelines and processes are protected.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- National Engagement process led by the AFN Regions will proceed in late 2018-early 2019 to inform the development of the First Nations Safe Drinking Water Legislation Draft Framework.
  - The AFN will support that process by developing a Discussion Paper to supplement the 'Preliminary Concepts' document to further inform the national engagement process.
  - The AFN is hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Water Symposium and Tradeshow from February 26 to 28, 2019, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, to also garner feedback and continue dialogue on First Nations rights, interests, aspirations, inherent rights and laws, standards, guidelines and processes.
  - A national engagement process is initiated and administrative arrangements for regional facilitation are being negotiated. The supporting discussion paper is also being developed and will be finalized prior to the national engagement process initiation.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing.

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**27/2018 Support for the Long-Term Implementation of Jordan's Principle**


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**Mover:** Chief Valerie Richer, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation, ON

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**Seconded:** Richard Aisaican, Proxy, Cowessess First Nation, SK

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

1. Call on Canada to continue to invest in, and implement, Jordan's Principle beyond March 31, 2019.
  2. Call on Canada to immediately invest in capital costs required for the local delivery of health, social, and education programs and services for First Nations children and families.
  3. Support the work of the Jordan's Principle Action Table and the proposed policy options for supporting greater First Nations control over Jordan's Principle, as part of the long-term approach to implementing Jordan's Principle.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The Jordan's Principle Action table has co-created policy options for the long term implementation of Jordan's Principle, including the necessity for capital investments. These policy options are currently with Indigenous Services Canada as they create a Memorandum to Cabinet.
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**STATUS:** In Progress

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**28/2018 Support for the establishment of a Technical Working Group on Social Development**


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**Mover:** Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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**Seconded:** Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to call upon the Government of Canada to provide funding for the establishment of a national Technical Working Group on Social Development (Technical Working Group) comprised of First Nations technical experts in social development from each region across Canada.
  2. Direct the AFN Executive Committee to ensure their respective regions are represented on the Technical Working Group.
  3. Direct the AFN to develop a Terms of Reference in coordination with the Technical Working Group with a mandate to oversee and advise on the numerous policy and
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operational changes Indigenous Services Canada has proposed to the Income Assistance and Assisted Living Programs, and any other policy and/or operational changes to the social programming outlined in the 2006 Framework (excluding First Nations Child and Family Services programming).

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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- Federal funding was provided to the Social Development Sector to establish the Technical Working Group on Social Development. The Technical Working Group is composed of technical experts in social development from each region across Canada.
  - Funding was provided to plan and host up to 6 meetings between April 1, 2018, and March 31, 2019. By the time of the December 2018 Special Chiefs Assembly, three meetings will have been held.
  - The Technical Working Group on Social Development has met twice, with another meeting scheduled for November 21 and 22, 2018.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**29/2018 First Nations Post-Secondary Education Review Report and Recommendations**

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**Mover:** Tyrone McNeil, Proxy, Seabird Island Band, BC

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**Seconder:** Chief David McDougall, St. Theresa Point First Nation, MB

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

1. Accept the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Post-Secondary Education Review 2018 Interim Report and work with respective regions to implement the recommendations as appropriate in fulfillment of AFN Resolution 14/2017, *Post-Secondary Education Federal Review*.
  2. Call on the federal government to extend and expand funding commitments to fully support First Nations post-secondary education, including:
    - a. Providing immediate support to First Nations for students currently enrolled in post-secondary education who are not receiving funding through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program.
    - b. Providing immediate support to First Nations to address gaps in post-secondary education, including the increased enrollment demands in post-secondary education due to higher high school completion rates.
    - c. Funding for an honourable joint process that would seek a new policy authority for post-secondary education.
    - d. Ensuring additional annual funding continues through to 2020-2021 and/or until the joint process is complete and First Nations regions have defined the actual demand for post-secondary education.
  3. Direct the AFN, Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) and National Indian Education Council to work in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada to develop an honourable, joint process that supports existing regional models and the development of regional processes and new models to seek a new policy authority for post-secondary education that includes:
    - a. First Nations-led, regional, and/or Treaty-based processes for engagement on post-secondary education beyond elementary-secondary, as part of life-long learning.
    - b. First Nations-led, regional development of funding models to support post-secondary education as part of First Nations lifelong learning.
    - c. Processes to work directly with First Nations and their mandated institutes of higher learning on a regional basis, in order to develop core institute funding models, address the historical lack of funding, move towards accreditation and ensure that First Nations without institutes have access to the resources required to bring post-secondary programming into their community.
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- d. Funding to support the regional engagement processes, including support for research and costing for each region to undertake region specific work on, but not limited to: student funding, First Nations institute funding, funding allocation methodologies and community-based delivery funding.
  - e. The establishment of new First Nations post-secondary education institutions.
  - f. A budget submission to address the historical backlog of First Nations seeking post-secondary education.
  - g. A distinct First Nations regional approach including, and where desired and applicable, Treaty-based funding to policy development in co-operation with Indigenous Services Canada to return to Cabinet with an open, transparent and accountable process that empowers a true partnership of post-secondary between First Nations and the Government of Canada.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- Post-Secondary Education Working Group established to co-develop a Post-Secondary Education Policy Proposal. A working draft has been completed and circulated to First Nations ahead of the December 2018 Special Chiefs Assembly. Resolution for policy proposal underway.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**30/2018 Realizing Benefits for First Nations in the Implementation of International Trade and Investment Agreements**

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**Mover:** Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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**Seconder:** Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with the Government of Canada to:
    - a. promote and lead trade missions for First Nations businesses in Europe and Asia to take advantage of the new markets for goods and services provided by the implementation of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership;
    - b. create legislation and policies that requires the federal government to procure a percentage of their goods and services from First Nations businesses;
    - c. develop an incentive program for the private sector to encourage the partnership with First Nations businesses for government procurement contracts;
    - d. fund a First Nations centre of excellence for international trade and investment to develop First Nations expertise in the promotion of trade and investment for First Nations business, specifically in the area of traditional knowledge and collective and individual Indigenous intellectual property. A First Nations Centre of Excellence would establish links to academia, develop best practices, and create a directory of inventory services related to trade, economic development, and foreign investment specific to First Nations business with an aim to promote export readiness;
    - e. develop a certification program, led by First Nations, to certify First Nations businesses to ensure that the economic opportunities are flowing to First Nations; and
    - f. establish a First Nations International Trade and Investment Implementation Committee. Consistent with AFN Resolution 104/2017, *Establishing a First Nations Advisory Committee under Section 6 of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Act*, this Committee would be established and funded under Section 6 of the Department of Foreign Affairs' *Trade and Development Act* to provide implementation advice to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of International Trade on all matters of interest and importance to First Nations in the implementation of international trade and investment agreements and the relationship between traditional knowledge, Indigenous intellectual property and international trade.
  2. Direct the AFN to work with provinces and territories to create procurement legislation and policies that will ensure that the set asides for Indigenous peoples in international trade agreements, and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, are implemented in a manner that allows First Nations businesses to capitalize on these preferences and benefits.
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3. Direct the AFN to establish relationships globally with economic organizations mandated by Indigenous peoples in order to promote and support new connections for inter-national Indigenous trade and investment.
4. Direct the AFN to advocate and promote at international bodies the importance of increasing the participation of Indigenous peoples in international trade. Key international organizations include: the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Organization of American States (OAS).
5. Encourage the AFN to support academic research and writing on international Indigenous trade and investment as well as promote workshops and conferences on the theme of Indigenous peoples and International trade and investment.

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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- National Chief Perry Bellegarde was a member of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Advisory Council and advocated consistently for the protection of the Aboriginal and Treaty rights.
- At key points throughout the negotiations, the National Chief provided advice to federal Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, who led Canada's negotiation team. The AFN has continued to monitor negotiations for what was formerly the NAFTA, now the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) agreement in principle finalized on September 30, 2018.
- Although a dedicated chapter on Trade and Indigenous peoples was not included in the USMCA, a federal working group which included First Nations have had input on the outcomes to help protect Indigenous peoples' rights and provide for preferences for First Nations businesses.
- The AFN continues to build upon the work and the proposed inclusion of an Indigenous Peoples Chapter in the USMCA by advocating for the addition of provisions that will respect First Nations rights and provide preferences for First Nations businesses in all trade agreements; continue to advocate for environmental protection, gender equality, and other measures to be consistent with the rights of Indigenous peoples under the Constitution and international law.
- Communications and updates have been provided to the AFN Executive Committee and First Nations leadership regarding First Nations involvement in Free Trade Agreements.
- The AFN, with legal support, has drafted key issues related to Canada's Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (FIPAs) including the need for engagement with First Nations, the suspension of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions, the protection of Treaty and inherent rights in all international trade and investment agreements entered into by Canada, corporate social responsibility and free prior and informed consent, and preferences for Indigenous businesses.
- The AFN has proposed new investments in the Federal Pre-Budget Submission for 2019 to support First Nations trade programs, services and investments.

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**STATUS:** Ongoing



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**31/2018 Building on our Success and Supporting our Future Through Economic Reconciliation**

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**Mover:** Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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**Seconder:** Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Economic Development to work with the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) in the development of a national economic process, including the creation of the Indigenous Growth Strategy, to advance economic sustainability and perpetual access to capital for First Nations.
  2. Direct the AFN to call on the federal government to increase federal investments for First Nations for developmental lending, economic development, and related programming.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has discussed with the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association about their proposed work for an Indigenous Growth Strategy and follow up for this resolution.
  - AFN has advocated for new federal investments that would enable better access to financing for First Nations business development needs.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**32/2018 Strengthening on-reserve connectivity**

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**Mover:** Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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**Seconder:** Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with First Nations in identifying current gaps and obstacles in information and communication technologies for First Nations.
  2. Call on the federal government to work with First Nations to develop the necessary information and communication infrastructure to support First Nations access to the digital economy and digital information.
  3. Call upon Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada to develop a comprehensive rural broadband strategy in collaboration with First Nations, with dedicated First Nations broadband width.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN is exploring possible avenues to secure funding and policy support from the federal government for the activities outlined.
- The AFN Economic Sector staff have attended an event on the Internet Society. The event enabled some relationship building with Indigenous and non-Indigenous connectivity organizations.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**33/2018    Establishing National Economic Coordination, Policy and Redesign**

**Mover:** Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

**Seconded:** Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) to work toward a national, political and economic paper that will outline policy and program redesign in support of First Nations involvement in the economy, including significant new investments towards economic program support and capacity development.
2. Direct the AFN CCED to consider a national paper that will coordinate a process with and among key national technical organizations to avoid overlap and be aligned to First Nations leadership priorities.
3. Call upon the federal government to provide resources for this work to take place.

**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has informed federal officials of this Resolution.
- AFN has proposed activity in the current fiscal year including drafting a political and economic paper and seeking advice on elements for an approach to economic programs support and capacity development.
- At this time, funding has not yet been approved.

**STATUS:** Pending



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**34/2018 Support for Intervention in *Ahousaht Nation v. Canada***

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**Mover:** Andrew Callicum, Proxy, Hesquiaht First Nation, BC

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**Seconded:** Chief Darcy Gray, Listuguj Migmaq First Nation Government, QC

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

1. Fully supports the five First Nations (Ahousaht, Ehattesaht/Chinekintaht, Hesquiaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht) in their appeal of the justification decision in *Ahousaht v. Canada*.
  2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive Committee to seek resources in order to apply for intervenor status in the appeal by the five First Nations.
  3. Direct the AFN Executive Committee to coordinate support for any First Nations wishing to collectively join the appeal as intervenors in support of the five First Nations, subject to resources.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- On November 7, 2018, the AFN was granted leave by the BC Court of Appeal to intervene in the *Ahousaht* appeal. The AFN will coordinate its written arguments with the appellants and First Nation interveners.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**35/2018 Aamjiwnaang First Nation's Request for a Pronouncement to Assert their Inherent Right of Self-Determination and Enforce their own Taxing Authority over their own Territory**

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**Mover:** Shawn Plain, Proxy, Aamjiwnaang First Nation, ON

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**Seconded:** Chief A. Myeengun Henry, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, ON

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

1. Express support for the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to Aamjiwnaang First Nation in its request to regulate taxation within their own territory respecting their own laws and practices.
  2. Acknowledge that passing this resolution is in the interest of advancing the policies and priorities of the AFN, which include facilitating the discussion, planning, implementation and evaluation of all local, regional and national matters affecting the First Nations people living in Canada, including but not limited to: upholding our inherent right to self-
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determination, protecting our collective knowledge systems, and protecting and maintaining our treaty and Aboriginal rights to health.

3. Provide an opportunity to Aamjiwnaang First Nation to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly on the negotiations with the Crown with respect to jurisdiction over taxation.
4. Acknowledge that there will be no cost consequences or other financial considerations for the AFN in passing this resolution.

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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN contacted the Aamjiwnaang First Nation on October 4, 2018, to inquire as to how the AFN could assist in the implementation of this resolution and whether it would be seeking time at the December 2018 Special Chiefs Assembly to report on negotiations with the Crown about this matter. Aamjiwnaang First Nation indicated that it will not be seeking time at the upcoming Assembly and no further action is required at this time from the AFN.

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**STATUS:** Ongoing.

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**36/2018 Support to Pursue Treaty Based Funding**


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**Mover:** Chief Lee Crowchild, Tsuut'ina Nation, AB

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**Seconded:** Chief Craig Makinaw, Ermineskin First Nation, AB

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

1. Support the initiative to pursue Treaty based arrangements, including yearly reporting to the Governor-General on the state of the Treaty relationship, as a mechanism to implement the relationship in the spirit and intent of the Treaties.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The need to reflect the principles of treaty-based funding was discussed at the October 30, 2018, meeting of the Chiefs Committee on Fiscal Relations. The issue is on the agenda for discussion by the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations who are tasked with providing advice to the National Chief and the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada on the fiscal policy framework. The AFN continues to support any local and regional activities to move the conversation forward and advocate for Canada to fund that dialogue at the treaty level.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**37/2018 Supporting Manitoba Region Indian Residential School Health Support Program**


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**Mover:** Chief Walter J. Spence, Fox Lake First Nation, MB

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**Seconded:** Chief Derrick Henderson, Sagkeeng First Nations (Fort Alexander), MB

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

1. Call on the Government of Canada to honour the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Call to Action #21, so that healing supports for Indian Residential School (IRS) survivors continue across Canada, regardless of IRS survivor's residency, that address the loss of language and identity.
  2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief to write a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada to ensure Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Manitoba regional office, changes its approach, processes and practices to the IRS programs, including how the ISC regional office works with agreement holders to change and improve the process, and that support services continue to be funded and delivered indefinitely in Manitoba.
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3. Direct the AFN National Chief to meet with the Prime Minister of Canada and with First Nations leadership, to discuss how Canada can meaningfully give effect to reconciliation and TRC Call to Action #21.

**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- A letter of support signed by National Chief was sent to the Prime Minister of Canada on October 4, 2018. This letter also included a request that the Prime Minister meet with First Nations leadership to discuss how Canada can meaningfully move forward with First Nations in the spirit of reconciliation.

**STATUS:** Complete

**38/2018 Ensuring Accessibility at the Assembly of First Nations**

**Mover:** Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

**Seconder:** Chief Jessica Hill, Oneida Nation of the Thames, ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to take immediate and serious measures to ensure that all of their meetings and events include accessibility accommodations that meet the unique needs of all First Nations participants.
2. Direct the AFN to develop an accessibility strategy that helps ensure accessibility accommodations are implemented, including a monitoring and an annual progress report;
3. Direct the AFN to lobby the Federal Government to provide resources to carry out the objectives outlined within this resolution, and report back to the Chiefs in Assembly at the December 2018 Special Chiefs Assembly.

**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has advocated in its pre-budget submission on the 2019 Federal Budget the critical need for accessibility related resources to build an accessibility strategy and resources to accommodate the unique needs of all First Nations participants at AFN meetings and events.

**STATUS:** In progress



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**39/2018 First Nations Determination of the Path to Decolonization**

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**Mover:** Chief R. Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation, ON

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**Seconded:** Chief Jessica Hill, Oneida Nation of the Thames, ON

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

1. Confirm that only First Nations can determine the path to decolonization and reconciliation.
  2. Establish a First Nations-led process to draft a new Royal Proclamation binding on the Crown in right of Canada and all of the provinces and territories.
  3. Call on Canada to set-aside its *Principles Respecting the Government of Canada's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples* (Ten Principles) as the basis of the relationship going forward. Regions such as Ontario and British Columbia have their own principles that must be respected in their relationships going forward.
  4. Halt the "Recognition and Implementation of Rights" process going forward and insist that Canada participates in a First Nation-led negotiation with Canada to mutually establish principles to observe and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including a joint action plan for such implementation.
  5. Call on Canada to confirm it is committed to an independent international arbitrator to resolve disputes between Treaty partners and within the Nation-to-Nation relationship.
  6. Call on Canada to immediately convene a meeting with First Nations to discuss this issue.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

AFN hosted a national policy forum on September 11 and 12, 2018 in direct response to this resolution. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) made a public call to Canada to commit to a First Nations-led process, pursuant to this resolution. The matter will be raised for dialogue and potentially, for further direction from the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the Special Chiefs Assembly in December 2018.

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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**40/2018 Qalipu First Nation Newfoundland and Labrador Membership in the Assembly of First Nations (AFN)**

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**Mover:** Chief Mi'sel Joe, Miawpukek First Nation, NL

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**Second:** Corey John, Proxy, Glenwood Indian Band Council, NL

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

1. Accept the Qalipu First Nation of Newfoundland and Labrador as a First Nation member of the Assembly of First Nations.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

A letter was sent November 27, 2018, to the Qalipu First Nation of Newfoundland and Labrador welcoming them to the AFN.

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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**41/2018 Tribal Council Funding Program**

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**Mover:** Gary Lameman, Proxy, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, AB

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**Second:** Chief Rupert Meneen, Tallcree First Nation, AB

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and tribal councils to urge the federal government, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, to recognize the circumstances and workload of tribal councils and immediately increase annual core funding and provide new funding to tribal councils to double the current core allocation and clarify jointly with tribal councils, the Indian Government Support Program policy.
  2. Direct the AFN to ensure First Nations not part of a tribal council would get their proportionate share of funding also increased.
  3. Implore the federal government to move away from devolution funding and towards new First Nations funding mechanisms.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- As part of developing the new fiscal relationship, the AFN has entered into, and formed, a technical working group with Indigenous Services Canada concerning Indian Government Support Programs, including the Tribal Council Funding Program. In order to secure better long-term funding arrangements, a review of how Tribal Councils are funded and their role in providing aggregated services to First Nation governments will be needed. AFN is
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pursuing this review. In addition, the possibility of making the ten-year grant available to Tribal Councils is being explored.

**STATUS:** Ongoing

#### 42/2018 Data Sovereignty

**Mover:** Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation, BC

**Seconded:** Chief Harvey McLeod, Upper Nicola Indian Band, BC

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

1. Reassert that First Nations living in Canada maintain ownership and control over data that relates to their identity, their people, language, history, culture, communities and Nations, both historic and contemporary, and that each Nation will establish regulations to govern their data, determining how it will be managed, accessed and shared with other governments, organizations and/or individuals.
2. Call on the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) to coordinate (with support from the federal government, Statistics Canada, and the Assembly of First Nations) regional processes to engage First Nation Chiefs and leaders in each province and territory to discuss improving the quality of or access to data or statistical information related to their people and Nation.
3. Call on the Government of Canada to allocate funding to the FNIGC to align engagement processes related to First Nations data, statistics, and information management, and to expedite the development of First Nations-controlled Regional Information Governance Centres as part of the National First Nations Data Governance Strategy.
4. Assert that in the future all federal, provincial, and territorial government investments in First Nations data governance and analysis, information management, statistics, and reporting must align with the objective of each First Nation achieving full data governance, building and maintaining across their government, the capacity to collect, store, protect, analyze, and utilize data in their decision-making and reporting, measuring their own progress towards the outcomes defined in their community development and nation rebuilding plans.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN is in dialogue with the First Nations Information Governance Centre and Indigenous Services Canada to improve quality and access to data for First Nations governments and to ensure investments in First Nations data governance align with First Nations achieving full data governance.

**STATUS:** Ongoing



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**43/2018    Reparations from the North West Company**

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**Mover:**     Chief Donald Morris, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, ON

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**Second:**   Anna Betty Achneepineskum, Proxy, Kashechewan First Nation, ON

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to encourage First Nations across Canada to join together to seek redress from the North West Company for its historical economic exploitation and abuse of First Nations peoples.
  2. Direct the AFN to request an apology from the North West Company and encourage the North West Company to pay reparations for the economic suffering they have inflicted on Indigenous peoples in Canada.
  3. Call upon the federal government to address the imbalance in access to goods and services that First Nations continue to suffer, such efforts include, but not be limited to:
    - a. Studying and reporting on the process by which the North West Company was able to occupy and obtain title to lands within First Nations territory and to thereby establish an economic monopoly over the provision of goods and services to First Nations, with particular attention to the failures to consult and obtain the free, prior and informed consent from First Nations.
    - b. Studying and reporting on the current ways and means that goods and services are supplied to First Nations, with particular attention to the communities that are most remote.
    - c. Proposing solutions and taking appropriate measures to improve supply and bring prices down to levels comparable to those enjoyed by all Canadians, wherever they are located.
    - d. Establishing an on-going system for monitoring the economic performance of third parties doing business on and with First Nations, including reporting requirements, audits and other regulations designed to ensure fair and balanced business practices, pricing and non-discriminatory service.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- The AFN has had an initial conversation with the North West Company in order to inform them of concerns raised in this national resolution. AFN proposed a follow up discussion to discuss these matters further.
  - The AFN will share information with the AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development for recommendations.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**44/2018 Enhancing and Supporting Tribal Police Services in First Nations in Canada**

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**Mover:** Chief Joseph Weasel Child, Siksika First Nation, AB

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**Seconded:** Chief Craig Makinaw, Ermineskin First Nation, AB

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate to the federal government to deem First Nations policing as an essential service and to provide adequate funding and support similar to other police forces in the country.
  2. Call upon the AFN to advocate to the federal government to support the establishment of additional Tribal Police Services on First Nations in Canada, with commensurate funding.
  3. Call upon the AFN to advocate to the provincial governments to lift the moratorium on new self-administered police services in Canada.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- On February 27 and 28, 2018, the AFN attended the First Nations Policing Program Stakeholder Panel held in Kelowna, British Columbia. The purpose of this meeting was for officials'-level discussion, information-sharing, and the development of options regarding the First Nations Policing Program (FNPP).
  - On March 26-27, 2018, the AFN hosted a meeting in Wendake, Quebec on First Nations policing and public safety. The purpose of this meeting was to hear from First Nation police agencies to identify systemic inequalities, gaps in services and other issues that are of concern to the agencies. Further, this meeting facilitated discussions on how the AFN can advocate at the national level on the community safety priorities.
  - Since these two meetings, the Legal Affairs & Justice Sector has been working on the following deliverables with Public Safety Canada pertaining to First Nations policing:
  - A work plan is being developed to advance policing and safety priorities, and any other agreeable initiatives. As part of this plan, a research report that scopes and defines First Nations policing priorities through a gap analysis will be completed by March 2019. This report is to support First Nations priorities as they pertain to policing and community safety. Further, it will enhance our advocacy to the federal government to deem First Nations policing as an essential service and for adequate funding to First Nations police services supported by research.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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**45/2018 2Spirits In Motion Foundation**

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**Mover:** Chief Allan Polchies Jr, St. Mary's First Nation, NB

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**Seconded:** Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation, BC

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

1. Support the development and subsequent funding of the 2Spirits In Motion Foundation to:
    - a. Help establish a national voice and presence for Two-spirit peoples throughout Canada.
    - b. Plan for and host annual national policy and program Forums and bi-annual training programs.
    - c. Work collaboratively with universities and colleges to undertake relevant Two-Spirit research.
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**IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:**

- A letter was sent in October 2018 to MP Randy Boissonault, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and 2-Spirit (LGBTQ2S+) initiatives and the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau requesting commitments to promote and protect the rights of Two-Spirit peoples, including the support of the 2Spirits in Motion Foundation.
  - Since the resolution was passed, 2Spirits in Motion have been able to access federal funding and has established a board of directors to conduct future work.
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**STATUS:** Ongoing

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