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| TITLE: | Development of a First Nations Urban Strategy |
| SUBJECT: | Urban Strategy |
| MOVED BY: | Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation, ON |
| SECONDED BY: | Chief Greg Peters, Delaware Nation, Moravian of the Thames, ON |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. Chiefs represent First Nation citizens wherever they reside.

B. A large number of First Nation citizens live in cities and away from home communities. They often face difficulties due to a lack of access to appropriate levels of programs, services and political representation.

C. Chiefs-in-Assembly have identified the protection of the rights and interests of urban First Nation citizens as an important area of AFN engagement. This is reflected in resolutions (4-1998, 8-1999, and 41-2002) which affirm the importance of representing First Nation citizens regardless of place of residence.

D. In the Corbiere decision (1999), the Supreme Court of Canada recognized that First Nation citizens are citizens of their nation regardless of whether they live on- or off-reserve.

E. The portability of Indigenous and treaty rights is a key concern that needs to be addressed as part of the re-building of First Nations and the assertion of inherent jurisdiction.

F. The development of an Urban Strategy is a priority under the new AFN Strategic Plan.

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

1. Support the development of a locally-led, regionally-coordinated, and nationally-facilitated First Nations Urban Strategy to be presented to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the AGA 2011.

2. Call on the AFN to facilitate the creation of a First Nations Urban Strategy Advisory Committee with representation from Chiefs and technicians.

3. Direct the AFN to pursue the following activities as part of the Urban Strategy, contingent on the availability of funding:
    a. develop a communications strategy
    b. create a database of best practices and governance models
    c. establish a web presence to facilitate information-sharing
    d. develop an advocacy strategy to engage the federal government on urban First Nation issues
    e. facilitate multilateral dialogue to include all levels of government, federal, provincial, municipal, and First Nations
    f. hold a Policy Forum on urban First Nation issues and priorities
    g. plan a series of Urban First Nation Citizens Forums
    h. explore options for inclusion of urban perspectives in AFN decision-making
    i. continue and strengthen collaboration with NAFC
    j. build a network of experts
    k. conduct research on the Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS)
    l. advance other measures that could improve the AFN Urban Strategy

4. Direct the AFN to seek funding for the activities outlined above in the current and next fiscal years.

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