Resolution # 1– Recognition of Métis Peoples

Whereas the Métis National Council has published a book on the terms of being Métis;

And whereas the Métis National Council has successfully lobbied for and obtained permission for this book to be taught in our schools;

And whereas the Métis National Council continues to influence politically, what the definition of Metis is!;

And whereas the Métis National Council does not recognize any but their own members!;

Therefore be it resolved that Congress of Aboriginal Peoples intervenes if possible, pointing out that “It was CAP who successfully fought the Daniels v. Canada Decision”;

And be it further resolved that CAP if possible, stop the false teachings of the Métis National Council through the school system by intervening in this government decision!

Moved by: Jon MacDonald, Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples

Seconded by: Robert Doucette, Aboriginal Affairs Coalition of Saskatchewan Inc.

Resolution Passed

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA 2018-19)
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Resolution # 2 – Settlement Agreement with Métis and Non-status Indian Sixties Scoop Survivors

Whereas the Government of Canada announced a settlement agreement regarding the sixties scoop of First Nations, Métis, Non-status Indian and Inuit individuals;

And Whereas, when the Government of Canada announced the settlement agreement the Government of Canada excluded the Métis and Non-status Indians from the agreement;

And Whereas, Métis and Non-Status Indian individuals have launched a class action law suit against the Government of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call on the Government of Canada to act in the spirit of reconciliation and begin to negotiate a settlement agreement with Métis and Non-status Indian sixties scoop survivors.

Moved by: John Hanikenne, Aboriginal Affairs Coalition of Saskatchewan Inc.
Seconded by: Robert Doucette, Aboriginal Affairs Coalition of Saskatchewan Inc.

Resolution Passed

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA 2018-21)
Resolution # 3 – Chill-Wee Indian Band

Whereas the Chill-Wee Indian Band has presented a documentation to John Reimer, Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs in Ottawa on August 12, 1989 and a further documentation and request to Linda Jolson, Regional Director General of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada on October 18, 1990, for “Feasibility Study Proposal for the Creation of the Chill-Wee Indian Reserve”;

And whereas Bill C-31, and Act to amend the Indian Act, was passed by Parliament on June 28, 1985, and proclaimed effective April 17, 1985, so that it would be in compliance with the equality provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and would remove discrimination, restore status and membership rights and also increase control of Indian Bands over their own affairs such as extending Band control over Membership Rules and the development and implementation of Band Membership Codes;

And whereas the existing Hollow Water First Nation has granted our rights to Band Membership only; excluding the associated rights and benefits such as Housing, Social Assistance and Economic Development because of the limited resources for land and funding currently allocated to the Hollow Water Indian Band from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada;

And whereas the Hollow Water Band Membership Code effectively eliminates the Chill-Wee Band Members in the affairs of the Hollow Water First Nation in reference to the Non-Residency Clause and reasons previously noted;

And whereas the Chill-Wee First Nation has no intention of re-location to existing Reserve Lands by Treaty #5 and conflicting in any way with the Hollow Water First Nation but chose to remain on or about the traditional lands of the Chill-Wee Band Members;

And whereas the Chill-Wee Band has private acreage set aside as our Reserve and could be negotiated as an add on to existing Reserve Lands of (Hollow Water) for the use and benefits of the Chill-Wee First Nation;

Therefore be it resolved that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples write a letter to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations in support of the endeavors of the Chill-Wee Band for full recognition from the Government of Canada.

Moved by: Charles Simard, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba
Seconded by: Marcel St Germain, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba

Resolution Passed

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA 2018-23)
Resolution # 4– The Redevelopment of 100 Wellington Street

Whereas the Government of Canada announced the redevelopment of 100 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario based on recognition of right, respect co-operation, and partnership as the foundation for transformative change;

And whereas the Government of Canada stated it will work in full partnership with representatives of First Nations, Inuit and the Métis Nation on next steps in the design and redevelopment of 100 Wellington to ensure this becomes an inclusive space that respects the vision of Indigenous Peoples and the spirit of reconciliation;

And whereas this redevelopment of 100 Wellington, the former United States Embassy appears to be part of the permanent bilateral mechanisms with the Assembly of First Nations, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis Nation Council;

And whereas the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is excluded from this process and to be part of this important symbolic building on unceded Algonquin territory;

Therefore be it resolved that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples write to the Prime Minister and demand that the Government of Canada include the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples in the 100 Wellington Street design and be part of the building occupation.

Moved by: Ron Swain, Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples
Seconded by: Darrin Rekve, Aboriginal Affairs Coalition of Saskatchewan Inc.

Resolution Passed

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA 2018-24)
Resolution # 5 – Service Delivery Arm

Whereas the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization;

And whereas the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is a political organization;

And whereas the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples also delivers programs and services;

Therefore be it resolved for greater certainty the Congress explore the possibility to incorporate a separate body to manage the service delivery arm of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

Moved by: Brad Maggrah, Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples

Seconded by: Elmer St. Pierre, Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples

Resolution Passed

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA 2018-25)
Resolution # 6 – Off-Reserve Housing

Whereas past governments and the current federal government have forgotten the poor and impoverished off-reserve rural and native families;

And whereas these Aboriginal families are facing a housing accommodation catastrophe;

And whereas since 1993 the provincial governments have assumed responsibility for social housing to the detriment of housing supply, housing condition, and housing access criteria;

And whereas the government has not been responsive to the changing, growing patterns of homelessness, along with a lack of emergency housing and lack of student housing has led to more families suffering;

Therefore be it resolved that each of CAP’s Provincial Territorial Organizations request their constituency to document in brief form or letter their unique housing dilemma or plight;

And be it further resolved that these documents be submitted to the National Chief of CAP to be reviewed and compiled in a summary by province, including numbers of such grievances received;

And be it further resolved that CAP submit this summary and discuss these issues with the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister Jane Philpott, Minister Jean-Yves Duclos and the President of CMHC, Evan Siddall.

Moved by: Joseph Wade White, Native Council of Nova Scotia
Seconded by: Michael Hull, Native Council of Nova Scotia

Resolution Passed with revisions

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA 2018-26)
Resolution # 7 – Inclusion of the National Youth Council Voice

Whereas the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples has a National Youth Council of youth from each of the Provincial Territorial Organizations;

And whereas CAP’s youth are the future of tomorrow;

And whereas CAP’s Youth Council could have a greater voice in policy and program work related to youth;

And whereas communications could be improved between the Youth Council and the CAP National office;

Therefore be it resolved that any future proposals submitted by CAP that have a direct impact on CAP youth be provided to the Youth Council for an opportunity to give input as an advisory body and give a youth perspective in a collaborative process with CAP.

Moved by: Justice Lee Tourangeau, Aboriginal Congress of Alberta Association

Seconded by: Beverly Allard, Aboriginal Congress of Alberta Association

Resolution Passed with revision

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA 2018-30)
Resolution # 8 – Sixties Scoop and Manitoba Land Claims

Whereas the organization Congress of Aboriginal Peoples has provided support for the Sixties Scoop Settlement and Manitoba Land Claims;

Therefore be it resolved that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples continue to support these two important grassroots initiatives.

Moved by: Ernie Blais, Indigenous Peoples Association of Manitoba

Seconded by: Robert Hooper, Indigenous Peoples Association of Manitoba

Resolution Passed

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA 2018-31)