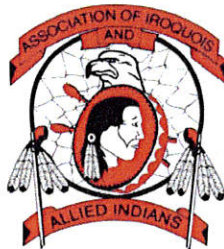


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45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 01/14

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Renewal of Commitments to Ipperwash Recommendations

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Greg Cowie  
Hiawatha First Nations

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Resolution  
Adopted on:**

**June 3-5, 2014  
Hiawatha First Nation**

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, the government of Ontario has abandoned its commitments to implement recommendations of the final report of the Ipperwash Inquiry, shown through a discontinuation of investment;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations and the government of Ontario require a renewed plan to implement the Ipperwash recommendations and formal commitments to a strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the final report of the Ipperwash Inquiry remains a useful foundation for a renewed strategy.

  
Grand Chief Gordon Peters

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly requires formal public commitment from the government of Ontario to work with First Nations to resolve outstanding differences that cause continued discord between First Nations and Ontario citizens. That public commitment must be communicated throughout the renewal process and be conducted in partnership with First Nations (e.g., press conferences);

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Grand Chief is required to secure a meeting with Premier Wynne and the New Democratic Party leader during the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to begin advocating for renewed commitments to the Ipperwash recommendations;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, these activities shall be documented in correspondence from the office of the Grand Chief.



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45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 02/14

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Rejection of Bill C-10, *Tackling Contraband Tobacco Act*

**MOVED BY:**

Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Qunite

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Joel Abram  
Oneida Nation of the  
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**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-10, *Tackling Contraband Tobacco Act*, into the House of Commons;

**WHEREAS**, tobacco is a traditional native product and the rights to grow, possess and trade in tobacco have never been surrendered to the Crown, nor has our jurisdiction been surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, tobacco as a product is not an illegal substance;

**WHEREAS**, the tobacco trade stimulates First Nations' economies by creating jobs for community members;

**WHEREAS**, Bill C-10 will, if passed, criminalize the possession of First Nations tobacco products if provincial taxes are not paid and labeled with a provincial stamp;

**WHEREAS**, Bill C-10 infringes on First Nations' right to self-determination, right to trade relations and right to preserve their economic well-being;

**WHEREAS**, Bill C-10 is providing provinces with a tax collection measure that does not exist in Section 92 of the Canadian Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, Bill C-10 is unconstitutional in that Canada is enabling the provinces to collect taxes on reserve and prevent trade relations with Indians on reserve;

**WHEREAS**, Bill C-10 will, if passed, cause the loss of thousands of First Nations jobs and perpetuate First Nation poverty;

**WHEREAS**, increased First Nation poverty will create new challenges for successful outcomes of the Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation's First Nation Markets Based Initiative and First Nations mortgage programs, and provide the basic needs of First Nation families;

**WHEREAS**, First Nation tobacco manufacturers operating on reserves are already paying Canada hundreds of millions in tax dollars without any revenue sharing agreement with First Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, in contravention of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, First Nation communities and businesses have not been consulted nor have they given their consent to the passage of the legislation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly rejects Bill C-10, *Tackling Contraband Tobacco Act* in its entirety;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls on the Association to immediately prepare a press release and hold a press conference to state the position of the member Nations concerning Bill C-10;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls on the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to appear before the Senate Standing Committee to oppose the passage of Bill C-10;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls on the Association to begin meeting with federal opposition parties to discuss the infringement of Bill C-10 on our inherent jurisdiction, and demand that Canada withdraw the legislation;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls on the Association to coordinate with its member Nations and other organizations to develop and fund public education campaigns; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls on the Association to continue to work with other organizations on these initiatives and report to the member Nations on the outcomes.



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45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 03/14

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Missing and Murdered Women

MOVED BY:  
Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY:  
Chief Louise Hillier  
Caldwell First Nations

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Grand Chief Gordon Peters

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and will not be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, missing and murdered Indigenous women issues have received international attention via United Nations' *Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, James Anaya, on the Situation of Indigenous Peoples in Canada* (2014);

**WHEREAS**, the Conservative Party of Canada has eliminated funding to the Sisters in Spirit Research Project and have dismissed calls from the Native Women's Association of Canada, First Nations and First Nations organizations and other groups across Canada for a national inquiry on the missing and murdered indigenous women; and

**WHEREAS**, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's (RCMP) National Operational Overview, a comprehensive account of missing and murdered indigenous women highlights that 1,181 Indigenous women have gone missing or murdered between the years of 1980 and 2012.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls for continued support of the Native Women's Association of Canada and Sisters in Spirit research project on the missing and murdered women and for a coordinated approach with the Government of Canada and RCMP in approaching this issue with an independent indigenous body providing guiding oversight.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Grand Chief to send a letter to the Prime Minister and Department of Justice Canada outlining the above; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians issue a news release asserting the need for a national inquiry for murdered and missing women, supporting the mandate of the Native Women's Association of Canada and Sisters in Spirit research project and supporting the call for reinstatement of their funding in the pursuit of this endeavor.



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 04/14

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Federal funding and relationship advocacy campaign

MOVED BY:  
Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY:  
Chief Joel Abram  
Oneida Nation of the  
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**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and will not be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations and their advocacy organizations throughout Canada have been the target of drastic and debilitating core funding cuts from the current federal government. Example cuts include: First Nation health departments by at least 30%; First Nation community core budgets by 10%; and the elimination of funding for First Nation communities to obtain policy advisory services;

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the Association's core funding was cut by 35%, and member First Nations also experienced core funding cuts. Additional reductions to core budgets are expected in 2014, and are anticipated to be significantly higher;

**WHEREAS**, remaining federal funding arrangements continue to be capped at inadequate levels, and others have been arbitrarily transitioned into a proposal-driven process with strict criteria that are controlled and defined by Canada;



**WHEREAS**, these recent aggressive actions by the federal government must also be viewed in the context of its long history of failing to build a treaty implementation process, and imposing legislation that affects First Nations without the proper involvement and consent of our governments;

**WHEREAS**, in the past five years, international bodies have provided additional tools by which Canada's legislative frameworks and policy actions can be challenged — UN *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and the May 2014 report of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

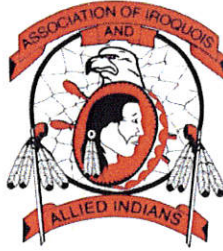
**WHEREAS**, the 2015 federal election presents an opportunity for First Nations to advocate for resolution to both immediate and historical impediments to a productive relationship with Canada.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly requires the Association to coordinate meetings with federal opposition party leaders to promote their adoption of a clear election position on, but not limited to, the following:

- Elimination of proposal-driven process;
- Reinstatement of core funding;
- Application of principles of the UN *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
- Foundations of treaty implementation processes.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, these meetings should be set up for late summer 2014, taking advantage of the parties' period of platform development; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the advocacy activities shall be documented in correspondence from the office of the Grand Chief.



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 05/14

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Recital of Treaty of the Niagara

MOVED BY:  
Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY:  
Chief Joel Abram  
Oneida Nation of the  
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**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS** in 1764, the Treaty of Niagara established peace and friendship between the British colonial government and 24 Indigenous Nations. The Treaty was to be reaffirmed on an annual basis through a recital of the agreement and gift-giving;

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Canada has become complacent in its obligations under the Treaty and its relationship with the 24 Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the failure of Canada to honour its obligations under the Treaty of Niagara and the Nation-to-Nation relationship has resulted in the ongoing violation of our lands and resources and inherent jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, 2014 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Niagara, and Canada has failed to make mention or preparations to acknowledge this pivotal relationship.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association to take the lead role in coordinating and promoting the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Niagara celebrations to be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, in Niagara Falls, Ontario;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association's administration to allocate \$50,000 from unrestricted surplus to cover the costs of the promotion and celebrations;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association to promote the celebrations to—and propose partnerships with—other organizations, including other Political Territorial Organizations, the Assembly of First Nations Executive and other interested bodies;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association to include the following items in the organization and agenda of the August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 celebrations:

1. A Sunrise Ceremony;
2. Breakfast to be served to participants;
3. A recital and polishing ceremony;
4. Time is allocated for speeches from leadership;
5. A feast held to close the celebrations;
6. Rick Hill or Oren Lyons to be approached to direct recital.

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association to hold a strategic planning session with the Chiefs Council on, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 to review and plan the Association's future activities.



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 06/14

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Culbertson Land Claim – Mohawks of the Bay Quinte

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Greg Cowie  
Hiawatha First Nation

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**Grand Chief Gordon Peters**

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and will not be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, the resolution of land claims settlement agreements that meet the goals and aspiration of First Nations is supported by the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians;

**WHEREAS**, Canada consistently applies an extinguishment of all land rights and title that frustrates negotiations and resolutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Canada accepts that the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte have never surrendered 923.4 acres of land to the Crown known as the Culbertson Claim.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians call upon the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to enter good faith negotiations with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, and to be open to land claim negotiation agreements that do not require the extinguishment of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte land rights and titles.





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45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Resolution No. 07/14

Subject: Supporting Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and  
Labrador's application for judicial review regarding Bill C-33

MOVED BY:  
Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte

SECONDED BY:  
Councillor Philip Snake  
Delaware Nation

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Grand Chief Gordon Peters

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**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, in June 2014, the government of Canada, as represented by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), introduced Bill C-33, *First Nations Control of First Nation Education Act*;

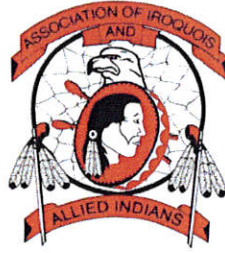
**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations' leadership has consistently opposed and rejected any imposed legislation that does not meet the criteria of government-to-government agreement, or proper government consultations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) has filed an application for federal judicial review of the federal government's adherence with its constitutional obligations to consult and accommodate, specifically regarding the *First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act*.



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly supports the AFNQL's application for a judicial review and intervention if the Executive of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians deem necessary; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association to send correspondence to the AFNQL, the Prime Minister of Canada, and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada indicating the Association's support for the AFNQL's application.



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. o8/14

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Call for funding of federally imposed legislation

MOVED BY:

Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte

SECONDED BY:

Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation

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**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and will not be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada's suite of legislation, including the *First Nations Elections Act*, the *Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act*, the *Family Homes on Reserve and Matrimonial Rights Act*, and Bill C-33, *First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act*, fails to make increased funding available for the implementation of the provisions under those acts;

**WHEREAS**, provisions in these legislative documents formally transfers liability from the Government of Canada to First Nation governments, yet does not provide for adequate guaranteed or statutory-based funding to meet the legislative standard; and

**WHEREAS**, persistent underfunding of First Nations and their organizations is a chronic problem resulting in many communities running deficits in order to meet the financial needs of its citizens.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly rejects all legislation that has not obtained the free, prior and informed consent of the rights holders;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that, in cases where a rejected bill receives Royal Assent and its implementation is imposed by the provisions of the legislation, the General Assembly calls on the Government of Canada to provide the funding required to pay for all costs associated with the implementation of that legislation;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Grand Chief to send correspondence to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development pursuant to this resolution; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Grand Chief to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development to address these issues.