



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
XLIII ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 01/12

**Subject:** Potential changes to delivery of Ontario Works  
benefits under the 1965 Welfare Agreement

Passed by consensus

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Sandra Moore  
Hiawatha First Nation

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Louise Hillier  
Caldwell First Nation

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Adopted on:

May 30 – June 1, 2012  
Delaware 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** Article 3 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states that Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination;

**WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 18, internationally recognizes the right of indigenous peoples to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights;

**WHEREAS** First Nations' social assistance funding is provided in accordance with the 1965 Welfare Agreement, to which the Canadian and Ontario governments are parties;

**WHEREAS** the Canadian government does not contribute its full portion of funding to honour its commitments within the 1965 Welfare Agreement;

**WHEREAS** the Ontario government did not consult with First Nations regarding the proposed changes;

**WHEREAS** First Nations maintain that the changes do constitute a significant change;

**WHEREAS** the province of Ontario through the Ministry of Community and Social Services have announced the removal of the Community Start-up and Maintenance Benefit, Home Repair Benefit from the Ontario Works program; and

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**WHEREAS** the funds previously allocated for Community Start-up and Maintenance Benefit will be transferred to a program administered by the municipalities;

**WHEREAS** the discretionary health related and non-health related benefits will be combined into one benefit and capped at \$10.00 per case;

**WHEREAS** Section 2.2 of the 1965 Welfare Agreement requires that any significant program changes must have the consent of First Nations;

**WHEREAS** the Ontario government has not received a final report from the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario that specifically deals with reform;

**WHEREAS**, the immediate financial changes will have detrimental impacts with the full impacts of the proposed changes for First Nations remaining unknown.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the AIAI General Assembly demand the Minister of Community of Social Services to reject the proposed changes to the Ontario Works program that deals with First Nations communities;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the AIAI hold a meeting with member First Nations' to identify impacts and concerns with the proposed changes to Ontario Works;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the AIAI General Assembly demand the Minister of Community and Social Services to carry out direct discussion with the AIAI Chiefs Council to address the proposed program;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the AIAI General Assembly demand the province of Ontario and Canada to fully implement the 1965 Welfare Agreement;

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that AIAI develop a separate strategic action plan to ensure the intent of this is carried out.



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Resolution No. 02/12

**Subject:** Potential changes to delivery of Ontario Works  
benefits under the 1965 Welfare Agreement

Passed by consensus

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Joel Abram  
Oneida Nation of the Thames

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation of  
Ojibways

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**WHEREAS** First Nations have an inherent right to wholistic health inclusive of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness;

**WHEREAS** Article 24(2) of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states "Indigenous individuals have an equal right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. States shall take the necessary steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of this right";

**WHEREAS** First Nations leadership has consistently called for increased and equitable funding to support health services;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has cut existing health funding from the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians;

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly recognizes the need for outcome-based administrative and political action;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the General Assembly demands the Minister of Health, Leona Aglukkaq, to reinstate health funding to AIAI. Also, for the Minister of Health to

acknowledge the historical treaty relationship between First Nations and the Government of Canada.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** the General Assembly directs the AIAI Executive and Chiefs Council to define the parameters for administrative, political and any other necessary action with measurable outcomes.

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** the General Assembly directs the AIAI Executive to coordinate political actions.



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Resolution No. 03/12

Subject: Stop fracking in our homelands

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:

Councillor Anthony Ireland  
Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY:

Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation of  
Ojibways

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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**, Indigenous Nations were placed on their homelands by the Creator, and continue to hold physical and spiritual connections with the land and water, along with obligations to care for its health;

**WHEREAS**, Article 29.2 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states: states shall take effective measures to ensure that no storage or disposal of hazardous materials shall take place in the lands or territories of indigenous peoples without their free, prior and informed consent;

**WHEREAS** hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking, is a technique used to extract gases from shale rock formations, and causes significant environment degradation;

**WHEREAS** Canada has an obligation to meaningfully consult and accommodate our interests; and

**WHEREAS** Crown governments and corporations are making no effort to consult or obtain the free, prior and informed consent of First Nations whose homelands have or may be impacted by the processes of fracking.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls for an immediate ban on all fracking activity in Ontario;

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the AIAI Executive and Chiefs Council to begin coordinating action to halt current fracking activities that may impact the homelands of AIAI member Nations.



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Resolution No. 04/12

Subject: AIAI Member First Nations' discussion table with  
Ontario post-IIPAC

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:

Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation of  
Ojibways

SECONDED BY:

Chief Sandra Moore  
Hiawatha 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 cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS** sovereign Indigenous Nations and the British Crown carried out negotiations regarding the political relationship, lands, and resources at the time of treaty making;

**WHEREAS** the British Crown has never put a treaty implementation plan in place. As a result, the Crown continues to ignore and breach those Treaty agreements;

**WHEREAS** the *British North America Act*, 1867, is the first illegal assertion of the colonial government's sovereignty in these lands. Further, the division of the assumed powers between federal and provincial levels of governments introduced a concept of provincial jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS** articles 3 and 19 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples state, respectively, that "Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination," and "States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples...to obtain free, prior and informed consent."

**WHEREAS** the treaty implementation plan is outstanding and now must include a definition of Ontario's role; the AIAI member First Nations assert the following elements to the attention of not only Canada, but also Ontario;

  
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**WHEREAS**, the Ipperwash Inquiry Priorities and Action Committee (IIPAC), is a joint process between First Nations and Ontario to implement recommendations of the Final Report of the Ipperwash Inquiry, which include addressing Treaty grievances; and

**WHEREAS**, Ontario has announced its intention to dissolve the IIPAC process as the mechanism for working with First Nations to address the Ipperwash recommendations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Assembly requires Canada and Ontario to work with Indigenous Nations in the creation of a plan to carry on the priorities currently addressed through the IIPAC process;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Assembly asserts the following non-negotiable positions as a framework for Indigenous Nations' approach to a treaty implementation plan:

1. Treaty Implementation Planning
  - a. Definition of Canada's, Ontario's, and Indigenous Nations' roles
  - b. Defined timelines with respect to measureable change in implementing the Treaty relationships
2. Education
  - a. Ontario's offer to share their expertise in education delivery is required to be in conjunction with Indigenous peoples
  - b. Funding must be provided across Ontario, and for all levels of education — similar to the 1965 Welfare Agreement
3. Resource Benefit Plan
  - a. Must create long-term jobs for Indigenous peoples, supported by professional training and certifications
  - b. Developments in Indigenous territories will require consent, and obtain recognized permits
  - c. Indigenous nations require equity ownership of industry enterprises
  - d. Revenues of resource extraction, processing, and exports must be shared 50/50 with Indigenous nations
4. Culture and Language Retention
  - a. Investments must be made into a long-term plan for the retention of Indigenous nations' languages and cultures
5. Land
  - a. Land agreements must be implemented
  - b. Treaty land entitlements must be recognized and completed

- c. Outstanding, unresolved Treaty land issues require resolution

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Assembly directs the AIAI political executive to communicate this framework to Ontario to set the path following the dissolution of the IIPAC process.



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Resolution No. 05/12

Subject: A new Joint Action Plan for First Nations

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:

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Batchewana First Nation of  
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SECONDED BY:

Chief Sandra Moore  
Hiawatha 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 cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS** Our ancestors entered into treaties with Crown representatives to establish a peaceful and equitable relationship. These treaties are living documents, and continue to be in force;

**WHEREAS** First Nations are rights holders within the Nation-to-Nation relationship, while the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is an advocacy body mandated to represent First Nations' collective interests at the national level; and

**WHEREAS** the AFN and Canada have created the *Canada-First Nations Joint Action Plan*, which outlines a number of priority areas on which the AFN and Canada agree to collaborate.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly hereby rejects the *Canada-First Nation Joint Action Plan* announced by National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo and Minister John Duncan on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to develop a new Joint Action Plan through mechanisms that are tabled and originate from AIAI, and include the three priority areas of 1) protection of our unique cultural and spiritual practices; 2) protection of our jurisdiction; and 3) protection of our governance systems. The draft Joint Action

Plan will be submitted to the Chiefs Council for approval before being sent to the Chiefs of Ontario, the Assembly of First Nations and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.



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Resolution No. 06/12

Subject: Mission to support the Indigenous agenda

Passed by consensus

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation of  
Ojibways

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Sandra Moore  
Hiawatha 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 cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS** in the 43 years of the existence of the AIAI, its mission has included the mandate to "be an advocate and a lobbyist with external governments";

**WHEREAS** a strong Indigenous-centred agenda exists that relates to exercising our sovereignty and defining our self-determination through nation building activities; and

**WHEREAS** the Indigenous agenda requires the same levels of efforts and resources as those invested into engaging external governments.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the AIAI will provide understanding and awareness of settler government legislation, both provincially and federally;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the AIAI will spend an equal amount of resources and time developing and presenting our Indigenous perspective at Chiefs' meetings, assemblies, and other political gatherings;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Indigenous perspectives include, but are not limited to:

- Our Creation stories
- Natural Law



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- Great Law
- Friendship Belt
- Robinson Treaties
- Our Treaty perspective
- Reserved jurisdiction
- Prophecies
- Two-Row Wampum
- Jay Treaty (Britain and USA)
- Legal agreements of the Crown
- Petitions to the Crown (Historic)
- Options to settling historic grievances (International)
- Modern application of law development and implementation planning via AIAI

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Assembly directs the AIAI political executive and Chiefs Council incorporate the Indigenous agenda into the Association's Mission, departmental work plans and budgets, and for implementation in the Association's business activities.



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**Resolution No. 07/12**

**Subject:** Establishment of an Indigenous Reclamation  
Working Group

**Passed by consensus**

**MOVED BY:**

**Councillor Stacey LaForme  
Mississaugas of the New Credit  
First Nation**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Councillor Carol Antone  
Oneida Nation of the Thames**

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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** the Chiefs Council, a body representing each respective member Nation, carries the responsibilities of providing political direction and leading action;

**WHEREAS** the Chief of each AIAI member Nation, having an abundance of experience, is inundated with demands from their respective community, as well as regional and national initiatives;

**WHEREAS** AIAI is mandated as a political territorial organization to defend and enhance the Indigenous and treaty rights, and has the administrative capacity and technical expertise to achieve that mandate; and

**WHEREAS** external challenges and issues facing First Nations continue to grow in number, based upon the political oppression of the Canadian Government and the lack of respect for the inherent rights of First Nations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Chiefs Council to strike a Working Group to draft 'Plans for Action' to address issues identified by AIAI; the 'Plans for Action' shall: 1) contain specific steps; 2) determine actions to be taken; and 3) contain measurable results;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Indigenous Reclamation Working Group be allocated the appropriate resources necessary to carry out its mandate; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs Council develop and approve: 1) a terms of reference for the Indigenous Reclamation Working Group; 2) the establishment of timelines on which to measure progress; and 3) an inclusive reporting mechanism to provide updates on the progress of the Working Group.