

**SUBJECT: Restoring Jurisdiction to Anishinabek
People / Recognition of Anishinabek First
Nations Governments / Transfer of Indian &
Northern Affairs Functions**

MOVED BY:
Chief Eugene
Manitowabi,
Wikwemikong
Unceded Nation

WHEREAS the Anishinabek people have the inherent right to govern themselves and this right has been usurped by the federal government; and,

WHEREAS the Chiefs and Councils of the First Nation communities of the Anishinabek Nation are the local governments of the Anishinabek people and the recognition of their essential and rightful role and purpose, over time, has been denied by the federal government; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Christi
Pervais, Fort
William First
Nation

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has begun to transfer its functions and programs to the First Nations and such transfer is basically only for administration:

CONSENSUS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Grand Council direct the Grand Council Chief to develop a strategic plan restoring jurisdiction to the Anishinabek People, to ensure recognition of the jurisdictional capacity of Chiefs and Councils and to transfer the functions and programs of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to the appropriate government forums of the Anishinabek People; and,



Joseph Hare
**Grand Council
Chief**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategic plan be tabled for review and change by the Chiefs in Grand Council at a special meeting for that purpose (fall 1995); and,



Vernon Roote
**Deputy Grand
Council Chief**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that an investigation and audit be conducted of the administrative and management functions of the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Western and Sudbury District offices.