



AFN 2021 AGA Draft Resolutions – CHIEFS OF ONTARIO Overview

Resolution	Title	Mover/Seconder	COO Sector/Director	Comments
#01/2021	Clarification of Designated Representative and Proxy	<p>MOVED BY: Chief Leah George-Wilson, Tsleil Waututh First Nation, BC</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Chief Roderick Gould, Abegweit First Nation, PEI</p>	Policy – Chris Hoyos	Addresses inconsistencies in AFN Charter regarding quorum and the terminology used for proxies.
#02/2021	Composition Change Prince Edward Island	<p>MOVED BY: Chief Darlene Bernard, Lennox Island First Nation, PEI</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Chief Roderick Gould, Abegweit First Nation, PEI</p>	Policy – Chris Hoyos	Call to amend the AFN Charter to allow for the creation of a PEI Regional Chief.
#03/2021	Delaying the Election of National Chief	<p>MOVED BY: Khelsilem, Skwx̓wu7mesh Úxwumixw, BC</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, YT</p>	Policy – Chris Hoyos	Calls for the postponement of the election for National Chief due to concerns regarding the fairness of online voting and risks of the election being challenged at a future date.
#04/2021	Creation and Implementation of Legislation for First Nations Policing as an Essential Service	<p>MOVED BY: Chief Duke Peltier, Wiikwemkoong First Nation, ON</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Chief Dylan Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, QC</p>	Justice – Sarah-Grace Ross	<p>First Nations have been calling for the creation of legislation designating policing as an essential service.</p> <p>The Resolution does not recognize that Ontario has provincial policing legislation that must be taken into</p>

				<p>account at the national level, which offers an essential service scheme for opt-in. The Resolution also does not recognize that some AFN regions do not support the AFN's process of co-development. There is an Ontario SCA Resolution 13/19 that rejects the co-development process for bypassing First Nations. Previous co-development processes with the Government of Canada have resulted in draft legislation that have been prepared primarily by federal officials rather than First Nations.</p> <p>The Resolution could be strengthened by calling on the AFN to communicate its co-development plans with First Nations.</p> <p>The Resolution could be strengthened by calling on the AFN to recognize First Nations as equal partners in the legislative development process and directing the AFN to report back to Chiefs in Assembly with a Terms of Reference for their co-development process.</p>
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#05/2021	Implementation of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA People	MOVED BY: Chief Adrienne Jerome, La Nation Anishnabe du Lac Simon, QC SECONDED BY: Chief Shelley Sabattis, Oromocto First Nation, NB	Women's Initiatives – Nancy Johnson	Ontario First Nations support the Families First and distinctions-based approach called for in Draft Resolution 05/2021, as well as AFN securing additional resources for implementation of the National Action Plan. We will also be seeking additional resources specifically for an Ontario First Nations community-based strategy.
#06/2021	Allocation of Early Learning and Child Care Investments in Budget 2021	MOVED BY: Chief George Ginnish, Natoaganeg First Nation, NB SECONDED BY: Chief Alvin Francis, Nekaneet First Nation, SK	Health – Carmen Jones Social – Ruby Miller Education – Julia Candlish	
#07/2021	Creation of a National Treaty Commissioner's Office	MOVED BY: Chief Matthew Todd Peigan, Pasqua First Nation, SK SECONDED BY: Chief Cadmus Delorme, Cowessess First Nation, SK	Justice – Sarah-Grace Ross	First Nations in Ontario have repeatedly called for the upholding of Treaty relationships. The creation of a Treaty Commissioner of Ontario was one of the Ipperwash Recommendations, and at one point it had political traction, though was never implemented. There are no major concerns regarding this Resolution.
#08/2021	Supporting First Nations Participation in the development of distinctions-based Health Legislation	MOVED BY: Chief Andrea Paul, Pictou Landing First Nation, NS SECONDED BY: Chief George Cote, Cote First Nation, SK	Health – Carmen Jones	Upon Review, "#08 - Supporting First Nations Participation in the Development of Distinctions Based Health Legislation" is fairly benign. It deals primarily with process definition, resourcing and sustainability. However,

				<p>the considerations as listed above must be dealt with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no official mandate from The First Nation Leadership on the Distinction Based Health Indigenous Legislation.
#09/2021	Support for the co-development of a new distinctions-based Indigenous Languages Funding Model	<p>MOVED BY: Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Wiikwemkoong, ON</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Splatsin, BC</p>	Education – Julia Candlish	A funding formula is required for a Treasury Board submission to unlock future funding for Indigenous Languages. AFN/TCOL/CCOL will develop the First Nations language model based on input from First Nations and First Nation Language organizations.
#10/2021	Support for the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-32)	<p>MOVED BY: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Splatsin, BC</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Wiikwemkoong, ON</p>	Education – Julia Candlish	It is hoped that the UN IDIL will bring heightened attention on the critical situation of Indigenous Languages and mobilize resources for the preservation, revitalization and promotion of Indigenous Languages.
#11/2021	Holding a Ratification Process on Bill C-15	<p>MOVED BY: Chief Okimaw Vernon Watchmaker, Kehewin Cree Nation, AB</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Chief Denise Stonefish, Delaware Nation of the Thames, ON</p>	Justice – Sarah-Grace Ross	Leadership in Ontario may benefit from a ratification process to make their stances on Bill C-15 clear. Those with concerns about the negative implications on the Bill could use ratification to advocate for implementation processes that avoid worst case scenarios or outcomes that domesticate UNDRIP.

				It's unclear what the outcome would be if ratification does not pass.
#12/2021	National Action Plan to Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	MOVED BY: Sisi-ya-ama, Chief Leah George-Wilson, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, BC SECONDED BY: Chief Emily Whetung, Curve Lake First Nation, ON	Justice – Sarah-Grace Ross	It's unclear how this Resolution might interact with the previous Resolution #11 which calls for the AFN to defer any decision-making regarding the national action plan until a ratification process. If the Resolution #11 proceeds, this Resolution #12 may need to clarify that it applies post-ratification.
#13/2021	Funding for Post-Secondary Indigenous Institutions and Students	MOVED BY: Chief Leonard Standing on the Road, Montana Cree Nation, AB SECONDED BY: Chief Vernon Watchmaker, Kehewin Cree Nations, AB	Education – Julia Candlish	The Indigenous Institutes Consortium in Ontario is in full support of the calls for GOC in this resolution.
#14/2021	Independent Review of the McLean Federal Indian Day Schools Settlement	MOVED BY: Chief Karen Bird, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, SK SECONDED BY: Proxy Neil Sasakamoose, Red Pheasant First Nation, SK	Justice – Sarah-Grace Ross	As one of the regions with the most Indian Day Schools, this Resolution supports the needs of First Nations' claimants in Ontario that are being denied or downgraded. The Resolution could be strengthened by ensuring one of the 'Therefore be it resolved' is solely dedicated to finding an immediate resolution to the downgrading of claims and prohibition of progressive disclosure.

#15/2021	Full Involvement of First Nations in All Aspects of Specific Claims Policy Development	MOVED BY: Chief Mark Point, Skowkale First Nation, BC SECONDED BY: Chief Lisa Robinson, Wolf Lake First Nation, QC	Policy – Chris Hoyos	The AFN has developed a draft proposal for a fully independent specific claims process that is currently under review. CIRNAC’s Specific Claims Branch continues to revise and develop regulations and guidelines unilaterally, without the full and equal participation of First Nations. This resolution calls on Canada to cease making changes to the Specific Claims Policy while the new independent process is under development.
#16/2021	Support for Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030	MOVED BY: Ogimaa Kwe, Linda Debassige, M’Chigeeng First Nation, ON SECONDED BY: Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC	Policy – Chris Hoyos	Fall economic statement committed \$25.9 million to accelerate the gov’t ten-year commitment to close the infrastructure gap in Indigenous Communities by supporting the co-development of Infrastructure plans with Indigenous partners, which will help pave the way to address critical needs in First Nation communities. Proposed approach: on reserve FN leadership to provide input through a FN advisory council co-developed with the AFN. FN council would consist of infrastructure experts; responsible to develop engagement plan that will result in an infrastructure plan determined by First Nations. This resolution calls on AFN and Canada to fund regionally-led engagement to determine infrastructure

				needs and develop a plan to close the infrastructure gap. While a fair amount of engagement is being done in water and housing, other sectors have not received the same attention.
#17/2021	Meaningful engagement and involvement in the co-development of a Canada Water Agency	MOVED BY: Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC SECONDED BY: Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON	Environment – Kathleen Padulo	April 27, 2021 letter from National Chief to Mr. Wilkinson – outlined deficiencies in the engagement and consultation process to date. Seeking clarity on the implications of a Canada Water Agency (CWA) on the rights affirmed in the UNDRIP.
#18/2021	Support for First Nations Decentralized Infrastructure	MOVED BY: Chief Vernon Saddleback, Samson Cree Nation, AB SECONDED BY: Chief Leonard Standing on the Road, Montana First Nation, AB	Policy – Chris Hoyos Environment – Kathleen Padulo	External resolution – Chiefs of Ontario Environment Dept does not have details on this resolution.
#19/2021	Federal Government Financial Support for High Cost of Construction Materials	MOVED BY: Chief R. Don Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, ON SECONDED BY: Chief Lance Haymond, Kebaowek First Nation, QC	Policy – Chris Hoyos	May 3, 2021 UCCM passed a resolution calling on the Province and the Fed Gov't to investigate the dramatic costs in lumber prices; utilize royalty revenue to offset financial burden placed on FN housing construction, emergency infrastructure \$ needed, call on COO and AFN to make this a priority. Calls on Canada to acknowledge the impact of increased construction materials on First Nations and offset the financial burden through emergency funding.

#20/2021	First Nations Control of Federal Funding in Education	<p>MOVED BY: Proxy Tribal Chief Tyrone McNeil, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt First Nation, BC</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Chief George Ginnish, Eel Ground First Nation, NB</p>	Education – Julia Candlish	<p>Supplementary and targeted education programs require considerable analysis through engagement with First Nation communities as outlined in this resolution. First Nations in Ontario are in the process of developing both an interim and longstanding bilateral process with Indigenous Services Canada to undertake this work. Operative clause #8 supports this work to be undertaken independently in the Ontario region. However, Clause #8 may need to be strengthened to ensure any Policy Proposals leading to either a Memorandum to Cabinet or Treasury Board Submission duly consider input from and require approval from independent processes.</p>
#21/2021	Community-based Indigenous-led Midwifery Education Pathways	<p>MOVED BY: Chief David Nakogee, Attawapiskat First Nation, ON</p> <p>SECONDED BY: Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation, ON</p>	Health – Carmen Jones	<p>If Ontario Leadership choose to support this resolution, it's important to ensure that funding and opportunities are not limited to just the Assembly of First Nations and the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives but are also made available to the Regions and their Indigenous Midwifery Associations, for the implementation of national or locally developed indigenous-based midwifery education pathways.</p> <p>COO Resolution 17/16, Support for First Nations Midwifery, acknowledges the funding disparities for Ontario First</p>

				Nation Midwifery and how traditional midwifery and birthing practices integrates First Nations cultures, traditions, and knowledge.
#22/2021	Marine Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas	MOVED BY: Judith Sayers, Proxy, Toquaht First Nation, BC SECONDED BY: Chief Terry Richardson, Pabineau First Nation, NB	Environment – Kathleen Padulo	(waiting on information from AFN)
#23/2021	Yukon River Chinook Salmon of Canadian-Origin	MOVED BY: Dan Yetthi Hede, Nicole Tom, Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation, YK SECONDED BY: Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC	Environment – Kathleen Padulo	(waiting on information from AFN)
#24/2021	Improving Assembly of First Nations Financial Procedures to reinforce transparency and accountability and advance First Nations jurisdiction, priorities and interests	MOVED BY: Chief Roberta Joseph, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, YK SECONDED BY: Khelsilem, Sk̓w̓x̓wu7mesh Úxwumixw, BC	Policy – Chris Hoyos	Directs the AFN Executive Committee to provide the Chiefs in Assembly budget projections and spending priorities before the beginning of the fiscal year. Directs the AFN Executive to strike an external review committee review and report on AFN's financial policies and practices. The purpose of this resolutions is seemingly to address recent allegations of conflict of interest and the current practice of awarding contracts.

#25/2021	Implementation of Online Gaming	MOVED BY: Chief Reginald Bellerose, Muskowekwan First Nation, SK SECONDED BY: Chief Marcel Head, Shoal Lake Cree Nation, SK	Policy – Chris Hoyos	This is a support resolution for the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations to develop online gaming products.
#26/2021	Single Event Sports Betting	MOVED BY: Chief Wally Burns, James Smith Cree Nation, SK SECONDED BY: Proxy Neil Sasakamoose, Red Pheasant First Nation, SK	Policy – Chris Hoyos	The second “Therefore be it resolved” would be strengthened by adding that First Nations’ jurisdiction to enact their own laws and regulations in this area should be recognized. This is a support resolution to allow First Nations to conduct Single Event Sports Betting without needing a license or permission from a province or territory.
#27/2021	Support for Criminal Code Amendments	MOVED BY: Chief Lorie Whitecalf, Sweetgrass First Nation, SK SECONDED BY: Chief Nathan Pasap, White Bear First Nation, SK	Justice – Sarah-Grace Ross	This Resolution aligns with priorities in Ontario regarding the recognition of First Nations jurisdiction over gaming and the need for consultation on this topic with First Nations.

*Blue Highlight notes a number of issues that are covered in this resolution