

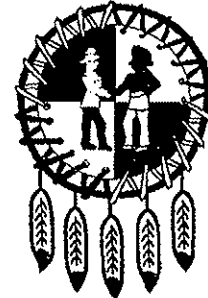
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RESOLUTION 03-06-2010/#007



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

**ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS
RESOLUTION**

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SUBJECT: FIRST NATIONS/CANADA TRANSFER PAYMENTS

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 [Alberta] known as the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs did meet in a duly convened meeting held at the Fantasyland Conference Center in the City of Edmonton, Alberta on June 01 - 03, 2010; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs have expressed serious concerns over the manner by which past and present funding arrangements are being administered by the Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs were notified by Canada that a new Treasury Board Secretariat policy and directive on transfer payments was being developed and would be implemented on April 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs have been advised that the new Treasury Board Secretariat policy and directive on transfer payments currently being developed may have serious impacts on First Nations/Tribal Council program and service delivery; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs have critical concerns that proposed changes by the Treasury Board Secretariat on the policy and directive on transfer payments may or may not be publicly announced until September 2010, and may be unilaterally imposed on the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) within a short timeframe of six months; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs have always maintained that any new fiscal arrangements with the Government of Canada must always reflect the

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original spirit and true intent of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No.8 (Alberta) and have conveyed this position to INAC on numerous occasions; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by virtue of this Resolution, the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs notifies the Honourable Chuck Strahl – Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada that any substantive changes to be made to new funding arrangements between Canada and the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) can only be done with the informed consent and consultation of the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs; and, in a manner that reflects the constitutional duty to meaningful consultation and accommodation, which reflects our inherent authorities, and which respects articles 4, 19 and 37 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs direct Canada to undertake the following steps on the proposed Treasury Board Secretariat policy and directive on transfer payments including, but not limited to:

1. Extending the implementation date of the proposed Treasury Board Secretariat policy and directive transfer payments from April 1, 2011 to April 1, 2012; and
2. To carry out meaningful consultation and accommodation with the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta), to allow for a detailed review and discussions, as an interim administrative measure, on the proposed Treasury Board Secretariat policy and directive on transfer payments; and
3. Facilitating and coordinating discussions with other federal government departments that provide programs and services funding to the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta), and
4. Facilitating and coordinating discussions and development of new fiscal arrangements between the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. (Alberta) and the Government of Canada, principled in Treaty, direct government to government arrangements, and adequate funding levels, among other important areas; and
5. Establishing a Joint Working Group between Canada and the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs to ensure the spirit and intent of this Resolution is fulfilled and to provide necessary financial resources for the process stated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs call for a National Conference on Fiscal Relations to be held in the fall of 2010, and the Chiefs Committee on Fiscal Relations stated herein shall be mandated the responsibility to plan and organize this Conference; and

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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that since time is of the essence, the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs mandate the following Chiefs Committee on Fiscal Relations to include from Treaty No. 6: Chief Allan Paul – Alexander; Chief Carolyn Buffalo – Montana; from Treaty No.7: Chief Leroy Good Eagle – Siksika; Chief Charles Weaselhead – Blood Tribe; and from Treaty No. 8: Chief Rose Laboucan – Driftpile; to ensure that:

1. Financial resources are immediately secured from INAC to fulfill the mandate of this Resolution for the action plan as attached, and for planning and organizational costs for the National Conference;
2. Appointment of a Fiscal Relations Working Group to carry out the requirements of this Resolution to include First Nations Elders and Technicians, Professional Advisors, and Legal Counsel, to include:
 - a. conducting a comprehensive review of all federal government funding mandates, policies and directives;
 - b. developing alternatives for renewed First Nations/Canada Fiscal Relations;
 - c. planning and organizing the National Conference on Fiscal Relations for the Fall of 2010; and
 - d. developing the framework for further Fiscal Relations discussions with Canada.
3. The attached Action Plan on Fiscal Relations is implemented; and
4. Providing a report on this Resolution to the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs Fall Sitting.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF LEROY GOODEAGLE
SIKSIKA NATION**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF ALLAN PAUL
ALEXANDER FIRST NATION**

VOTE: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FOR: 27 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON:


BOBBI HERRERA