RESOLUTION 99/59
NISHNAWBE-ASKI POLICE SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEGOTIATION

WHEREAS the present funding level for the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service is not sufficient to provide adequate services for the First Nations;

WHEREAS the Matawa First Nations, the First Nations of Mushkegowuk Council and Sachigo Lake First Nation supported a review of the current Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service Agreement for the purposes of improving service to the First Nations;

WHEREAS the review found insufficient financial and human resources in the existing program, resulting in inadequate policing services for the First Nation communities presently served by Nishnawbe-Aski Police Services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Nishnawbe Aski Nation is mandated to renegotiate the existing Nishnawbe-Aski Police Services Agreement to deal with housing, support service, personnel, working environment, pay equity with the Ontario Provincial Police, increased complement, and other relevant issues and concerns;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly urge Canada and Ontario to reconvene the discussions to deal with these important issues as soon as possible.

DATED AT THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO, THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1999.

MOVED BY: Chief Ignace Gull
Attawapiskat First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Eno C. Anderson
Kasabonika Lake First Nation

CARRIED.

Abstention; Chief Dan Kooses, Kashechewan First Nation

Grand Chief

Deputy Grand Chief
RESOLUTION - 06/14

NISHNAWBE-ASKI POLICE SERVICE - CAPITAL FUNDING

WHEREAS the Federal / Provincial Program which funds the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) does not include capital funding for detachments and housing; and

WHEREAS many of the police detachments in the NAPS communities are extremely substandard for their purpose; and

WHEREAS the recent tragedy in Kashechewan First Nation which resulted in the loss of two (2) lives of our First Nation members and injury to a NAPS Officer when the detachment caught fire, demonstrates the critical need for capital funding of our police detachments in the North.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NAN Executive and the Board of the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service demand that Canada and Ontario provide appropriate resources for our police services and detachments;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that all NAPS facilities be constructed (existing and new) to meet all appropriate standards and be subject to an inspection process;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a progress report be made to the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs in Assembly within one (1) year on the progress of securing proper capital funding to our First Nations police services; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that if substantial progress is not made within one year the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs in Assembly will close all our substandard detachments and demand that Canada and Ontario house our people in a safe environment.

DATED AT THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO THIS 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

MOVED BY: Chief Leo Friday
Kashechewan First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Fabian Batisa
Matachewan First Nation

CARRIED.
RESOLUTION - 06/23

POLICING ISSUES

WHEREAS the First Nations of Nishnawbe Aski Nation have growing population; and

WHEREAS under the current Nishnawbe Aski Nation Policing Agreement, NAN First Nations are not entitled to a sufficient complement of police officers; and

WHEREAS there are a large number of incidents of break-ins, vandalism, fighting and family violence which are caused as a result of people being in an intoxicated state because of abuse of alcohol; and "street" and "prescription" drugs are readily available to anyone of any age in the communities through bootleggers and drug dealers in the communities; and

WHEREAS the small number and lack of Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) police officers in the communities cannot provide adequate enforcement of the by-law of the First Nation and there is a need for additional officers to be stationed in the community to deal with the growing alcohol and drug problem and the bootleggers and drug dealers;

WHEREAS the leadership and community members of NAN First Nation try to address the large amount of alcohol and illegal drugs to the best of their ability, with little effect on such activity; and

WHEREAS the members of the community believe that their safety, and that of their children is in jeopardy due to the unavailability of a sufficient number of police officers in the community, lack of an adequate holding facility and the lack of a sufficient number of vehicles in good operating condition; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs in Assembly, mandate the NAN Executive Council to assist in ensuring an adequate complement of police officers in each community to deal with the alcohol and drug problem.

DATED AT THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO THIS 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

MOVED BY: Chief Arthur Moore
Consiance Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Eli Moonias
Marten Falls First Nation

CARRIED.

Grand Chief

Deputy Grand Chief
RESOLUTION: 07/08

NAPS NEGOTIATIONS TO AMEND ENHANCEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS the Government of Canada's policy for existing Aboriginal police forces has prevented Nishnawbe-Aski Police Services (NAPS) from acquiring adequate resources to operate a police service comparable to those found in Ontario;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada's policy of not funding capital projects for policing on First Nations has caused severe housing shortages for NAPS officers and debilitating conditions for the existing detachments;

WHEREAS NAPS will never be in a position to meet the required policing standards if adequate resources are not acquired;

WHEREAS the Solicitor General of Canada is preparing a memorandum to federal cabinet asking for increased resources;

WHEREAS Mushkegowuk Council has filed a Human Rights complaint (July 2007) to the Federal and Provincial Human Rights Commissions citing that the perpetual underfunding of NAPS is a form of systemic racism;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Chiefs-In-Assembly direct NAN Executive Council and NAPS to negotiate with the federal Solicitor General to amend the Solicitor General's 1992 First Nation Policing Policy to meet the capital needs of NAPS;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED NAN Chiefs-In-Assembly recognize and support the efforts of the Mushkegowuk Council.

DATED AT TIMMINS, ONTARIO THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007.

MOVED BY: Proxy Frank McKay, North Caribou Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: Proxy Shawn Batise, Chapleau Ojibwe First Nation

CARRIED

Grand Chief

Deputy Grand Chief
RESOLUTION: 08/06
ESTABLISHMENT OF CHIEFS COMMITTEE ON POLICING

WHEREAS Nishnawbe Aski Police Service (NAPS) serves 37 First Nation communities across Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) territory;

WHEREAS only one of 35 NAPS detachments meets basic national health and safety standards;

WHEREAS NAN First Nation Chiefs have continually requested additional funding and resources to improve police service delivery, infrastructure, capital, and housing meeting basic national health and safety standards;

WHEREAS NAPS has engaged in negotiations with the Government of Canada and Ontario since its inception (1994) in an attempt to negotiate a permanent agreement addressing all of its operations, infrastructure, housing, and officer complement requirements;

WHEREAS additional political support by NAN Chiefs, Councils, and Tribal Councils is required to complement the ongoing advocacy and media campaign efforts by NAN and NAPS to increase funding and resources by the governments of Canada and Ontario for policing in NAN territory;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED NAN Chiefs and communities continue to pressure the governments of Canada and Ontario to prioritize adequately resourcing NAPS;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED NAN Executive Council work with NAPS to establish a NAN Chiefs Committee on Policing

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Chiefs Committee on Policing present terms of reference, short-term, and long-term priorities of the committee during Keewaywin Assembly 2006.

DATED AT THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2008.

MOVED BY: Archie Webasse (Proxy), Wunnumin Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Arthur Moore, Constance Lake First Nation

CARRIED

Grand Chief Stan Beardy

Deputy Grand Chief RoseAnne Archibald
RESOLUTION 12/12
NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION (NAN) BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS previously, Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) First Nations received regular court process and services from the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) and Ontario Courts to address by-law enforcement and issues on reserve;

WHEREAS MAG has unilaterally ceased to provide by-law enforcement to our First Nations, without any form of prior consultation;

WHEREAS by-law enforcement is a basic need in our First Nations, to ensure safety and general peace and security of NAN members;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAN Chiefs-In-Assembly demand that Ministry of the Attorney General reinstate the by-law enforcement courts and services in NAN First Nations, in consultation with the Chiefs and Councils.

DATED AT COCHRANE, ONTARIO THIS 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2012.

MOVED BY: Frank McKay, Proxy, Cat Lake First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Gordon Beardy, Muskrat Dam First Nation

CARRIED

Grand Chief Stan Beardy

Deputy Grand Chief
RESOLUTION: 13/41
SUPPORT FOR NEW EABAMETOONG FIRST NATION POLICE STATION

WHEREAS the current state of the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) detachment in Eabametoong First Nation is deplorable, creating inhumane conditions for both officers and people in custody;

WHEREAS the approaching fall season raises immense concerns as there is an inadequate and unsafe heating system in the temporary trailer detachment, and there is no plumbing in the cells to accommodate washroom facilities;

WHEREAS the conditions at the detachment are entirely unacceptable;

WHEREAS Matawa Chiefs Resolution 07-01-08-13 supports the provision of a permanent policing capital facility in Eabametoong First Nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the NAN Executive Council to strongly advocate in partnership with Matawa First Nations, Eabametoong First Nation and Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) to secure the capital resources required to establish a permanent, suitable and functional structure in which to house the Eabametoong First Nation NAPS detachment;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the permanent detachment must include sufficient office space, suitable accommodations, and cells that meet and exceed safety, labour and community standards.

DATED AT KASABONIKA LAKE FIRST NATION THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

MOVED BY: Chief Elizabeth Atlookan
Eabametoong First Nation

SECONDED BY: Darlus Ferris, Proxy
Constance Lake First Nation

CARRIED

Grand Chief Harvey Yesno
Deputy Grand Chief

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RESOLUTION: 14/07
NEGOTIATION OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FOR THE
NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION POLICE SERVICE (NAPS) AND CONSIDERATION OF POLICY
IMPLICATIONS

WHEREAS Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Chiefs Resolution 13/04 Negotiation of New
Tripartite Agreement for the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service (NAPS) mandates the negotiation
of a new Tripartite Agreement that ensures appropriate, adequate and safe policing for
NAN communities;

WHEREAS the current model of First Nation policing funding is unsustainable, and the
persistent federal and provincial under-funding of NAPS amounts to systemic and ongoing
discrimination and not equal to the provision of services customarily available to the
Canadian public, on grounds of race and national or ethnic origin;

WHEREAS both a report from the Auditor General of Canada and an independent
operational review of NAPS are currently underway, scheduled to be completed by the
Spring of 2014, and a commitment to long-term funding should to be based on informed
dialogue and access to a completed report from the operational review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Executive
Council, as a signatory to the Tripartite Agreement, in partnership with the NAPS Board, to
execute a one (1) year extension to the Tripartite Agreement, and to enter into a long-term
agreement based on the results of the pending operational review and report from the
Auditor General;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Executive Council
to address the fundamentally flawed approach to First Nation policing that causes NAPS to
operate as a 'program', by taking the steps necessary to secure a legislative base for the
police service, consistent with the objectives outlined by NAPS in various policing
submissions;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that, should good faith negotiations not achieve the objectives
set out in this Resolution, then the Executive Council, in partnership with the NAPS Board,
is authorized to negotiate an orderly termination of the Tripartite Agreement;

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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution is without prejudice to NAN First Nations that are currently involved in alternative policing options, or that are exploring such options.

DATED AT THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

MOVED BY: Chief Derek Stephen
Kashechewan First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Elenore Hendrix
Matachewan First Nation

CARRIED

Grand Chief Harvey Yesno

Deputy Grand Chief
RESOLUTION 16/70: NISHNAWBE-ASKI POLICE SERVICE FUNDING

WHEREAS the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service’s (NAPS) current budget of $27 million to serve 34 northern First Nations is far below the standards that are expected and followed elsewhere in Canada;

WHEREAS NAPS has been negotiating for a $16-million increase to its operational budget, and for capital funding of $7 million for two new detachments, but with little success;

WHEREAS Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) is negotiating with the Province of Ontario for NAPS to be designated and recognized as a police service under the Police Services Act and, if the required amendments to the Act are approved, an additional two years or more to implement the amendments will be required;

WHEREAS NAN First Nations can no longer tolerate the substandard level of First Nation community safety and policing service that currently exists and, as a result, NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly support the NAPS officers in their decision to obtain a mandate to strike for wage parity, recognition and improved working conditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the NAN Grand Chief to:

- meet with the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness to commit Canada to a negotiation process with Ontario to provide the necessary additional funding requirements for the delivery of an effective and efficient community safety and policing service; and
- engage Canada and the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services of Ontario in order to develop a funding framework to meet the inadequacies and shortfalls of NAPS operations;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that these funding negotiations are without prejudice to:

- the NAPS police officers’ proposed strike action for wage parity, recognition, and improved working conditions; and
- the Adequacy Standards Table with Ontario for legislative amendments to the Ontario Police Services Act;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that NAN and NAPS shall provide regular updates and progress reports, by memo between Assemblies, and at upcoming NAN Chiefs Assemblies;
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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the negotiations contemplated by this Resolution are without prejudice to the new NAPS arrangement targeted for 2018;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the negotiations must include reimbursement to First Nations that have made investments in their own detachments, their own housing, and their own equipment.

DATED AT TAYKWA TAGAMOU NATION THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 2016.

MOVED BY: Chief Rosemary McKay, Bearskin Lake First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Walter Naveau, Mattagami First Nation
DECISION: CARRIED

Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler

Deputy Grand Chief
RESOLUTION 16/02: IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAFT STATUTORY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR NAPS

WHEREAS the current model of First Nation policing funding is unsustainable, and the chronic federal and provincial under-funding of the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) amounts to systemic and ongoing discrimination on grounds of race and national or ethnic origin;

WHEREAS the persistently inequitable funding for NAPS has led to the denial to Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) communities of public safety and police services that are available to non-First Nation Canadians;

WHEREAS Resolution 14/07 mandates that the NAN Executive Council address the fundamentally flawed approach to First Nation policing that causes NAPS to operate as a "program" by taking steps necessary to secure a legislative base for the police service, consistent with the objectives outlined by NAPS in various policing submissions;

WHEREAS a draft statutory and regulatory framework, including adequacy standards for the delivery of police services to NAN communities by NAPS, has been negotiated by representatives of the Executive Council and NAPS with the Government of Ontario;

WHEREAS the draft statutory and regulatory framework negotiated by the Executive Council is fully supported by the Anishinabek Police Service following regular consultations with the Executive Council and NAPS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Executive Council, in partnership with the NAPS Board, to proceed with all necessary steps to ensure that the draft statutory and regulatory framework is successfully enacted as provincial legislation within 12 months;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that following the successful enactment of the draft statutory and regulatory framework as legislation, NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the Executive Council, in partnership with the NAPS Board, to pursue the expeditious designation of the NAPS Board as a statutory police board for the purposes of implementing adequacy standards and culturally responsive policing policies for NAPS that are backed by the rule of law;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the culturally responsive policing policies should include many factors, including the general empowerment of First Nations, respect for the Treaty obligations of Ontario and Canada, the primacy of hiring First Nation police officers, and the promotion of First Nation police officer success stories.
DATED AT TAYKWA TAGAMOU NATION THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 2016.

MOVED BY: Chief Walter Naveau, Mattagami First Nation
SECONDED BY: Proxy Margaret Kenequanash, Wunnumin First Nation
DECISION: CARRIED

Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler

Deputy Grand Chief

Exhibit: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
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