



**2023 Resolution and Action Summary**

<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
# 01-2023	Search for MMIWG2S+	CARRIED
# 02-2023	Supports for Indigenous Men and Boys Victims of Violence	CARRIED
# 03-2023	Support for IPAM Negotiations	CARRIED
# 04-2023	Equivalent Health Benefits for Non-Status/Off-Reserve	CARRIED
# 05-2023	Creation of a Daniel's Secretariat	CARRIED
# 06-2023	Land Base and Real Estate for Urban Indigenous and Off-Reserve Community Programming	CARRIED
# 07-2023	MMIWG2SLGBTQQIA+ Mandatory Inclusion	CARRIED
# 08-2023	Support for National Elders Representative	WITHDRAWN
# 09-2023	Supporting the Right of Indigenous Survivors of Convents	CARRIED
# 10-2023	Companion for Elder Travel	DEFEATED
# 11-2023	A Basic Income Guarantee for 18-64-Year-Olds	DEFEATED
# 12-2023	Recognition of Those Who Have Passed	CARRIED
# 13-2023	Forum on Indigenous Law	CARRIED
# 14-2023	Resolution to Fund Jordan's Principle	CARRIED
# 15-2023	Congress of Aboriginal Peoples - Canada Political Accord	CARRIED
# 16-2023	Increased Capacity for National Youth Council	CARRIED
# 17-2023	Addition of Healthcare to Political Accord Priority Areas	CARRIED
#18 - 2023	Affirm Support for Post-Secondary Education Lawsuit	CARRIED
# 19-2023	Funding for Mental Health Train-The-Trainer Workshops	CARRIED
# 20-2023	Multi-Year Funding for Community-Based Youth Organizations	CARRIED
# 21-2023	No Support for Bill C-53	CARRIED
# 22-2023	Table and Access to Foundation Child Welfare Funding	CARRIED
# 23-2023	Funding to Standardize Gladue Reports	CARRIED
# 24-2023	Development of Youth Mental Health Toolkit	CARRIED
# 25-2023	Training for Youth Council on COVID-19 Impacts	WITHDRAWN

# 26-2023	Resolution to Not Support the Comprehensive Claims Agreement (Reconciliation Framework)	CARRIED
# 27-2023	Development of a National Indigenous Youth Wellness Strategy and Advocacy Toolkit	CARRIED
# 28-2023	Right to Family Programming and Child Welfare Support	CARRIED
# 29-2023	Revitalization of Indigenous Culture and Languages	CARRIED
# 30-2023	Right to Urban Programming	CARRIED
# 31-2023	Right to Safe, Culturally Relevant Healthcare	CARRIED
# 32-2023	Resolution to Support Housing	CARRIED
# 33-2023	Right to Equitable Access to Jordan's Principle	CARRIED
# 34-2023	Support the Call by Prisoner's Legal Services to Reallocate \$1 billion from Correctional Service of Canada to Indigenous Governments and Organizations	CARRIED
# 35-2023	A Resolution to Ensure a Land Base and Real Estate for Urban Indigenous Community Programming	WITHDRAWN
# 36-2023	Resolution for MMIWG Implementation	CARRIED
# 37-2023	A Resolution Respecting the Right to Post-Secondary Education Student Support	CARRIED
# 38-2023	Change Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Bylaw 2.06	CARRIED
# 39-2023	Wrongfully Convicted Day	CARRIED

**WHEREAS** there have been numerous off-reserve and non-status women reported missing and murdered.

**WHEREAS** they are suspected to be in landfills in western Canada; and

**WHEREAS** it is very important for all concerned to locate these women.

**AND, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples send a letter of support for the continued search of these suspected locations to the provincial governments of the affected western provinces and the Government of Canada.

*Moved by: Yvette Donovan, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

*Seconded by: Debbie Smith, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAP sent a letter to Manitoba Premier advocating for the province to commit resources. (October 2023)</li><li>• In a formal response, Premier Kinew stated that his office is fully committed to investing in the search and had already begun this work in partnership with the families. (November 2023)</li></ul>

**WHEREAS** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocates for off-reserve and Non-Status Indigenous Peoples and works with its provincial and territorial affiliates to address the needs of the off-reserve and Non-Status Indigenous Peoples across Canada.

**WHEREAS** there are insufficient supports for off-reserve and Non-Status Indigenous men and boys who have been victims of violence; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need for shelter for off-reserve and Non-Status Indigenous men and boys, as well as counselling services.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples seek financial supports to develop an off-reserve and Non-Status, Métis, and Southern Inuit men and boys abuse support program to be accessible to each Provincial Territorial Organization; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples seek a national plan to develop shelters, specific for off-reserve, Non-Status Indigenous, Métis, and Southern Inuit men and boys who have been or are at risk of being victims of violence.

*Moved by: Debbie Smith, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

*Seconded by: Yvette Donovan, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Second phase of the MMIMB research project is in progress.</li><li>• Advocacy ongoing through various opportunities and platforms:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ CAP is an active member of National Indigenous Collaborative Housing Inc. (NICHI) that provides a forum to advance mutually agreed upon areas of concern including funding for MMIMB shelter and transitional housing.</li><li>○ CAP staff attended Canadian Housing and Renewal Association national congress on housing and homelessness in April 2024.</li><li>○ MMIMB housing advocacy a target area in CAP housing policy discussions</li></ul></li><li>• MMIMB is integrated into housing, domestic violence shelters, and justice priority policy tables research and advocacy.</li></ul>

**WHEREAS** in December 2018, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples entered the Political Accord with the Government of Canada to build a renewed relationship based on rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership;

**WHEREAS** the common goal is to close the socio-economic gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples;

**WHEREAS** through the signing of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – Canada Accord, the government has committed to working on matters related to the rights, interests, and needs of their constituents;

**WHEREAS** the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba is the Manitoba affiliate of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples;

**WHEREAS** a Supreme Court of Canada decision that created a process of negotiations that resulted in a Manitoba Métis lands claims process which saw a settlement agreement with the Manitoba Métis Federation;

**WHEREAS** the Manitoba Métis Federation agreement and settlement leaves out many Manitoba Métis and their descendants, section Bill C-31 and others, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba had started litigation with the Canadian Federal Crown to address the specific Manitoba Métis and their descendants, members of the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba, and other legitimate Section 35 rights-based claims;

**WHEREAS** this litigation has resulted in a process for the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba to negotiate with the Federal Crown to address this on behalf of Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba members; and

**WHEREAS** Section 15 of the Canadian Constitution 1982 in law confirms the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and in particular without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability. As such, the Canadian Federal Crown present policy of its distinction-based approach on Indigenous reconciliation is without justification and is discriminatory against the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba members and organizations.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples supports this negotiation of its Manitoba affiliate, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba, both morally and whenever possible through political support to enhance the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba's capacity to continue this important work by advocating for core-funding in an expedited manner and to advocate for more resources for a registry process, like the past Powley funding that the Métis National Council received over the past many years and at the same level of funding;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the present and future funding for the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – Canada Political Accord renegotiation include these goals in the agenda of one of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – Canada tables;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that these Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba negotiations are supported to include all socio-economic gaps faced by the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba constituencies and embraces the goals of the repatriation of the Canadian Constitution 1982, which has contributed to the creation of space for Indigenous Peoples and governments of Canada to work towards the recognition, respect, and reconciliation of Aboriginal rights via Section 35:

1. *The existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed.*
2. *In this Act, Aboriginal Peoples of Canada includes the Indian, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada.*

**Moved by:** *Freda Lepine, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba*

**Seconded by:** *Darrel Deslauriers, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Membership and core funding are points raised in our primary asks in government relations advocacy work and the budget submissions.
  - Pre-Budget submission by CAP highlighted recommendations to secure funding for PTOs in support of core funding.
- Advocacy is ongoing with departmental officials to seek adequate resourcing for PTO organizations.
- CAP continues to raise issues around funding at the Political Accord negotiations with CIRNAC.
- CAP has been advised that CIRNAC is conducting a review of BOC funding, and they have committed to holding community engagements with select PTOs.

**WHEREAS** the off-reserve and Non-Status Indigenous Peoples, Métis, and Southern Inuit of Canada, including LGBTQ2S+, do not have equal access to health and dental care as our Status/on-reserve brothers and sisters do; and

**WHEREAS** many of the off-reserve and Non-Status Indigenous Peoples, Métis, and Southern Inuit, including LGBTQ2S+, have difficulty in accessing existing health care services, making appointments, scheduling bloodwork, getting prescriptions filled, etc.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate for and lobby the federal government to provide funding and to grant access to equivalent benefits as the Status on-reserve Peoples.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples pursue funding and resources to provide the PTO's supports to hire a "Health Care Navigator" that can assist people with getting access to healthcare services in their provinces and territories, as well as assist with access to federal health programs.

*Moved by: Michael Hull, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

*Seconded by: Arthur Anthony, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Political Accord negotiations team is currently in discussions with CIRNAC on the development of a priority working group Health Table.</li> <li>• CAP is working to initiate progress on UNDA Action Plan Measure #90 that directs government to “address policy, program, and socio-economic gaps and strengthen interdepartmental and intergovernmental relation’s, in full partnership with Métis, non-status, off-reserve, and urban Indigenous peoples, consistent with CAP/Daniels decision .”</li> <li>• ISC is developing an Indigenous Health Legislation engagement and CAP is seeking engagement supports to advocate for equitable and inclusive access to health services and programs for our constituents.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ISC has recommended that there be three separate pieces of legislation to mirror the distinction-based approach.</li> <li>○ CAP has voiced its disappointment with this action and is in correspondence with ISC advocating for an urban Indigenous legislative Act that would include CAP constituency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**WHEREAS** Canada and the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples political accord, signed December 2018, has a priority to research plans and policies in a post-Daniels context to help determine the needs and program and service gaps, and improve access to existing programs and services for Non-Status and off-reserve Indigenous Peoples;

**WHEREAS** this priority relates to housing, education, health, language, and culture;

**WHEREAS** the Daniels decision confirms that Canada has a fiduciary relationship with Canada's Aboriginal peoples; and

**WHEREAS** this priority requires the participation and input from the provincial territorial organizations.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples take all necessary steps, including securing funding, to develop a Daniels secretariate at the national level and PTO level so that the Daniel's commitment in the Political Accord be moved forward with concrete results.

*Moved by: Lorraine Augustine, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

*Seconded by: Yvette Donovan, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- The Political Accord negotiations team is advocating for a permanent Daniels Secretariat that would support implementation of the Political Accord, and the CAP-Daniels Decision.
- CAP is working to initiate progress on UNDA Action Plan Measure #90 with CIRNAC, which aims to "address policy, program, and socio-economic gaps and strengthen interdepartmental and intergovernmental relation's, in full partnership with Métis, non-status, off-reserve, and urban Indigenous peoples, consistent with CAP/Daniels decision."
- CAP is utilizing UNDA Measure #90 as leverage to pressure CIRNAC to create a Daniels Secretariat.
- CAP budget submission has requested secured funding to establish a formal Daniels implementation working group.
- CAP is working to secure funding for a Daniels Symposium.



**Land Base and Real Estate for Urban Indigenous Community Programming**

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**WHEREAS** urban land and real estate is prohibitively expensive;

**WHEREAS** there is an ongoing unmet need for shelter, community spaces, programming, and income streams for urban and off-reserve Indigenous communities and organizations;

**WHEREAS** the federal government both possesses and fails to fully utilize many of its properties located in urban centers, rural regions, and other spaces where Indigenous communities reside; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government has a fiduciary responsibility towards Indigenous communities regardless of where they reside and must ensure they can access sustainable programming and services and that the government has made it clear developing “own source” revenue should be supported.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate the federal government to begin a program to assess all properties, buildings, lands, and offices that are currently under-utilized which could be turned over to Indigenous communities in those regions; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate with the federal government to begin to support those Indigenous communities to adapt those properties to provide services, shelter, and an income base to ensure their programming can sustain itself.

**Moved by:** *Wade White, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

**Seconded by:** *Michael Hull, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- CAP has raised access to vacant and underutilized properties as an option for residential housing and has encouraged government to formalize a process for access in meetings with MPs and CIRNAC.
- CAP advocates for PTO access to CMHC Indigenous Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative.
- CAP has connected PTO’s with CMHC regional offices of the Federal Indigenous and Northern Housing Solutions (INHS) department to discuss program opportunities and eligibility.
- Advocacy ongoing on this issue, and a topic of discussion at the Housing priority working group

**WHEREAS** Call for Justice 1.8 of the National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry calls for core and sustainable funding to national and regional Indigenous women's and 2SLGBTQIA+ Peoples organizations.

**WHEREAS** Call for Justice 18.8 calls upon all governments and service providers to support networking and community building for 2SLGBTQIA people who may be living in different urban centers (and rural and remote areas); and to increase opportunities for 2SLGBTQIA networking, collaboration, and peer support through a national organization, regional organizations, advocacy body, and/or a task force dedicated to advancing action to support the well-being of Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA persons in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Call for Justice 18.9 calls upon First Nations, Métis, and Inuit leadership and advocacy bodies to equitably include 2SLGBTQIA people, and for National Indigenous Organizations to have a 2SLGBTQIA council or similar initiative.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' 2SLGBTQIA+ constituents be accorded the same standing as other Indigenous organizations for membership and inclusion in all national MMIWG2SLGBTQIA+ committees;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate for the inclusion of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples 2SLGBTQIA+ constituents in all national, regional, and provincial Indigenous groups, councils, and committees; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate that any group who applies, obtains, or benefits from MMIWG2S+ funds or monies be required to include the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples representation.

**Moved by:** *Suzanne Barry-Kroening, Newfoundland Indigenous Peoples Alliance*

**Seconded by:** *Brock Endean, Northwest Indigenous Council*

### **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

#### **ACTION SUMMARY**

- MMIWG Reception, February 8, 2024
  - CAP hosts shadow event in response to in-person exclusion from the national MMIWG roundtable discussions in Ottawa.
- Engagement with PTOs on regional action plans and collaboration with CAP National Action Plan ongoing.

- CAP responded to creation of Indigenous Ombudspersons Office that must have inclusion throughout all processes, practices, policy and programmatic development work.
- Within CAP's budget submission, a recommendation for secure funding to support Indigenous-led data collection to monitor progress on MMIWG2S+ initiatives was made.
- CAP issued a letter to Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) Minister, Marci Ien responding to the exclusion of CAP at the WAGE national meeting in Winnipeg in July 2024.
  - We expressed our view that it is unacceptable that CAP would be excluded from a meeting that is focusing on equity, and has been at since its inception
  - PTO Leaders attended to host shadow gathering and raise awareness on the work CAP and PTOs are doing around WAGE. Media interviews were held.
- CAP had a delegation at the 68th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW). National Youth Representative, Jessica Savoy, represented CAP in the Canadian delegation, and made a presentation at Canada's opening reception

**WHEREAS** residential school Survivors received a settlement to address the physical, mental, and sexual abuse they experienced at residential schools;

**WHEREAS** residential school Survivors received a settlement to address the loss of language and connection to culture and traditions;

**WHEREAS** Indigenous Survivors of convents also experienced physical, mental, and sexual abuse and loss of language and connection to culture and traditions; and

**WHEREAS** Indigenous convent Survivors have been forgotten.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate for the right of Indigenous convent Survivors, sanitariums, orphanages, day homes, and other similar institutions to reparations for the abuse they experienced and for the loss of language and culture brought on by convents.

*Moved by: Georgina Knockwood Crane, Native Council of Prince Edward Island*

*Seconded by: Lisa Cooper, Native Council of Prince Edward Island*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In March 2024, CAP heard from survivors at the Community Wellness Summit, and we are reviewing the knowledge and feedback from community on how to proceed.</li><li>• A formal budget request was submitted to seek supports for survivors and provide resources to support further investigations.</li><li>• CAP has also raised concerns at both the MMIWG table and with CIRNAC officials.</li></ul>

**Recognition of Those Who Have Passed**

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**WHEREAS** it is important to honour and remember the contributions and achievements of members who have passed away during the previous year;

**WHEREAS** it is appropriate and respectful to observe a moment of silence in their memory during the Annual General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS** the inclusion of an in memoriam and a moment of silence as a standing item on the Annual General Assembly agenda promotes a culture of remembrance, respect, and unity within the organization.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** an in memoriam and moment of silence be included as a standing item on the agenda of the Annual General Assembly of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples. This shall provide an opportunity to acknowledge and honour the members, employees, or individuals associated with the organization who have passed away during the previous year.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the National Chief shall officiate the in-memoriam section and lead the moment of silence.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PTO provide information and photo to facilitate the memorial.

*Moved by: Grandma Losah, Northwest Indigenous Council*

*Seconded by: Richard Leask, Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- In memoriam and moment of silence to be a standing item on the agenda at CAP AGA's
- Communication issued to all PTOs prior to AGA to honor individuals connected to their respective PTO's.
  - PTOs to provide information and photo prior to AGA to support the memorial.

**Forum on Indigenous Law**

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**WHEREAS** understanding and acknowledging legal cases brought forth by other Indigenous organizations, especially those in off-reserve and urban settings, is crucial for our organizations, including its affiliates', comprehensive understanding of legal developments and issues affecting our communities;

**WHEREAS** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples needs to advance legal cases in a strategic manner; and

**WHEREAS** each Provincial Territorial Organization has varying resources and capacity to engage in and comprehend ongoing legal developments.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples organize a national forum where informative overviews of significant Indigenous legal cases, Indigenous legal topics, impacting off-reserve or urban Indigenous Peoples from across the country be held; and that summary reports of the cases (including the context, rulings, and potential implications on Indigenous rights and Indigenous Peoples and communities) be provided to each Provincial Territorial Organization to help strengthen their capacity and understanding of ongoing legal cases.

*Moved by: Brock Endean, Northwest Indigenous Council*

*Seconded by: Scott Clark, Northwest Indigenous Council*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- CAP seeking resources to organize and deliver national legal forum
- Legal updates and resources provided at CAP Board of Directors meetings from CAP's legal experts.
- CAP has developed a formal proposal for National Law Forum and is seeking a financial support.
- CAP has developed a tremendous amount of legal and expert reports on Urban Rights to help support the Indigenous Rights project and the development of a national law forum.
- CAP is continuing to identify and communicate relevant legal cases and topics that strengthen CAP's arguments and are presented at CAP Board of Directors meetings.

**WHEREAS** Jordan's Principle was established to prevent delays in health and other services between federal and provincial jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS** these services are being implemented by First Nations and many Indigenous Peoples are still being left behind if they live off-reserve.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples negotiate for funding to be distributed to the Provincial Territorial Organizations to include Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' members to deliver Jordan's Principle.

*Moved by: Freda Lepine, Indigenous People Alliance of Manitoba*

*Seconded by: Darlene Beck, Indigenous People Alliance of Manitoba*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Child welfare (including Jordan's Principle) is a policy priority of the Family Programming Political Accord Working Group.
- CAP advocates through various engagements for PTO access to programming under Jordan's Principle.
  - Policy proposal on child welfare and delivery of Jordan's Principle tabled three recommendations for delivery of a multi-year funding agreement to develop Jordans Principle Framework.
- The CAP Budget submission 2024 requests funding that widens the scope of Jordans Principle to include the off-reserve constituency.

**WHEREAS** Canada and the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples signed the 2018 Political Accord;

**WHEREAS** the mandate of the 2018 Political Accord is to improve the socio-economic conditions of off-reserve, Status, Non-Status Indians, NunatuKavut Inuit, and Métis Peoples in Canada;

**WHEREAS** the 2018 Political Accord implementation process is lacking political momentum and a meaningful bilateral process to complete deliverables; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is accountable and must adhere to the objectives of the political accord.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples establish a rights table within the 2018 Political Accord.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate that the Government of Canada seek a mandate to negotiate within the political accord.

*Moved by: Scott Clark, Northwest Indigenous Council*

*Seconded by: Brock Endean, Northwest Indigenous Council*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Political Accord negotiations team is currently in discussions with CIRNAC on the development of a CAP-Daniels/rights priority working group.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ CAP has made several requests to meet with the Treaties and Aboriginal Government (TAG) sector again to progress on the discussion of rights.</li></ul></li><li>• National Chief met with CIRNAC Minister Anandasangaree<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The CIRNAC Minister confirmed continued commitment to CAP-Canada Political Accord</li></ul></li></ul>



**WHEREAS** the National Youth Council continues to seek opportunities to improve its capacity to represent all off-reserve Indigenous youth across Canada.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples seek funding and opportunities to increase the capacity of the National Youth Council in areas such as, but not limited to: proposal writing, public speaking, financial literacy, Robert's Rules of Order, and other governance topics.

**Moved by:** *Hayley Sherman, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

**Seconded by:** *Kerstin Louttit, Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Political Advocacy & Governance presentations at the Walking Together: Creating a Pathway Forward, CAP Elder & Youth Summit held in February 2024.
- Resource gathering for financial literacy tools and digital design underway.
- CAP continues to seek funding for youth initiatives.
- National Youth Representative attended and presented at the APPA Senate Standing Committee on Indigenous Peoples.
- National Youth Representative attended and presented at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and the UN Permanent Forum in New York City in spring of 2024.
- The NYC has expressed interest in seeking opportunities to improve its governance capacity.

**WHEREAS** the 2018 Congress of Aboriginal Peoples - Canada Political Accord establishes six priority area working groups; and

**WHEREAS** there exist gaps in programs and policies that are not covered by any of the six working groups.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples board of directors and political accord negotiation team advocate for the creation of a new priority area working group focused on healthcare;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the work plan for this new priority area working group explore health topics such as, but not limited to: physical health, mental health, sexual health, and support for Indigenous healing practices.

*Moved by: Kerstin Louttit, Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples*

*Seconded by: Sarah Mellor, New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Political Accord negotiations table in discussion with CIRNAC on a Health Table.
- Advocacy ongoing, as the progress has been slow.
- CAP completed national survey initiative and issued a What We Learned report on Anti-Indigenous Racism in Canadian Healthcare. Among many other issues, the report highlighted the need for cultural competency training for healthcare providers to ensure safe and trauma-free care.
- The health priority is being supported through work at the Family Programming and MMIWG priority groups.
- A second national health engagement was held in March 2024 to continue the discussion on palliative end of life care (PEOLC) and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) to inform the governments development of policies and legislation.

**WHEREAS** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples board of directors approved a Post-Secondary Education Benefits (PSEB) lawsuit against Canada;

**WHEREAS** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is the national voice for all off-reserve Indigenous Peoples across Canada, including the Non-Status Indians who have been denied or excluded from post-secondary education benefits.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this assembly affirms its support for the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and its board of directors to continue pursuing this court case.

*Moved by: Anika Mulholland, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba*

*Seconded by: Kerstin Louttit, Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawsuit remains before the courts.</li><li>• Update on court case to be provided to CAP Board of Directors at quarterly meetings.</li></ul>

**WHEREAS** mental health continues to be a growing concern with widespread impacts for all Indigenous peoples across Canada;

**WHEREAS** the National Youth Council identified mental health as one of its five priority areas to address at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples leadership and staff are uniquely positioned to be mental health advocates to share information on positive mental health practices.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples seek funding and opportunities to provide mental health train-the-trainer workshops to be available to the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples councils, boards, committees, staff, etc.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples explore mental health training in areas including, but not limited to, mental health first aid, grief counselling, and trauma-informed care.

*Moved by: A Hayley Sherman, Native Council of Nova Scotia*

*Seconded by: Cleo Matthews, ICAA*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Mental health was a discussion topic at the Walking Together: Creating a Pathway Forward, a CAP Elder & Youth Summit held in February 2024.
- Increased Mental Health and cultural supports are provided at all CAP engagements.
- The National Youth Council is developing a Mental Health toolkit, which will be available to communities once complete.
- CAP attended and spoke at the Council of the Federation (COF) meeting in July and shared that the off-reserve population has virtually no access to any federally funded supports and programs.
  - CAP and PTOs need capacity and resources in order to provide mental health, grief counselling and trauma informed care to its communities.
- The National Youth Council has been leading the conversation on this resolution with the Mental Health Toolkit in Resolution #24-2023.

## Multi-Year Funding for Community-Based Youth Organizations Resolution # 20-2023

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**WHEREAS** Canada released the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA) Action Plan on June 21, 2023;

**WHEREAS** measure #90 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA) Action Plan states to "Address policy, program, and socio-economic gaps, and strengthen interdepartmental and intergovernmental relations, in full partnership with Métis, non-status, off-reserve, and urban Indigenous peoples, consistent with the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples/Daniels decision."; and

**WHEREAS** measure #104 of the UNDA Action Plan states to "Co-develop options to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 66, to 'establish multi-year funding for community-based youth organizations to deliver programs on reconciliation and establish a national network to share information and best practices.'"

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples work with the Provincial-Territorial Organizations to advocate for and seek community-based youth program funding to be available for youth in all Provincial Territorial Organizations as stated in the UNDA Action Plan.

**Moved by:** Christy Mellor-Gorham, New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council

**Seconded by:** Kerstin Louttit, Ontario Coalition of Indigenous Peoples

### **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAP working with CIRNAC to initiate work on CIRNAC's measures in the UN Declaration Act Action Plan.</li><li>• CAP undertaking scan of youth opportunities and funding and sharing youth-related funding initiatives with PTOs and the National Youth Council.</li><li>• CAP is currently coordinating with CIRNAC to hold PTO engagements on UNDA action plan measures in the Shared Priorities Chapter.</li></ul>

**WHEREAS** the government of Canada is only negotiating with the Métis National Council and its provincial affiliates; Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Ontario, and Métis Nation Alberta have already made an agreement with the Manitoba Métis Federation. In this, the federal government has introduced Bill C-53, “An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts”;

**WHEREAS** the federal government of Canada has funded those organizations in the millions of dollars for their registries but has not equally funded the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples or its affiliates for their registries. Not all Métis people within the Métis National Councils affiliate boundaries of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, who meet the Métis National Councils definition and those who also meet the Manitoba Métis Federation, Red River Métis definition guidelines, choose to be part of those organizations; and

**WHEREAS** the Charter of Rights & Freedoms Section 2 guarantees Freedom of Association, a fundamental human right and UNDRIP, Article 18 states that Indigenous Peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures; as well as to maintain and develop their own Indigenous decision-making institutions. Article 19 states shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the Indigenous Peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent, before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them. Article 20:

1. *Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and develop their political, economic, and social systems or institutions, to be secure in the enjoyment of their own means of subsistence and development, and to engage freely in all their traditional and other economic activities.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples publicly declare they do not support Bill C-53, as the Métis National Council, its provincial organizations do not represent the majority of Métis in these provinces.

**Moved by:** Charlene Lavallee, Association of Métis, Non and Status Indians Saskatchewan

**Seconded by:** Wayne McKenzie, Association of Métis, Non and Status Indians Saskatchewan

### **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAP provided the House of Commons Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs a submission in opposition to Bill C-53. (November 2023)</li></ul>

- The Bill has been at the reporting stage in the House of Commons since February 08, 2024.
- Bill-53 has not moved forward in the Senate for First Reading stage at the time of this update.

**WHEREAS** action seeking damages for Indigenous and youth who were apprehended from their families by child welfare agencies, while living off-reserve, given care of children who were not members of their Indigenous community, group or people;

**WHEREAS** Indigenous children and youth lost their aboriginal identity including but not limited to language, heritage, spirituality, and traditions-some that lost their band rights and only belong to the country of Canada (Ottawa #);

**WHEREAS** action seeking damages for Indigenous children and youth who were apprehended from their families;

**WHEREAS** funding was given to a "foundation", and no one knows who sits on this foundation;

**WHEREAS** the foundation is only giving the interest out to the survivors; and

**WHEREAS** these funds were meant for the survivors.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples create a board committee table and get information on and how to access this and get involved to help support the acknowledgement of children and youth.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the board committee expand the scope of the Sixties Scoop committee to include an expanded scope regarding child welfare.

**Moved by:** *Freda Lepine, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba*

**Seconded by:** *Anika Mulholland, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAP Sixties Scoop Committee has completed outreach to the Healing Foundation, met with the leadership, and researched funding history.</li><li>• Committee is in the process of revising the Terms of Reference to consider this resolution.</li></ul>



**WHEREAS** a Gladue report is a type of pre-sentencing and bail hearing report that a Canadian court can request when considering sentencing an offender of Aboriginal background under Section 718.2(e) of the criminal code;

**WHEREAS** the process derives its name from R. v. Gladue, a 1999 Supreme Court of Canada decision that was the first to challenge Section 718.2(e) of the Criminal Code;

**WHEREAS** the amendment specifically aimed to address Aboriginal over-representation in determining an appropriate sentence considering the background of the accused and mitigating factors; and

**WHEREAS** Gladue reports are not standardized across the country and can be used to impose longer sentences and punish the accused even more.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples lobby the federal justice system to create a process to standardize Gladue reporting across the federal justice system;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples lobby the federal justice system to ensure Gladue reports are not to be used to impose longer sentences; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples lobby the federal justice system to properly fund Gladue reporting across all jurisdictions.

*Moved by: Kim Beaudin, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples*

*Seconded by: Lisa Cooper, Native Council of Prince Edward Island*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of resolution at Justice Political Accord Working Group Table</li> <li>• Advocacy is ongoing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CAP continues to pressure Correctional Services Canada for inclusive and standardized implementation of Gladue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Correctional Investigator, Dr. Ivan Zinger from the national Office of the Correctional Investigator presented to the Board of Directors in June 2024                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussions focused on the lack of willingness to take action to lobby the justice system to properly fund and implement Gladue reporting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**WHEREAS** many Indigenous youth in Canada encounter mental health challenges associated with the effect of settler colonialism;

**WHEREAS** Indigenous youth experience a lack of means and access to resources that support mental, physical, spiritual and emotional needs; and the process derives its name from R. v. Gladue, a 1999 Supreme Court of Canada decision that was the first to challenge Section 718.2(e) of the Criminal Code;

**WHEREAS** Indigenous youth need support to be heard and the opportunities to heal through community involvement and access to the wisdom of Elders and knowledge keepers.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples work with the National Youth Council to develop a mental health toolkit that can be provided to Indigenous youth.

*Moved by: Cleo Matthews, Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association*

*Seconded by: Chase Morley, Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking Together: Creating a Pathway Forward, CAP Elder and Youth Summit held in February 2024<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mental Health discussion and presentations to inform development of Mental Health Toolkit.</li><li>○ Draft outline is complete</li></ul></li><li>• Work with National Youth Council on mental health toolkit is continuing.</li></ul>

**WHEREAS** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples has a mandate to be the voice of off-reserve Indigenous peoples;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is committed to working with the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to address issues of importance to the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and its affiliate Provincial Territorial Organizations;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is committed to reconciliation and building nation-to-nation relationships as per Section 35 of the constitution. Based on the inherent right to self-determination and the inherent right to self-government;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is an international signee of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Supporting the interpretation and implementation of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in accordance with international and Canadian law;

**WHEREAS** Canada is committed to respecting and implementing Section 35 rights and the non-infringement of stated Section 35 rights as part of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

**WHEREAS** Canada has created the Federal 10 Principles on Indigenous Relationships that undermines the international minimum standard of Indigenous rights and placing it under the umbrella of 'European assertion of sovereignty';

**WHEREAS** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and its constituents are subjects of international law and holders of Internationally protected Indigenous rights. The "Federal 10 principles" are a blatant undermining of the International Obligations Canada has agreed to in regard to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada according to the overview document produced in 2018 and its implementation of the Indigenous rights Framework is a reconstituted 'White Paper' announced in 2019 that includes federal policies and laws forming a 'framework' introducing a pan-Indigenous bill that controls the recognition of 'Indigenous Nations and Collectives.

**WHEREAS** the Indigenous Rights Framework enables the government of Canada to 'recognize Indigenous nations and collectives as legal entities with the status and capacity of a natural person.' And the enabling of the exercise of self-government by federally recognized nations and collectives.

**WHEREAS** the 'Rights and Recognition Framework' additionally affirms Canada's right to enter government-to-government relationships with 'recognized nations and collectives.' Which the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples struggles to affirm alongside other issues; and

**WHEREAS** the 'rights and recognition framework' is the conversion of Indian Governments by self-government to an ethnic indigenous corporation, similar to a municipality, a mandated corporation under the jurisdiction of the province.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples deny support and the further implementation of the 'rights and recognition framework' as it denies the inherent right to self-determination, original treaties, and the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

*Moved by: Edgard Villanueva-Cruz, Northwest Indigenous Council*

*Seconded by: Brock Endean, Northwest Indigenous Council*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Within the UNDA Action Plan Measure 23, states that "Canada will withdraw Comprehensive Land Claims and Inherent right Policies".
- CAP is following this through the UNDA team for follow-up and subsequent legislation.
- The Political Accord Negotiations team has made several requests to meet with the Treaties and Aboriginal Government (TAG) sector again to progress on the discussion of rights.

**Development of a National Indigenous Youth Wellness Strategy and Advocacy Toolkit**

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**WHEREAS** many Indigenous youth across Canada encounter the ongoing impacts of colonialization, generational trauma, and structural racism;

**WHEREAS** many Indigenous youth across Canada have direct involvement and are dramatically overrepresented in the criminal justice system and Canadian child welfare system;

**WHEREAS** many Indigenous youth across Canada encounter barriers to accessing sustainable mental health resources and substance use support; and are at higher risk of harmful substance use, suicide, and addictions;

**WHEREAS** there could be a disconnect between youth and their families to disclose information due to safety concerns or a sense of shame;

**WHEREAS** families of youth lack resources to advocate and support their child;

**WHEREAS** Indigenous youth lives matter; and

**WHEREAS** cultural healing reconnects Indigenous youth to the vibrancy and strengths of their culture and, in doing so, enhances their health and overall wellness.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' National Youth Council shall work together towards supporting the development of a National Indigenous Youth Wellness Strategy and Advocacy tool-kit for youth and their families to combat the mental health and substance use crises that so many of our communities and families have been impacted by.

**Moved by:** Justice Tourangeau, Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association

**Seconded by:** Aretha Greatrix, Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of a toolkit is underway in the Mental health toolkit initiative.</li><li>• Consideration for this resolution is being resourced through mental health toolkit including family strategies.</li></ul>

**WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states:

*Article 21 (2). States shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of Indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities;*

**WHEREAS** equitable access to services and supports concerning child welfare remains highly under resourced for Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents and there is a disproportionate number of children in state care; and

**WHEREAS** under current agreements, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Provincial Territorial Organizations (PTOs) are unable to meet the self-determination to provide critically needed supports and services to children and their families.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call on the Federal Government to support the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents to equitable treatment as status and non-status off-reserve Indigenous people to close gaps in child welfare rights, supports, and services and take effective measures for the continued improvement of socio-economic conditions;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call on the federal government to support the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's 11 PTOs to:

- a. Close gaps in access to supports and protective policies for Indigenous children;
- b. Provide equitable access to critically needed child welfare services through the provision of capacity resources in urban settings without discrimination;
- c. Finalize their own funding agreements based on their own constituency needs.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to confirm with Indigenous Services Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada the beginning of a process of establishing a Family Programming and Child Welfare Support Program through the joint signing of a family programming and child welfare sub-accord that reflects the Canada-Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Political Accord 2018.

*Moved by: Lisa Cooper, Native Council of Prince Edward Island*

*Seconded by: Dawne Knockwood, Native Council of Prince Edward Island*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- A policy proposal is currently under consideration for future direction by the Board of Directors
- Issues advocated for on the CAP Hill Day (December 2023)
  - Core policy commitments made in the Policial Accord.
  - Capacity development and urgent funding needs for CAP and PTOs to deliver services.
  - Rights recognition and representation.
- CAP's federal budget submission advocating for resources and family program delivery to support equitable treatment in child welfare supports.

**WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states in:

*Article 13: Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons;*

**WHEREAS** according to Statistics Canada, in 2021, there were 1,807,250 Indigenous peoples living in Canada. Of these, 1,484,445, or 82%, were off-reserve status and non-status First Nation, Métis and Southern Inuit peoples;

**WHEREAS** colonial policies of Canada have had a devastating impact on the survival of Indigenous languages;

**WHEREAS** Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Provincial Territorial Organizations (PTOs) work hard to revitalize Indigenous languages. They do not receive adequate and ongoing funding to support existing programs and develop new programs to ensure retention of language and culture;

**WHEREAS** funding is grossly inadequate to support the capacity needs of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples communities who require technical assistance, fluent speakers, and educators to support revitalization activities; and

**WHEREAS** having limited access to consistent programming is putting Congress of Aboriginal Peoples communities and its PTOs at a disadvantage to revitalize their cultures and languages.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples negotiate a bilateral agreement to provide adequate financial resources for the work of language and cultural revitalization in Congress of Aboriginal Peoples communities;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call upon the Government of Canada to respect the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and affirm the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's right to provide equity of access to funding to support the right to revitalize, preserve and protect culture and language.

**Moved by:** *Todd Russell, NunatuKavut Community Council*

**Seconded by:** *Boyce Turnbull, NunatuKavut Community Council*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**



#### ACTION SUMMARY

- The Languages priority working group is looking to draft a framework for CAP National Indigenous Languages Strategy.
- CAP is currently coordinating with Heritage Canada to hold PTO engagements on Indigenous Language Act to review Canada's laws, which is also an objective of UNDA measure #1.
- The Language priority working group received funding, although it was smaller amount than requested, to hold PTO engagements for the development of a CAP National Indigenous Languages Strategy.
- CAP's federal budget submission requested a funding investment of \$100 Million for language revitalization.

**WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states:

- a. Article 21 (1). *Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health, and social security;*

**WHEREAS** equitable access to urban programming, services, and supports remain highly under-resourced for Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents; and

**WHEREAS** Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Provincial Territorial Organizations (PTOs) are unable to meet the self-determination to provide critically needed supports and services to urban youth, children, and their families.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples support the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents to equitable treatment as status and non-status off-reserve Indigenous people to close gaps in urban programming, supports, and services and take effective measures for the continued improvement of socio-economic conditions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples support the right of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' 11 PTOs to:

- a. *Close gaps in access to supports and protective policies for Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's urban constituents;*
- b. *Provide equitable access to critically needed urban supports, programs, and services through the provision of capacity resources without discrimination;*
- c. *Finalize their own funding agreements based on their own constituency needs.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to confirm with Indigenous Services Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada to commit \$100M annually under the Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) program for Congress of Aboriginal Peoples PTO programs and services.

**Moved by:** *Piroska Poternay, Northwest Indigenous Council*

**Seconded by:** *Edgard Villanueva, Northwest Indigenous Council*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- CAP made a budget submission that requested funds be allocated to UPIP and those funds be delivered directly to our PTOs
- CAP held an engagement in February 2024 to contribute to part two of the evaluation of UPIP
  - UPIP in discussion at Family Programming priority working group
- CAP provided a presentation on the Shelter Needs Assessment and Family Violence Prevention Project to ISC.

**WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states:

- a. *Article 18: Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions;*
- b. *Article 24: Indigenous peoples have the right to their traditional medicines and to maintain their health practices, including the conservation of their vital medicinal plants, animals and minerals. Indigenous individuals also have the right to access, without any discrimination, to all social and health services. 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** Indigenous Peoples in the exercise of their rights should be free of discrimination of any kind;

**WHEREAS** research has found that anti-Indigenous racism impacts the ability of Indigenous people in Canada to access consistent, supportive, and adequate healthcare;

**WHEREAS** the right to physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, social, and community wellness is linked to fundamental rights to clean water, adequate shelter, education, and food security; and

**WHEREAS** existing healthcare programs and funding models for Indigenous Peoples' Healthcare do not adequately address the needs of urban, off-reserve, non-status, Métis, and Southern Inuit Populations.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call upon the Federal Government to affirm the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's constituency to access healthcare free from discrimination in the form best suited to the health of individuals and their communities, regardless of status or residency.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call upon the Federal Government to support Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's 11 PTOs in creating their own programs to demand safe healthcare, creating healthcare support services for their membership, and accessing funding to build capacity at the local level.

**Moved by:** *Mildred Lavers, Newfoundland Indigenous Peoples Alliance*

**Seconded by:** *Suzanne Barry-Kroening, Newfoundland Indigenous Peoples Alliance*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- CAP's contribution in the co-development of Indigenous Health Legislation highlighted the critical need to have equitably accessible safe healthcare, non-insured health benefits, and supports.
- CAP Anti-Indigenous Racism in Healthcare Report
  - Community survey completed in fall of 2023
  - Results analyzed and draft 'What We Heard' report developed.
  - PTO Engagement and presentation held March 18, 2024
  - What We Heard Report presented to the Board of Directors.
- CAP issued letter to Indigenous Services Canada Minister, Patty Hajdu regarding the distinctions-based approach to creating the Indigenous Health Legislation to ensure CAP has an active role in the development, implementation and evaluation of the proposed act.

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**WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states:

- i. Article 21 (1): *Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security;*
- ii. Article 23: *Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. Indigenous peoples have the right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programmes affecting them and, as far as possible, to administer such programmes through their own institutions;*

**WHEREAS** the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice states:

- i. Call 4.1: Uphold the social and economic rights of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people by ensuring... services and infrastructure that meet their social and economic needs. All governments must immediately ensure that Indigenous Peoples have access to safe housing, clean drinking water, and adequate food;
- ii. Call 4.6: We call upon all governments to immediately commence the construction of new housing and the provision of repairs for existing housing to meet the housing needs of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people... housing must be safe, appropriate to geographic and cultural needs, and available wherever they reside;

**WHEREAS** the Urban Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy Data currently includes 794,220 individuals in the category of “Not members of signatories of Canada-Métis Nation Accord; Not enrolled under an Inuit land claims agreement; First Nations and not a Registered or Treaty Indian [non-status]”, and as the largest sub-group, does not have a dedicated strategy to address their specific needs or recommendations on how to support non-status with the government’s version of a distinctions-based approach;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada’s Budget 2022 invested \$300M over five years, starting in 2022-23, through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as part of a commitment to co-develop and launch an Urban-Rural and Northern (U.R.N.). Indigenous Housing Strategy with Indigenous partners to address the housing needs of Indigenous people living in urban, rural and northern areas;

**WHEREAS** the federal government’s 2023 budget committed \$4 billion over seven years starting in 2024-25 for the implementation of the URN Strategy, with details of how this funding will be administered yet to be discussed with the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples; and

**WHEREAS** housing is a human right.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call upon the Government of Canada to respect the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by affirming the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's jurisdiction over housing in urban and rural areas, including:

- a. control of allocation of federal Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing (URN) funds to organizations that provide urban and rural housing services to urban and rural Indigenous Peoples;
- b. co-developing, through an inclusive, non-discriminatory distinctions-based process with Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, housing programs, initiatives and policies that will be implemented under an Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy;
- c. Allocating sufficient core funding for urban, rural, and northern housing management, administration, and program delivery.

**Moved by:** National Chief Elmer St. Pierre, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

**Seconded by:** Vice Chief Kim Beaudin, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

#### ACTION SUMMARY

- CAP recommended to CMHC to lead the co-development process for an Urban Rural and Northern (URN) Housing Strategy.
- CAP contributed to the URN What we Heard Report,
- CAP called for the recognition of the role that the long-standing network of existing housing and service providers play in serving Indigenous people living in U.R.N. areas, their proven track record, and their governance and accountability measures.
- CAP Housing priority working group calls for funding that is based on the needs of where people live as opposed to the current use of distinctions-based approach.
- CAP attended the Indigenous Innovation Forum (Indigenous Housing Caucus), the National Indigenous Collaborative Housing Inc, and the 56th Housing and Homelessness conference to ensure CAP perspectives were heard.

**WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states:

*Article 21 that Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions; and, attention should be paid to the rights and special needs of Indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities;*

**WHEREAS** Call for Justice 12.10 of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Inquiry calls for the implementation of Jordan's Principle;

**WHEREAS** access to the rights protected under Jordan's Principle remains highly under-resourced for Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents and there is a disproportionate number of children in state care;

**WHEREAS** under current agreements, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Provincial Territorial Organizations (PTOs) is unable to meet the self-determination to access the rights protected under Jordan's Principle; and

**WHEREAS** Congress of Aboriginal Peoples signed the 2018 Canada-Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Political Accord with the intent to protect the right to self-government and self-determination for its communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call upon the Federal Government to advance the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents to equitable treatment and close gaps in access to Jordan's Principle;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call upon the Federal Government to support the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's 11 PTOs to:

- a. *Close gaps in access to supports and protective policies for Indigenous children;*
- b. *Provide access to the rights protected under Jordan's Principle through the provision of capacity resources in urban settings without discrimination;*
- c. *Finalize their own funding agreements based on their own constituency needs.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples confirm with Indigenous Services Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada the beginning of a process of establishing a Family Programming Support Program through the joint signing of a family programming sub-accord that reflects the Canada-Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Political Accord 2018.

**Moved by:** National Chief Elmer St. Pierre, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

**Seconded by:** Vice Chief Kim Beaudin, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples



**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Child Welfare (including Jordan's Principle) is a policy priority of the Family Programming Political Accord Working Group
- Policy proposal on child welfare and delivery of Jordan's Principle is being considered by the Board of Directors
- Advocacy in ongoing.
- Item in CAP Budget submission 2024 requests funding that widens the scope of Jordan's Principle to include CAPs off-reserve constituency focusing on community-based supports.

**Support the Call by Prisoner’s Legal Services to Reallocate \$1 billion from Correctional Service of Canada to Indigenous Governments and Organizations**

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**WHEREAS** there is a pervasive under-funding of community programs by and for Indigenous people, in particular urban and off-reserve Indigenous communities; and

**WHEREAS** Canada’s prison-industrial complex continues to see significant funding increases each year, starving preventative and community programs of resources.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples support the call by “Prisoners Legal Services” to reallocate \$1 billion each year from the Correctional Service Canada (CSC) to Indigenous organizations to provide alternatives to prison, and independent services for Indigenous people in prison and on community release.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples take steps to ensure this funding reaches Congress of Aboriginal Peoples communities to support the unmet needs in those regions.

*Moved by: National Chief Elmer St. Pierre, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples*

*Seconded by: National Vice Chief Kim Beaudin, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Resolution #34 was included as a major part of the CAP Indigenous Justice Strategy (IJS)
  - What we Heard Report (2<sup>nd</sup> submission Dec 15, 2023). CAP’s recommendations in the IJS What we Heard Report reflected the call to transfer resource.
- Calls to “defund policing and prisons” were shared by CAP during the federal IJS engagement sessions and reflected the Assembly resolution. These recommendations of CAP were included in the Federal government’s own “What We Learned” report.
- CAP continues to meet with Correctional Services Canada on these concerns.

**WHEREAS** on June 3, 2019, Canada's National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry released 231 Calls for Justice;

**WHEREAS** in June 2021, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples contributed to the release of Canada's Federal Pathway in response to the Calls for Justice arising from the National MMIWG Inquiry, and in 2022 released its own national action plan "Illuminating the Way: Beholding Power and Place";

**WHEREAS** Canada's 2023-24 budget allocated \$6 million grossly underfunding MMIWG2S+ Implementation;

**WHEREAS** MMIWG Calls for Justice 1.1, 1.3 and 1.8 address implementation funding for:

- a. *regional, specific MMIWG2s+ action plans with devoted funding;*
- b. *all governments to pursue prioritization and resourcing of all measures required;*
- c. *all governments to create specific and long-term funding available to Indigenous communities and organizations—with national, core, sustainable funding as opposed to 'program funding'; and*

**WHEREAS** in May 2023 MMIWG2S+ was declared by motion in the House of Parliament to be in a national "MMIWG State of Emergency".

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples call on the Government of Canada to support the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents to seek equitable treatment regardless of residency or status in order to close gaps for MMIWG2S+ implementation.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress advocate the Government of Canada for the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's 11 PTOs to:

- a. *Close gaps in current MMIWG2S+ Implementation by Canada;*
- b. *Deliver urgent supports directly to urban Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ without discrimination;*
- c. *Finalize their own MMIWG2S+ funding agreements based on their own constituency needs.*

**Moved by:** *Suzanne Barry-Kroening, Newfoundland Indigenous Peoples Alliance*

**Seconded by:** *Brock Endean, Northwest Indigenous Council*

## **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

### **ACTION SUMMARY**

- CAP provided critical feedback including a fulsome response to the MMIWG Secretariat's position that none of the MMIWG Calls for Justice are engaged by the Red Dress Alert.
- CAP provided feedback on Federal and Provincial/Territorial reporting regarding the implementation of the National Action Plan and progress on the 231 Calls for Justice.
- CAP provided fulsome response to the draft report on the creation of a National Indigenous Ombudsperson's Office.
- CAP provided a 7-point gap analysis that addresses the areas in implementation of the federal National Action Plan and the 231 Calls for Justice that CAP plays a huge role in filling.
- MMIWG Reception held in February in response to being excluded at MMIWG national roundtable:
  - CAP provided a timeline of MMIWG2S+ activities to ministers and MPs.
  - CAP's presence at this event was noticed by government officials and participants.
  - Some questioned why CAP was not included.
- CAP's federal budget submission requested funding to implement MMIWG2s+ initiatives and the impact on non-status and non-registered urban and rural Indigenous communities.
- Letter issued to Indigenous Services Canada Minister, Patty Hajdu regarding the distinctions-based approach to creating the Indigenous Health Legislation to ensure CAP has an active role in the development, implementation and evaluation of the proposed act to include equitable treatment of MMIWG2S+.

## A Resolution Respecting the Right to Post-Secondary Education Student Support

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**WHEREAS** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states:

- a. Article 14.2. *Indigenous individuals, particularly children, have the right to all levels and forms of education of the State without discrimination;*
- b. Article 21 (1). *Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security;*

**WHEREAS** education is the foundation of health, well-being, and security, it is the intent of this resolution to ensure that Congress of Aboriginal People stands on firm ground to enable its constituents to achieve post-secondary education in the form they choose;

**WHEREAS** post-secondary education remains highly under resourced for Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents. Under current agreements, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Provincial Territorial Organizations (PTOs) are unable to meet the self-determination to education; and

**WHEREAS** Congress of Aboriginal Peoples research conducted highlighted the need for equitable funding which is inclusive of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' constituents and their specific financial and non-financial supports.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples support the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples constituents to equitable treatment as status and non-status off-reserve Indigenous people to close gaps in educational outcomes and take effective measures for the continued improvement of socio-economic conditions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate the right of Congress of Aboriginal Peoples's 11 PTOs to:

- a. *Close gaps in post-secondary education;*
- b. *Deliver post-secondary education supports for university education without discrimination;*
- c. *Finalize their own funding agreements based on their own constituency needs.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples confirm with Indigenous Services Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada the beginning of a process of establishing a Post-Secondary Student Support Program through the joint signing of an education sub-accord that reflects the Canada-Congress of Aboriginal Peoples Political Accord 2018.

*Moved by: Suzanne Barry-Kroening, Newfoundland Indigenous Peoples Alliance*

*Seconded by: Brock Endean, Northwest Indigenous Council*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

- Update on post-secondary education (PSE) court case provided to CAP Board of Directors at quarterly meetings.
- Working with PSE funders and educational institutions on Indigenous identity policies to advocate for CAP's communities.
  - To ensure equitable treatment and continued improvement of socio-economic conditions.
  - And close socio-economic gaps between non-Indigenous and off-reserve Indigenous People.
- We continue to monitor progress on this resolution.

**WHEREAS** Congress of Aboriginal Peoples bylaw 2.06, Right to Elect Directors, requires the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' Provincial Territorial Organizations to elect their director at the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' Annual General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS** at times, Provincial-Territorial Organizational leaders change between the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' Annual General Assemblies; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Territorial Organizations do not have the autonomy to change their Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' director between the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' Annual General Assemblies without the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples calling a Special General Assembly.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples advocate for our Provincial Territorial Organizations, National Elders Council, and National Youth Council to have more autonomy over the change of their representative between Annual General Assemblies.

*Moved by: Christy Mellor-Gorham, New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council*

*Seconded by: Lisa Cooper, Native Council of Prince Edward Island*

**Resolution Deferred to Legal Council**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board discussions are ongoing with legal council.</li></ul>

**WHEREAS** on October 2, 2023, organizations from around the world undertake activities to raise awareness about wrongful convictions worldwide;

**WHEREAS** innocent Indigenous people like Donald Marshall Jr. and many others have been convicted of crimes they did not commit;

**WHEREAS** Wrongful Convictions Day was launched so that every year organizations, schools, and countries could raise around wrongful convictions; and

**WHEREAS** cities and organizations across Canada signed proclamations in recognition of the wrongly and the devastating impact on innocent individuals, families, and communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples make every effort to raise awareness about the wrongfully convicted and on October 2, 2023, sign a proclamation with Innocence Canada in support of the wrongfully convicted.

*Moved by: Kim Beaudin, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples*

*Seconded by: Brendon Moore, New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council*

**RESOLUTION CARRIED**

ACTION SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAP will prepare to sign the proclamation and participate in this action during October 2024.</li><li>• Call to support Wrongful Conviction Day awareness.</li></ul>