

Annual General Assembly

The Annual General Assembly is the time set aside pursuant to the organization's legal requirement for the organization's membership to gather for discussions on concerns, share information, set national direction and ratify resolutions. The annual assembly promotes cultural awareness on a regional and national scope. The assembly is generally open to the public but the primary focus is on the conference delegates who are the Cultural Centre / Program Directors and regional Elders.

The 2010 Annual General Assembly will be held on November 4, 2010, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Annual General Resolutions

AGA 2010 – *Information forthcoming*
FNCCEC Annual General Assembly
November 4, 2010
Winnipeg, Manitoba

AGA 2009
FNCCEC Annual General Assembly
November 16th & 17th, 2009
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Resolution # 2009-01
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INCLUSION OF FNCCEC IN THE CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTRES PROGRAM 2009-2010 EVALUATION
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WHEREAS Pursuant to the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada will undertake an evaluation of all programs under its Education Branch, and;
WHEREAS The Cultural Education Centres Program is a program within the Education Branch and will be evaluated, and;
WHEREAS The First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres is a major stakeholder of the Cultural Education Centres Program, thereby the FNCCEC must have total inclusion in the CECP Evaluation that is being implemented by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and;
WHEREAS First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres has unlimited input in the objectives and activities of this evaluation's

formative and summative phases, and;

WHEREAS

First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres will ensure that the Cultural Centres will have an opportunity to highlight in the evaluation the cultural centres' hardships, challenges and successes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FNCCEC takes necessary steps to be included in the development and implementation of the CECP 2009-2010 Evaluation.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Cultural Centres are included in the Final Report of the 2009-2010 CECP Evaluation.

MOVED BY: Dorothy Myo, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SK
SECONDED BY: Tiffany Sark, Lennox Island Mi'kmaq Cultural Centre, PEI

CARRIED.

Resolution # 2009-02

FNCCEC PETITION FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTRES PROGRAM

WHEREAS

The First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres is funded by the Cultural Education Centres Program administered by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and;

WHEREAS

The Cultural Education Centres Program continues to use the same funding formula as in 1970 resulting in severe underfunding for Cultural Centres and the FNCCEC National Office, and;

WHEREAS

The Cultural Centres are in need of increased funding in order to develop, enhance, support and maintain language and cultural programs and activities for their respective communities, and;

WHEREAS

The First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres National Office is in need of adequate monetary resources to engage in and support technical and human capacity in order to meet the constant demands and changes of INAC's burdensome reporting requirements and review process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FNCCEC takes every step necessary to petition for increase in funding from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to ensure the longevity of the Cultural Centres.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the FNCCEC takes every step necessary to petition for increase core funding in order for the FNCCEC to meet its human resources needs and capacity development.

MOVED BY: Tiffany Sark, Lennox Island Mi'kmaq Cultural Centre, PEI

SECONDED BY: Dorothy Myo, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SK

CARRIED.

Resolution # 2009-03

PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL PHARMACOPEIA

WHEREAS The over-exploitation of Mother Earth has an direct impact on the decrease of the biodiversity, and;

WHEREAS Humanity is actually witnessing an emergence of new diseases and resurgence of old diseases, and;

WHEREAS The FNCCEC members gathered in this assembly know that the Creator gave us the necessary medicine to cure ourselves, and;

WHEREAS It is pressing to preserve the knowledge of First Nations in the field of medicine, among others, and;

WHEREAS The FNCCEC does not support the exploitation and inappropriate use and access of our indigenous medicines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the cultural centres establish a specialized network regarding the First Nations' exchange of information on medicine, plants, animals, ceremonies and other Indigenous knowledge and intellectual property as a way of promoting health and well-being.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that this assembly positions itself to protect our natural pharmacopeia, animals, plants, ceremonies and other Indigenous knowledge, for the benefit of the present generations and those yet to come.

MOVED BY: Linda Sioui, Wendake Cultural Program, QC

SECONDED BY: Percy Casper, National Elder, BC

CARRIED.

Resolution # 2009-04

FNCCEC ENGAGE THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO ADHERE TO THE UNITED NATIONS' DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

WHEREAS The First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres (FNCCEC) is a unified voice that leads in the preservation and maintenance of our languages, cultures and traditions as given by the Creator, and;

WHEREAS The United Nations' Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples supports and reinforces our mandate of FNCCEC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of the FNCCEC strongly urge the Government of Canada to support, recognize and adhere to the United Nations' Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that Canada signs the United Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

MOVED BY: Dr. Donna Goodleaf, Kanien'kehaka Raotitiohkwa Cultural Centre, QC

SECONDED BY: Barry Ahenakew, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SK

CARRIED.

Resolution #2009-05

RENEWAL OF OUR HISTORIC ALLIANCES

WHEREAS At the time of contacts with Europeans, our First Nations' People had already established among themselves networks of all kinds based on historic alliances and documented by sacred objects of our material culture, and;

WHEREAS The various present claims, which parameters are dictated by the governments deriving from the culture of the newcomers, generate conflicts and confrontations between our First Nations' Peoples.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the members of this assembly to seek out, renew and revitalize the spirit of our historical alliances, as well as to preserve their essence and intention.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that, at this assembly, we affirm our sovereignty as First Nations by preparing an official Solidarity Declaration based on our historical relationships confirmed by our Historical Treaties, our Wampums, the Covenant Chain and other sacred objects that are witnesses of our historical agreements.

MOVED BY: Barry Ahenakew, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SK

SECONDED BY: Linda Sioui, Wendake Cultural Program, QC

CARRIED.

AGA 2008

FNCCEC Annual General Assembly

November 4, 2008

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Resolution 1/2008

IN SUPPORT OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS the First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres (FNCCEC) is a national organization that represents 87 cultural centres across Canada mandated to promote, revitalize and protect First Nations languages and cultures; and,

WHEREAS the FNCCEC Board of Directors is recommending a collaborative partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission whereby FNCCEC can inform and advise on the process and on the program directions relating to First Nations language loss and culture revitalization.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of the FNCCEC seeks the support from this 2008 annual general assembly to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding that will address language and cultural loss and establish measures that will revitalize First Nations knowledge and heritage.

MOVED BY: Chief Connie Big Eagle, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SK

SECONDED BY: Chief Cy Standing, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SK

CARRIED.

Resolution 2/2008

IN SUPPORT OF A SASKATCHEWAN FIRST NATIONS KEEPING HOUSE

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre (SICC) is an institution dedicated to promoting, preserving and protecting the eight language groups and cultures of the First Nations of Saskatchewan; and,

WHEREAS the SICC Elders Advisory Council have requested a permanent facility to house the artifacts, sacred objects and other such collections including our Indigenous knowledge and heritage; and,

WHEREAS the SICC Board of Governors have initiated the development of plans for the establishment of a First Nations owned and controlled 'Keeping House' in Saskatchewan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre seeks the support from this 2008 annual general assembly of the First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres with plans for the establishment of a First Nations Keeping House in Saskatchewan.

MOVED BY: Chief Gerald Whitehead, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SK

SECONDED BY: Ross Allery, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, SK

CARRIED.

Resolution 3/2008

ADOPT TEACHING TREATIES IN THE CLASSROOM ACROSS CANADA

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education of the Government of Saskatchewan has incorporated the teaching of Treaties as part of the curriculum in the primary and secondary school systems, and;

WHEREAS the teaching of Treaties across Canada would familiarize all Canadian youth with the nature and principles of the Treaty relationship between Canada and First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nation Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres urges the incorporation of the teaching of Treaties as part of the curriculum in the primary and secondary school systems by provincial governments across Canada.

MOVED BY: Gloria Wells, Ninastako Cultural Centre, Alberta

SECONDED BY: Mike Mitchell, Ronathahonni Cultural Centre, Ontario

CARRIED.

Resolution 4/2008

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGES IN CANADA

WHEREAS the official languages in Canada is recognized as being English and French; and,

WHEREAS the first nations Languages have existed since time immemorial and distinguishes First nations peoples from other cultures; and,

WHEREAS all First Nation indigenous languages should be recognized and promoted in and across Canada; and,

WHEREAS the First Nation languages in Canada have been disappearing at alarming rates due

to the neglect and non-recognition by the federal and provincial governments to include educational institutions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nation Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres urges the Federal Government of Canada to recognize Indigenous languages as official languages of First Nations in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional funds be sought from the Federal Government to support this initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to continue to encourage First Nations leadership and governance to declare their First Nations Language as Official Language within their respective traditional homeland territories.

MOVED BY: Mike Mitchell, Ronathahonni Cultural Centre, Ontario

SECONDED BY: George Four Horns, Oldman River Cultural Centre, Alberta

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 01-06

FNCCEC ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Winnipeg, Manitoba

October 20-21, 2006

SUBJECT : FNCCEC 2007 AGA

WHEREAS : The Ontario Caucus of the FNCCEC would like to showcase our rich cultural identity and our premier national cultural festival The Canadian Aboriginal Festival and the Toronto International Pow-Wow

WHEREAS : First Nations in Ontario have established innovative policy and a Commission to give the highest priority to the revitalization of our Anishinaabek, Mushegowuk and Onkwehonweneha languages in Ontario.

WHEREAS : The City of Toronto is the most populous urban Native centre in Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2007 Annual General Assembly be hosted in Downtown Toronto.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FNCCEC AGA take place two days prior to the Canadian Aboriginal Festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2007 FNCCEC AGA be focused on giving priority to First Nations Languages.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the FNCCEC and its Ontario caucus approach the CANAB festival to highlight First Nations languages as the theme for the 2007 Canadian Aboriginal Festival.

MOVED BY: Bob Goulais, ON
SECONDED BY: Keith Matthew, BC
CARRIED

RESOLUTION 02-06

**FNCCEC ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Winnipeg, Manitoba
October 20-21, 2006**

SUBJECT : FNCCEC 2008 AGA

WHEREAS: The Institut Culturel Éducatif Montagnais (ICEM) will celebrate its 30 years of existence in 2008, and;

WHEREAS: The ICEM represents the majority of the Innue Nation communities, and;

WHEREAS: The ICEM possess an expertise in organizing national meetings and that the infrastructures are already in place.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Institut Culturel Éducatif Montagnais (ICEM) be the host of the 2008 AGA and that it takes place in Innu Territory, in Uashat, Sept-Iles (Quebec).

MOVED BY: Denis Vollant, Institut éducatif culturel montagnais, QC

SECONDED BY: Bob Goulais, ON

RESOLUTION 03-06

**FNCCEC Annual General Assembly
October 20-21, 2006**

SUBJECT: To seek and provide permanent funding on Language Immersion and Language Nest Programs

WHEREAS: Language Immersion and Language Nest Programs play a significant role in the protection, promotion and revitalization of Indigenous languages, and

WHEREAS: Federal and Provincial governments have given hundreds of millions of dollars to support French Immersion Programs in Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that FNCCEC make this a top priority to seek and demand from the governments that First Nations Cultural Centres are given an equal amount of funding to support Indigenous Language Immersion and Language Nest Programs

MOVED BY: Dr. Donna Kaherakwas Goodleaf, QC
SECONDED BY: Gloria Wells, AB

RESOLUTION 04-06

**FNCCEC Annual General Assembly
October 20-21, 2006**

SUBJECT: To obtain permanent funding for Elders Mentoring Program

WHEREAS: Elders have always played and continue to play as leaders and teachers who possess traditional cultural knowledge and teachings and practices; and

WHEREAS: Elders have always played and continue to play, a significant role as keepers and teachers of Indigenous languages,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that FNCCEC provide assistance to the Cultural Centres to seek permanent funding to support the existence of Elders Mentoring Programs

MOVED BY: Dr. Donna Kaherakwas Goodleaf, QC

SECONDED BY: Becky Hall, BC

RESOLUTION 05-06

**FNCCEC Annual General Assembly
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SUBJECT: Museums Assistance Program

WHEREAS: Several First Nations Cultural Education Centres across Canada have museums, interpretive centres and exhibits as part of their ongoing cultural mandate;

WHEREAS: Many of these museums, interpretive centres and exhibits are relatively small and do not have adequate funding for development and maintenance;

WHEREAS: The Department of Canadian Heritage's Museums Assistance Program (MAP) has provided a means of funding these requirements.

WHEREAS: The Conservative Government has cut the Museums Assistance Program (MAP) during a cost cutting exercise this fall 2006.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres President and the Assembly of First Nations National Chief lobby for the reinstatement of Canadian Heritages' Museums Assistance Program (MAP) to enhanced funding levels.

MOVED BY: Bob Goulais, ON

SECONDED BY: Gilbert Whiteduck, QC

RESOLUTION 06-06

**FNCCEC Annual General Assembly
October 20-21, 2006**

SUBJECT: By-Laws and Charter

WHEREAS: The 2006 Annual Assembly has raised several questions regarding the FNCCEC By-Laws and Charter

WHEREAS: The By-Laws and Charter does not provide sufficient clarity or process for specific matters relating to direct questions from the floor

WHEREAS: The By-Laws and Charter does not provide sufficient clarity for specific matters relating to the governance process to meet the organization's legal obligations as a corporate entity

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all respective regions review the By-Laws Charter and provide feedback to FNCCEC by February 2007.

THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a formal Analysis review of the By-Laws and Charter be initiated prior to our next AGA.

MOVED BY: Judith Harbour, ON

SECONDED BY: May LaBillois, NB

LINKS

