



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL
ASSEMBLY MOTIONS
1990-2014

Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Aklavik, NT
August 28, 1990

Motion 1-28.08.90

Appoint Charlie Furlong as Chair of the Assembly

Moved: Peter Ross

Seconded: Larry Firth

Motion Carried

Motion 02-28.08.90

Nominations for Chairpersons cease

Moved: Larry Firth

Seconded: Liza Greenland

Motion Carried

Motion 03-28.08.90

Appoint Robert Alexie Jr. as Co-Chair

Moved: Larry Firth

Seconded: James Gardlund

Motion: Robert Alexie Jr. declined the nomination

Motion 04-28.08.90

Appoint James Firth as Vice Chairperson for the assembly

Moved: Willard Hagen

Seconded: Larry Firth

Motion Carried

Motion 05-28.08.90

Proxy Vote for Joe Norbert to represent Maureen Cardinal as president of the Arctic Red River Metis Association.

Moved: Larry Firth

Seconded: James Gardlund

Motion Carried

Motion 06-28.08.90

Approved amended agenda

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.

Seconded: Joe Benoit

Motion Carried

Motion 07-28.08.90

Approve minutes of Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council Special Assembly held January 18 & 19, 1990

Moved: Willard Hagen

Seconded: Joe Benoit

Motion Carried

Motion 08-28.08.90

Go in camera
Moved: Eliza Greenland
Seconded: Morris Blake
Motion Carried

Motion 09-28.08.90

Come out of camera
Moved: Joe Benoit
Seconded: Emma Roberts
Motion Carried

Motion 10-28.08.90

WHEREAS the Mackenzie Delta delegates at the joint Dene/Metis Assembly opposed motion #90/01/05(DD3) in Dettah on July 18, 1990, by voting against the motion and withdrawing from the assembly, and

WHEREAS there is strong support from the band councils, Metis locals, municipal councils and from individual band and Metis local members of the Mackenzie Delta communities, and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has indicated to the Dene Nation and the Metis Association of the NWT that Motion #90/91-05(DD3) seriously questions the Dene/Metis willingness to accept the Final Agreement initialled on April 9, 1990 in Yellowknife, and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has indicated that the request of the Board of Directors of the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council for a region land claims is being considered seriously;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council Annual General Assembly fully support the Board of Directors of the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council in their efforts to obtain a regional land claims agreement on behalf of the Gwich'in of the Mackenzie Delta Region and fully support the motion passed by the Board of Directors of the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council on August 1, 1990.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council Board of Directors schedule a meeting with the Government of Canada during the first or second week of September 1990 at a time and place that is mutually acceptable

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gwich'in accept the Dene/Metis Final Agreement that was initialled on April 9, 1990 as the basis for a regional land claims agreement.

Moved: Willard Hagen
Seconded: Neil Collin
Motion Carried (unanimously)

Motion 11-28.08.90

That the ballots for electing the president be destroyed
Moved: Tom Wright
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion 12-28.08.90

WHEREAS the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council has decided to work towards settling a regional land claim, and

WHEREAS the Mackenzie Delta people realize the need to education and train their own people to manage and direct their affairs and participate in the public government system, and

WHEREAS the current NWT Government cutbacks in training and education programs at the Arctic College Inuvik Campus do not take into consideration the urgent needs in education and training,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs allocate \$400,000 from the current Economic Development Agreement program to assist the Arctic College Inuvik Campus education Programs.

Moved: Robert Alexie

Seconded: Charlie Furlong

Motion Carried (unanimously)

Motion 13-28.08.90

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council Annual General Assembly mandate the Board of Directors of the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council to establish a scholarship fund to encourage the Dene-Metis of the Mackenzie Delta region to further their education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council establish a terms of reference for the administration of this scholarship fund.

Moved: Eugene Pascal

Seconded: Charlie Snowshoe

Motion Carried

Motion 14-28.08.90

WHEREAS the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council has withdrawn its authorization from the Dene Nation and Metis Association of the NWT to negotiate a final agreement with the Government of Canada, and

WHEREAS the Dene Nation (and the) Metis Association of the NWT are currently receiving funds through a contribution agreement with the Government of Canada borrowed against the land claims, and

WHEREAS the Mackenzie Delta region was part of the Dene Nation's and Metis Association's negotiating process prior to August 1, 1990, and

WHEREAS the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council is in the process of attempting to obtain a region claim and has inadequate funding to carry out this task, and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada does not currently recognize the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council as a claimant group,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council Annual General Assembly demand that the Dene Association and the Metis Association of the NWT and the Dene-Metis Negotiating Secretariat immediately release to the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council 15% of all funds received to date from the contribution agreement with the Government of Canada for the 199091 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council Annual General Assembly demand that the Dene Nation, Metis Association and the Dene-Metis Negotiations Secretariat immediately release to the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council 15% of the two million, plus interest, received from the Government of Canada on September 5, 1989.

Moved: Peter Ross
Seconded: James Gardlund
Motion Carried

Motion 15-28.08.90

That the next annual general meeting of the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council be held in Arctic Red River

Moved: Charlie Furlong
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion 16-28.08.90

To adjourn the assembly

Moved: Morris Blake
Seconded: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Arctic Red River, NT
July 25, 1991

Resolution # 1

WHEREAS the By-Laws of the Mackenzie Delta Tribal Council require that one Board of Directors and the Executive Director have signing authority, and

WHEREAS the Executive Director may not be available as a signing authority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the signing authority by-law be amended and replace with the following:

The signing authority of the MacKenzie Delta Tribal Council shall be:

- One of the Executive Committee Members or the Executive Director; and
- One of the members of the Board of Directors

Moved: William Koe

Seconded: Rudy Cardinal

Motion: Passed

Motion # 2

WHEREAS the Gwich'in will receive financial payments of \$75 million over a period of 15 years from the Government of Canada through the provisions of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the \$75 million must be protected and invested to keep pace with inflation to (ensure) that future generations will be able to use the monies earned from the interest or profits from business or other investments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council develop appropriate Institutions to hold, protect and manage the financial payments and Gwich'in Lands.

Moved: Ernest Firth

Seconded: James Gardlund

Motion: Passed

Motion # 3

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Self-Government Framework Agreement shall be attached to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement if completed by July 31, 1991, and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly has reviewed the Framework Agreement on Self-Government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Self-Government Framework Agreement be approved and attached to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement

Moved: Albert Adams

Seconded: William Koe

Motion: Passed

(Motion # 4 was renumbered Motion # 5)

Motion # 5

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement initialled in Ottawa the 13th day of July 1991, by the Chief Negotiators of the Gwich'in and Government to recommend the agreement for ratification in accordance with the ratification provisions of the agreement, subject to the completion of the Implementation Plan as described in Chapter 29 and other matters; and

WHEREAS an advance poll for the voting by Gwich'in beneficiaries will be held on August 31, 1991.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly signify their intent to recommend the Gwich'in Final Agreement for approval in accordance with the ratification provisions of the Gwich'in Final Agreement subject to the completion of the Implementation Plan containing the following essential elements:

1. Obligation activity work plans;
2. Costs of each activity where appropriate;
3. Operational plans and general costs of the Boards and Panels to be established; and
4. A training plan for Gwich'in individuals to develop the skills to implement the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Federal and Territorial Ministers assign additional resources to ensure that the above elements of the Implementation Plan be completed before August 31, 1991

Moved: Albert Adams
Seconded: Louisa Andre
Motion Carried

Motion # 6

WHEREAS the Gwich'in are concerned with the priorities that government places on the fighting of forest fires.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council seek to change the Forest Fire Fighting Priority Zones to reflect Gwich'in hunting and trapping needs.

Moved: Ernest Firth
Seconded: William Koe

Motion # 7

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council is concerned about the survival of the Fur Industry in the Northwest Territories and Canada; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in leadership supports every effort to ensure the survival of the fur industry; and

WHEREAS there is a need to establish a northern forum and organization to express the views of the trappers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly support the establishment of a NWT Trappers Federation;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the NWT seriously consider providing the necessary financial resources to ensure the establishment of the Northwest Territories Trappers Federation.

Moved: Eugene Pascal
Seconded: Robert Alexie Sr.
Motion Carried

Motion # 8

WHEREAS the Gwich'in desire to maintain the quality and quantity of water in and through the Gwich'in Settlement Area; and

WHEREAS there are several corporation establishing pulp mills in Alberta within the boundaries of the Mackenzie River Basic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly advise the MLA for the Mackenzie Delta to oppose any such developments that could affect the quality and quantity of water in the Mackenzie River Basic System.

Moved: Tommy Wright
Seconded: Albert Adams
Motion Carried

Motion # 9

WHEREAS Arctic Red River is a growing community in the Gwich'in Settlement Area; and

WHEREAS there is no full time services provided by the Inuvik Regional Health Board and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and

WHEREAS the educational facilities (the school) which was built in 1947, is inadequate for today's requirements and standards; and

WHEREAS the Arctic Red River Band/Settlement Council have requested full time services be provided by the Inuvik Regional Health Board and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and an adequate school be provided by Government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly fully supports the Arctic Red River Band/Settlement Council is efforts to obtain a full time Registered Nurse and a full time member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police stationed in the community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly supports the Arctic Red River Band/Settlement Council in efforts to obtain new facilities to educate their children.

Moved: John Itsi
Seconded: Robert Alexie Sr.
Motion Carried

Motion # 10

WHEREAS the Gwich'in are major users of the Bluenose Caribou Herd; and

WHEREAS there is a strong requirements for a Bluenose Caribou Management Board comprised of major users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly recommend that the Government of Northwest Territories establish a Management Board of the Bluenose Caribou Herd.

Moved: Joe Benoit

Seconded: Mary Teya

Motion Carried

Motion # 11

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America wants to open lands within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development; and

WHEREAS the lands within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge is the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd; and

WHEREAS the Porcupine Caribou Herd is an essential food source for the Gwich'in;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly oppose development of the lands within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council inform the President of the United States and Congress of their objections, and opposition to the development of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council express its' support for the continuation and protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd calving grounds knows as the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge or the "1002" lands.

Moved: John Itsi

Seconded: James Gardlund

Motion Carried

Motion # 12

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council developed a training plan which identified the training priorities of literacy and land claims training; and

WHEREAS the government has been approached to provide (resources) for this training plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly support the Gwich'in Training Plan and request that:

1. The Federal Government provide assistance in the implementation of the Training Plan; and
2. The Government of the Northwest Territories and Arctic College modify and implement their programs and services to suit the training needs and requirements of the Gwich'in; and

3. Increased funding levels for education and training programs, services and facilities are made available to support of the Gwich'in Training Plan.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Government support a conference of Gwich'in educators to develop a joint education/training work plan to implement the Gwich'in Training Plan.

Moved: Eugene Pascal
Seconded: Robert Alexie Sr.
Motion Carried

Motion #13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly appoint Ellen Smith to the Inuvik Regional Health Board to represent the Gwich'in Tribal Council and its membership.

Moved: Ernest Firth
Seconded: John Norbert
Motion Carried

Motion # 14

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly has reviewed the Audited Financial Statements of the Gwich'in Tribal Council as prepared by Chartered Accountant, E. Robert J. MacGregor dated June 7, 1991

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly adopt and approve the Audited Financial Statements.

Moved: James Ross
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Fort McPherson, NT
August 25 – 29, 1992

*Motions were not numbered in the actual document, numbers have been added here for clarity

Motion # 1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council support a ski-doo trip from Fort McPherson to Dawson be conducted in the fall.

Moved: Eugene Pascal

Seconded: William Koe

Motion Carried (one abstention – Ernest Firth)

Motion # 2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Charlie Snowshoe be appointed to Co-Chair (of the) Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved: (not recorded)

Seconded: (not recorded)

Motion: (not recorded)

Motion # 3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly congratulate and support the decision of the Dog Rib Assembly to begin the negotiations of a regional land claim agreement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Assembly direct the Board of Directors and Executive to assist the Dog Rib Nation in their negotiations if requested.

Moved: Peter Ross

Seconded: Ernest Firth

Motion Carried

Motion # 4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bertha Allen, Andrew Fox, Roxanne John and Charlie Snowshoe be appointed to the Elections Committee to conduct the election of President and Vice President pursuant to the Elections Process.

Moved: (not recorded)

Seconded: (not recorded)

Motion Carried

Motion # 5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elections Process as presented by Robert Alexie Jr. be adopted.

Moved: Charlie Furlong

Seconded: (not recorded)

Motion Carried

Motion # 6

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council mandate the Board of Directors to establish the Gwich'in Trust, the Gwich'in Land Corporation, the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation, and Gwich'in Development Corporation, and the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute.

Moved: Ernest Firth
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the head office of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be located and transferred to the Gwich'in community of Fort McPherson in a manner that is determined by the Board of Directors, within a six (6) month time period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT plans be developed for the approval of the Board of Directors to create infrastructure support for a local Tribal Council office in Arctic Red River and a Land Administration office in Aklavik;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Annual Assembly recommend to the appropriate land claim board the lease of the following facilities once developed:

- Renewable Resource and Interim Land use Planning Board – Inuvik Old Fire Hall; and
- Enrollment Board – Fort McPherson Old Nursing Station

Moved: Barry Greenland
Seconded: Eliza Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion # 8

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council fully support the efforts of the Tetlit Gwich'in Council to secure housing in Whitehorse for Gwich'in students from the Gwich'in Settlement Area who wish to further their education

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Robert Alexie Sr.
Motion Carried

Motion # 9

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors plan and implement programs and services to meet the objectives of the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute's five year plan, "Coming Together to Heal Ourselves"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a process of healing shall directly involve the elders and youth in community workshops, programs and services in the planning development and implementation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the land program based on the Alaska "Spirit Camp" model be fully supported, promoted and integrated within the healing process;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT human and financial resources be obtained to implement this process immediately;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Johnny D. Charlie and Eliza Greenland be hired to coordinate a Gwich'in Regional Elders Council.

Moved: James Ross
Seconded: James B. Firth
Motion Carried

Motion # 10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors initiate a Tribal Justice Pilot Project that will give support to community Justice Committees in their participation to change the administration of justice to reflect Gwich'in culture and traditions.

Moved: Willard Hagen
Seconded: Diane Baxter
Motion Carried

Motion # 11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 1991 Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be approved and accepted as presented and amended.

Moved: (not recorded)
Seconded: (not recorded)
Motion Carried

Motion # 12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1993 Annual Assembly be held in Inuvik, NT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the delegation be billeted in Gwich'in homes within Inuvik.

Moved: Elizabeth Crawford-Hansen
Seconded: Tommy Wright
Motion Carried

Motion # 13

WHEREAS lands to be received by the Gwich'in pursuant to 18.1 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement at the date of Settlement Legislation, will best with the Gwich'in Tribal Council or a Designated Gwich'in Organization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that title to all municipal Lands will be managed in accordance with the following principles:

1. The Inuvik (Old Fire Hall) and the Fort McPherson (Band Office) Municipal Lands to be transferred to the appropriate Community Designated Gwich'in Organization;
2. Municipal Lands used for commercial or industrial purposed to be transferred to the Gwich'in Development Corporation, which can, with those lands:
 - a. Enter into a joint venture agreements between the Gwich'in Development Corporation and a Community Designated Gwich'in Organization or its' Development Corporation;
 - b. Sell at a fair and reasonable price to a Community Designated Gwich'in Organization or its Development Corporation;

- c. Lease to a Community Designated Gwich'in Organization or its Development Corporation; and
3. Municipal lands, including hinterland, used for residential purposes will be transferred to the Community Designated Gwich'in Organization.

Moved: (not recorded)
Seconded: (not recorded)
Motion Carried

Motion # 14

WHEREAS the Gwich'in, other than the Inuvialuit, are the only native users of the Porcupine Caribou in the Northwest Territories; and

WHEREAS the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement still refers to the Dene/Metis and the Dene/Metis Agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement be amended so as to make the Gwich'in Tribal Council a party to the agreement and that all reference to the Dene/Metis and the Dene/Metis Agreement be amended to be replaced by the Gwich'in and the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

Moved: Joseph Benoit
Seconded: Tommy Wright
Motion Carried

Motion # 15

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Willard Hagen be acclaimed to the position of President of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved: (not recorded)
Seconded: (not recorded)
Motion Carried

Motion # 16

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Nation is concerned about suicides in our communities; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Annual Assembly wishes to support any positive programs in this area;

THEREFORE I move that this assembly supports the following:

1. A regional crisis line be established; and
2. The development of a suicide prevention curriculum for students

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly recommend that a pilot project to implement the suicide prevention curriculum in a Gwich'in community;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly recommend to the Board of Directors that they monitor the development of the suicide prevention curriculum and ensure that it reflects community advice and input;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this assembly recommends that the Executive invite Hazel Nerysoo to an appropriate Board meeting to deal with this matter.

Moved: James B. Firth
Seconded: Elizabeth Crawford-Hansen
Motion Carried

Motion # 17

WHEREAS the community of Arctic Red River is currently working towards self-government and the control and use of Gwich'in lands by persons who are not Gwich'in; and

WHEREAS pursuant to 20.1.2 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim, the individuals who are staying up the Arctic Red River are considered trespassers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT non-participants be notified that they will not be able to stay on Gwich'in Lands in the Gwich'in Settlement Area after Settlement Legislation without Gwich'in consent.

Moved: Joseph Benoit
Seconded: Louisa Andre
Motion: Withdrawn.

Motion # 18

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following nominations for Vice President be accepted by the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council: Robert Alexie Jr., Margaret Donovan, Charlie Furlong, Eliza Greenland, Grace Blake and James B. Firth

Moved: (not recorded)
Seconded: (not recorded)
Motion Carried

Motion # 18

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive and Directors abstain from the use of alcohol while attending Executive or Board Meetings.

Moved: (not recorded)
Seconded: (not recorded)
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Inuvik, NT
July 20 – 23, 1993

Motion # 93-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Richard Nerysoo and Fred Koe be appointed to Co-Chair the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council

Moved: Charlie Furlong
Seconded: Morris Blake
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Resolutions Committee for the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be comprised of the following: Mavis Clark, Alysia Trinca, Frank Edwards and Bob Simpson

Moved: Morris Blake
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council as presented be accepted and approved.

Moved: Dale Blake
Seconded: Catherine Mitchell
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 1992 Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council as presented be accepted and approved.

Moved: Willard Hagen
Seconded: Dale Blake
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be amended so that agenda item 16.3 be dealt with at 0400 pm on Wednesday, July 21, 1993, and that the assembly invite Roger Gruben to jointly address the assembly with the Joint IRC/GTC Committee at that time.

Moved: Charlie Furlong
Seconded: Ernest Firth
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-06

WHEREAS there is a need to permanently protect the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge from any development; and

WHEREAS the lands within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge are the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd; and

WHEREAS the Porcupine Caribou Herd is an essential food source for the Gwich'in

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council restate its opposition to any land development within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council inform the President of the United States and Congress of their objections and opposition to any land development within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Governments of Canada, Yukon and Northwest Territories restate their opposition to any land development within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council express its support for the permanent protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd calving grounds known as the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge or the "1002" lands.

Moved: Joe Charlie
Seconded: Dale Blake
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-07

WHEREAS costs of transporting offenders to correctional facilities out of the Inuvik region warrants a correctional facility within the Inuvik Region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council support the initiative to obtain a correctional facility through the Government of the Northwest Territories five year capital planning process;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the concepts of a correctional facility and on the land correction camps be developed and implemented as a coordinated program.

Moved: Dale Blake
Seconded: James Ross
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-08

WHEREAS it is important to promote our culture and heritage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council initiate action to ensure that the schools in the Gwich'in communities set aside one (1) week in the school year as "Gwich'in Week";

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the leadership be involved in educating the youth about the land claim; as well, Gwich'in tradition and culture will be emphasized and encouraged in the schools and communities.

Moved: Liz Crawford-Hansen
Seconded: Ernest Firth
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-09

WHEREAS most Gwich'in do not understand the purpose of the designated Gwich'in Organization (Gwich'in Councils) and its relationship with the Band Council and Metis Locals; and

WHEREAS the Enrolment process should be explained.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Enrolment Board conduct workshops in the communities to explain the Enrolment Process; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the local Gwich'in Council explain to its membership the need to have a separate organization to represent beneficiaries (participants) of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement.

Moved: Eliza Greenland
Seconded: Ernest Firth
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-10

WHEREAS trapping was the main industry of the Northwest Territories since the arrival of Europeans and served as a source of income and traditional way of life for many generations of Gwich'in;

WHEREAS all Canadian Provinces and the Yukon Territory have Trappers Federations which serve as forums for trappers to voice their opinions, support trappers' issues and enable them to organize.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly support the establishment of an NWT Trappers' Federation as stated in the Arctic Red River Annual Assembly Motion # 91-07;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Government provide the necessary resources to establish and maintain a Trappers Federation within the next year.

Moved: John Itsi
Seconded: Dale Blake
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-11

WHEREAS the Community Education Committee and Gwich'a Gwich'in Council in Arctic Red River were successful in getting the Beaufort Delta Divisional Board of Education to include in their five year capital plan a new school for the community in the 1994/05 fiscal year

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council support the community of Arctic Red River in its efforts to obtain a new school in the 1994/95 fiscal year, including participation in the planning and construction of that school, from the Government of the Northwest Territories and request Richard Nerysoo, MLA for Mackenzie Delta, to ensure that this request is carried out.

Moved: Maureen Clark
Seconded: Freddie Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion # 93-12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended as follows:

Delete: 18.3 – Roger Connelly, 18.6 – James Washee, 19.1 – Richard Nerysoo and 19.2 – Fred Koe

Add: Presentation by Alaskan Gwich'in delegation

Moved: Ernest Firth
Seconded: Eliza Greenland
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Aklavik, NT
August 29 – 31, 1994

Motion # 94-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fred Koe be appointed as Chair to the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved: Peter Ross
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Richard Nerysoo be appointed as Co-Chair to the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved: Tommy Wright
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the elections be moved on the agenda to the last day of the Assembly

Moved: Charlie Furlong
Seconded: Richard Blake
Motion: Defeated

Motion # 94-04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be approved as amended.

Moved: Willard Hagen

Seconded: Neil Firth

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bob Simpson, James Gardlund, Margaret Donovan and William Koe be appointed to the Resolutions Committee

Moved: Willard Hagen

Seconded: Robert Alexie Sr.

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Eliza Greenland be appointed to the Elections Committee to replace Diane Baxter and Barb Foley's and Annie Rose Snowshoe's appointments to the Election Committee be accepted.

Moved: Margaret Donovan

Seconded: Tommy Wright

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 1993 Inuvik Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly be approved as presented.

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.

Seconded: Joe Benoit

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motions from the 1993 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly be accepted.

Moved: William Koe

Seconded: Robert Bourque

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Annual Assembly go in Camera to review the 1993 – 1004 Audited Financial Statements.

Moved: William Koe

Seconded: Robert Bourque

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly come out of camera.

Moved: James Firth
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1993-1994 Financial Audited Statements be approved.

Moved: Dolly Carmichael
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the firm of Peat Marwick Thorne be appointed as auditors for the Gwich'in Tribal Council and subsidiaries, including the Gwich'in Development Corporation.

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Richard M. Blake
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly go in camera for the presentation of the Gwich'in Development Corporation Report

Moved: Robert Bourque
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-14

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly come out of camera.

Moved: Robert Bourque
Seconded: Freddie Jerome
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-15

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly accept the proxy vote of Robert Alexie Sr., on behalf of Johnnie Charlie Sr., and Maria Greenland on behalf of Freddie Greenland.

Moved: Margaret Donovan
Seconded: Neil Firth
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-16

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 3, a By-Law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Joe Benoit
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-17

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the nominations for President of Wally Firth and Willard Hagen be accepted.

Moved: Richard Blake
Seconded: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-18

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the election results of the President of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be accepted.

Moved: Joe Benoit
Seconded: Louisa Andre
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-19

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots for the President elections be destroyed

Moved: Richard M. Blake
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-20

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the nominations for Vice President of Robert Alexie Jr., Dolly Carmichael and Margaret Donovan be accepted.

Moved: Morris Blake
Seconded: Tommy Wright
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the election results of the Vice Presidents of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be accepted.

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Eddie Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-22

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots for the Vice President elections be destroyed.

Moved: Richard M. Blake

Seconded: Johnny Kaye

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-23

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be adjourned for the day.

Moved: Charlie Furlong

Seconded: William Koe

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-24

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 4, a By-Law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik

Moved: Tommy Wright

Seconded: William Koe

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 5, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.

Seconded: Joe Charlie

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-26

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 6, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Joe Benoit

Seconded: Alestine Andre

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-27

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 7, a by-law amending by-law number 1 be deferred.

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.

Seconded: Margaret Donovan

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-28

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 7, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.

Seconded: Joe Benoit

Vote Results: 33 voted in favor, 5 voted against, 1 abstention

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-29

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 8, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.

Seconded: Alestine Andre

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-30

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 9, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Joe Benoit

Seconded: Robert Bourque

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-31

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 10, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Tommy Wright

Seconded: Trevor Dobbs

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-32

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 11, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik with the following amendment:

Paragraph #1 – the addition of “or Assembly” after “at the time of the meeting of the Executive or Board”; and

Paragraph #3 – the a addition of “or Assembly” after “at the time of the meeting of the Executive or Board”;

Moved: Mavis Clark

Seconded: Tommy Wright

Motion Carried

Motion # 94-33

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 12, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Willard Hagen
Seconded: Robert Alexie (Jr.)
Motion Carried

Motion # 94-34

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 13, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Robert Bourque
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 35

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 14, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Robert Bourque
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Amendment to motion # 94 – 35

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law number 14, a by-law amending by-law number 1 be amended as follows:

- Addition to the start of 1.c) i) “not less than”; and
- Addition to the start of 1. c) ii) “not more than”.

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried (Voting Results: 45 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions)

Motion #94 – 36

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 15, a by-law amending by-law number 1 as presented is adopted by the Annual General Assembly at Aklavik.

Moved: Barry Greenland
Seconded: Willard Hagen
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 37

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council make available up to \$500,000.00 from the Settlement Fund interest to support current funding and the Permitted Activities of the Community Gwich'in Councils, pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement Chapter 11 – Taxation.

Moved: Alestine Andre
Seconded: Willard Hagen
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 38

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned for the day.

Moved: Mavis Clark
Seconded: Maria Greenland
Motion: Defeated

Motion #94-39

WHEREAS the languages of the Gwich'in Nation is dying and not used as part of our daily lives because we no longer have the strong linkages between our land and cultural activities; and

WHEREAS Gwich'in Ginjik can be written and our instructors are making every possible attempt to revive our language.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council begin to use the language in the written form, such as announcements, posters, etc. to promote the use of the language.

Moved: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded: Barry Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion #94-40

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and Northwest Territories are currently negotiating a Cooperative Language Agreement to assist in the development and retention of aboriginal languages.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly strongly urge bother governments to retain, as a minimum, current funding levels and arrangements.

Moved: Sheldon Bernard
Seconded: Elizabeth Hansen

Motion to Amend (previous motion)

Add "Members of Legislative Assembly" in place of "Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly"

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.
Seconded: James Ross
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 41

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly mandates the Board of Directors and Beaufort/Delta Regional Government Committee to negotiate with government to establish a Regional Public Government, pursuant to the Gwich'in Self-government Framework Agreement.

Moved: Neil Firth
Seconded: Robert Bourque
Motion Carried

Motion #94-42

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with last years' Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly Motion number 93 – 07 on Correctional facilities, the Gwich'in Tribal Annual Assembly supports the community of Aklavik's efforts to establish a Correctional Institute in the area.

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.
Seconded: James Ross

Motion to Amend:

Add in "and Inuvik's" after "Community of Aklavik's"

Moved: Neil Firth
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion #94-43

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the First Monday of the week of the Official Signing of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement be declared a Gwich'in Holiday each year.

Moved: James Firth
Seconded:
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 44

WHEREAS the rents in Inuvik are very high and not regulated or standardized and some students who are enrolled in Arctic College who have families face difficult financial problems in this housing market; and

WHEREAS the Government of Northwest Territories does not provide housing and we, the Gwich'in continue to promote Gwich'in participants to finish their education.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly mandate the Executive of the Gwich'in Tribal Council to subsidize the rent of students attending Aurora Campus who require assistance starting in the fall of 1994.

Moved: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded: Robert Bourque
Motion: Withdrawn

Motion # 94 – 45

WHEREAS there are very few visits made by eye care specialists in the region;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council request our future Inuvik Regional Health Board representative work towards improvement in the eye care services.

Moved: Tommy Wright
Seconded: James Firth
Motion Carried

Motion # 94 – 46

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the next Annual Assembly, the Gwich'in Tribal Council sponsor a Cultural Evening to honour our Gwich'in beneficiaries who have contributed to the Gwich'in Nation. The categories should be outstanding men, women, elder, youth of the year from each community.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Elders and Youth of the communities be given the resources and responsibility to monitor the cultural evening in cooperation with the community councils.

Moved: Robert Bourque
Seconded: Neil Firth

Motion to amend:
Delete "monitor" and add "coordinate"

Moved: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded: Tom Wright
Motion Carried

Motion # 94 – 47

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly direct the Executive and Board of Directors to investigate the possibility of a joint venture or merger with the Inuvialuit Communications Society to produce a Gwich'in/Inuvialuit newspaper and video programs.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in and Inuvialuit explore training opportunities in communications for interested Inuvialuit and Gwich'in individuals at the community level.

Moved: Barry Greenland
Seconded: William Koe

Motion to amend:
Delete all references to "Inuvialuit" and
Replace first "Inuvialuit" with "any"

Moved: James Firth
Seconded: Willard Hagen
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 48

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors develop and implement a housing loan program that compliments existing housing programs to assist Gwich'in beneficiaries in obtaining housing or repair existing housing.

Moved: Joe Benoit
Seconded: Mavis Clark
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 49

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly give the authority to the Executive to hire a resource person to immediately give our information to the beneficiaries on the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

Moved: Neil Firth
Seconded: Elizabeth Hansen
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 50

WHEREAS important resolution are made every Assembly and the method for review at the next Assembly is inadequate in order to fully discuss the follow up;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at future Gwich'in Tribal Council Assemblies formal Executive reports be presented displaying previous years' resolutions in the following manner: completed, requires further follow-up, or no success in completing.

Moved: James Firth
Seconded: Robert Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 51

WHEREAS there are over 30 students enrolled in educational institutions in all academic areas; and

WHEREAS we are in need of trained personnel in our organizations

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly give authority to the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to increase the scholarship fund, from its current level of \$20,000.00 in order to sustain our Gwich'in students in furthering their post-secondary education.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$2,000,000 of Settlement Funds be reserved so the interest from Settlement Funds can be used to sustain our Gwich'in students.

Moved: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded: Donny Robert

Motion to amend:

Add "to \$50,000.00" after "\$20,000.00"; and
Delete (the) "Be it further resolved that \$2,000,000 ..."

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion # 94 – 52

WHEREAS economic development initiatives carried out by the Gwich'in Development Corporation should remain independence of political influence from Gwich'in leadership at a regional and community level.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly support the developing independence of the Gwich'in Development Corporation by requesting the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to give support to developing a strategy to separate politics from business.

Moved: Richard M. Blake
Seconded: Freddie Jerome
Motion: Carried

Motion # 94 – 53

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute as a Charitable Organization must be a non-political organization and concentrate on the cultural and social development of the Gwich'in.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly support the developing independence of the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute by requesting the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to give support to the independence decision making authority of the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors does not participate in the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute's day to day operations and restricts involvement to: Directors Appointments, approval of Annual budgets and ensuring financial accountability and general policy direction approved by the Annual Assemblies are carried out.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any new Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute policy or planning direction shall be considered by the Assemblies or if direction is required immediately the approval of the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council shall be sought and decision reported to the Annual Assembly.

Moved: Willard Hagen
Seconded: Alestine Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 54

WHEREAS students in Tsiigehtchic have expressed a need to remain at home and continue their education;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly supports Tsiigehtchic in obtaining a grade extension program to include grades 10, 11 and 12; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Department of Education, Culture and Employment provide adequate funding to implement a grade extensions program as soon as possible.

Moved: Grace Blake
Seconded: Mavis Clark
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 55

WHEREAS the elders and disabled do not have a home or service to live in comfort and some elders have to live outside of Tsiigehtchic;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly support the construction of an Elders Home and Home/Disability Care Services in Tsiigehtchic.

Moved: Grace Blake
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 56

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly mandate the Gwich'in Healing Committee to develop a "Healing Program" for TI'oondih and the Gwich'in Settlement Area; including recommendations for the Knute Lang and Sandy Lake Camp by December 31, 1994, to be implemented and administered soon thereafter.

Moved: Robert Alexie Jr.
Seconded: James Firth
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 57

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next Annual Assembly be held in Tsiigehtchic.

Moved: Grace Blake
Seconded: Tommy Wright
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 58

BE IT RESOLVED THAT James Ross be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer for the Gwich'in Development Corporation.

Moved: Willard Hagen
Seconded: Tommy Wright
Motion Carried

Motion #94 – 59

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly recognize Alfred Semple as the Elder of the Year.

Moved: Dolly Carmichael
Seconded: Joe Benoit
Motion Carried

Motion # 94 – 60

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1994 Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly be adjourned.

Moved: Maria Greenland
Seconded: James Firth
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Tsiigehtchic, NT

August 24, 1995

Motion #95 – 01

To accept the names put forward for Chair (Fred Koe) and Co-Chair (Richard Nerysoo)

Moved: Tommy Wright

Seconded: Joan Charlie

Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 02

To accept the resolution committee: Richard Wilson, Louisa Andre, Liz Hansen, Bernice Furlong and Bob Simpson.

Moved: Alestine Andre

Seconded: Johnny Charlie

Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 03

To accept proxies.

Moved: (not recorded)

Seconded: (not recorded)

Motion: (not recorded)

Motion #95 – 04

To accept agenda.

Moved: Ernest Firth

Seconded: Pat Bourque

Motion Carried

Motion (not numbered)

To adopt minutes from (1994) meeting

Moved: Frank Edwards

Seconded: William Koe

Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 05

Matter of lobbying. Gun Control and legislation before the senate.

Moved: James Firth

Seconded: Charlie Snowshoe

Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 06

Matter of porcupine caribou herd.

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Johnny Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 07

Social and Cultural Institute

Moved: Grace Blake
Seconded: Katherine Mitchell
Motion Carried (later motion was rescinded)

Motion #95 – 08

Mandate to decide community issues.

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Richard (Nelson?)
Motion: Withdrawn

Motion #95 – 08

Approval of Financial Statement

Moved: Alestine Andre
Seconded: Tommy Wright
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 09

Support of trapping industry

Moved: Tommy Wright
Seconded: Robert Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 10

Gwich'in Healing Society Information Programmes

Moved: Liz Hansen
Seconded: Wally Wilson
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 11

To rescind motion #95 – 07

Moved: Wally Firth
Seconded: James Firth
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 12

Gwich'in Organizations Employee Benefits

Moved: Liz Hansen

Seconded: Richard Wilson

In Favor: 13

Against: 19

Abstentions: 10

Motion: Defeated

Motion #95 – 13

Recreation Fund

Moved: (not recorded)

Seconded: (not recorded)

Motion: (not recorded)

Motion #95 – 16

Gwich'in Gathering

Moved: William Koe

Seconded: Joe Charlie

Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 19

Elders Payment

Moved: Katherine Mitchell

Seconded: James (last name not recorded)

In favor: 33

Against: 12

Abstentions: 6

Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 20

No hunting of migratory birds

Moved: Wally Firth

Seconded: Frank Edwards

Motion: Defeated

Motion # 95 – 21

Manufacturing Canoes for business

Moved: Frank Edwards

Seconded: Ernest Firth

Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 22

Emergency Funding of Elders Homes

Moved: Ernest Firth
Seconded: Liz Hansen
Motion: defeated

Motion #95 – 23

Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute

Moved: Grace Blake
Seconded: James Firth
Abstained: 1
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 25

Harvester's Assistance Programme

Moved: Grace Blake
Seconded: Mariah Greenland
Abstentions: 1
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 26

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Gwich'in shall offer to enroll any person as a participant who:
 - a. Is a Canadian Citizen of aboriginal ancestry; and
 - b. Was resident in the Gwich'in Settlement Area on, or before April 22, 1992; and
 - c. Was approved by the following process:
 - i. Any person who applies to enroll as a participant pursuant to 4.2.2 of the GFA, and this offer must be sponsored by a person who is enrolled as a participant pursuant to 4.2.1 of the GFA
 - ii. A person shall be considered to be accepted to enroll as a participant pursuant to 4.2.2 of the GFA, and this offer by a resolution passed by the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council where to resolution is agreed upon by majority.
- 2) This offer does not extend to other non-Gwich'in relative, present or future, of any person to whom this offer is made
- 3) This offer shall be open until April 22, 2002
- 4) This offer supersedes and makes null and void all previous offers.

Moved: Tommy Wright
Seconded: Pat Bourque
Motion: deferred

*This motion was deferred to a Special Assembly

Motion #95 – 26*

To defer the motion

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Joe Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 29

Benefits Committee

Moved: Mavis Clark
Seconded: Alestine Andre
Motion Carried

Motion # 95 – 30

GTC to take \$500,000 to give funding for Designated Gwich'in Organizations

Moved: Alestine Andre
Seconded: Willard Hagen
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 31

1996 Annual Assembly

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Joe Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion #95 – 32

To adjourn

Moved: Willard Hagen
Seconded: Wally McPherson
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Special Assembly, Inuvik, NT

February 20 - 22, 1996

Motion # 1

To appoint Richard Nerysoo as chair.

Moved: James Andre

Seconded: William Koe

Motion: Passed

Motion # 2

To appoint Abe Wilson as Co-Chair.

Moved: (not recorded)

Seconded: George Nerysoo

Motion CARRIED

Motion # 3

To cease nominations for Co-Chair

Moved: William Koe

Seconded: (not recorded)

Motion Carried

Motion # 4

To amend the agenda

Moved: Wally Firth

Seconded: Liz Hansen

Motion Carried

Motion # 5

To accept the proxy votes

Moved: Grace Blake

Seconded: Eddie Greenland

Motion Carried

Motion # 6

To accept the amended agenda

Moved: William Koe

Seconded: John Itsi

Motion Carried

Motion # 7

To maintain the current election process

Moved: James Firth
Seconded: Robert Bourque
In favor: 21
Against: 19
Abstentions: (none recorded)
Motion Carried

Motion # 8

To maintain the August 1, 1953 date in section 4 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement

Moved: James Andre
Seconded: William Koe
Motion: Rescinded

Motion # 9

To change the date to 1960, in section 4 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement

Moved: John Itsi
Seconded: George Nerysoo
Motion: Withdrawn

Motion # 10

To

Moved:
Seconded:
Motion:

Motion # 11

To

Moved:
Seconded:
Motion:

Motion # 12

To

Moved:
Seconded:
Motion:

Motion # 13

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Assembly to reconsider the vote on the resolution passed on Tuesday, February 20th, 1996, which stated that no changes are to be made to Section 4.9 of By-Law No. 1; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Assembly to amend the nomination process set (out in) Section 4.9 of By-Law No. 1;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the vote on the resolution passed on Tuesday, February 20th, 1996, dealing with 4.9 of By-Law No. 1 be reconsidered.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion:

Motion # 14

WHEREAS the Gwich'in wish to amend the nomination process for the election of the Executive of the Gwich'in Tribal Council to allow all active participants to nominate candidates for the positions of President and Vice-President; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council does not wish to change the process by which the Executive is elected by the delegates at the Annual Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 4.9 of By-Law No. 1 be amended as follows:

1. The paragraph stating, "The Board shall strike and Elections Committee at least two weeks before the Assembly occurs" is deleted and replaced with "The Board shall strike and Elections Committee at least sixty days before the Assembly occurs. The Elections Committee will make available nomination forms to any active participant who wishes to nominate a candidate for an Executive position for which an election is to be held.
2. The paragraph stating, "Any delegate may nominate any person on the enrollment register – active participants – by properly filling out a nominations form and submitting it to the Elections Committee. Only delegates at the Assembly can nominate" is deleted and replaced with "Any active participant may nominate any other active participant by properly filling out a nomination form in the prescribed form and submitting it to the Elections Committee before the close of nominations.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion:

Motion # 15

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Gwich'in Tribal Council to change the election procedure for the Executive;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1 be amended as follows:

1. The paragraph stating, "No candidate for President shall be eligible to vote

(incomplete)

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Fort McPherson, NT
August 13, 1996

Motion #96 – 01

To appoint the Chair (David Krutko) and Co-Chair (Robert Charlie)

Moved: (not recorded)

Seconded: (not recorded)

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 02

To end nominations for the resolution committee.

Moved: James Andre

Seconded: Richard Blake

Motion Carried

Motion # 96 – 03

To accept the nominations for the resolutions committee: Eliza Greenland, Wanda McDonald, Lois Inch, George John and Wilbert Firth.

Moved: Melba Mitchell

Seconded: Maureen Clark

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 04

To accept the amended agenda

Moved: William Koe

Seconded: Liz (last name not recorded)

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 1995 Annual Assembly be accepted

Moved: Mavis Clark

Seconded: Eliza Greenland

Motion Carried

Motion #96-06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 1996 Special Assembly be accepted

Moved: James Andre

Seconded: Annie Smith

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law #18 (Investment By-Law) be accepted with the following amendment: that 100% of delegates must be in attendance and 75% of those casting a vote must be in favor.

Moved: Richard Blake
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion #96-08

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council should provide emergency assistance to Gwich'in beneficiaries

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly directs the board of Directors to provide the necessary assistance to Roberta Peterson to complete her house.

Moved: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded: James B. Firth
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Combined Financial Statements of the Gwich'in Tribal Council for 1996/96 be accepted.

Moved: Barry Greenland
Seconded: Annie Smith
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Gwich'in Tribal Council for 1995/96 be accepted.

Moved: Alestine Andre
Seconded: Elizabeth Hansen
Motion Carried

Motion # 96 – 11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne be appointed as auditors for the Gwich'in Tribal Council, its subsidiaries and the Gwich'in Development Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1997.

Moved: Richard Wilson
Seconded: James Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 12

To accept Elizabeth Charlie's proxy for Wilbert Firth

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Melba Mitchell
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 13

To accept Larry A. Firth's proxy for Dolly Carmichael.

Moved: Barry Greenland
Seconded: James Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 14

To accept Walter Firth's proxy for Johnny D. Charlie

Moved: Richard Wilson
Seconded: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 15

To accept Florence Carmichael's proxy for Elizabeth Hansen

Moved: Barry Greenland
Seconded: Richard Blake
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 16

To accept Nap Norbert's proxy for James Andre

Moved: Alestine Andre
Seconded: John Blake
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 17

To accept Mary Greenland's proxy for Michelle Furlong

Moved: James McDonald
Seconded: Carol Blake
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 18

To accept Sarah McLeod-Firth's proxy for Richard Blake

Moved: Barry Greenland
Seconded: Harry Carmichael
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 19

To accept James Ross' proxy for Robert A. Alexie

Moved: Barry Greenland
Seconded: James Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 20

To accept the results of the election

Moved: Robert A. Alexie
Seconded: James Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 21

To destroy the ballots of the election

Moved: William Koe
Seconded: Melba Mitchell
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 22

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1997 Annual Assembly be held in Inuvik at the time fixed by the board of directors.

Moved: Melba Mitchell
Seconded: James Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 23

To accept Nap Norbert's proxy for Carol Blake

Moved: Louisa Andre
Seconded: Alestine Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 24

WHEREAS the 12th Annual Assembly held in Tsiigehtchic passed a resolution which supports the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute (Motion #95-24); and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute continues to raise funds from government and private sectors, there is a need to fund core operations and to cost share projects; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute primary purpose is to promote, protect and preserve the Gwich'in Heritage, and to assist in the development of the Gwich'in Nation with the full and continuing support of the four Gwich'in communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council seek additional funds to increase to commitment made during the Tsiigehtchic 1995 Assembly by an additional \$115,000 from any other funding as of the 96/97 fiscal year.

Moved: Maureen Clark
Seconded: Donald Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 25

WHEREAS each year motions are passed at the Assemblies; and

WHEREAS at every Assembly the previous Assembly's motions should be reviewed in the original forms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in future Assemblies, motions passed at the previous Assembly be made available to the delegates with a progress report attached.

Moved: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded: Harry Carmichael
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 26

WHEREAS the Aklavik Alcohol Centre provides treatment programs for the community;

WHEREAS that there is a critical need to provide sufficient and effective services by resuming ownership of the infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aklavik Action Committee request support from the Gwich'in Assembly and from David Krutko, the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Delta Region, to have the Government of the Northwest Territories transfer ownership of the alcohol treatment infrastructure to the Aklavik Action Committee

Moved: Ruth Stewart
Seconded: Annie Semple
Motion Carried:

Motion #96 – 27

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Nation have lived a traditional way of life in a cultural setting for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS some of the Gwich'in Youth do not practice the traditional way of life; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Youth have limited knowledge of the basic traditional survival skills;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council reconsider motion 96-16 from the Special Assembly held on February 20-22, 1996, and support existing on the land camp facilities in each of the four communities where Youth can learn and practice the traditional and cultural way of life.

Moved: Gladys Alexie
Seconded: Johnny D. Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 28

WHEREAS there is a housing shortage for Elders in the Gwich'in region and a lack of adequate health care services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council supports the planning and development of programs that will meet the various needs of the Elders and provide improved levels of health care services.

Moved by: Morris Blake
Seconded by: Donald Andre

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 29

WHEREAS there are currently no scholarships offered to aboriginal students studying within the accounting for financial management areas; and

WHEREAS the majority of the Gwich'in Tribal Council transactions are based in the North; and

WHEREAS other banks, such as the Bank of Montreal, offer scholarships to aboriginal students who wish to access employment opportunities with financial institutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that encourage the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) to establish a scholarship fund to be made available annually to qualified Gwich'in student applicants.

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: William Koe

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 30

WHEREAS the definition of “delegate” in the Gwich'in Tribal Council By-Law Number 1 limits the ability of all “Active Participants” enrolled as beneficiaries to become a delegate at the Annual Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the definition of “delegate” be amended to read: “Delegate” shall mean an Active Participant who is chosen by a Gwich'in Council to represent the Gwich'in Council at an Assembly.

Moved by: Margaret Donovan

Seconded by: Maureen Clark

Motion: Defeated

Motion #96 – 31

WHEREAS the Gwich'in residing in the Gwich'in Settlement Area are isolated from the rest of Canada because of the absence of viable ground transportation during spring break-up and fall freeze-up on the Arctic Red River and the Peel River; and

WHEREAS the military has in the past constructed bridges at Eagle Plains in the Yukon Territory and Willow River in the Northwest Territories;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council continues to request that the Canadian Armed Forces Corps of Engineers construct a bridge at Tsiigehtchic on the Arctic Red River and a bridge at Fort McPherson on the Peel River, and provide construction and technical related training opportunities to the Gwich'in.

Moved by: James Andre

Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 32

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Development Corporation and subsidiaries do not provide housing allowances and other benefits in a uniform manner with all employees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Development Corporation develop and implement a fair and equitable housing allowance and benefits plan for all employees.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded by: Annie Smith
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 33

WHEREAS there is a concern regarding the loss of our Gwich'in language dialects expressed by Delegates at this Assembly and that delegates know that they may speak the Gwich'in languages at the Annual Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that translation into English and Gwich'in will be made available at the same time.

Moved by: Alestine Andre
Seconded by: Johnny Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 34

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Final Agreement provides for the recognition of the rights of all Gwich'in; and

WHEREAS there is a desire that the Gwich'in continue to work together and benefit from all decisions and agreements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council ensure that Gwich'in communities be consulted and informed about renewable resource activities and business or employment opportunities which could be made available to all Gwich'in especially those Gwich'in Harvesters whose area is being affected by any of these activities

Moved by: Donald Andre
Seconded by: Alestine Andre
Motion: Defeated

Motion #96 – 35

WHEREAS Gwich'in Elders and Youth would like to practice the teaching and learning of traditional Gwich'in knowledge and culture together.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Youth/Elder Co-ordinator be hired immediately to undertake the organization and administration of an office to assist with the planning and development of proposals and coordination of traditional knowledge and cultural projects.

Moved by: Maureen Clark
Seconded by: John Itsi
Motion: Carried

Motion #96 – 36

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council have supported that all Gwich'in leaders abstain from alcohol and drugs and practice sobriety; and

WHEREAS our leadership serve as role models for the Gwich'in beneficiaries and especially for Gwich'in Youth; and

WHEREAS we continue to practice Gwich'in culture and traditions by maintaining our sobriety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our Gwich'in leadership, including the Executive, abstain from alcohol and drugs and practice sobriety.

Moved by: Gladys Alexie
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 37

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council includes representation of all Gwich'in beneficiaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a position be created on the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board to include an Elder in an advisory position so that traditional knowledge is available to the Board when required.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded by: John Itsi
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 38

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council has established a Gwich'in Scholarship Fund for Gwich'in beneficiaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council increase the Gwich'in Scholarship Fund from \$50,000 to \$75,000 from the Implementation Training Fund.

Moved by: Richard Blake
Seconded by: John Itsi
Motion: Carried

Motion #96 – 39

WHEREAS there are Gwich'in beneficiaries living outside of the Gwich'in Settlement Region.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for greater certainty and Gwich'in living outside the Gwich'in Settlement Region received the same rights as those residing within the Gwich'in Settlement Region.

Moved by: Maureen Clark
Seconded by: John Itsi
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 40

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Development Corporation should be supportive of small businesses owned and operated by Gwich'in beneficiaries no matter where they reside in all the Gwich'in communities to create a stronger working relationship and business environment and provide equal opportunities

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Development Corporation work with small businesses owners and operators by Gwich'in businesses including subcontractors using Gwich'in businesses that provide good service and are cost effective

Moved by: Donald Andre

Seconded by: Harry Carmichael

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 41

WHEREAS there is a need for healing and treatment centers in the north; and

WHEREAS the Government of the NWT will be cutting funds to the alcohol and drug programs in the NWT; and

WHEREAS there are direct benefits to all other programs from the drug and alcohol projects; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council seek funding from the Government of the NWT for the continued operation, maintenance and delivery of programs by the Tl'oondih Healing Society.

Moved by: John Itsi

Seconded by: Johnny Charlie

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 42

WHEREAS the Caribou River is an important traditional and cultural area that must be protected by the Gwich'in Tribal Council, in association with the Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board and the Gwich'in Land and Water Board; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council has a mandate to protect the lands within the Settlement Region for future generations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council, in association with the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, the Gwich'in Land and Water Board and the Canadian Polar Commission, to access funding to complete the cleanup at Caribou river as soon as possible.

Moved by: Alestine Andre

Seconded by: Johnny D. Charlie

Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 43

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute is in need of core operating funds; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute meets all of the requirements to access the Community Education and Cultural Program (CECP) funding from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute has the full support of the four Gwich'in Communities of Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic, represented at the Gwich'in Tribal Council 1996 Annual Assembly, to access this funding.

Moved by: Alestine Andre
Seconded by: Sarah Jerome
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 44

WHEREAS the justice system is of concern to our membership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the issues relating to the justice system be put on the agenda in the future.

Moved by: James Andre
Seconded by: Donald Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 45

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council make available \$750,000 from the Settlement Fund interest to support current funding and the Permitted Activities of the Community Gwich'in Councils, pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement Chapter 11 – Taxation.

Moved by: Melba Mitchell
Seconded by: John Itsi
Motion Carried

Motion #96 – 46

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fort McPherson 13th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be adjourned.

Moved by: John Itsi
Seconded by: Harry Carmichael
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Inuvik, NT
July 29 – August 3, 1997

MOTION #97-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fred Koe and David Krutko are hereby appointed as chair and Co-Chair for the 141h Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: Margaret Donovan
Seconded by: Robert Charlie
Motion carried

MOTION #97-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 14th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be approved and accepted with following amendments:

- 16 (o) - Committee Reports - Add Community Acceptance; and
- 21 - New Business - Add Assembly of First Nations.

Moved by: Mavis Clark
Seconded by: Sarah Jerome
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bob Simpson, Bernice Furlong, Sarah Jerome, Margaret Donovan and Geoff Wiest be appointed to the Resolution Committee.

Moved by: Morris Blake
Seconded by: Terry Peterson
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 1996 Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be approved as presented.

Moved by: Willie Koe
Seconded by: Richard Wilson
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 05

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 19 be approved with two amendments:

- 1) Section 4.4 be changed to read: the Chair of the Finance Committee, Subject to section 4.10, shall be the President of the Council, or his designate if the Chair is not able to attend a meeting; and
- 2) Section 6.1 be changed to read: the Board shall appoint the members of the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee for a period which matches the terms of office of the board. No one, except the President, shall be a member of both Committees.

Moved by: Robert Charlie

Seconded by: Morris Blake
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 06

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1 be amended by adding a section entitle “Proxies” for Board of Directors as session 12.22 – Where any member of the Executive or the Board of Directors may grant his/her proxy to any other person where they may attend.

Moved by: Mavis Clark
Seconded by: Carol Norwegian
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 07

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that: a concerned effort be made by all Gwich’in Band Councils, DGOs and the Boards of all Gwich’in Organizations to assist in fundraising efforts on behalf of the Society on a continuous basis so that the Society can deliver its programs. The goal of fundraising efforts shall be to ensure the security of funding until the Society becomes self-sufficient.

Moved by: E.M. Hansen
Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 08

WHEREAS the delegates of the 14th Annual Assembly of the Gwich’in Tribal Council desire to ensure that Gwich'in Education and Training Fund and other social and cultural programs will have sufficient resources to continue to fund the education, training, social and cultural initiatives which it has supported in the past and new initiatives in the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the delegates of the 14th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council instruct the Executive and/or the Executive Director to carry out the proposal regarding changes to the structure of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and its subsidiaries. The Executive shall provide a report to the next Annual Assembly, or Special Assembly, whichever occurs first, regarding the implementation of the changes. The Executive shall instruct legal counsel to prepare drafts of such by-law changes or legal documents as may be required to implement such changes. Such drafts shall be submitted for review and approval by the Board of Directors, and in case of any necessary By-law changes, by the next Annual Assembly, or Special Assembly, as the case may be.

Moved by: Robert Charlie
Seconded by: Margaret Donovan
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 – 09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following candidates are hereby eligible and accepted to run for one (1) Vice President Position: Dale Blake, Robert Alexie Jr., James Wilson.

Moved by: Neil Firth
Seconded by: Wilbert Firth
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1997 combined Financial Statements - operation fund be hereby approved and accepted.

Moved by: Margaret Donovan

Seconded by: James B. Firth

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 11

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1997 Consolidated Financial Statements - land Claim Settlement Fund be hereby approved and accepted

Moved by: Margaret Donovan

Seconded by: William Koe

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the firm of KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne be hereby appointed as the auditors for the Gwich'in Tribal Council, its subsidiaries and the Gwich'in Development Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1998.

Moved by: Margaret Donovan

Seconded by: Sarah Jerome

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council continue to provide financial and political support in order for the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute to continue with its mandate.

Moved by: Frank Edwards

Seconded by: Catherine Mitchell

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 14

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of the Gwich'in Tribal Council study the establishment of a pension program for Gwich'in Elders.

Moved by: Catherine Mitchell

Seconded by: Noel Andre

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 15

BE IT RESOLVE THAT the following proxies be accepted.

John Kendo in favour of

Morris Blake

Melba Mitchell in favour of

Renie Stewart

Sarah McLeod-Firth	in favour of	Elizabeth Greenland
Laurie Stewart	in favour of	Terry Peterson
Mary Teya	in favour of	Michael Pascal Jr.

Moved by: Annie Smith
Seconded by: James B. Firth
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 16

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council lobby for a new building to replace the present Senior Citizens Home in Fort McPherson.

Moved by: Sarah Jerome
Seconded by: Wilbert Firth
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 17

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council work with the Department of Transportation to devise a method to reduce the need for gravel used to build up the Peel River ferry landing.

Moved by: Willie Koe
Seconded by: Wilbert Firth
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 18

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council request the Government of the Northwest Territories to provide adequate capital funds to build a school in Tsiigehtchic.

Moved by: Carol Norwegian
Seconded by: Linda Andre
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 19

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council request that the Government of the Northwest Territories reject any application to extend the hours of the Inuvik Liquor store and to reopen Delta House and fund alcohol and drug treatment programs in the Inuvik Region.

Moved by: Louisa Andre
Seconded by: Maureen Clark
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 20

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council incorporate FAE/FAS and early childhood development training into their education/training plan. That the Gwich'in Tribal Council work with Beaufort/Delta Education Council and Aurora College to develop and deliver the appropriate FAE/FAS and Early Childhood Education courses.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded by: Sarah Jerome
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council lobby the Beaufort/Delta Education Council to implement changes to the curriculum of the schools in the region to include the history of the Gwich'in Nation, the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, relevant Canadian laws and public policy.

Moved by: Leonard DeBastien
Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen
Motion Carried

MOTION #97- 22

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Executive provide written quarterly activity reports and meet with the communities at least once every three months

Moved by: Terry Peterson
Seconded by: Mavis Clark
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 23

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Election Committee has presented the following Election Results to the Delegates at the 14th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council

Robert A. Alexie Jr.	26 votes
Dale Blake	0 votes
James Wilson	32 votes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT James Wilson is hereby recognized as being elected as Vice-President for a term of two (2) years.

Moved by: Robert Bourque
Seconded by: Maureen Clark
Motion Carried

Motion #97 – 24

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots used in the July 31st, 1997 Election for one Vice-President be destroyed upon expiration of the required time limit of one-half (1 /2) hour following the presentation of the election results to the assembly.

Moved by: Pat Bourque
Seconded by: Carol Norwegian
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 25

BE IT RESOLVED IHA T our Leadership adopt a code of ethic to enhance their conduct to a professional manner both in and out of the office.

Moved by: Billie Lennie

Seconded by: Carol Norwegian

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 26

BE IT RESOLVE THAT The Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to establish a formal mentorship and career development program whereby beneficiaries can be provided meaningful employment within Gwich'in organizations and co-management boards.

Moved by: Annie Smith

Seconded by: Louisa Kaye

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 27

BE IT RESOLVED THAT it is recommended that the Board of the Gwich'in Tribal Council investigate the options available with respect to providing additional financial assistance to young persons who wish to learn traditional skills.

Moved by: Eugene Pascal

Seconded by: Bernice Furlong

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 28

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the participants of the 141h Annual Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly beneficiaries direct the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to withdraw the appointment of the present Gwich'in Self-government Negotiator and immediately advertise the position.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen

Seconded by: Sarah Jerome

Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 29

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The 1997 Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly fully supports the efforts and concerns of the Vuntut Gwich'in First Nation to halt immediately oil and gas exploration activities in the habitat range of the "PCH", until such time as the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and the Gwich'in Tribal Council consent to development within their respective Traditional Territory;
- 2) The Gwich'in Tribal Council demand a moratorium by Government in relation to any non-renewable resource development in the entire habitat range of the "PCH" until the Umbrella Final Agreement processes, such as land use planning and development assessment, are fully implemented in the Traditional Territory of the Vuntut Gwich'in and Teetl'it.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 - 30 - Defeated

MOTION #97 - 31 - Defeated

MOTION #97 - 32

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council develop a governance structure and organizational plan taking into account the current operations circumstances and future self-governance possibilities.

Moved by: Margaret Donovan
Seconded by: James B. Firth
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 -33

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Delegates to the 14th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council instruct the Executive and/or Executive Director to change a by-law. A by-law to change the manner in which the President is elected, to allow all Beneficiaries the opportunity to vote directly for the position of President. To instruct legal counsel to prepare drafts of such by-law changes for review and approval at the next Annual Assembly, or Special Assembly, whichever occurs first.

Moved by: Liz Hansen
Seconded by: Margaret Donovan
Motion Carried

MOTION #97 – 34 Defeated

MOTION #97 – 35 Defeated

MOTION #97 – 36 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 37 Defeated

MOTION #97 – 38 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 39 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 40 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 41 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 42 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 43 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 44 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 45 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 46 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 47 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 – 48 Withdrawn

MOTION #97 - 49

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 1998 Annual Assembly be held in Aklavik, NT the time and date will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Moved by: Eugene Pascal

Seconded by: Carol Norwegian

Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Special Assembly, Inuvik, NT
April 25, 1998

Motion #001

Moved that Dave Krutko and Ernie Firth be the Co-Chairs of the meeting.

Moved by: Margaret Donovan
Seconded by: Joe Benoit
Motion carried

Motion #002

WHEREAS: the delegates to the Special Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council have reviewed the "Summary of Changes made to By-Law No. 4" presented to the Special Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council by its legal Advisor, Geoffrey P. Wiest, of Gulbert, Wiest & MacPherson; and

WHEREAS: the delegates to the Special Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council agree with the proposed amendments to By-law No. 4;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the amended By-law No. 4 be approved.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: Wilbert Firth
Motion Carried

Motion #003

WHEREAS: the delegates to the Special Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council have reviewed the "Summary of Changes made to Restated By-law No. 1" presented to the Special Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council by its legal advisor, Geoffrey P. Wiest, of Gulbert, Wiest & MacPherson; and

WHEREAS: the delegates to the Special Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council agree with the proposed amendments to By-law No. 1;

Moved by: Margaret Donovan
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual Assembly, Aklavik, NT

October 6 - 8, 1998

Motion # 98-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Len Griffore and David Krutko are hereby appointed as chair and co-chair for the 15th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: James Firth

Seconded by: Eddie Greenland

Motion Carried

**Several Motions were included in the minutes, but were not given motion numbers*

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates agree to waive the 45 days' notice to have this assembly.

Moved by: (inaudible)

Seconded by: William Koe

Motion Carried (with 1 Abstention)

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the results of the 1998 President and Vice-President election be approved.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth

Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe

Motion Carried (with 3 abstentions and 4 against)

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots from the election will be destroyed within the time frame as set by the by-laws.

Moved by: William Koe

Seconded by: Mavis Clark

Motion Withdrawn

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented with the following amendments:

- Under agenda item 22 Other business – appointment of board members to the Porcupine Caribou Management Board
- Under agenda item 11 Executive reports – Strategic planning and Gwich'in Tribal Council organization.

Moved by: Mavis Clark

Seconded by: Wilbert Firth

Motion Carried

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Louise Lennie, John Gunter, Wanda McDonald and Bernice Furlong hereby be appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

Moved by: William Koe
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Special Assembly 1998 and the minutes of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly 1997 be approved as presented.

Moved by: William Koe
Seconded by: Eddie Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 14th Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly, July 29 to August 2, 1997, be approved as presented.

Moved by: William Koe
Seconded by: Eddie Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion # 09-06

WHEREAS prior to formal self-government negotiations each community designated Gwich'in organization approved of the Inuvialuit and Gwich'in Process and Schedule Agreement for Gwich'in Tribal Council to be responsible for the negotiations of a self-government agreement, pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, Appendix B – Self-Government Framework Agreement, section 5 – Process and Schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly approve the Final Draft Mandate for the Chief and Gwich'in Negotiators (Revised April 1998) subject to the following conditions:

1. The Gwich'in Self-Government Agreement must contain a Gwich'in Government that:
 - Governs current aboriginal programs and services;
 - Has the right to negotiate control over future programs and services; and
 - Has the right to participate in public institutions.
2. Section 2.8 – Transition of the Mandate document be approved at a later date after the following work has been completed:
 - The Traditional Governance Research Project;
 - Each community has an opportunity to review and verify the results of the Traditional Governance Research Project; and
 - Each community has an opportunity to develop a draft Gwich'in Government constitution.
3. The process and approval of Gwich'in Government should have the direct involvement and approval of Band members in the event the Band council has been affected.
4. The Chief and Gwich'in Negotiators will receive on-going advice and direction during the negotiations from the Gwich'in Self-government committee which shall consist of: one

representative from each community designated organization; one representative from each Band Council; and one representative from the Executive of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

5. The Chief Negotiator and Gwich'in Negotiator shall report and seek approval from the Board of Directors for approval of:
 - A revised section 2.8 – Transition,
 - Amendments to the Mandate document, and
 - Negotiated sub-agreements

And a reporting process be approved by the Board of Directors as soon as possible.

Moved by: Grace Blake

Seconded by: Mavis Clark

Motion Carried

Motion

WHEREAS the title to all Gwich'in Municipal Lands is currently held by the Gwich'in Tribal Council in trust for all Participants (Beneficiaries) pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (the "Land Claim").

AND WHEREAS the Delegates to the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council have reviewed a proposal whereby title to all Gwich'in Municipal Lands will be transferred from the Gwich'in Tribal Council to the four Designated Gwich'in Organizations representing each Gwich'in Community, that is, the Tetlit Gwich'in Council, the Nihtat Gwich'in Council, the Gwichya Gwich'in Council and the Ehditit Gwich'in Council (1997). The four Designated Gwich'in Organizations shall have the responsibility to administer the Gwich'in Municipal Lands within their respective communities in accordance with the terms of the Land Claim and in trust for the Participants (Beneficiaries)

AND WHEREAS the Delegates to the Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council agree with the proposal to transfer title of Gwich'in Municipal Lands to the Designated Gwich'in Organizations

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council take such steps as may be necessary to transfer title and administration to all Gwich'in Tribal Council to the Designated Gwich'in Organizations on the following basis:

- 1 All transfers shall take place pursuant to the terms of subsections 7.1.1 and 7.1.3 of the Land Claim;
- 2 All lawful requirements of the Registrar of Land Titles for the Northwest Territories shall be complied with in carrying out the transfers;
- 3 All transfers shall be structured such that no parcel shall lose its designation as "Gwich'in Municipal Lands" for tax purposes or any other purpose - if this is not possible to achieve the transfer of title shall not take place;
- 4 The Designated Gwich'in Organizations shall assume title, control and administration of Gwich'in Municipal Lands in accordance with the terms of the Land Claim and in trust for the Participants (Beneficiaries);

- 5 The Designated Gwich'in Organizations shall not permit any parcel which is Gwich'in Municipal Lands to be used or administered in any way which is in contrary to the Intent of the Land Claim or not in the best interests of the Participants (Beneficiaries);
- 6 Title to all Gwich'in Municipal Lands parcels in the Hamlet of Aklavik shall be transferred to the Ehdiiat Gwich'in Council (1997);
- 7 Title to all Gwich'in Municipal Lands parcels in the Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic shall be transferred to the Gwichya Gwich'in Council;
- 8 Title to all Gwich'in Municipal Lands parcels in the Hamlet of Fort McPherson shall be transferred to the Tetlit Gwich'in Council; and,
- 9 Title to all Gwich'in Municipal land parcels in the Town of Inuvik shall be transferred to the Nihtat Gwich'in Council

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President and one Vice-President are hereby authorized to execute under the seal of the Gwich'in Tribal Council all necessary transfer documents and any other documents required to implement the foregoing resolutions.

Moved by: Grace Blake
Seconded by: Wilbert Firth
Motion Carried

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consolidated Financial Statements for Year Ending March 31, 1998 be approved as reported.

Moved by: Mavis Clark
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the firm KPMG be approved as Gwich'in Tribal Council auditor.

Moved by: Annie Smith
Seconded by: Carol Norwegian
Motion Carried

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 15th Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly be adjourned.

Moved by: William Koe
Seconded by: Wally McPherson
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual Assembly, Tsiigehtchic, NT
September 28 - 30, 1999

Motion #99 - 01

Be it resolved that George John and Ernest Firth are hereby appointed as Chair and Co-chair for the 16th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: James Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #99-02

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by: Frank Firth
Seconded by: Abe Wilson
Motion Carried

Motion #99-03

Be it resolved that Robert Charlie, John Gunter and Grace Blake hereby be appointed to the Resolution Committee.

Moved by: James Andre
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion #99-04

Be it resolved that the results of the 1999 Vice-Presidents election be approved.

Moved by: Grace Blake
Seconded by: Frank Firth
Motion Carried

Motion #99-05

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Assembly General Assembly of October 6, 7, 8, 1998 be approved as presented.

Moved by: Florence Carmichael
Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe
Motion CARRIED

Motion #99-06

Be it resolved that the Consolidated Financial Statements for Year Ending March 31, 1998 be approved as reported.

Moved by: Mavis Clark
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion #99-07

Be it resolved that the firm KPMG be approved as the Gwich'in Tribal Council auditor for the fiscal year 1999/2000.

Moved by: Annie Smith

Seconded by: Carol Norwegian

Motion Carried

Motion #99-08

Whereas, the travel itinerary for the Executive of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and staff are circulated to the various offices;

Whereas, there are no confirmation or feedback on the travels;

Whereas, we would like to see reports of meetings attended;

Be it resolved that the personnel for whom the travel arrangement was made submit a detailed report on the outcome of the meetings, etc.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen

Seconded by: Neil Firth

Motion Carried

Motion #99-09

Whereas, there are differences in the benefits received by the employees of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and other organizations;

Whereas, the work produced by Northerners is comparable to the work produced by the employees from the south;

Whereas, the duties performed by both parties are similar;

Whereas, there is the tendency for our northern hires to be overlooked for promotions or salary increases/increments, upon completion of professional development courses or furthering their education;

Whereas, there is a need to amend present/existing policies regarding all benefits for all employees;

Be it resolved that the Board of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be mandated by the Assembly to amend the policies in the current Human Resource Manual to reflect equal benefits for all beneficiaries and;

Furthermore, be it resolved that the equal benefit changes be made to Vacation Travel Assistance, Staff Housing, R.R.S.P' s, Equal holiday time and the right to accumulate lieu time.

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen

Motion Carried

Motion # 99-10

Whereas, Chapter 11.3.3(a) (and supporting Schedule I) of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement states that the Settlement Corporation shall restrict its investments to those "qualified for a trust governed by a Registered Retirement Savings Plan", which limits its foreign portfolio holdings to 20 % US content only; and

Whereas, the Corporation's investment advisors have recommended that we should consider diversifying its portfolio to include investments from outside of Canada and the US through investment in international equities or pooled funds;

Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Directors of the Settlement Corporation approach Canada's Minister of Finance and the Government of the Northwest Territories to request an amendment to Schedule I to remove the current restriction and to expand the qualifications to include a more diversified investment portfolio.

Moved by: Grace Blake

Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo

Motion carried

Motion #99-11

Whereas, there is an annual general election for the executive;

Whereas, the elections manual is not sufficient for a general election and has to be reviewed and rewritten;

And whereas, there is a need for a working group to be established to re-draft the elections manual;

Therefore, be it resolved that the GTC Assembly appoint Beneficiaries to sit on the working group which will consist of 1 Board Member, 1 representative from each community and at least one member of the past Elections Committee;

Furthermore, the working group shall re-draft finalize the election manual which will be presented at the GTC Special Assembly.

Moved by: Robert Charlie

Seconded by: Liz Wright

Motion carried (as amended)

Motion #99-12

Whereas, the GTC, the Federal and NWT Governments concerning have entered into an agreement, known as the GCLCA signed on April 22, 1992.

Whereas, the parties agreed to a section known as 10.1.5 Economic Measures Chapter 10.

Whereas, this agreement states that the Gwich'in "shall" be consulted on any changes and modifications to this section of the agreement.

Whereas, the Federal and Territorial Governments are now in the process of modifying, altering and changing their policies, programs and contracting procedures without consulting the Gwich'in;

Whereas, the Gwich'in are severely impacted by changes to these policies, procedures and contracting regulations which effect Economic Measures;

And whereas, the Federal and Territorial Governments have reneged or neglected on their responsibilities to consult the Gwich'in;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 16th Annual General Assembly support the GTC in their review of sections 10 .1.5 of Chapter 10 to ensure that the GTC maximizes their involvement in economic activities that occur within the GSR; and

Be it further resolved that the 16th Annual General Assembly recommend that the Gwich'in Tribal Council pursue all means including Arbitration to adequately address their concerns over this issue if negotiations fail to meet our objectives.

Moved by: Charlie Furlong
Seconded by: James Firth
Motion Carried (as amended)

Motion #99-13

Whereas, the GTC/GDC and member organizations require the assistance of legal counsel;

Whereas, the GTC/GDC and member organizations have expended vast amounts of money on legal services, advice and opinions;

And whereas, there will be consistent and readily available legal services familiar with Gwich'in issues of the GTC/GDC and other Gwich'in organizations;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 16th Annual General Assembly recommend that the Gwich'in Tribal Council establish a position of an In House Legal Counsel.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Robert Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion #99-14

Whereas, the 15th Annual Gwich'in General Assembly approved the Self-government final draft Mandate in Aklavik and;

Whereas, the Chief Negotiator and the Self-government office has almost completed the objectives of the Mandate and;

Whereas, two important outstanding objectives, the traditional governance and community constitutions still require intense community work and;

Whereas, the Community Leadership have to become directly involved in the negotiating of the Self-government process.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council establish a process in the hiring of a Self-government Negotiator in Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: James Firth
Motion Carried (as amended)

Motion #99-15

Be it resolved that the 16th Annual General Assembly supports the community of Fort McPherson entering into a negotiations process to establish a proper community water source including a review of Deep Water Lake; and

Further be it resolved that this process will respect the Gwich'in Final Land Claim Agreement.

Moved by: Abe Wilson
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried (as amended)

Motion #99-16

Whereas, the children of women of Gwich'in descent must retain their status as Beneficiaries of the Gwich'in Claim;

Whereas, they have the rights to be rightfully represented by the Gwich'in Tribal Council;

Whereas, there are no policies or jurisdictions in place to protect children from being abducted or adopted by non-Gwich'in personnel;

Whereas, the parents of these children need financial assistance to have their voices heard in the courts that make decisions on behalf of these children;

And whereas, we need to support the families in a variety of ways;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors and the Executive develop policies or consult with courts or any other organization whose Mandate it is to deal with child welfare.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded by: James Firth
Motion Carried

Motion #99-17

Whereas, the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement was signed in 1992 and;

Whereas, beneficiaries have been requesting benefits in form of cash pay outs from the Claim and;

Whereas, elders have received cash pay outs from the signing of the Dene/Metis Agreement in Principal and the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement and;

Whereas, all Gwich'in beneficiaries support the continued investment of the Land Claim Compensation and the accumulated interest and also support the establishment of a Gwich'in Trust Pay out Fund;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 16th Annual General Assembly recommends that the Gwich'in Tribal Council establish a fund for the purposes of addressing the issue of payments to beneficiaries; and

Be it further resolved that the 16th Annual General Assembly authorizes the Gwich'in Tribal Council to develop a program that will ensure that payments to beneficiaries can be made; and

Be it further resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors be authorized to calculate a Payout to all of our elders prior to December 15, 1999.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: Fanny Greenland
Motion Carried (as amended)

Motion #99-18

Be it resolved that the Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board look at other resources that concern the land or follow the Gwich'in Land Claim Final Agreement.

Moved by: Anna May McLeod
Seconded by: Grace Blake
Motion Carried

Motion #99-19

Be it resolved that the Designated Gwich'in organizations, Gwich'in Tribal Council and Renewable Resource Boards develop rules and guidelines for the use of community responsibilities of the land issues.

Moved by: Grace Blake
Seconded by: Anna May McLeod
Motion Carried

Motion #99-20

Whereas, the community of Fort McPherson is scheduled as the location of the next Annual General Assembly; and

Whereas, the Year 2000 Gwich'in Gathering is taking place in the community of Aklavik;

Be it resolved that the next Annual General Assembly be held in Aklavik; and

Be it further resolved that the next Special Assembly be held in Fort McPherson and the 2001 Annual General Assembly return to Fort McPherson.

Moved by: James Firth
Seconded by: Bernice Furlong
Motion Carried

Motion #99-21

Be it resolved that the meeting of the 16th Annual Assembly be adjourned.

Moved by: Abe Wilson
Seconded by: Frank Firth
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual Assembly, Fort McPherson, NT
November 15 - 18, 2000

Motion #01/00

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ernest Firth and Frank Firth be appointed as Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for the 17th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: Robert Bourque

Seconded by: Peter Ross

Motion Carried

Motion #02/00

WHEREAS, the former President, Richard Nerysoo is not in attendance at this year's Assembly;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT under Item 11, Executive Reports, the presentation by Richard Nerysoo be deleted from the agenda; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT question relating to Item 13, Gwich'in Properties Limited, Item 14, Gwich'in Development Corporation, and Item 18, Revisions to By-law #3, Investment Policy be addressed by the Vice Presidents, James Wilson and Wilbert Firth and/or the Chief Financial Officer, Mark Davey; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda of the 17th Annual General Assembly be approved with the following amendments:

- Delete Item 23, Community Concerns, and replace with a presentation on oil and gas development from representatives of the Devlan, Akita Drilling, Schlumberger companies and other related companies or organizations.
- Delete Item 19, Amendments to Harvester's Trust Agreement. Vice President Wilbert Firth will address this topic under Item 21, GTC Organization Reports.
- Delete "Tl'oondih Healing Society" from Item 21, Organization Reports. Vice President James Wilson will address this topic under Item 11, Executive Reports.
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Moved by: James Andre

Seconded by: James Wilson

Motion Carried

Motion #03/00

BE IT RESOLVED THAT John Gunter, Wilbert Firth and Dan Andre be appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

Moved by: Abe Wilson

Seconded by: Barry Greenland

Motion Carried

Motion #04/00

WHEREAS the official election results have not been submitted to the Assembly;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the results of the 2000 GTC Executive Election be accepted, and the ballots destroyed providing that the Executive Director, John Gunter submit the official results to the Assembly for ratification on Thursday morning, November 16, 2000.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Tommy Wright
Motion carried (with one abstention)

Motion #05/00

WHEREAS, under Item 2. Appointment of Chairpersons, the name of the individual to second the motion reads George Andre.

BE IT RESOLVED that this name be changed to read James Andre; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the GTC Annual General Assembly of September 29-30, 1999 be approved as amended.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: Florence Carmichael
Motion Carried

Motion #06/00

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich' in Tribal Council Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ending March 31, 2000 be approved as presented.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: James Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #07/00

BE IT RESOLVED that the firm KPMG be re-affirmed as the Gwich'in Tribal Council auditors for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council be directed to issue "Request for Proposals for Audit Services" for the fiscal year ended March 31 , 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council provides the results for the requests for proposals and the recommendations to the 18th Annual General Assembly for review and approval.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Robert Bourque
Motion Carried

Motion #08/00

WHEREAS there may be some individuals who are registered as enrolled beneficiaries who may not meet the criteria as set out under the Gwich' in Land Claim Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich' in Tribal Council direct the Enrolment Board to review the Gwich' in Enrolment Register to verify any such case; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if there are individuals listed who do not qualify that they be removed from the Register.

Moved by: Robert Bourque
Seconded by: Mary Teya
Motion Carried

Motion #09/00

WHEREAS, five recommendations were presented to delegates at the Assembly on changes to Sections 5, 6 and 7 on Assemblies under the current Gwich' in Tribal Council By-law # 1,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly, with the exception of the following, approves the revisions to the GTC By-law #1, as presented:

1. Under Section 5 .1 (g), Business, it was agreed that the reference to Director fees be removed;
and
2. Under Section 4.5, Resolutions at Assemblies, it was agreed to change the days of notice for submitting Assembly resolutions to the Secretary of the Board from fourteen (14) to ten (10) before an Assembly occurs,
3. Under Section 4.2, Composition of the Assemblies, it was unanimously agreed not to change the composition of the Assembly.

Moved by: James Wilson
Seconded by: James Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #10/00

WHEREAS, several recommendations have been made at previous Assemblies and Board meetings to change and improve the GTC Elections process and procedures, and to remove the Election Manual from inclusion in the GTC By-laws;

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 8.5, Elections Process, be amended to read "Except as provided for in this By-law, the process for elections shall be as forth in the Tribal Council's Elections Policy and Procedures Manual, as adopted and amended by the resolution of the Board from time to time".

Moved by: James Wilson
Seconded by: Tommy Wright
Motion Carried

Motion #11/00

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Tribal Council has completed a phase of community consultations reflecting proposed changes and revisions to its By-law #; and

WHEREAS, public response and participation was very low in some of the Gwich'in communities and there are still a large number of beneficiaries that have -the right to be consulted and this process still requires a lot of research and community participation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the GTC Annual General Assembly defer this process to a future Special Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process allow for maximum benefit for all beneficiaries and community councils.

Moved by: Dan Andre
Seconded by: Carol Norwegian
Motion Carried

Motion #12/00

WHEREAS, LP Holman greatly contributed to the promotion of education as a priority for all Gwich'in living in the North;

BE IT RESOLVED that the GTC Annual General Assembly support and suggest that the name LP Holman be submitted for the new Aurora College campus in Inuvik.

Moved by: Ellen Smith
Seconded by: Liz Hansen
Motion Carried

Motion #13/00

WHEREAS, the Annual General Assembly would like to re-affirm a motion made at a previous Assembly that the Executive and GTC Board of Directors be directed to separate the business of the Gwich'in Development Corporation (GDC) from the politics of the Gwich'in Tribal Council;

BE IT RESOLVED that the GDC Board of Directors amend its By-laws and sections relating to the composition of its Board members in accordance with the directions established by the GTC Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GTC be delegated the authority to approve the selection and appointment of the GDC Board members and the appropriate revisions to the GDC By-laws.

Moved by: Dan Andre
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried (Voting results: 33 in favour and 7 against)

Note: Motions numbered 14/00 to 17/00 were put forward but later rescinded as there was no quorum and the motions were regarding by-law revisions.

Motion #18/00

WHEREAS, under Chapter 25, Heritage Resources of the Gwich'in Land Claim Agreement, the Tribal Council has overall responsibility for actively conserving, researching and managing Gwich'in Heritage Research; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Council, there is a need for the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute to continue obtaining support for more archeological research into the history of the Gwich'in;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute look into the matter of bringing up Dr. Jean Luc Pelond to conduct this research.

Moved by: Willie Simon
Seconded by: Robert Bourque
Motion Carried

Motion #19/00

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Harvesters Assistance Trust has existed as a program for five years; and

WHEREAS, the policies and procedures that govern how funds are to be administered and allocated to harvesters have not been subject to review since the creation of the fund;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council conduct a review of the fund and its' policies and procedures this upcoming year in collaboration with the Designated Gwich'in Organizations (DGO' S) and the Renewable Resource Councils (RRCs) in the four Gwich'in communities.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Barry Greenland

Motion #20/00

WHEREAS, the existence of the current ferry service at the Peel River Crossing creates serious environmental problems of sediment in the river that affects the fish;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council give strong direction to the Government of the Northwest Territories to respond to a feasibility study for the building of a bridge over the Peel River and take action to initiate this project.

Moved by: James Andre
Seconded by: Tommy Wright
Motion Carried

Motion #21/00

WHEREAS, the Assembly passed a resolution in 1997 formally establishing a mentorship and career development program within the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, non-Gwich' in employees occupy permanent positions within the Tribal Council and the Gwich'in Development Corporation and its subsidiaries;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council identify and find resources to give effect to its Mentorship Policy and ensure that Gwich'in trainees are recruited to fill those positions occupied by non-beneficiaries.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Dan Andre
Motion Carried

Motion #22/00

WHEREAS, there are two offices involved in the administration and management of the Tribal Council: one located in Fort McPherson and the other in Inuvik; and

WHEREAS, the cost of running these two offices is expensive;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council executive and Finance Committee review the feasibility and cost of maintaining these two offices within the next six to eight months so that they can make their recommendations to the Board for one office and where it should be located.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Robert Bourque

Motion Carried

Motion #23/00

WHEREAS, the TI'oondih Healing Camp is being underutilized as a facility for training, conferences, wellness programs or for tourism related activities;

BE IT RESOLVED that a working group be established by the four Gwich'in communities to review the possibility of transferring of the ownership of the Camp from the Tribal Council to the Designated Gwich'in Organizations (DGO' s) with each DGO owning a 25% share and with Fort McPherson as the central operating office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this working group put together a business plan with options on how to financially structure and market the use of the Camp for approval by the Tribal Council by March 31, 2001.

Moved by: (not recorded)

Seconded by: (not recorded)

Motion Carried (Voting results: count of who voted in favour could not be determined, 1 against, 6 abstentions)

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual Assembly, Inuvik, NT
August 20 – 22, 2001

Motion # 2001/01

BE IT RESOLVED that Fred Koe and David Krutko be appointed as Chairperson and Co-chairperson for the 18th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/02

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agenda of the 18th Annual General Assembly be approved.

Moved by: Maureen Clark
Seconded by: Robert Alexie, Sr.
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/03

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Waiver of Notice for the Agenda of the 18th Annual General Assembly be approved.

Moved by: Frank Stewart
Seconded by: Hazel Nerysoo
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/04

BE IT RESOLVED that Bob Simpson, Larry Firth, Agnes Smith and Greta Sittichinli be appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded by: Maureen Clark
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/05

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the GTC 17th Annual General Assembly of November 15 - 18, 2000 be approved.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: Agnes
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/06

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2001 be approved as presented.

Moved by: Abe Wilson
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/07

BE IT RESOLVED that the firm KPMG be appointed as the Gwich'in Tribal Council auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002.

Moved by: Robert Bourque
Seconded by: Agnes Mitchell
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/08

Whereas the Delegates to the 18th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council have reviewed the Organization Review prepared by the Gwich 'in Tribal Council Working Group, the paper presented by Bob Simpson and the 'Summary of Changes made to Restated By-law No. 1 'presented to the Assembly by its Legal Advisor, Geoffrey P. Wiest, of Gulberg, Wiest, MacPherson and Kay; and

Whereas the Delegates to the Assembly agree with certain of the proposed amendments to Restated By-law No. 1;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The following amendments be accepted:

- (a) the term of office of the Executive shall be four (4) years;
- (b) the staggered elections process where elections are held each year is removed and replaced with an elections process where all Executive positions are elected at the same time at the conclusion of the term of office of the Executive;
- (c) the date for all elections shall be set at the third week of June in the year an election is scheduled to take place;
- (d) the By-law shall be changed to implement the recommendations to give more authority to the Chief Returning Officer;
- (e) there shall be one (1) Vice-President.

The changes to each section of By-law No. 1 required to implement these proposals shall be made and the President is hereby authorized to execute the amended By-law and submit same to the Corporations Directorate, Industry Canada for filing.

2. The technical changes proposed by the Organizational Review Working Group outlined in the attached Schedule "A" are accepted. The changes to each section of By-law No. 1 required to implement these proposals shall be made and the President is hereby authorized to execute the amended By-law and submit same to the Corporations Directorate, Industry Canada for filing.

3. The balance of the proposals and recommendations first presented to the 17th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council held in Fort McPherson and again at the 18th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council in Inuvik are deferred and are to be dealt with by another process involving community consultations as determined by the Board of Directors of the Tribal Council.

SCHEDULE "A"

The following are the paragraph numbers in the Summary of Changes made in the By-law No. 1 of the Gwich'in Tribal Council prepared by Geoffrey P. Wiest and accepted by the 18th Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council: 1 to 12, 16, 18, 20 to 25, 29, 32, 34, 35, 39, 49 to 60, 64, 65, 67 to 74, 76 to 78, 80, 82 to 88, 91 to 102.

Moved by: Robert Charlie
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/09

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is proposing amendments to the NWT Wildlife Act; and

WHEREAS a proposed amendment would change the residency requirements for hunting to six (6) months from the current two (2) years; and

WHEREAS the change in residency will impact Gwich'in abilities to harvest wildlife;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly does not support the proposed Wildlife Act amendment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Executive and Board of Directors lobby Legislative Assembly members to oppose residency amendments.

Moved by: Harry Carmichael
Seconded by: Maureen Clark

Motion # 2001/10

Whereas the Gwich'in of northeast Alaska and northwest Canada rely on the Porcupine Caribou Herd to meet the nutritional, cultural and spiritual needs of our communities, much as our ancestors have for thousands of years before us; and

Whereas the Gwich 'in have the right to continue our way of life on our traditional lands, to practice our culture, and to meet the nutritional needs of our people; and these rights are recognized in the International Covenant on Human Rights, which reads in part: "In no case may a people be deprived of their own means of subsistence ... "; and

Whereas the health and the productivity of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, their availability to our communities and the very future of our people are endangered by proposed oil development in the Caribou calving grounds in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska; and

Whereas the Gwich 'in Tribal Council provides financial support to help in the lobbying and public awareness efforts to help protect the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas the Gwich'in Nation Beneficiaries have stated in the past that the Porcupine Caribou Herd is a vital component of our cultural and spiritual way of life;

Be it Resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council provide financial and political support to the organizations involve to help protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and that this action be taken immediately.

Moved by: William Koe
Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/11

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council is the owner of the TI'oondih Healing Camp that provides healing services to Beneficiaries; and

Whereas the communities want to take over control of social programs;

Be it Resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council with the Tetlit Gwich'in Council develop a marketing strategy for the utilization of the Healing Camp and a financial plan to ensure the Healing Camp operations are viable and self-sustaining.

Moved by: Abe Wilson
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/12

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories eligibility requirements do not allow for persons in need who are minors to obtain income support or social housing; and

Whereas these policies do not provide the necessary assistance to minors who are living independently from their parents;

Be it Resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council approach the Government of the Northwest Territories to allow for minors who need assistance to obtain income support and social housing.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: Frank Stewart
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/13

WHEREAS the residents of the Gwich'in of Tsiigehtchic pay for the consumption of water they receive from the municipal government; and

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories wants the Tsiigehtchic Charter Community Government to pay for any improvements to the quality of the water; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provides for the maintenance of the quantity and quality of water;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council requests that the Government of the Northwest Territories pay for the costs of water treatment.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/14

WHEREAS the Yukon Government has issued a Call for Nominations in the Primary and Secondary Use Areas of the Yukon Transboundary Agreement without proper consultations with the Gwich'in Tribal Council;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council take the necessary measures to ensure that the Council is properly consulted by the Yukon Territorial Government prior to lands being opened for development within the Primary or Secondary Use Areas.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Call for Nominations include provisions for industry to consult with a view of developing benefit agreements with the Gwich'in Tribal Council in a similar manner allowed for Yukon First Nations.

Moved by: William Koe
Seconded by: Frank Stewart
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/15

Whereas the Gwich'in are concerned with the oil and gas development within the region and would like to have information on the involvement of the Gwich'in institutions in that development so that they may be prepared and make proper decisions.

Be it Resolved that the Gwich 'in Tribal Council Board of Directors and executive provide information to the Beneficiaries on the activities of the Council in relation to oil and gas development in the Beaufort Delta Region.

Moved by: Sigmore Furlong
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/16

Whereas the investment advisor Towers Perrin, through its representative Peter Hallett, has suggested that it would be appropriate at this time to conduct a review of the management structure of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation investment fund as part of the normal and regular due diligence that the Gwich 'in Settlement Corporation should conduct from time to time;

Be it Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Gwich 'in Tribal Council are hereby directed to conduct a review of the management structure of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation investment fund and to make whatever changes may be required as a result of that review and as required by the investment policies of the fund.

Moved by: James B. Firth
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/17

Whereas Aurora College will be constructing a new campus facility within the next year; and

Whereas the plans for the new campus facility do not include residences for students other than existing inadequate family accommodations;

Be it resolved that the Government of the Northwest Territories and Aurora College find the resources to meet the accommodation needs of students who attend Aurora Campus programs.

Moved by: James B. Firth

Seconded by: William Koe

Motion # 2001/18

Whereas there is a need for addiction counselors' services because of the increase in economic and employment opportunities and business ventures; and

Whereas there is a lack of funding to hire and train addiction counselors;

Be it Resolved that the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly recommend that the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Gwich'in Development Corporation look at adequate funding for the communities to hire and train addiction counselors.

Be it Further Resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council, in negotiations with oil and gas companies operating within the Gwich'in Settlement Region, include financial support from those companies to support the hiring and training of addiction counselors.

Moved by: Anna Mae McLeod

Seconded by: Melba Mitchell

Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/19

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council has governmental authority and responsibilities and delivers government programs and services; and

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories recognizes the Gwich'in Tribal Council as a government and the Government of Canada recognizes Bands and the Gwich'in Tribal Council as governments;

Be it Resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council and associated institutions be fully recognized by the Government of Canada and Government of the Northwest Territories as a government for the purposes of enjoying the same benefits and tax exemptions as other existing governments.

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: Abe Wilson

Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/20

Whereas the Gwich'in have always used the term "Chief" to identify and address their leaders; and

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council incorporation documents and By-laws identify the titles of the Council leadership; and

Whereas our present leaders of the four Gwich 'in communities still use the title of "Chief";

Be it resolved that we change the title of the President of the Gwich 'in Tribal Council to "Grand Chief" in order to clearly identify to others the leader of the Gwich 'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: William Koe

Seconded by: Maureen Clark

Vote Results: 48 voted in favor, 4 voted against, 3 abstentions

Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/21

Whereas the oil and gas industry has returned to the Beaufort-Delta Region; and

Whereas there are social problems affecting our people as a result of development; and

Whereas there is a need for cross-cultural training; and

Whereas there are no banking facilities available to smaller communities to allow for improved management of monies earned from employment with industry;

Be it resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council request that the oil and gas industry conduct cross-cultural awareness workshops for southern staff;

Be it Further Resolved that the GNWT provide more programs and services to deal with the social issues resulting from development, and banking services be established in Gwich 'in communities to provide improved access and money management by employees of industry.

Moved by: Hazel Nerysoo

Seconded by: Grace Blake

Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/22

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories has proposed a new Highway Investment Strategy to improve the NWT Highways; and

Whereas the Dempster Highway is an essential economic link to connect the communities of Fort McPherson, Tsiigehtchic and Inuvik and is in need of improvement and the undertaking of a cost analysis of establishing a link to Aklavik;

Be it Resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, Tetlit Gwich'in Council, Nihtat Gwich'in Council and Ehdiiat Gwich'in Council support the Government of the Northwest Territories initiative of the Highway Investment Strategy.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: Frank Firth
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/23

Whereas the current leadership of the Gwich'in Tribal Council are restructuring the goals and objectives of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and its subsidiary institutions; and

Whereas the leadership feel that this is necessary to build a one-window approach that will provide for maximum input by the communities; and

Whereas the leadership feel that a new vision statement and mandate is needed to guide them in providing leadership to meet the demands and concerns of the communities; and

Whereas the leadership feel that the three areas of political, economic and social development must highlight economics, training, tradition and cultural development;

Be it resolved that the Assembly endorse in confidence the Gwich 'in leadership;

Be it Further Resolved that the Gwich 'in leadership "Be aware, be prepared and be progressive" in its move to provide a better tomorrow for all Gwich 'in;

Be it Further Resolved that the Executive and Board of Directors develop an action plan to address the political, economic and social development of the Gwich'in to meet the goals and objectives of the Gwich 'in Tribal Council and its subsidiary institutions.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: Maureen Clark
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/24

Be it resolved that the Assembly move into in camera session.

Moved by: Robert Bourque
Seconded by: Maureen Clark
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/25

Whereas the Delegates of the 18th Gwich 'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly have reviewed and discussed the Sahtu Royalty payment and have identified their needs;

Be it Resolved that the 18th Annual General Assembly direct the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to invest the Sahtu Royalty Funds and to develop a strategic investment plan to meet the above needs; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Gwich 'in Tribal Council Board of Directors approach the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop partnerships in the delivery of programs and services and any further directions from the community leadership.

Moved by: James B. Firth
Seconded by: Robert Bourque
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/26

Be it Resolved that the 19th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be held in Aklavik.

Moved by: Phillip Ross
Seconded by: Steven Charlie
Motion Carried

Motion # 2001/27

Be it resolved that the 18th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council is hereby adjourned.

Moved by: Robert Alexie, Sr.
Seconded by: Frank Stewart
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual Assembly, Aklavik, NT

August 7 - 10, 2002

Motion # 2002/01

Be it resolved that George John and Grace Blake be appointed as Chairpersons for the 191h Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: Louisa Andre

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/02

Be it Resolved that the agenda of the 19th Annual General Assembly be approved as presented.

Moved by: Mavis Clark

Seconded by: Bernice Furlong

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/03

Be it Resolved that Bob Simpson, Larry Firth, Mavis Clark and Greta Sittichinli be appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

Moved by: Frank Firth

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/04

Be it resolved that the minutes of the GTC 18th Annual General Assembly, of August 20-22, 2001 be approved.

Moved by: Frank Firth

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/05

Whereas the 18th Annual General Assembly granted approval for the Executive to act on the revision to Bylaw No.1 so that they can be registered by Industry Canada;

Whereas the Board of Directors passed motion 2002/#01 on July 29, 2002, to seek approval of the Assembly to resolve the issue of the Bylaw revisions and the election of the Executive;

Whereas the Assembly approved the extension of the terms for President and Vice-President until June 2003;

And whereas an election will be called in the third week of June 2003 as per the Restated Bylaw No. 1 to fill the positions of President and one (1) Vice-President for a four (4) year term;

Therefore be it resolved that the General Election, as state in Bylaw No. 1, as presented and amended, take place the third week on June 2003.

Moved by: Mavis Clark
Seconded by: Barry Greenland
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/06

Whereas it is the mandate of the Gwich'in Tribal Council to manage its funds in a manner that supports the ongoing development of Gwich'in people and culture; and

Whereas the investment in facilities at TI'oondih has not generated a return on investment and has cost the GTC approximately \$100,000 per annum since 1995; and

Whereas it is not an acceptable use of GTC funds to move the facility or to invest additional funds in the facility to earn a financial return; and

Whereas the Tetlit Gwich'in Council has expressed an interest in acquiring these facilities for one dollar; and

Whereas it is in the best interests of the membership to dispose of this property so it can be used by the Tetlit Gwich'in Council;

Therefore be it resolved that the GTC offer to sell the assets located at TI'oondih for the sum of one dollar on or before January 31, 2003.

Be it further resolved that the GTC include as conditions to this sale measures to recover funds as they may become available from any subsequent sale of these assets or from profitable business associated with the use of these facilities.

Moved by: William Koe
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/07

Be it resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Consolidated Financial Statements for year ending March 31, 2002 be approved as presented.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Greta Sittichinli
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/08

Be it resolved that Bylaw No. 3 of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be amended in the following manner:

1. Paragraph 2.1 be amended by deleting the words "Capital Transfers" appearing in the first line and replacing them with "The Capital";
2. Paragraph 2.2 be amended by adding the following sentence at the end of said paragraph: "In furtherance of this objective the Capital shall be invested in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Land Claim, as amended from time to time".
3. Paragraph 2.5 be amended by deleting the sentence "As a result, the Capital of the Fund resulting from each installment of Capital Transfers is intended to remain intact at all times and

the Settlement Corporation shall ensure that it maintains its tax exempt status in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Land Claim”, and substituting the following: “The Fund shall be invested without undue risk of loss or impairment and with a reasonable expectation of fair return or appreciated given the nature of the investment. The Settlement Corporation shall ensure that it maintains its tax exempt status in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Land Claim Agreement”.

Moved by: James Firth
Seconded by: Charles Furlong
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/09

Be it resolved that the firm KPMG be appointed as the Gwich’in Tribal Council auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/10

Whereas the Gwich’in own land and have Aboriginal rights in the Yukon; and

Whereas any development proposal or application in the Peel River Watershed may affect Gwich’in Rights or use of water and lands; and

Whereas the responsibilities for land use permits and land authorizations have been transferred to the Yukon Territorial Government, and that Government is not consulting with the Gwich’in on land and water use in the Peel River Watershed;

Be it therefore resolved that any land authorization, permit, or license within the Peel River Watershed be forwarded to the Gwich’in Tribal Council and the Tetlit Gwich’in Council to allow for full consultation with the Gwich’in; and

Be it further resolved that the Gwich’in Tribal Council take action to ensure that the Transboundary Agreement is implemented.

Moved by: Abe Wilson
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/11

Whereas the GTC receives or applies for Aboriginal Headstart and Aboriginal Healing Foundation funds, and these funds have not been allocated to all GSA Communities;

Be it therefore resolved the GTC divide the funding from the Aboriginal Headstart and Aboriginal Healing foundation equally among the four GSA communities.

Moved by: Mavis Clark
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/12

Whereas there are twelve (12) Elders in Tsiigehtchic who need accommodation;

Be it Therefore Resolved that the GTC and the MLA for Mackenzie Delta help Tsiigehtchic obtain an Elders' facility within the next year.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland (Aklavik)

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/13

Whereas the Canadian Gun Control Legislation is being enforced and causing fear and anxiety among Gwich'in who have trouble going through the bureaucracy involved in compliance with no help from the Firearms Center other than by telephone

Be it Therefore Resolved that the GTC take a lead role in helping Gwich'in to achieve compliance with the legislation.

Moved by: Jan McLeod

Seconded by: Melba Mitchell

Motion # 2002/14

Whereas the Northern Contaminants Program (NCP) is in its tenth year, and the final year of its second phase of research (1998-2003) on contaminants in the Northern Environment; and

Whereas the relationship between the Gwich'in people and our environment are the traditional food we eat is linked to our culture and way of life;

Be it therefore resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council fully supports the renewal of the NCP for a third phase of research (2003-2008) and will continue to participate in the NWT Environmental Contaminants Committee to ensure all contaminant concerns in the NWT and the Gwich'in Settlement Area are adequately address.

Moved by: Charles Snowshoe

Seconded by: Melba Mitchell

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/15

Be it resolved that the remaining motions be consolidated and voted upon as a unit.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/16-A

Whereas Fort McPherson has, over the years, attempted to establish facilities for recreational and other programs for the youth of the community; and

Whereas the facilities established are unsafe or have not adequately served the youth;

Be it therefore resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council support the efforts of the Tetlit Gwich'in Council to establish a youth centre in Fort McPherson.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/16-B

Whereas the Elders of Fort McPherson are in need of a long-term care facility;

Be it therefore resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council urge the GNWT, using programs of the NWT Housing Corporation, to develop a long-term care facility in Fort McPherson

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/16-C

Whereas tourism studies have identified the economic potential of big game harvesting/sporting hunting in the Gwich'in Settlement Area; and

Whereas wildlife studies have shown that Dall's sheep and moose populations can sustain commercial harvesting by the Gwich'in;

Be it therefore resolved that The Gwich'in Tribal Council approve commercial harvesting of Dall's sheep and moose within the Gwich'in Settlement Area by Gwich'in sport hunting outfitters.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/16-D

Whereas the Community Mental Health Worker Program was established five years ago with contributions from the Inuvik Regional Health and Social Services Board, Beaufort-Delta Education Council, and the GNWT; and

Whereas the Mental Health Program funds have not been secured as an A-base program for multi-year funding;

Be it therefore resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council urge the GNWT to secure permanently based multi-year funding for the Mental Health Worker Program.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/16-E

Whereas one of the Gwich'in Tribal Council objectives is to "retain, preserve and enhance the traditional and cultural values, customs and languages of the Gwich'in in a changing society"; and

Whereas the genealogical book entitled, "Jijuu, Who are my Grandparents? Where are they from" furthers these objectives;

Be it therefore resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council seek funding for a second and subsequent printings of this book, for distribution within the four Gwich'in communities and to Beneficiaries outside the Gwich'in Settlement Area.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/16-F

Whereas the youth are the future of the Gwich'in, and will ultimately supply the leadership to implement the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, and any future Self-Government Agreement; and

Whereas Gwich'in youth desire a voice within the Gwich'in Tribal Council for addressing their concerns;

Be it therefore resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council examine changes to the Bylaws to establish a permanent position of youth representative on the GTC Board of Directors, with voting privileges.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/16-G

Whereas there is a need to educate and train Gwich'in youth to assume leadership roles in the future;

Be it therefore resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council develop a leadership program to assist Gwich'in youth in developing the necessary skills to occupy positions as leaders and resource people in the future.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa

Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/16-H

Whereas there is a substantial number of Gwich'in Beneficiaries living outside the Gwich'in Settlement Area in order to pursue employment and educational opportunities, and who wish to be more involved in Gwich'in Tribal Council business;

Be it therefore resolved that the GTC consider changes to the Bylaws to allow a minimum of two (2) Delegates each from Whitehorse and Yellowknife to each Annual General Assembly, as well as the establishment of offices in each of these communities.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Peter James Vittrekwa
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/17

Be it therefore resolved that the 20th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be held in the community of Tsiigehtchic, NWT.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: Charles Furlong
Motion Carried

Motion # 2002/18

Be it therefore resolved that the 19th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council adjourn.

Moved by: Melba Mitchell
Seconded by: Barry Greenland
Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Tsiigehtchic, NT
August 11 – 14, 2003

Resolution #01/2003

Be it Resolved That Grace Blake and Barry Greenland be appointed as Co-Chairs of the 20th Gwich'in Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: John Norbert
Seconded by: Tom Wright
Motion Carried

Resolution #02/2003

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the 20th Annual General Assembly be approved as amended.

Moved by: Melba Mitchell
Seconded by: Rose Clark
Motion Carried

Resolution #03/2003

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jack Williams, Bridget Larocque and Richard Wilson be appointed to the Resolutions Committee for the 20th Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Robert Bourque
Seconded by: Johnny Kay
Motion Carried

Resolution #04/2003

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 19th Annual General Assembly be approved as presented.

Moved by: Frank Firth
Seconded by: Tom Wright
Motion Carried

Resolution #05/2003

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2003 be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: Tom Wright
Motion Carried

Resolution #06/2003

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the firm KPMG be appointed the Gwich'in Tribal Council's auditor for the year ending March 31, 2004.

Moved by: Robert Bourque
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
Motion Carried

Resolution #07/2003

Whereas Gwich'in youth are concerned for the well-being of sacred, ancestral Gwich'in lands within the Peel River Watershed and the preservation of the Gwich'in culture and traditional way of life; and
Whereas Gwich'in youth assert the right to fully informed participation where matters of energy, the use of natural resources, and sustainability are discussed, negotiated and determined;

Be it resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council, local Gwich'in Councils and Renewable Resource Boards involve youth in discussions and decision making regarding such issues; and support them in their conviction that the Peel River Watershed must be protected for future generations.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen

Seconded by: Hazel Nerysoo

Motion Carried

Resolution #08/2003

Whereas the Gwich'in Nation of north-east Alaska and north-west Canada have relied for centuries upon the Porcupine Caribou for subsistence and to meet their nutritional, cultural and spiritual needs, and continue to do so today; and

Whereas the Gwich'in have the inherent right to continue their own way of life, a right recognized and affirmed by civilized nations, with Article 1 of both the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and reading in part: " .. .In no case may a people be deprived of their own means of subsistence"; and

Whereas the health and productivity of the Porcupine Caribou are endangered by proposed oil and gas exploration and development in the herd's calving grounds in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge-Coastal Plain and its wintering grounds in the Peel River Watershed; and

Whereas the Gwich'in Nation addressed this issue when gathered in Arctic Refuge in 1998; and
Whereas the Gwich'in people of the communities of Arctic Village, Venetie, Ft. Yukon, Beaver, Chalkytsik, Birch Creek, Stevens Village, Circle and Eagle Village, Alaska; Old Crow, Ft. McPherson, Tsiigehtchic, Aklavik and Inuvik in Canada have reached consensus in their traditional way and now speak as one on this issue;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Annual Assembly unanimously support the efforts of the Gwich'in Nation to secure permanent protection of the 1002 calving area in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and of the wintering and breeding grounds of the Porcupine Caribou; and

Be it Further Resolved That it call upon the President and Congress of the United States to recognize the plight of the Gwich'in to continue their own way of life by prohibiting development in the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou, and the Yukon Territorial Government to do so by prohibiting development in the wintering and breeding grounds within the Peel River Watershed.

Moved by: Johnny Kay

Seconded by: Melba Mitchell

Motion Carried

Resolution #09/2003

Whereas the Chief Returning Officer for the 2003 GTC elections has presented her report to the 20th

Annual General Assembly for review and acceptance;

Be it resolved that the Assembly accept the report of the Chief Returning Officer and direct her to destroy the ballots from the 2003 GTC elections.

Moved by: Abe Wilson

Seconded by: Fanny Greenland

Motion Carried

Resolution #10/2003

Whereas the GCLCA states that Beneficiaries have exclusive harvesting rights on the Aklavik Lands; and

Whereas GCLCA provisions dealing with the transfer of ownership of the Aklavik Lands have not been implemented;

Be it resolved that the GTC Executive direct the implementation of such land transfers so as to allow the Ehdiiat Gwich'in to exercise ownership of those lands.

Moved by: Ian McLeod

Seconded by: Johnny Kay

Resolution #11/2003

Whereas the hunters and trappers of the Ehdiiat Gwich'in have had poor experiences with the waters while crossing the Aklavik Trail; and

Whereas there is a need for these hunters and trappers to safely harvest their traditional lands;

Be it Resolved That the GTC Executive take a lead role in assisting the Ehdiiat Gwich'in to obtain the installation of a safe bridge crossing on the Aklavik Trail.

Moved by: Ian McLeod

Seconded by: Bernice Furlong

Motion Carried

Resolution #12/2003

Whereas the 18th Annual General Assembly granted approval for the OTC executive to act upon revisions to Bylaw #1; and

Whereas the 19th Annual General Assembly granted approval for the OTC Executive to address the broader issues of Bylaw revisions; and

Whereas the Executive has submitted a comprehensive review of all Bylaws, along with revised versions of Bylaws 1, 3 and 4;

Be it Resolved That the Assembly approve registration with Industry Canada of the revised Bylaws; and

Be it further resolved that the Assembly direct the OTC Executive to undertake consultations with Gwich'in organizations and communities regarding the additional changes to the Bylaws which it has proposed, and report back to the OTC Board and the next Assembly.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded by: Peter Ross
Motion carried

Resolution #13/2003

Whereas woodcutters in the GSA do not enjoy protection or benefits under the Workers' Compensation Board; and

Whereas it is desirable that Gwich'in harvesters be protected from and compensated for injuries sustained while cutting wood;

Be it Resolved That the GTC work to establish WCB coverage for Beneficiaries harvesting wood in the GSA

Moved by: Ian McLeod
Seconded by: Charles Furlong
Motion Carried

Resolution #14/2003

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council has endorsed a strategic planning framework; and

Whereas the Strategic Planning Committee has completed a brief landscape review and developed a step-by-step process to achieve the following recommended goals:

- Higher quality programs and services to support Gwich'in organizations;
 - Improved governance and political and constitutional development within the GTC;
 - Increased levels of participation in the negotiation of socioeconomic benefits agreements;
 - Greater involvement in the design and development of self-government initiatives;
- Increased influence over the policies and programs of the GNWT and the Government of Canada;
- Improved communications with Beneficiaries;

Be it Resolved That the GTC Executive be directed to implement appropriate strategies in pursuit of these goals, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, and with the participation of Gwich' in organizations, communities and individual Beneficiaries.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: Frank Firth
Motion Carried

Resolution #15/2003

Whereas the GTC's zero-tolerance policy towards the abuse of alcohol has worked well and earned the respect of others; and

Whereas there have been recent instances of Gwich' in representatives appearing at conferences and similar events while under the influence of alcohol;

Be it resolved that the 20th Annual General Assembly reaffirms its support for the OTC zero-tolerance alcohol policy.

Moved by: Robert Charlie
Seconded by: Tom Wright
Motion Carried

Resolution #16/2003

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council is mandated to select a Board member and an Alternate to the Porcupine Caribou Management Board and recommend their appointment to the Federal Government, and has not recommended such appointment for many years; and

Whereas current Board members may not have the time to visit the communities and provide regular updates on Board activities as the communities wish and as Board discussion of user community regulations makes desirable;

Be it Resolved That the GTC select a new Board member and Alternate to represent it on the PCMB, and recommend those names to the Federal Government for appointment.

Moved by: Hazel Nerysoo
Seconded by: Neil Colin
Motion Carried

Resolution #17/2003

Whereas past oil and gas activity has left abandoned oil and gas wells in areas of the Yukon where the Gwich'in own land and have recognized Aboriginal rights;

Be it Resolved That the GTC Executive take action to ensure that these abandoned sites be inspected for contaminants and to direct government and industry to undertake the required clean-up activities.

Moved by: Abe Wilson
Seconded by: Johnny Kay
Motion Carried

Resolution #18/2003

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly is a vehicle for sharing information; and

Whereas there is still a general misunderstanding among Gwich'in Beneficiaries of the separation of business from politics;

Be it resolved that the Gwich'in Development Corporation be asked to hold its annual shareholders' meeting in conjunction with the next Assembly, as part of the regular agenda.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: Hazel Nerysoo
Motion Carried

Resolution #19/2003

Whereas the Inuvik Regional Health and Social Services Board does not currently provide an appropriate standard of palliative care within the GSA;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council lobby the Federal and Territorial Governments to establish a palliative care program, with a minimum of \$100,000 in funding; that once such funding is

secured the GTC develop programs and policies in the field of palliative care; and that the GTC report to the next Annual General Assembly upon the delivery of these services.

Moved by: Maureen Clark
Seconded by: Hazel Nerysoo
Motion Carried

Resolution #20/2003

Whereas those Gwich'in Beneficiaries who live outside the Gwich'in Settlement Area wish to have a more active role;

Be it Resolved That the OTC Executive investigate the possibilities of opening an office in Yellowknife to service the particular needs of those Beneficiaries, and of creating a Designated Gwich'in Organization outside the GSA for their effective representation.

Moved by: Frank Firth
Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen
Motion Carried

Resolution #21/2003

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council has invested a total of \$13.9 million from its Land Claim Settlement Fund in the Gwich'in Development Corporation; and

Whereas the GDC has implemented its long-term growth strategy, and has no additional funds available to finance new investments; and

Whereas the GDC's investment portfolio does not now generate sufficient cash to support its corporate overhead, and the GDC needs to reduce its expenses in order to avoid a deficit in this fiscal year; and

Whereas the Gwich'in communities have frequently identified areas of conflict between GDC operations and community economic aspirations; and

Whereas the GTC, as sole shareholder in the GDC, has a responsibility to ensure that its investment is secure, that funds are well-managed, and that the interests of the membership are protected;

Be it Resolved That the GTC meet with the Board of the GDC to review the mandate, operations and performance of the GDC; and prepare a report for the GTC Board of Directors clarifying the GDC's role and with recommendations for the most efficient management structure and further capital requirements; and

Be it further Resolved That the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation be authorized to lend the GDC up to \$5,000,000.00 at 6.67% interest.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Robert Bourque
Motion Carried

Resolution #22/2003

Be it Resolved that the 21st Annual General Assembly be held at Midway Lake directly after the Midway Lake Music Festival, weather permitting.

Be it further resolved that Fort McPherson will be the alternative location.

Moved by: Abe Wilson

Seconded by: Maureen Clark

Motion Carried

Resolution #23/2003

Be it Resolved that the 20th Annual General Assembly adjourn.

Moved by: Abe Wilson

Seconded by: Johnny Kay

Motion Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Fort McPherson, NT
August 4 – 7, 2004

Resolution #01/2004

Be it Resolved That Robert Charlie and Barry Greenland be appointed as Co-Chairs of the Gwich'in Tribal Council 21st Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Wayne Greenland
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried

Resolution #02/2004:

Be it Resolved That the Delegate Lists for the Gwich' in Tribal Council 21st Annual General Assembly be accepted, as amended.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Hazel Nerysoo
Motion Carried

Resolution #03/2004

Be it Resolved that the agenda for the Gwich'in Tribal Council 21st Annual General Assembly be accepted, as presented.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Frank Firth
Motion Carried

Resolution #04/2004

Be it Resolved That Jack Williams, Jack Cunningham, Eddie Wright and Elizabeth Hansen be appointed to the Resolutions Committee for the Gwich'in Tribal Council 21st Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Wayne Greenland
Seconded by: Frank Firth
Motion Carried

Resolution #05/2004

Be it Resolved That the Minutes of the Gwich'in Tribal Council 20th Annual General Assembly be approved, as presented.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
Motion Carried

Resolution #06/2004

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2004 be approved, as presented.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: Larry Firth

Motion Carried

Resolution #07/2004

Be it resolved that the firm KPMG be appointed as the Gwich'in Tribal Council's auditor for the year ending March 31, 2005.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo

Seconded by: William Koe

Motion Carried

Resolution #08/2004

Be it Resolved That the GTC Executive seek legal advice to develop a draft Referendum By-law to be presented to the 22nd Annual General Assembly for discussion, and possibly approval, and that at the time of the presentation any incidental amendments to the current OTC By-laws also be identified; and

Be it Further Resolved That prior to the presentation of the By-law at the 22nd Annual General Assembly a draft will have been circulated to the communities for review and comment.

Moved by: James Cardinal

Seconded by: Larry Firth

Motion Carried

Resolution #09/2004

Be it Resolved that changes be made to the GTC By-laws so that seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes cast at a General Assembly are needed to pass a Special Resolution, provided always, however, that there are at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the delegates present, and at least one representative from each DGO present; and

Be it further Resolved that these changes, once made, be circulated to Industry Canada for approval.

Moved by: James Cardinal

Seconded by: Tom Wright

Motion Carried

Resolution #10/2004

Whereas the current natural disaster compensation policies of the GNWT's Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development (RWED) do not adequately include within the definition of "natural disaster" all forms of natural disaster that affect Gwich'in camps, including cabins;

Be it resolved that the GTC press the GNWT to develop a new policy including flooding, loss of cabins due to erosion, and damage inflicted by bears in the definition of "natural disaster", and that provides adequate funding for compensation based on this definition.

Moved by: William Koe

Seconded by: Ruth Goose

Motion Carried

Resolution #11/2004

Whereas the GTC supports the development of a Gwich'in Youth Council; and

(Whereas) Gwich'in Youth have indicated their interest in establishing a Council;

Be it Resolved That the GTC establish a Gwich'in Youth Council.

Moved by: Ruth Goose

Seconded by: Charles Furlong

Motion Carried

Resolution #12/2004

Be it resolved that the GTC work with the communities to access funds for the purpose of the development of community recreation areas and family-oriented community centres.

Moved by: Ruth Goose

Seconded by: Mavis Clark

Motion Carried

Resolution #13/2004

Be it resolved that the GTC reaffirms its support for the protection of the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou and continued protection of the Peel River Watershed; that the GTC provide political support for efforts to protect these lands; and support lobbying to obtain the resources necessary for such efforts.

Moved by: Charles Furlong

Seconded by: Abe Wilson

Motion Carried

Resolution #14/2004

Whereas the GTC has entered into negotiations with Imperial Oil Limited for an Access and Benefits Agreement U for the Mackenzie Gas Project; and

Whereas the GTC has appointed a Negotiation Team which includes the Chief and an Alternate from each of the four GSA communities; and

Whereas the GTC Negotiation Team has developed six Guiding Principles and tabled a Negotiation Framework with Imperial Oil Limited;

Be it resolved that the 21st Gwich'in Annual Assembly approves the Guiding Principles and Negotiation Framework (Attached as Schedule "A"); and

Be it further resolved that the GTC Executive direct the GTC Negotiation Team to conclude negotiations with Imperial Oil Limited, and finalize an Access and Benefits Agreement for the Mackenzie Gas Project.

Schedule "A":
GTC Access and Benefits Framework

The following guiding principles were established by the GTC Access and Benefits Negotiating Team in November 2003. These guiding principles were established with each of the guiding principles having

equal priority. The items for negotiation of the Access and Benefits Agreement were tabled with Imperial Oil on June 1, 2004.

Guiding Principles:

- Protection of Land and Resources in the GSA;
- Maximizing Economic Development;
- Improving Socio-Economic Conditions;
- Building Capacity of Gwich'in Beneficiaries;
- Maximizing Employment and Business Opportunities;
- Minimizing Post-Project Impacts in GSA Communities.

Negotiation Items:

- Land Reservation;
- Access Fees;
- Scholarship Fund;
- Training Fund;
- Community Support Fund;
- Special Needs Fund;
- Community Infrastructure;
- Prescribed Training;
- GHAP Enhancement;
- Signing Bonus.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: Abe Wilson
Motion Carried

Resolution #15/2004

Whereas the community of Tsiigehtchic is in need of additional funding and support in the field of Education and Training;

Be it resolved that the GTC work to ensure that Education and Training programs are accessible to Tsiigehtchic, that policies and program criteria meet Tsiigehtchic's needs, and that funding is obtained for programs that will benefit Tsiigehtchic.

Moved by: James Cardinal
Seconded by: John Norbert
Motion Carried

Resolution #16/2004

Whereas there is an acute shortage of nurses and health care workers across the North;

And this shortage makes it necessary to offer attractive incentive and benefit packages, year after year, to those who return North to work at postings such as the Tsiigehtchic Health Centre;

And families, communities, and leaders can encourage high school students and other interested Northerners to pursue careers in the health care field;

And staffing community health centres with trained Northern health care workers may positively change community attitudes towards these professionals;

Be it Resolved That the GTC lobby the GNWT Minister for Health and Social Services to develop and implement a "For the North Community Health Care Workers' Action and Implementation Plan" for the NWT.

Moved by: Ruth Goose
Seconded by: William Koe
Motion Carried

Resolution #17/2004

Whereas the Government of Canada bears responsibility for the health care services of all Canadians;

And in the NWT direct responsibility for the provision of health care rests with the GNWT Department of Health and Social Services and the regional health boards;

And no community, regardless of size or seasonal isolation, should be left without a trained health care professional at any health centre for any length of time;

And in January 2004 the full-time Nurse position was removed from the Tsiigehtchic Health Centre, with the result that in recent emergencies Tsiigehtchic had to rely upon the services of the CHR-in-Training and the local Fire Chief;

Be it Resolved That the GTC lobby the GNWT Minister of Health and Social Services and the Inuvik Regional Health and Social Services Board to work together to place a Nurse or a Nurse Practitioner, and a full-time Community Health Representative at the Tsiigehtchic Health Centre immediately.

Moved by: John Norbert
Seconded by: Cecil Andre
Motion Carried

Resolution #18/2004

Whereas the small business sector is the backbone of the Gwich'in economy;

And the GTC has developed and adopted a Gwich'in Business Policy;

And the GTC is negotiating an Access and Benefits Agreement that will allow maximum benefits for the communities and participants;

And the GTC promotes cooperation with other Aboriginal communities, and supports the desire of the small business sector to organize and be heard;

Be it therefore resolved that the 21st Gwich'in Annual Assembly direct the leadership and Executive of the GTC to support the establishment of an NWT Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce.

Moved by: Charles Furlong
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
Motion Carried

Resolution #19/2004

Whereas GSA communities contribute funds for counseling, mentorship, and extra teachers through the Frontier Foundation and Operation Beaver;

And stable funding would assist such efforts;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the 21st Gwich'in Annual Assembly direct the OTC leadership to consider the establishment of a community assistance fund of up to \$15,000 for each community.

Moved by: Charles Furlong

Seconded by: William Koe

Motion Carried

Resolution #20/2004

Be it Resolved That the 21st Gwich'in Annual Assembly supports the development of a GTC funding formula which considers Fort McPherson's percentage of the total population of Gwich'in Beneficiaries and allocates funding accordingly.

Moved by: Abe Wilson

Seconded by: Fanny Greenland

Motion Carried

Resolution #21/2004

Be it Resolved That the 21st Gwich'in Annual Assembly encourages the construction of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline and supports the work of the Aboriginal Pipeline Group, provided that access to Gwich'in land for pipeline construction and operation is governed by an acceptable Access and Benefits Agreement.

Moved by: Denise Kurszewski

Seconded by: James Cardinal

Motion Carried

Resolution #22/2004

Whereas there has been a steady increase in the number of students who are accessing education opportunities;

And the Gwich'in Education and Training Fund does not have sufficient funds to meet the financial demands of the increasing numbers of students;

And the establishment of an education foundation could attract corporate donations through a change in status;

Be it Therefore Resolved That:

- 1) Effective March 31, 2005, the Education and Training Fund cease to exist;
- 2) The Education and Training Fund be replaced by the Gwich'in Education Foundation, and all assets of the Gwich'in Education and Training Fund be transferred to the Gwich'in Education Foundation;

- 3) An additional capital investment of \$2,000,000 be made into the Gwich'in Education Foundation to generate additional income, on April 22, 2005, from the 2005 compensation payment;
- 4) That GTC By-law #3 be amended accordingly.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Tom Wright
Motion Carried

Resolution #23/2004

Be it resolved that the 21st Gwich'in Annual Assembly supports the creation of a GTC office in Yellowknife;

And that this office be used by Gwich' in participants resident in Yellowknife and the Southern parts of the NWT by providing information on members related to the GTC and its work;

And that a budget be developed considering the following: rent; staff costs; administrative costs; contributions by the GTC and GSA communities to the Yellowknife office;

And that the GTC work with the DGOs to ensure that the office in Yellowknife complements the work of the GTC and DGOs while also serving the needs of Gwich'in resident in Yellowknife and the Southern regions of the NWT.

Moved by: Larry Firth
Seconded by: Charles Furlong
Motion Carried

Resolution #24/2004

Be it Resolved That the 21st Gwich'in Annual Assembly direct the GTC to work with the DGOs to lobby the GNWT Minister Responsible for the Housing Corporation; Minister of Health and Social Services; Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment; Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs; and their respective Deputy Ministers and Regional and Headquarters staff to address the following housing issues:

- 1) Housing for the Homeless;
- 2) Community Allocation policies in Public Housing;
- 3) Allocation of Homeownership Units within the Beaufort Delta;
- 4) Aboriginal Housing Programs and Agreements;
- 5) Seniors' Housing Programs;
- 6) Hard to House Clients;
- 7) The tendering process and follow-up work on Housing Units, Repairs, and Upgrades;
- 8) The On-the-Land Housing Program;
- 9) Gwich' in Municipal Land Development and Services.

Moved by: Ruth Goose
Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo
Motion Carried

Resolution #25/2004

Be it Resolved That the GTC work to establish a working group including itself, the Government of Canada, and the GNWT to consider the following:

- 1) Community infrastructure needs, and assessments in preparation for the growth of communities through resource development;
- 2) Community programs and services requirements to respond to resource development and activity;
- 3) Education and Training infrastructure needs, program development and student services.

Moved by: Frank Firth

Seconded by: Denise Kurszewski

Motion Carried

Resolution #26/2004

Be it Resolved That the GTC conduct a review of the CCRA decision to tax education funding provided to Treaty Indians;

And that the review consider whether the decision applies to education funds provided to Gwich' in participants, and the decision's implications for tax exemptions for Land Claim organizations.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: William Koe

Motion Carried

Resolution #27/2004

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council work with the Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Minister of State for Northern Development, to allocate more funding for Education and Training programs.

Moved by: Ruth Goose

Seconded by: Denise Kurszewski

Motion Carried

Resolution #28/2004

Be it Resolved that the 22nd Gwich'in Annual Assembly be held in Inuvik.

Moved by: Charles Furlong

Seconded by: James Cardinal

Motion Carried

Resolution #29/2004:

Be it Resolved that the 21st Gwich'in Annual General Assembly adjourn.

Moved by: Larry Firth

Seconded by: William Koe

Motion Carried

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August 22 – 25, 2005

Resolution #01/2005

Be it Resolved That Robert Charlie be appointed Co-Chair of the 2005 Gwich'in Annual Assembly.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Maureen Clark
Carried

Resolution #02/2005

Be it Resolved That George John be appointed Co-Chair of the 2005 Gwich'in Annual Assembly.

Moved by: Johnny Kay (Fort McPherson)
Seconded by: Larry Firth (Fort McPherson)
Carried

Resolution #03/2005

Be it Resolved that the agenda for the 2005 Gwich'in Annual Assembly be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell (Inuvik)
CARRIED

Resolution #04/2005

Be it Resolved That the Resolutions Committee for the 2005 Gwich'in Annual Assembly consist of Sandra Arey; Larry Firth; Denise Kurszewski; Fred Andre; and Jack Williams.

Moved by: Frank Firth (Fort McPherson)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #05 /2005

Be it Resolved that the minutes of the 2004 Gwich'in Annual Assembly be approved as presented.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Larry Firth (Fort McPherson)
Carried

Resolution #06/2005

Be it Resolved That the GTC financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2005 be approved as presented.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Wayne Greenland (Fort McPherson)
Carried

Resolution # 07/2005

Be it Resolved That the GTC appoint KPMG as its auditor for the year ending March 31, 2006.

Moved by: Larry Firth (Fort McPherson)
Seconded by: Wayne Greenland (Fort McPherson)
Carried

Resolution #08/2005

Be it Resolved That Richard Wilson replace Larry Firth on the Resolutions Committee for the 2005 Gwich'in Annual Assembly.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Wayne Greenland (Fort McPherson)
Carried

Resolution #09a/2005

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories has recognized that each Gwich'in Community has identified, as essential to our communities, Emergency Measures Operations, and at a minimum one emergency generator to provide heat for our identified emergency shelter should an emergency be declared;

And whereas the Premier and his Cabinet have committed the GNWT to ensuring that each Gwich'in Community is provided this essential piece of equipment;

And whereas this promise by the GNWT has not been kept to date;

And whereas there is an immediate requirement to ensure safety for our communities should an emergency be declared, especially during our cold winter months;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC Executive be instructed to hold the Premier and his Cabinet accountable for this promise which was made, and further lobby the GNWI' to institute these important emergency procedures prior to the end of November 2005.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #09b/2005

Whereas the community of Tsiigehtchic has, over the last five years, repeatedly lost all of its front-line community based health care workers, including the community-based nurse, RCMP officer, alcohol and drug councillor, mental health officer, and social worker;

And whereas all GNWI' front-line health-related support professionals are now based in the regional centres and can no longer offer the continuity and follow-up required to serve our residents and provide the safety and peace of mind that all other communities in the region currently have;

And whereas the community has had no assistance from the various GNWI' departments that support these positions in obtaining community-based staff, and our MLA states that he has made no progress to assist the community in securing any of these critical support services for the community;

And whereas the community feels that without the continued basic support services , which are available to all other communities in the region, an imbalance exists to the disadvantage of Tsiigehtchic, whose residents are deprived of the services which they need and are entitled to;

And whereas this lack of support has changed the dynamics of our social and health-related concerns to the point where we, as a community, are treated on an emergency basis due to the lack of any of the preventative measures which front-line professionals offer;

And whereas this situation has become unacceptable to the residents of Tsiigehtchic, and is leading to a crisis situation for the health of residents on a daily basis;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the Assembly direct the GTC Executive to lobby the GNWI' to provide community based health-care professionals for the community of Tsiigehtchic.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #9c/2005

Whereas housing needs in the GSA communities are at crisis levels;

And whereas some Gwich'in Beneficiaries are living in low income housing units and are required to pay economic rent on the units;

Be it therefore Resolved That the GTC Executive lobby the various levels of government to help alleviate these housing concerns and in particular to determine appropriate rent in low income housing in the GSA.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #9d/2005

Whereas there is an outstanding obligation, under the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement between the Government of Canada and the GTC, to deal with the Yukon overlap in the Peel River Watershed;

And whereas the affected Yukon First Nations have been unsuccessful in getting commitments from the Federal Government to resume negotiations on this Transboundary issue, which is important to the affected communities;

Be it Therefore Resolved that the GTC Executive press the various levels of government to conclude these negotiations at the very earliest opportunity.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #9e/2005

Whereas education of our children in their home communities is important for the successful completion of grade school education;

And whereas the Beaufort Delta Education Council is responsible for determining the resources in the region;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC Executive lobby the Department of Education and BDEC to ensure the grade extension program stays in place within the communities of the GSA.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution #9f/2005

Whereas the Gwich'in have lobbied to protect the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd;

And whereas the U.S. Government has legislation permitting drilling on the ANWR lands and is currently seeking budget allocations for such development;

Be it therefore Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council continue its lobbying effort to protect the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution #9g/2005

Whereas there has been an increase in teacher turnover in the Gwich'in communities;

And whereas it is important that new teachers become familiar with-the social and cultural values of the Gwich'in people;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council secure funding or lobby the GNWT to hold annual orientation workshops for all incoming teaching staff in the GSA.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution #9h/2005

Whereas the ferry crossing at the Peel River requires re-development of the landing embankments at the commencement of every season;

And whereas this re-development involves depositing additional gravel on the embankments, which washes into the river;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council lobby the government to investigate the potential for the development of a bridge across the Peel River or some other manner of securing the embankments to prevent erosion.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #9i/2005

Whereas Dempster Highway maintenance currently utilizes granular materials that have excess clay in the aggregate;

And whereas this type of granular material causes the highway to become slippery when wet;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council lobby the GNWI' to ensure that a higher grade of granular material be utilized in the maintenance of the Dempster Highway.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #9j/2005

Whereas it is important that Gwich'in communities build capacity and have resources available for business development programs and services;

And whereas the GDC now owns 100% of Mackenzie Valley Construction Ltd.;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC advocate to the GDC that shares in Mackenzie Valley Construction be made available for purchase by community-owned development corporations.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #9k/2005

Whereas there is an established need for banking services in the Gwich'in communities other than Inuvik;

Be it therefore Resolved That the GTC Executive Council continue its efforts to secure banking services in the communities.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
C Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #9L/2005

Whereas there are various policies dealing with the provision of health care services in the community of Fort McPherson;

And whereas some of these policies create concerns within the community in relation to staffing and emergency response;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC Executive lobby the Department of Health to try to address the concerns of the community.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #9m/2005

Whereas there are many youth in the GSA who are at risk of leading unhealthy lifestyles;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC lobby the Federal and Territorial Governments to increase youth program funding and develop additional programs to promote healthy lifestyles among youth, and that a youth plan be drafted with participation by all stakeholders in the GSA.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #10/2005

Whereas the GTC manage and administer lands in and around Aklavik, known as the Aklavik 700(1)(a) Lands;

And whereas the Gwich'in of Aklavik want to develop lands west of the Municipal Boundary, to be used as a recreational park;

And whereas the Gwich'in of Aklavik want to use this park as an area to develop and preserve traditional and cultural activities;

Be it therefore Resolved That the GTC identify, in consultation with the Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council, those lands needed to build the recreation park;

Be it Further Resolved That the GTC facilitate the loan of at least three dump trucks to be used in a truck driving course as well as assist in obtaining the necessary financing to hold this course in Aklavik, and that the students be utilized to help develop the proposed recreation park area.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland (Aklavik)
Carried

Resolution #11/2005

Whereas the Gwich'in communities desire a communication system to allow them to be better informed;

And whereas the Gwich'in communities and leadership desire better communication to address the Mackenzie Gas Project, devolution and resource revenue sharing, access and benefits negotiations, residential school updates, and basic community updates;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC create a Communications Department and create partnerships with Northern Native Broadcasting of the Yukon, and the Native Communications Society of the NWT;

Be it Further Resolved That the GTC work in partnership with the local DGOs to enhance the broadcast of CKLB and CHON-FM in each Gwich'in community.

Moved by: James Edwards (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Fanny Greenland (Aklavik)

Carried

Resolution #12/2005

Whereas the Gwich'in desire a self-government agreement that truly reflects their inherent right to be self-governing;

And whereas the Gwich'in desire an Aboriginal government that is developed by Gwich'in, to allow the Gwich'in to survive as Gwich'in according to their language, culture, and tradition;

And whereas the Gwich'in cannot accept that any model of self-government be imposed upon them, such as the 1995 Policy on Self-government;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC establish a new mandate in self-government negotiations that will:

- 1: Change the 1995 Policy on Self-government North of 60;
- 2: Establish Aboriginal Community Governments;
- 3: Develop and administer a 5 year program and service delivery arrangement with Canada/GNWT to help build capacity and prepare Gwich'in for future self-government;

Be it Further Resolved That the GTC, through the Executive Council, identify the resources to assist in the development of the new self-government mandate.

Moved by: George Kunnizzi (Aklavik)

Seconded by: John Koe (Aklavik)

Carried

Resolution #13/2005

Whereas the Gwich'in are obligated to hold an Annual Assembly within each calendar year;

And whereas the summer months are usually the preferred time, and Gwich'in always have to plan around many other Assemblies, as well as summer vacations and cultural activities;

And whereas much of the business of the Annual General Assembly will be affected by the end of capital transfer payments in 2007, and future self-government structures that allow more community authority and autonomy;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC plan it's Annual General Assembly within the first six months after the March 31st year-end;

Be it Further Resolved That more emphasis be placed on community Assembly authority to address community concerns;

Be it Further Resolved That the GTC restructure its Annual General Assembly to address:

- 1: Time and Place of Assembly;
- 2: Number of Delegates;
- 3: Future Assembly Costs;
- 4: Future Gwich'in Self-Government;

Be it Further Resolved That the GTC Executive Council establish a committee to review future Gwich'in governance, including community Assemblies, Annual General Meetings, and Gwich'in Regional Government.

Moved by: James Edwards (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland (Aklavik)

Carried

Resolution #14/2005

Whereas Canada launched the Northern Strategy Framework in December 2004, announcing a one-time investment of \$40 million in each of the three Territories;

And whereas the \$40 million was to achieve some of the objectives of the Northern Strategy in the short-term, through consultation with Northern leaders and communities;

And whereas many communities are in need of upgraded infrastructure, and the urgency of immediately addressing community needs was loudly and clearly communicated by the Circle of Northern Leaders;

And whereas Aboriginal governments play a vital role in community development and in the majority of communities are the recognized governments, and must be recognized as such by government policy;

And whereas the administration of the \$40 million will be a test of how the GNWT treats Aboriginal governments and will have an impact on the future administration of resource revenue sharing and devolution;

And whereas the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and the GNWT do not now have obligations or policies that dictate they work with Aboriginal governments, nor is there any known policy that is consistent with land claim agreements;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the Aboriginal governments (specifically the land claim groups), the Government of Canada, and the GNWT create a committee of decision-making personnel to administer the distribution of the \$40 million.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Peter Ross (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution #15 /2005

Be it resolved that the 22nd Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly support the Gwich'in negotiating team in their efforts to reach a final Access and Benefits Agreement, according to the guidelines set out in Resolution # 14 of the 21st Assembly in Fort McPherson;

Be it Further Resolved That the 22nd Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly support the following priority considerations in any Access and Benefits Agreement:

- 1: Participants;
- 2: Land/Environment;
- 3: Gwich'in Governments;

Be it Further Resolved That the final Access and Benefits Agreement must respect and support the boundaries of the GSA and the right of the Gwich'in as set out in the GCLCA and Treaty 11;

Be it Further Resolved That the participants and DGOs be consulted, and involved in providing information and support to the final Access and Benefits Agreement.

Moved by: Herbert Blake (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Ruth Wright (Inuvik)
Carried

Resolution #16/2005

Be it Resolved that the 22nd Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly recommend to the Executive and Boards of Directors of the GTC and GDC that they be more open and transparent when making decisions or taking directions that affect the rights and interests of the participants;

Be it Further Resolved That the Executive and Boards of Directors of the GTC and GDC consider the following in their decision-making, and seek appropriate legal advice:

- a: Conflict of Interest;
- b: Fiduciary duty to protect the rights and interests of participants under the GCLCA;
- c: Implementation of the objectives and obligations of the GCLCA.

Moved by: Wayne Greenland (Fort McPherson)
Seconded by: Herbert Blake (Inuvik)
Carried

Resolution #17 /2005

Whereas it is important for Gwich'in Beneficiaries to fully understand the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Project;

And whereas there are established pipeline facilities in the North;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC Executive, working with the DGOs, seek funding for community-based Beneficiaries to view pipeline facilities, including gas gathering stations.

Moved by: Neil Colin (Fort McPherson)
Seconded by: Johnny Kay (Fort McPherson)
Carried

Resolution #18/2005

Whereas there will be a First Ministers' Conference to address issues including those raised by National Aboriginal groups;

And whereas there is no clear relationship between the recognized National Aboriginal groups and the GTC;

And whereas the Gwich'in Nation has a settled land claim agreement with the Government of Canada and are responsible for their own affairs;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC Executive Council actively endeavour to be fully recognized by the Government of Canada, and strive to obtain direct recognition by active participation in all First Ministers' Conferences dealing with Aboriginal issues in Canada.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland (Aklavik)
Carried

Resolution #19/2005

Whereas the Gwich'in Harvesters' Assistance Program is not being administered fairly and equitably, and income level may limit the assistance applicants receive;

Be it Therefore Resolved That the GTC conduct a review of the current policy of the GHAP and that a communication plan be developed;

Be it Further Resolved That the accountability process be followed.

Moved by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland (Aklavik)
Carried

Resolution #20/2005

Be it Resolved That the 23rd Annual Gwich'in Assembly be held in the GSA, as determined by the GTC Board.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)
Carried

Resolution #21 /2005

Be it Resolved That the 22nd Annual Gwich'in Assembly adjourn.

Moved by: Wayne Greenland (Fort McPherson)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Aklavik, NT
August 15 – 18, 2006

Resolution #01/2006

Be it Resolved That Robert Charlie be appointed Co-Chair of the 23rd Gwich'in Annual Assembly.

Moved by: Tom Wright (Inuvik)

Seconded by: John Norbert (Fort McPherson)

Carried

Resolution #02/2006

Be it Resolved That Frank Firth be appointed Co-Chair of the 23rd Gwich'in Annual Assembly.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)

Seconded by: Peter Ross (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution #03/2006

Be it Resolved That the agenda for the 23rd Gwich'in Annual Assembly be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)

Seconded by: James Andre (Fort McPherson)

Carried

Resolution #04/2006

Be it Resolved That the Resolutions Committee for the 23rd Gwich'in Annual Assembly consist of Greta Sittichinli, Eliza Greenland; James Andre; and Douglas Kendo.

Moved by: Wayne Greenland (Fort McPherson)

Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen (Inuvik)

Carried

Resolution #05/2006

Be it Resolved That the minutes of the 22nd Gwich'in Annual Assembly be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)

Seconded by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Carried

Resolution #06/2006

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2006 be approved as presented.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Seconded by: James Andre (Fort McPherson)

Carried

Resolution #07/2006

Be it Resolved That the requirement of due notice of delegate lists to the 23rd Gwich'in Annual Assembly be waived, and that Andrew Stewart and Robert Mantla be named delegates from Fort McPherson, replacing P.J. Kaye and Frank Firth.

Moved by: Johnny Kay (Fort McPherson)

Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)

Carried

Resolution #08/2006

Whereas:

- A. the Tribal Council passed By-law No. 3 providing for, among other things, the creation of the Fund;
- B. As a result of the Tribal Council By-law No. 3 it was necessary for the Corporation to establish policies for the operation of the Fund such that on October 31, 1996 the Corporation passed By-law No. 3, which Bylaw No. 3 was amended on August 8, 2002 and on August 20, 2003; and
- C. the Corporation desires to make further amendments to By-law No. 3 such that it would be convenient to consolidate all amendments into a single amended and restated By-law No. 3

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That By-law No. 3 of the Corporation, as amended, is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

1. DEFINITIONS:

In this By-law the following terms shall have the following meanings. To the extent any terms are used but not defined herein, such terms shall have the meaning set forth in the Restated By-law No. 3 of the Tribal Council or the Land Claim Agreement:

- 1.1 "Capital" means that portion of all Capital Transfers transferred to the Fund pursuant to Tribal Council By-law No. 3 as well as any interest and dividends earned thereon and any capital appreciation thereon;
- 1.2 "Capital Transfers" shall mean all payments to be received by the Tribal Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Land Claim Agreement;
- 1.3 "Chapter 11" means Chapter 11 of the Land Claim Agreement;
- 1.4 "Corporation" shall mean the Gwich 'in Settlement Corporation, which is a "settlement corporation" as such is defined in Chapter 11 of the Land Claim Agreement;
- 1.5 "Fund" shall mean the Capital and shall include all amounts deposited into the Fund prior to the date hereof by the Tribal Council as well as any interest and dividends earned thereon and any capital appreciation thereon;
- 1.6 "Land Claim Agreement" shall mean the Gwich 'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement signed in Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories on April 22, 1992;
- 1.7 "Gwich 'in Legacy Capital" shall mean the Capital as at April 22, 2007 after the final capital transfer of \$1,000,000.00 is made; and
- 1.8 "Tribal Council" means the Gwich 'in Tribal Council, being a corporation incorporated pursuant to the Canada Corporations Act;

2. INVESTMENTS:

The policies governing the operation of the Fund shall be as follows:

- 2.1 A final capital transfer of \$1,000,000.00 will be made on April 22, 2007. Total capital transfers will then amount to \$86,200,000.00. It is anticipated that the total Gwich 'in Legacy

Capital shall be approximately \$ 132, 000, 000. 00 after the final capital transfer of \$1,000,000. 00 is made on April 22, 2007. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is recognized that the expected amount of the Gwich'in Legacy Capital as stated above may differ due to the fact that rates of return may fluctuate annually based on unpredictable future economic circumstances;

2.2 The Fund has been established for the benefit of future generations of Participants and the Corporation shall ensure that the Fund is used in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11, provided always that the Fund and any monies therein shall be used so that there is no undue risk of loss or impairment and with a reasonable expectation of fair return or appreciation given the nature of any investment. The Corporation shall ensure that it maintains its tax status in accordance with Chapter 11. Capital shall not be withdrawn for any purpose whatsoever except;

- (a) as is permitted in Chapter 11; or
- (b) as may be required by the Corporation from time to time to ensure that the Corporation satisfies the disbursement quota rules applicable to public foundations in the Income Tax Act (Canada), as amended from time to time.

2.3 Subject to the terms of paragraph 2.2 (a) of this By-law No. 3, which allows investments pursuant to

Schedule 1 of Chapter 11, the Capital shall be invested only in qualified investments for a trust governed by a Registered Retirement Saving Plan, as defined in paragraph 146 (1)(g) of the Income Tax Act (Canada), as amended from time to time, and permitted by the said Chapter 11 .

3. DISBURSEMENTS:

The investment committee, in consultation with the investment specialist, will determine total annual disbursements for the year. Total annual disbursements will not exceed five decimal five percent (5.5%) of the Fund balance, as determined as at March 31st of the previous year.

3.1 In determining the total annual disbursements for the year, the investment committee, in consultation with the investment specialist, will compare the Fund balance, as determined as at March 31st of the previous year, with the amount of Gwich'in Legacy Capital, adjusted for inflation. The inflation-adjusted Gwich'in Legacy Capital will be determined by multiplying the Gwich'in Legacy Capital by the ratio of the monthly value of the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for March of the previous year to the CPI in respect of March 2007. The goal is for the Fund balance to exceed the inflation-adjusted Gwich'in Legacy Capital over the long term. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is recognized that at any given fiscal year end, the Fund balance may not exceed the inflation-adjusted Gwich'in Legacy Capital.

3.2 The maximum amount which the Corporation may expend with respect to administrative expenses in any fiscal year shall not exceed one percent (1.0%) of the Fund balance, as determined on March 31st of the previous year.

3.3 Subject to paragraph 2.2 of this By-law No. 3, the Corporation shall make an annual capital distribution to Participants equal to the present value of the remaining allowable distribution per Participant divided by the number of years remaining in the allowable time-frame for making tax-free distributions. Capital distributions made during the year shall not exceed one percent (1.0%) of the Fund, as determined on March 31st of the previous year.

3.4 Subject to paragraph 2.2 of this By-law No. 3, the Corporation shall transfer a maximum of three decimal five percent (3.5%) of the Fund in each fiscal year to Designated Gwich'in Organizations, as determined on March 31st of the previous year. The first distribution will occur on April 1, 2008.

3.5 The funds to be transferred and disbursed pursuant to paragraph 3.4 of this By-law No. 3 shall be distributed as follows:

- (a) a sum to be distributed and paid to the four Community Designated Gwich'in Organizations (30%), to the four Gwich'in Renewable Resource Councils (6%), Gwich'in Wellness Fund (6%),

Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute (6%), Gwich'in Education Foundation (6%). Gwich'in Enrolment Board (1%) and Gwich'in Tribal Council (45%).

(b) funding allocations to the four Designated Gwich'in Organizations and the four Gwich'in Renewable

Resource Councils shall be calculated on a per capita basis, based on community of registration, as at

March 31st of the previous year, in accordance with the Gwich'in Enrolment Registry.

4. GOVERNANCE:

4.1 The Corporation shall establish an investment committee, which shall have the responsibility of ensuring that the Fund achieves the highest possible rate of return within the investment policies and guidelines as established by the investment committee from time to time and ratified by the Board of Directors.

4.2 Each year the Corporation shall retain, in consultation with the Tribal Council, an investment specialist to review and monitor the investment performance of the Fund, and provide a report which shall include any advice which the investment specialist feels is appropriate to maximize the long term performance of the Fund.

4.3 The Corporation shall establish an audit committee which, among other things, shall have the responsibility for ensuring that the funds to be transferred and disbursed to Designated Gwich'in Organizations pursuant to paragraph 3.5 are expended by them in a manner that complies with the requirements of Chapter 11 and all applicable legislation.

4.4 The Board of Directors shall file with its tax return, which will be due six months after its taxation year ending March 31, 2009, the appropriate election pursuant to Chapter 11 whereby the Corporation shall elect to be a settlement corporation subject to the special rules applicable to settlement corporations provided for in Chapter 11.

5. BORROWING:

5.1 Notwithstanding Chapter 8 of the Land Claim Agreement, neither the Corporation, its affiliates, and/or its subsidiaries, or any other party shall be permitted to change or grant a security interest in the Fund unless approval is obtained in the form of a resolution from either an Annual General Assembly or a Special General Assembly of the Tribal Council where a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the delegates are in attendance at such Assembly and a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the delegates in attendance vote in favour of such resolution.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)

CARRIED

Resolution #09/2006

Whereas the Gwich'in Nation wishes to acknowledge the significant contributions of Gregory D. Cayen, CA, to the growth and development of the Gwich'in Nation over the past 15 years; and

Gregory D. Cayen, CA, has been instrumental in providing sound financial leadership to support the prudent investment of the Gwich'in Land Claim Settlement Funds received as part of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement signed April 22, 1992; and

Gregory D. Cayen, CA, has facilitated the development of long-term strategies to ensure that the Land Claim Settlement Fund of the Gwich'in Nation will be of benefit to future generations of Gwich'in Beneficiaries; and

Gregory D. Cayen, CA, has supported the building of human and financial capacity to prepare the Gwich'in Nation for significant future economic development opportunities; and

Gregory D. Cayen, CA, has provided sound financial and management support to build capacity in the Gwich'in Nation as a whole, to the four Gwich'in communities of Aklavik, Tsiigehtchic, Inuvik, and Fort McPherson, and to individual Beneficiaries and numerous community organizations;

Be it Resolved That the 23rd Annual Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council supports the nomination of Gregory D. Cayen, CA, for the designation of Fellow Chartered Accountant of the Northwest Territories.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Seconded by: Fred Greenland (Aklavik)
Carried

Resolution# 10/2006

Be it resolved that KPMG LLP be appointed auditor for the Gwich'in Tribal Council, for the year ending March 31, 2007.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Peter Ross (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #11a/2006

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council will receive its final Land Claim transfer payment from the Government of Canada under the terms of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement on April 22, 2007;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly consider a special celebration to recognize not only the 15th year since the signing of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement on April 22, 2007, but our journey to self-sufficiency and becoming a self-governing people.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution # 11b/2006

Whereas there is significant concern about tire safety of the Dempster Highway between Inuvik and Tsiigehtchic;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council aggressively lobby the GNWT Department of Transportation to resurface the Dempster Highway between Inuvik and Tsiigehtchic, and efforts be made to involve available Gwich'in businesses where possible pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the GNWT and the GTC.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)

Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution # 11 c/2006

Whereas education is crucial to the future of the Gwich'in people; and

There are a number of issues respecting education which need to be addressed with the GNWT, including the review of grade extensions in the communities, and social passing; and;

The GNWT needs to provide additional funding to students from the GSA;

Be it Resolved That the GTC be directed to continue lobbying the GNWT with respect to all aspects of education in the GSA, including levels of student financial assistance, social passing, the review of grade extensions and other pressing issues.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #11d/2006

Whereas the Community Harvesters' Assistance Program ("CHAP") was designed by the GNWT to assist eligible harvesters on the basis of need and to allow the Gwich'in to practice their traditional harvesting activities; and

Money payable under CHAP is payable on an annual basis; and

CHAP funding is allocated on the basis of outdated prices; and

The cost of living continues to increase, making it increasingly difficult for harvesters to make ends meet as the costs associated with harvesting increase;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Annual Assembly direct the GTC to lobby the GNWT to review the CHAP funding mechanism with a view to having funding amounts reflect current costs.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #11e/2006

Whereas the youth in Gwich'in communities need increased training and employment opportunities;

Be it Resolved That the GTC continue to support community DGOs as they seek funding from all levels of government for training and employment programs to provide our youth with the opportunities they need.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)
Carried

Resolution #11f/2006

Whereas it is important that funding sources for education, language programs, culture, etc. that might be relevant to the GTC and Participants be identified;

Be it Resolved That the GTC take steps to obtain a list of all Federal and Territorial government funding available for education, language programs, cultural activities, and distribute this list to the GSA communities.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)

Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution #11g/2006

Whereas hunter safety is of critical importance;

Be it Resolved That the GTC work closely with community DGOs, RRCs, and the NWT Department of the Environment and Natural Resources to educate all hunters on the safety issues associated with hunting.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)

Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution #11h/2006

Whereas it is important to gain as much knowledge as possible about self-government; and

The Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) has significant experience with respect to self-government;
Be it Resolved That the GTC work closely with the CYFN to better understand its experiences with self-government and the challenges it brings.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)

Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution # 11i/2006

Whereas it is desirable that all Participants be involved as much as possible in the affairs of the GTC and their communities;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Annual Assembly direct the GTC to explore the development of new ways to increase the involvement of Participants in their communities and the GTC.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)

Seconded by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution # 12/2006

Whereas the passage of By-law No. 3 on August 16, 2006 represents significant opportunities and challenges for the community DGOs and RRCs; and

Passage of By-law No. 3 makes it important for the DGOs and RRCs to implement policies and procedures that address the new provisions of By-law No. 3 and the increased need for accountability and the development of business plans and strategic plans;

Be it Resolved That the GTC work with the communities, DGOs, and RRCs to assist them in developing policies and procedures for implementation 011 April 22, 2007, when the disbursement provisions of By-law No. 3 will apply.

Moved by: Linda Andre (Fort McPherson)

Seconded by: John Firth (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution # 13/2006

Whereas Elders are an important part of our communities; and

Elder abuse is a significant problem;

Be it Resolved That the GTC and DGOs work with the communities to ensure the development of an education plan so that all members of the public recognize the problem and how to deal with it.

Moved by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Seconded by: Sonny (Frederick) Blake, Jr. (Tsiigehtchic)

Carried

Resolution #14/2006

Whereas it is important to stimulate interest in the GTC and its activities among our youth;

Be it Resolved That each year the GTC extend formal invitations to the Annual General Assembly to those Participants who have recently graduated from high school in their communities, with the hope of stimulating their interest and involvement.

Moved by: Maureen Clark (Tsiigehtchic)

Seconded by: Johnny Kay (Fort McPherson)

Carried

Resolution #15/2006

Whereas section 12.3 of GTC By-law No. 1 provides that:

Delegates are eligible for honoraria as may be determined by the Board by Ordinary Resolution from time to time;

And the honoraria payable to non-Board of Directors Delegates is \$175 and that for Directors is \$250; and

The cost of living continues to increase; and

In the interests of equality it is desirable to equalize the honoraria payable to Delegates who sit on the Board of Directors and those who do not;

Be it Resolved That the Annual General Assembly recommend to the GTC Board that the honoraria payable to Delegates not on the Board be increased to \$250.

Moved by: James Andre (Fort McPherson)
Seconded by: Annie Buckle (Aklavik)
Carried

Resolution #16/2006

Whereas the cost of living continues to increase, and with it the costs of maintaining a home;

Be it Resolved That the Annual General Assembly recommend to the GTC Board that billet fees be increased from \$75 to \$100.

Moved by: Elizabeth M. Hansen (Inuvik)
Seconded by: George Kunnizzi (Fort McPherson)
Carried

Resolution #17/2006

Whereas protection of our land and respect for our land are crucial to our future; and

Gwich'in Annual Assemblies generate significant garbage and waste through use of paper plates and plastic utensils, which it is desirable to reduce;

Be it Resolved That the Assembly recommend to the DGOs that they encourage Delegates to future Assemblies to bring their own recyclable plates and cutlery.

Moved by: Ruth Goose (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Elizabeth M. Hansen (Inuvik)
Carried

Resolution # 18/2006

Whereas it is important for Gwich'in youth to have positive role models to motivate them and develop their self-esteem;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Annual Assembly recommend that the GTC and DGOs develop a role model program for youth.

Moved by: Lorraine Greenland (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Lana Kunnizzi (Fort McPherson)
Carried

Resolution #19/2006

Be it Resolved That the 24th Gwich'in Annual Assembly be held in Tsiigehtchic.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)
Seconded by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)
Passed

Resolution #20/2006

Be it Resolved That the 23rd Gwich'in Annual Assembly express its appreciation to Robert Charlie and Frank Firth for their services as Co-Chairs.

Moved by: Charles Furlong (Aklavik)

Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo (Inuvik)

Carried

Resolution #21/2006

Be it Resolved That the 23rd Gwich'in Annual Assembly adjourn.

Moved by: Peter Ross (Tsiigehtchic)

Seconded by: Johnny Kay (Fort McPherson)

Carried

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Tsiigehtchic, NT
August 13 – 17, 2007

Resolution #1/2007

Be it resolved that Robert Charlie is nominated as Chair of the Gwich'in Tribal Council 24th Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: John Norbert
CARRIED

Resolution #2/2007

Be it resolved that Peter Ross is nominated as Co-Chair of the Gwich'in Tribal Council 24th Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Tom Wright
Seconded by: Frederick Blake
CARRIED

Resolution #3/2007

Be it resolved that the delegations for Inuvik, Tsiigehtchic, Fort McPherson and Aklavik be approved.

Moved by: Melba Mitchell
Seconded by: Maureen Clark
CARRIED

Resolution #4/2007

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the 24th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be approved as presented.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland
Seconded by: John Itsi
CARRIED

Resolution #5/2007

Be it resolved that the Resolutions Committee for the 24th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be; Mabel Brown representing the community of Inuvik, Eliza Greenland representing the community of Aklavik, Maureen Clark representing the community of Tsiigehtchic, Eleanor Firth representing the community of Fort McPherson, and Brian Crane as legal advisor.

Moved by: Neil Heron
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Resolution #6/2007

Be it resolved that the Minutes from the 2006 Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Frank Firth

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
CARRIED

Resolution #7/2007

Be it resolved that the financial statements from the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year Q ended March 31, 2007, be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Tom Wright
Seconded by: Chief Wilbert Firth
CARRIED with one abstention

Resolution #8/2007

Be it resolved that the firm of KPMG be appointed as auditors to the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ending March 31, 2008.

Moved by: Chief Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Chief Richard Nerysoo
CARRIED

Resolution #9/2007

Whereas it is important to ensure that there is a consistent and fair benefits package for all Gwich'in Tribal Council and Designated Gwich'in Organization employees;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich 'in Tribal Council work with the various community Designated Gwich'in Organizations towards achieving a consistent benefits package for their respective employees and to, where necessary, make changes to or (where none exists) institute a benefits package so as to ensure that consistency and fairness in benefits packages is achieved.

Moved by: Eddie Wright
Seconded by: John Itsi
CARRIED

Resolution #10/2007

Whereas numerous people within the Gwich'in communities will be receiving a payout with respect to residential schools;

And Whereas it will be critical that payout recipients receive support with respect to issues that may arise relating to payout amounts - both before and after they are received;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council:

- (a) seek funding to assist with and conduct financial planning workshops in each Gwich'in community;
- (b) work with the Gwich'in DGOs to prepare budgets and proposals so as to allow Gwich'in DGOs to identify and access financial resources to assist residential school survivors with financial matters; and
- (c) assist residential school survivors in properly filling out forms and applications, including statutory declarations, and generally assist with the processes that they will need to follow with respect to any payout amounts.

Moved by: Elizabeth Hansen
Seconded by: Mabel Brown
CARRIED

Resolution #11/2007

Whereas access to and opportunities with respect to post-secondary education for the Gwich'in people are critical to the future successes of the Gwich'in Nation;

And Whereas the leadership and Gwich'in participants continue to state their support for post-secondary education;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council and Education Foundation work together to consider ways to address the following issues:

- (a) how to increase funding (including funding for school counselling and tutorial support) for high school education so as to improve the quality of such education and better position graduates to continue with postsecondary education;
- (b) how to increase, as a priority, funding for post-secondary students;
- (c) how to better assist Gwich'in communities in accessing more funding for Head Start and Early Childhood Education Programs; and
- (d) generally, how to improve access and opportunities with respect to postsecondary education for those Gwich 'in participants who wish to avail themselves of such an education.

Moved by: Virginia Cardinal
Seconded by: Tom Wright
CARRIED

Resolution #12/2007

Whereas the abuse and neglect perpetrated in residential schools has had a devastating impact on the Gwich 'in people, their communities and their families;

And Whereas irrespective of any monetary payout that may be received there is significant healing that is still required and the residential schools survivors are desirous of holding healing retreats and workshops to facilitate this healing;

And Whereas the Tloondih Healing Centre is available to host such healing retreats and workshops;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council work with the Gwich'in Tribal Council Regional Wellness Coordinator and the Tloondih Healing Centre staff to host a healing retreat and workshop at the Tloondih Healing Centre to facilitate healing for residential school survivors.

Moved by: Chief Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Louisa Kay
CARRIED with 2 abstentions

Resolution #13/2007

Whereas numerous people within the Gwich'in communities will be receiving a payout with respect to residential schools;

And Whereas residential school survivors wish to explore various investment opportunities that may be available with respect to their payout amounts including the creation of an investment fund to invest their monies;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council work with the Gwich'in Tribal Council Regional Wellness Coordinator and the community designated Gwich'in organizations to host an investment forum for the benefit of residential school survivors.

Moved by: Eddie Wright
Seconded by: Chief Wilbert Firth
CARRIED

Resolution #14/2007

This motion was defeated, however, is included here to show consistent numbering

~~Moved by: Frank Firth
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
MOTION DEFEATED (AGA)~~

Resolution #15/2007

Whereas concerns exist that the ferry landing sites within the Gwich'in Settlement Area are not being constructed and maintained in a fashion that is respectful of Gwich'in needs and that it directly impacts the residents in and around Tsiigehtchic;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Transportation:

- (a) by engaging in a consultative process with respect to the development, repair and upgrading of ferry landings and, in particular, with respect to the dumping of granular and other materials used to develop, repair and upgrade ferry landing sites; and
- (b) to consider alternative methods of maintaining the landing sites as current practices may be causing damage to fishing areas as well as changing the shorelines.

Moved by: Julie Ann Andre
Seconded by: Douglas Kendo
CARRIED

Resolution #16/2007

Motion to adjourn the 24th Gwich'in Annual General Assembly at 11:20 a.m.

Moved by: Louisa Kay
Seconded by: John Itsi
CARRIED

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Fort McPherson, NT
August 11 – 14, 2008

Resolution #2008/01

Be it Resolved That at Robert Charlie and Frank Firth be appointed co-chairs of the 2008 Gwich'in Annual Assembly.

Moved by: John Norbert
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/02

Be it Resolved That the agenda for the 2008 Gwich'in Annual Assembly be adopted as amended.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Herbert Blake
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/03

Be it Resolved That the Resolutions Committee for the 2008 Gwich'in Annual Assembly consist of Lorraine Greenland; Eliza Greenland; Abe Wilson; Jenny Andre; and Brian Grindey.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Herbert Blake
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/04

Be it Resolved That the 2008 Gwich'in Annual Assembly accept the results of the 2008 Gwich'in Tribal Council elections and that the recommendations of the Chief Returning Officer be considered by the Executive, along with any necessary amendments to the election By-Law

Moved by: Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.
Seconded by: Bernice Furlong
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/05

Be it Resolved That the minutes of the 2007 Gwich'in Annual Assembly be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Tom Wright
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/06

Be it Resolved That Tom Williams, Pamela Williams, Aurora Williams, James Williams, Greg Cayen. Liz Cayen, Ingrid Kritch, and Miki O 'Kane be designated honorary Gwich'in, in recognition of their services to the Gwich'in people.

Moved by: Tom Wright
Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/07

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Annual Assembly accepts the Gwich'in Tribal Council consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, as presented.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth

Seconded by: Johnny Peterson

CARRIED

Resolution #2008/08

Be it Resolved Tit at the firm KPMG LLP be appointed the Gwich'in Tribal Councils auditor for the year ending March 31, 2009.

Moved by: Tom Wright

Seconded by: Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.

CARRIED

Resolution #2008/09

Whereas there have been significant concerns raised about the potential impact of low-level military flights over and around Gwich'in lands;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work directly with the Canadian Department of National Defence to resolve concerns that the Gwich'in Nation has respecting low-level military flights over and around Gwich'in lands and to minimize the impacts such military operations have on the environment and the Gwich'in people.

Moved by: James C. Cardinal

Seconded by: Tom Wright

CARRIED

Resolution #2008/10

Whereas the Tetlit Gwich'in Council and its membership require control over the Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon lands; and

Whereas Section 3.5.1 of the Yukon Transboundary Agreement provides that the Tetlit Gwich'in shall manage and control the use of Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon land, including:

- a) the development and administration of land management programs and policies; and
 - 2) the charging of rents or other fees for the area and occupation of Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon land;
- and

Whereas Section 7.1.1. of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provides that all rights exercisable by a Designated Gwich'in Organization and all obligations to which a Designated Gwich'in Organization is subject may be assigned by the Gwich'in Tribal Council, and that such rights and obligations may be reassigned by the Gwich'in Tribal Council from time to time, provided that such reassignments shall not adversely affect the exercise of rights or the performance of obligations contemplated by the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Tetlit Gwich'in Council work towards establishing land management and control rules over Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon lands; and

Be it Further Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Tetlit Gwich'in Council work towards a working protocol on the administration and management of Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon lands.

Moved by: Abe Wilson
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/11

Whereas the self-government negotiations are based on community-based government; and

Whereas the community of Fort McPherson would like self-government powers in the Yukon portion of their traditional territory;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Senior Negotiator for self-government be directed to amend self-government negotiations to include self-government powers over those portions of the Yukon in the Tetlit Gwich'in traditional territory as well as over the associated resources for such lands.

Moved by: Abe Wilson
Seconded by: Wilbert Firth
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/12

Whereas significant concerns have been raised about the lack of trained medical staff in Tsiigehtchic, NWT;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with the Designated Gwich'in Organization lobby the government and the appropriate health department to establish living quarters for a nurse in Tsiigehtchic, NWT.

Moved by: Philip Blake
Seconded by: John Norbert
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/13

Whereas significant concerns have been raised about the lack of a police presence in Tsiigehtchic, NWT.;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with the Designated Gwich'in Organization to lobby the government and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to establish living quarters and office space for an RCMP officer in Tsiigehtchic, NWT.

Moved by: Jenny Andre
Seconded by: James C. Cardinal
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/14

Whereas the yearly funding that is received for operating the Gwich'in Teaching and Learning Centre in Fort McPherson, also known as the Gwich'in Language Centre, from the Beaufort-Delta Education Council has been decreased from \$115,000 to \$90,000, and has not changed since 1998; and

Whereas the second language curriculum for the Gwich'in is being piloted since 2006 into the schools within the Beaufort-Delta communities of Aklavik, Inuvik, Tsiigehtchic, and Fort McPherson; and

Whereas the second language curriculum has been enhanced to promote our Gwich'in language and our funding has been decreased with little or no concern regarding the status of our ever declining language and for funding future workshops to be held to truly enhance and modify the current second language curriculum; and

Whereas the most recent Government of the Northwest Territories statistics regarding our Gwich'in language show it as headed for extinction, we find that the situation calls for immediate consideration as a result of the changes that are predicted;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council leadership be directed to seriously lobby the GNWT Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment to reconsider further reinstating and increasing funding levels/or the operation of the Gwich'in Teaching and Learning Centre.

Moved by: Edward Wright
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/15

Whereas the Gwich'in Tribal Council is a significant shareholder in the First Nations Bank;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to lobby the First Nations Bank to work closely with the Gwich'in communities to establish a banking presence in the Gwich'in Settlement Area so that Gwich'in living in the Gwich'in Settlement Area can have access to banking services on a daily basis.

Moved by: Edward Wright
Seconded by: Jenny Andre
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/16

Whereas the self-government committee established by the Gwich'in Tribal Council has met and will continue to meet in the/our Gwich'in communities; and

Whereas there have been concerns raised about poor attendance at these community meetings;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the self-government committee be directed to work to ensure that Participants attend self-government meetings and to look at other ways of engaging Participants.

Moved by: Annie Buckle
Seconded by: John Norbert
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/17

Whereas it is critical that the By-laws of the Gwich'in Tribal Council properly reflect the will of the Gwich'in people;

Be it Resolved That the 25th Annual General Assembly recommend that the Board of Directors and Executive undertake a review of the Gwich'in Tribal Council By-laws and the Gwich'in Tribal Council election procedures with a view to amending the identified By-laws as recommended by the Chief Returning Officer of the 2008 Gwich'in Tribal Council Elections Committee;

Be it Further Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal By-laws be amended so that petitions cannot be used to extend the terms of the President and Vice-President of the Gwich'in Tribal Council;

Be it Further Resolved That the 25th Annual General Assembly direct the Board of Directors never to accept any petition intended to extend the terms of the President and Vice-President of the Gwich'in Tribal Council up to and until the Gwich'in Tribal Council By-laws are properly amended, as directed above; and

Be it Further Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council By-laws should reflect definitions that are within the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

Moved by: Herbert Blake

Seconded by: Albert Peterson

CARRIED

Resolution #2008/18

Whereas it is of paramount importance that the rights of the Gwich'in are fully protected;

Be it resolved that the 25th Annual General Assembly direct the following:

- a) that all program and service agreements should respect the rights and interests of all Participants;
- b) that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Executive defend the rights and interests of the Gwich'in in all negotiations;
- c) that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Executive defend the Gwich'in Settlement Area and all land areas that are defined in the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, up to and including the pursuit of legal action if necessary.

Moved by: Herbert Blake

Seconded by: Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.

CARRIED

Resolution #2008/19

Whereas the practice of traditional medicine is fundamentally important to the Gwich'in Nation; and

Whereas there is currently draft legislation before the Parliament of Canada (Bill C-51) that threatens to adversely impact the Gwich'in's ability to practice traditional medicine;

Be it Resolved That the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to lobby the Government of Canada to ensure that any proposed legislation has no impact on the Gwich'in Nations ability to practice traditional medicine.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland
Seconded by: Bernice Furlong
CARRIED

Resolution #2008/20

Be it Resolved That the 2008 Gwich'in Annual Assembly adjourn.

Moved by: Edward Wright
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Aklavik, NT
September 8 – 11, 2009

Motion #1:2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT James B. Firth and Stephen Kakfwi be appointed as Co-Chairs for the 2009 Gwich'in Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland
Seconded by: Frank Firth
CARRIED

Motion #2:2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the 2009 Gwich'in Annual General Assembly be adopted as amended.

Moved by: John Norbert
Seconded by: Chief Herbert Blake
CARRIED

Motion #3:2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Douglas Kendo, Frank Firth, Eliza Greenland, Lillian Wright, and Brian Grinday – legal counsel for Gwich'in Tribal Council, have been nominated to form the Resolutions Committee to the 2009 Gwich'in Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: President Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Edward Wright
CARRIED

Motion #4:2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2008 Gwich'in Annual General Assembly be approved as presented.

Moved by: Frank Firth
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
CARRIED

Motion #5:2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31, 2009, be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Herbert Blake
Seconded by: I Edward Wright
CARRIED

Motion #6:2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the firm of KPMG be appointed as auditors for the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ending March 31, 2010.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland
Seconded by: Hazel Nerysoo
CARRIED

Resolution #1 (Motion #7:2009)

WHEREAS the implementation of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement remains of critical importance to all Gwich'in;

AND WHEREAS issues arising from trans-boundary agreements remain;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the four Gwich'in communities be directed to work with the Government of Canada to ensure proper consultation and accommodation be implemented on issues arising from any trans-boundary agreement are adequately funded through the Implementation Plan for the next review and that a Gwich'in Tribal Council representative work with the Gwich'in Communities on related issues and updates.

Moved by: Eddie Wright
Seconded by: Chief Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.
CARRIED with 2 abstentions

Resolution #2 (MOTION #8:2009)

WHEREAS It is of the utmost importance to promote and sustain the regular use of the Gwich'in language and its various dialects;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Gwich'in Social & Cultural Institute be directed to work with the Government of the NWT to establish official use of the Gwich'in language in each of the respective communities of Aklavik, Tsiigehtchic, Fort McPherson and Inuvik and to generally promote the regular use of Gwich'in language dialects

Moved by: Cheryl Greenland
Seconded by: John Norbert
CARRIED

Resolution #3 (MOTION #9:2009)

WHEREAS there have been concerns raised about the safety of ferry approaches and air quality at fish camps and in residential areas;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to lobby the Government of the NWT Department of Transportation to address such concerns by, among other things:

- (a) installing sliding ramps on ferry approaches; and
- (b) implementing a program of crystal mage applications to control the dust problem in fish camps and residential areas.

Moved by: John Norbert
Seconded by: Herbert Andre
DEFERRED

Resolution #4 (Motion #10:2009)

The motion was withdrawn, however, is included here to show consistent numbering

Moved by: Alex Greenland

Seconded by: Doug Kendo

~~MOTION WITHDRAWN~~

Resolution #5 (Motion #11:2009)

WHEREAS it is critical that Gwich'in youth have access to education and related support services;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Designated Gwich' in Organizations be directed to work with the Beaufort Delta Education Council with respect to the following initiatives:

- (a) development of a boarding facility (with tutors, staff and land activities) for Gwich'in students residing outside of the four Gwich'in communities, with priority being given to students from communities that do not have grade 10, 11 and 12 services;
- (b) provision of supervisors, counsellors and tutors for Gwich'in students to access throughout the school year to assist them with their education needs and with sufficient skills to allow such supervisors to:
 - (i) quickly identify and react to areas where students require particular assistance;
 - and
 - (ii) monitor, track and offer weekly assistance to students from outside of one of the four Gwich'in communities when they enter a new school.

Moved by: Douglas Kendo

Seconded by: John Norbert

CARRIED, 2 abstentions

Resolution #6 (Motion #12:2009)

The motion was withdrawn, however, is included here to show consistent numbering

~~No mover for the motion.~~

Resolution #7 (Motion #13:2009)

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Harvesters Assistance Program ("GHAP") is critical to the Gwich'in people from an economic, cultural and social perspective;

AND WHEREAS it has been some time since GHAP has been reviewed;

AND WHEREAS there are concerns with respect to GHAP including concerns about the inability of part-time harvesters to access funding for fuel;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed, in consultation with the various Gwich'in communities, to engage in a full review of the GHAP to ensure that it is operating as it was intended and to examine the concerns raised with respect to the GHAP (including those related to no fuel for part-time harvesters) and to report back to the next Annual General Assembly with any arising recommendations, if any.

Moved by: May Andre

Seconded by: Eddie Wright

CARRIED with 4 abstentions

Resolution #8 (Motion #14:2009)

The motion was withdrawn, however, is included here to show consistent numbering

~~No mover for the resolution.~~

Resolution #9 (Motion #15:2009)

WHEREAS it is a critical priority to take advantage of Brighter Futures Funding;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to take steps to secure "Brighter Futures" funding, on a regional basis, so that all Gwich'in Youth can benefit.

Moved by: Liz Hansen

Seconded by: Chief Herbert Blake

CARRIED

Resolution #10 (Motion #16:2009)

WHEREAS it is critical that the Gwich'in Tribal Council have a voice with respect to all natural resources within the Gwich'in Settlement Area including gravel and other granular materials;

AND WHEREAS it is of utmost importance to ensure that the Gwich'in people are fairly compensated for gravel and other granular materials that are being used, particularly with respect to any road construction;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to ensure that parties using Gwich'in gravel and other granular materials are paying proper royalties with respect to the use of the same.

Moved by: Chief Wilbert Firth

Seconded by: Florence Vaneltsi

CARRIED with 1 abstention

Resolution #11 (MOTION #17:2009)

WHEREAS it is critical that board members of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, the designated Gwich'in organizations and the other related Gwich'in boards understand their responsibilities arising as board members;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to take steps to educate the Gwich'in people with respect to Gwich'in governance generally and board governance specifically;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with the designated Gwich'in organizations and other related Gwich'in boards to:

- (a) develop (or where terms of reference already exist, update) clear terms of reference with respect to each board;
- (b) develop a set of qualifications for board members;
- (c) develop a board orientation package/process for incoming board members; and
- (d) establish board development workshops for current and possible board members to educate them on their roles and responsibilities as board members and to address reporting requirements, attendance requirements, and related matters relevant to board governance.

Moved by: Chief Herbert Blake

Seconded by: Diane Baxter

CARRIED

Resolution #12 (Motion #18:2009)

WHEREAS the construction of the Mackenzie Highway would represent significant opportunities for the Gwich'in people;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to develop and implement a plan with respect to taking steps to facilitate the construction of the Mackenzie Highway and to prepare the Gwich'in people for the possible construction of the Mackenzie Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council prepare a report on the status and results of the work for 2009 and 2010 and present to the 2010 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Chief Herbert Blake

Seconded by: Bernice Furlong

CARRIED

Resolution #13 (MOTION #19:2009)

WHEREAS concerns have been raised with respect to the lack of legislation addressing trespass in the NWT;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to lobby the Government of Canada and the MP for the Western Arctic to pass trespass legislation that would apply throughout the NWT including within the Gwich'in Settlement Area.

Moved by: Chief Herbert Blake

Seconded by: Alan Firth

CARRIED

Resolution #14

The motion was withdrawn, however, is included here to show consistent numbering

Resolution #15 (MOTION #20:2009)

WHEREAS the percentage of aboriginal people in the Gwich'in, Sahtu, Inuvialuit and Central Arctic regions who are former Indian Residential School students is higher than anywhere else in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the negative impacts of Indian Residential Schools have included the loss of Gwich'in language and culture, physical and sexual abuse, emotional and spiritual well-being;

AND WHEREAS the direct and indirect impacts of Indian Residential Schools upon former Gwich'in students, their families and future generations are of great concern to all Gwich'in;

AND WHEREAS a Truth and Reconciliation Commission has been established by the Government of Canada to contribute to the truth, healing and reconciliation goals of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the mandate of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission includes the funding and hosting of seven national events to engage the Canadian public and provide education about the Indian residential schools, the experience of former students and their families and the ongoing legacies of the residential school institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the intergenerational impact of Indian Residential School attendance on the aboriginal peoples of the Gwich'in, Sahtu, Inuvialuit and Central Arctic Regions is unprecedented and deserving of national recognition through the holding of one of the seven national events in the Town of Inuvik where the largest Indian Residential School and the last to operate was located;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an organizing committee, consisting of representatives of all aboriginal peoples who attended an Indian Residential in the Western Arctic, be established to work in cooperation with the Truth and Reconciliation Committee to plan and conduct such an event.

Moved by: Hazel Nerysoo
Seconded by: Victor Stewart
CARRIED

Resolution #16 (MOTION #21:2009)

WHEREAS the Gwich'in language is an important part of Gwich'in identity and culture;

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that there will be an increased need for Gwich'in translators in the future;

AND WHEREAS there is currently a shortage of qualified Gwich'in translators;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with Yukon College, Aurora College, the Native Communications Society and the Department of Education Culture and Employment to establish a Gwich'in Translator Program.

Moved by: Victor Stewart
Seconded by: Liz Hansen
CARRIED

Resolution #17 (MOTION #22:2009)

WHEREAS sport can play a significant role in enhancing the lives of people engaged in sport;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work directly with the Aboriginal Sports Circle of the Western Arctic to implement programs in the Gwich'in Settlement Area for Gwich'in people and, in particular, Gwich'in youth.

Moved by: Victor Stewart
Seconded by: Daniel Blake
CARRIED

Resolution #18 (MOTION #23:2009)

WHEREAS economic opportunities are extremely crucial to the growth and strength of each of the Gwich'in communities;

AND WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of the NWT concerning economic growth and business opportunities within the Gwich'in Settlement Area;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to take steps to ensure that the Government of the NWT meet its contractual obligations as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding so as to ensure that businesses in the Gwich'in Settlement Area receive economic benefits in an equitable manner.

Moved by: Richard Wilson
Seconded by: Eddie Wright
CARRIED

Resolution #19 (MOTION #24:2009)

WHEREAS the legacy of residential schools continues to impact people and their lives throughout the NWT and there remains a critical need to address the impacts in a positive way;

AND WHEREAS there are concerns that significant funds are not available to address the adverse impacts of the residential school legacy until (and if) the pipeline arrives;

AND WHEREAS there are plans to hold a national Truth and Reconciliation Commission event in the North to address the legacy of residential schools;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to establish a residential schools working group to develop an action plan and recommendations with respect to the upcoming national event and to address future issues that may arise with respect to residential schools and the healing journey of Gwich'in survivors;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to allow the Gwich'in region to develop and deliver story telling projects among the four Gwich'in communities using local resources.

Moved by: Liz Hansen
Seconded by: Mary Ann Ross
CARRIED

Resolution #20 (MOTION #25:2009)

WHEREAS Gwich'in Participants are entitled to receive \$3,541(in1991 dollars) (the "Payment") pursuant to the provisions of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Payment is being paid out over time and is scheduled to be paid out for all Gwich'in Participants by March, 2017;

AND WHEREAS there have been concerns expressed that Gwich'in elders are being adversely affected by not being entitled to fully access the Payment until March, 2017;

AND WHEREAS there is a desire to provide a one-time payment to Gwich'in elders so as to ensure that they get access to the full value of the Payment in a timely manner so as to allow them to use the funds in the manner they desire;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation be authorized, after consultation with their financial advisors (including the Investment Advisor), to:

- (a) payout, to those Gwich'in participants who are aged 70 or older at September 30, 2009, the remainder of the Payment due to them as a one-time capital payment, and;
- (b) payout, to those Gwich'in participants who are between the ages of 65 and 69 at December 31, 2009, the remainder of the Payment due to them as a one-time capital payment.

Moved by: Phillip Blake
Seconded by: Eddie Wright
CARRIED, 1 abstention

Resolution #21 (MOTION #26:2009)

WHEREAS the Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in living in the south Mackenzie communities wish to formalize their relationship with the Gwich'in Tribal Council;

AND WHEREAS in 2002 at the Annual General Assembly motion #16h/02 was passed directing the Gwich'in Tribal Council to, among other things, consider changes to its by-laws to allow a minimum of two delegates each from Whitehorse and Yellowknife to attend Gwich'in assemblies;

AND WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council currently provides support to bring two participants each from the Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in and from the Yukon;

AND WHEREAS these participants only have observer status at the Assembly;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to act and implement motion #16h/02 to allow the participants from Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in and the Yukon to have full voting delegate status at future Gwich'in Tribal Council Assemblies and Special Meetings;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to incorporate these recommendations in their by-laws.

Moved by: Eddie Wright
Seconded by: Victor Stewart
CARRIED with 4 abstentions

Resolution #22 (MOTION #27:2009)

The motion was defeated, however, is included here to show consistent numbering

Moved by: Eddie Wright

Second by: John Norbert

Question called: DEFEATED with 2 abstentions

Resolution #23 (MOTION #28:2009)

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council established a bereavement fund program which has been in effect for a number of years and as funding levels have been held steady since the program's inception;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to examine increasing the funds payable under the bereavement fund program and provide feedback on the review within 4 months.

Moved by: Hazel Nerysoo
Seconded by: Eddie Wright
CARRIED with 2 abstentions

Motion #28:2009

To adjourn the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly for 2009 at 7:30 p.m. on September 10, 2009.

Moved by: Chief Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.

Seconded by: Mary Ann Ross

CARRIED

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Aklavik, NT
August 10 – 12, 2010

Motion #01:2010

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we appoint James B. Firth and Grace Blake as the Co-Chairs for the 27th Gwich'in Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: President Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: President Charlie Furlong
CARRIED

Motion #02:2010

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Eliza Greenland, Mabel Brown, Chief Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr., Edward Wright and Brian Grindey will comprise the Resolutions Committee for the 27th Gwich'in Annual Assembly.

Moved by: President Charlie Furlong
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Motion #03:2010

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 27th Gwich'in Annual Assembly be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Eddie Wright
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

Motion #04:2010

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 26th Gwich'in Annual Assembly be approved as presented.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland
Seconded by: Chief William Koe
CARRIED

Motion #05:2010

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31, 2010, be approved as presented.

Moved by: Chief Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Motion #06:2010

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council appoint KPMG as its auditor for the year ending March 31, 2011.

Moved by: Edward Wright
Seconded by: Chief William Koe
CARRIED

Motion #07:2010

WHEREAS:

- A. The Gwich'in living in the South Mackenzie and Yukon communities wish to formalize their relationship with the Gwich'in Tribal Council;
- B. The Gwich'in Tribal Council provides support to bring two (2) participants each from the Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in in Yellowknife and the Gwich'in in the Yukon who presently have observer status at Gwich'in Tribal Council assemblies;
- C. It is desirable for the By-laws of the Gwich'in Tribal Council to be amended to reflect two (2) additional delegates from the Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in in Yellowknife and the Gwich'in in the Yukon to attend Gwich'in Tribal Council assemblies and special assemblies and have full voting delegate status at Gwich'in Tribal Council assemblies and special assemblies;
- D. The Canadian Corporations Act and By-laws of the Gwich'in Tribal Council provide that the Gwich'in Tribal Council may, by Special Resolution, amend its By-laws;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Section 4.2 of Gwich'in Tribal Council Amended and Restated By-law No. 1 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Composition of the Assemblies. Assemblies shall be composed of the following:

- (a) one (1) delegation of Active Participants from each of the four (4) Gwich'in Communities with each delegation from a Gwich'in Community consisting of:
 - (i) no fewer than five (5) and no more than ten (10) elected members from the applicable Gwich'in Community;
 - (ii) where possible, one (1) Elder (who shall serve as a representative of all the Elders in the applicable Gwich'in Community); and
 - (iii) where possible, one (1) Youth (who shall serve as a representative of all the Youth in the applicable Gwich'in Community);

with the individuals described in section 4.2(a)(i) being elected by the applicable Gwich'in Council in accordance with its own election procedures and the individuals in sections 4.2(a)(ii) and 4.2(a)(iii) being selected by the applicable Gwich'in Council in accordance with its own procedures;

- (b) ten (10) persons consisting of the Board, including the Executive;
- (c) two (2) delegates each from the Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in in Yellowknife and the Gwich'in in the Yukon with such individuals being selected by the election procedures of the Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in in Yellowknife and the Yukon Gwich'in respectively; and
- (d) as many observers as the Board agrees to have attend provided always that such observers shall not have the status of “Delegate”.”

2. Any two directors or officers of the Gwich'in Tribal Council be, and the same are hereby authorized, to do all things necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing.

Moved by: Edward Wright

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland

CARRIED

Motion #08:2010

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provides for Gwich'in ownership of twenty one (21) parcels of land (comprising 6,158 square kilometres) over which the Gwich'in were

granted full ownership over the surface of such lands (save for 93 square kilometres) and full ownership of all the mines and minerals thereunder;

AND WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council wishes to explore possibilities for oil and gas development and commercial opportunities with respect to such 21 parcels;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors be directed to explore the possibilities for oil and gas development and commercial opportunities with respect to such 21 parcels and manage and enter into such legal arrangements respecting such lands when such commercial opportunities arise.

Moved by: Johnny Peterson
Seconded by: President Richard Nerysoo
CARRIED

Motion #09:2010

WHEREAS Section 12.9.3 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provides that all Renewable Resource Councils shall be established by the community designated Gwich'in organizations but is silent with respect to the selection of individuals for such councils, their term, etc.;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with the designated Gwich'in organizations to put in place bylaws that address the election, term and responsibilities of Renewable Resource Council members.

Moved by: Chief William Koe
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
WITHDRAWN

Motion #10:2010

WHEREAS the community of Fort McPherson has the largest population of elders in the four Gwich'in communities;

AND WHEREAS the community has been lobbying for a Level 3 long term care facility to be located in Fort McPherson for some time;

AND WHEREAS there are also concerns about the long term viability of the Joe Greenland Centre in Aklavik having regard for the current state of funding;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to support:

- (a) the Tetlit Gwich'in Council in its lobbying efforts to the Government of the Northwest Territories with respect to the establishment of a Level 3 long term care facility in Fort McPherson; and
- (b) the Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council in its lobbying efforts to the Government of the Northwest Territories with respect to ensuring sustained funding for the Joe Greenland Centre in Aklavik.

Moved by: Edward Wright
Seconded by: Kathy Nerysoo
CARRIED

Motion #11:2010

WHEREAS Section 3.5.1 of the Yukon Transboundary Agreement provides that the Tetlit Gwich'in shall manage and control the use of Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon lands including:

- (a) the development and administration of the land management programs and policies; and
- (b) the charging of rents or other fees for the use and occupation of Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon lands;

AND WHEREAS Section 7.1.1 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provides that all rights exercisable by a designated Gwich'in organization and all obligations to which a designated Gwich'in organization is subject may be assigned by the Gwich'in Tribal Council and reassigned from time to time provided that such reassignment shall not adversely affect the exercise of rights or the performance of obligations contemplated by the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;

AND WHEREAS Section 3.1.2 of the Yukon Transboundary Agreement provides that title to the Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon land shall rest in the Gwich'in Tribal Council;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council work with the Tetlit Gwich'in Council to develop a common understanding of the provisions of the Yukon Transboundary Agreement as they apply to the Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon lands and from that take such steps as may be necessary to give effect as to the agreed upon intent.

Moved by: Johnny Peterson

Seconded by: Chief William Koe

CARRIED

Motion #12:2010

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly in 2009 passed the following resolution:

“Resolution #12

WHEREAS the construction of the Mackenzie Highway would represent significant opportunities for the Gwich'in people; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to develop and implement a plan with respect to taking steps to facilitate the construction of the Mackenzie Highway and to prepare the Gwich'in people for the possible construction of the Mackenzie Highway; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council prepare a report on the status and results of the work for 2009 and 2010 and present to the 2010 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly. Moved by: Chief Herbert Blake; Seconded by Bernice Furlong; Question called: CARRIED”

AND WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council, with support from the Mackenzie Aboriginal Corporation, took the lead role and submitted a proposal to the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada for funds to begin the preliminary design on an all-weather road and the installation of fibre optic cable from Inuvik to Wrigley and, importantly, through the Gwich'in Settlement Area;

AND WHEREAS in January 2010 in response to the leadership of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and Mackenzie Aboriginal Corporation, the two governments committed \$7 million dollars to conduct Project Description studies (“PDR”) from Wrigley to Inuvik in the three Dene/Gwich'in regions - the first “phase” of the overall project;

AND WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council signed an agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories to manage the PDR work within the Gwich'in Settlement Area and subsequently the Gwich'in Tribal Council hired Mackenzie Aboriginal Corporation and work on the PDR began in May 2010 and will continue until spring 2011;

AND WHEREAS the initial consultation about the PDR in each community suggests general support for an all-weather highway through the Gwich'in Settlement Area provided:

- (a) the road alignment and development is approved by the governing institutions created pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;
- (b) the project is planned to be environmentally sensitive with specific concerns about the use of bridges rather than culverts; and
- (c) appropriate surface treatments are utilized to minimize impact through the Travaillant lake area and to improve the approaches to bridges; institutions created pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the completion of the PDR is the first phase or step towards opening of the Mackenzie Valley highway, but additional support and funds will be needed from the two other levels of government for the next phases of the overall project;

AND WHEREAS the two other levels of government have indicated that their further support for the Mackenzie Valley Highway is contingent upon all of the aboriginal regions publicly committing to work together on the Mackenzie Valley highway project as a priority for the Mackenzie Valley region;

AND WHEREAS the Premier of the Northwest Territories has invited the leaders of each of the regions to work with the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop a "vision" for the future and to work together to make that vision a reality;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories have indicated that there are 4 priority projects between them and the federal government - one of which is the Mackenzie Valley highway;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The 27th Annual General Assembly confirms that the construction and operation of the Mackenzie Valley highway and installation of fibre optic cable in the "Mackenzie Valley Highway to Tuktoyaktuk" project through the Gwich'in Settlement Area is the priority project;
2. Further, the 27th Annual General Assembly directs the President and the Gwich'in Tribal Council to work publicly and actively with the leaders of the Sahtu, Deh Cho and Inuvialuit regions to reach an agreement or understanding of cooperation to promote the Mackenzie Valley highway including the installation of fibre optic cable from Wrigley to Tuktoyaktuk;
3. Further, the 27th Annual General Assembly directs the President to work with the Premier and to actively support a vision that includes the construction and operation of the Mackenzie Valley highway as a priority project;
4. Further, the 27th Annual General Assembly directs that the President and the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors continue to report progress to communities with an emphasis on early identification of job and training opportunities in this and the other phases of this project; and
5. Further, the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with the other regions affected by the Mackenzie Valley highway in an effort to have the Government of the Northwest Territories and Aurora college offer training programs targeted to job opportunities associated with the operations and construction of the highway (e.g. business, construction, tourism, etc.).

Moved by: Chief Herbert Blake
Seconded by: James Cardinal Jr.
CARRIED

Motion # 13:2010

WHEREAS the yearly funding which is received for operating the Gwich'in Teaching and Learning Centre, also known as the Gwich'in Language Centre in Fort McPherson, from the Beaufort Delta Education Council has been decreased again, from \$115,000 to \$90,000, and which has not positively changed since 1989;

AND WHEREAS the second language curriculum for the Gwich'in is being piloted since 2006 into the schools within the Beaufort Delta communities of Aklavik, Inuvik, Tsiigehtchic, and Fort McPherson;

AND WHEREAS the second language curriculum has been enhanced to promote our Gwich'in Language and our funding has been decreased with little or no concern regarding the status of our ever declining language and for funding future workshops to be held to truly enhance and modify the current second language curricula;

AND WHEREAS the most recent Government of the Northwest Territories statistics regarding our Gwich'in language show that it is headed for extinction, such that the situation calls for immediate reconsideration as a result of the changes that are predicted;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council's leadership be directed to seriously lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to reconsider further reinstating and increasing funding levels for the operation of the Gwich'in Teaching and Learning Centre.

Moved by: Edward Wright
Seconded by: Kathy Nerysoo
CARRIED

Motion #14:2010

WHEREAS the community of Tsiigehtchic is the only one of the four Gwich'in communities without a high school such that is a parental responsibility to find appropriate accommodations for children - either in Inuvik or Fort McPherson;

AND WHEREAS the community of Tsiigehtchic would like to establish a facility for these children in Inuvik with a safe and positive environment with tutor's and weekend land activities available;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to coordinate a meeting with representatives from the Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Gwichya Gwich'in leadership, the appropriate ministries in the Government of the Northwest Territories and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada with a view to exploring the possibility of funding such a facility.

Moved by: John Firth
Seconded by: Georgie Niditchie
CARRIED

Motion #15:2010

WHEREAS in the area of Fort Providence the ferry operation starts at 6:00 am;

AND WHEREAS the Mackenzie and Peel River ferry system commence operations at 9:00 am which creates significant difficulty for the community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to lobby the appropriate governmental ministers to have the Mackenzie and Peel River ferry system commence operations no later than 7:00 am.

Moved by: Chief Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.

Seconded by: James Cardinal Jr.

CARRIED

Motion #16:2010

WHEREAS currently each community is given a certain number of grizzly bear tags;

AND WHEREAS most Gwich'in who harvest grizzly bears have difficulty receiving a fair price for their harvest;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no clear policy on guided hunts in the Gwich'in Settlement Area including those relating to grizzly bears or moose;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board and the Renewable Resource Councils develop a policy on commercial harvesting in the Gwich'in Settlement Area to carry out commercial outfitting in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (having regard to the provisions of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement).

Moved by: Chief Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.

Seconded by: Johnny Peterson

CARRIED

Motion #17:2010

WHEREAS there is no clear and consistent policy with respect to the use of alternates at Gwich'in Tribal Council assemblies;

AND WHEREAS it is generally recognized that the use of alternates can be an efficient way to ensure that meetings are sufficiently attended so as not to lose quorum;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to consider establishment of a clear and consistent policy with respect to the use of alternates at assemblies.

Moved by: Chief William Koe

Seconded by: John Norbert

WITHDRAWN

Motion #18:2010

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement is absolutely fundamental to the Gwich'in people;

AND WHEREAS, given this fundamental importance, it is critical that the Gwich'in people understand the contents of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, it is particularly important to ensure that Gwich'in participants have a good knowledge and a working understanding of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement with special emphasis on teaching the youth who represent the future leadership of the Gwich'in people;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Gwich'in Tribal Council recommend to the Implementation Committee that they develop an educational program with the goal of educating Gwich'in participants as to the contents and importance of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement with a particular focus on ensuring the youth understand the importance, contents and impact of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement and Treaty 11 so as to prepare them for future leadership.

Moved by: Bella (Husky?)

Seconded by: Charlie Snowshoe

CARRIED with 1 opposed, 1 abstention

Motion #19:2010

WHEREAS Section 5.2 of Gwich'in Tribal Council Bylaw No. 1 provides that the Annual General Assembly must be held on an annual basis;

AND WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council is now fully responsible for the costs of Annual General Assemblies and it is recognized that the costs of holding an Assembly are significant;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to examine various options to ensure that the Annual General Assembly be as cost effective as possible with possible solutions examined including holding the Annual General Assembly once every two years and the use of fundraising to assist with defraying costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to report its findings to the next Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland

Seconded by: President Charlie Furlong

CARRIED with 8 opposed, 2 abstentions

Motion #20:2010

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council has established a Land Use Fee Schedule (as part of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Land Management and Control Guidelines) that addresses, among other things, fees payable with respect to applying for and accessing a quarry with the application fee being \$8,637.83 and the access admin fee being \$12,956.77 per year;

AND WHEREAS the fee schedule in this respect is prohibitively expensive for small Gwich'in contractors engaged in small scale gravel use to access the gravel they need;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to review the Land Use Fee Schedule as it relates to quarry permits with a view to determining whether the fees are suitable and equitable for small Gwich'in contractors engaged in small scale gravel use.

Moved by: Chief William Koe

Seconded by: Johnny Peterson

CARRIED with 5 opposed and 1 abstention

Motion #21:2010

WHEREAS the Premier of the Northwest Territories has an initiative to engage students/youth to discuss issues of importance and concern with them and, in particular, to discuss their vision for the future and the role of government moving forward;

AND WHEREAS a meeting with the Premier would present an excellent opportunity for Gwich'in youth to have their voices heard and unique perspectives addressed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to work with the Government of the Northwest Territories to coordinate a meeting with the Premier of the NWT for Gwich'in youth so as to give them an opportunity to be a part of the Premier's initiative and to have their voices heard.

Moved by: John Norbert

Seconded by: Elizabeth Hansen

CARRIED

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Tsiigehtchic, NT
August 9 – 11, 2011

Motion #01:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the 28th Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be Fred Koe and the Co-Chair be Peter Ross.

Moved by: Diane Baxter
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Motion #02:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the 2011 Gwich'in Tribal Council 28th Annual General Assembly be approved as amended.

Moved by: President Charlie Furlong
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
CARRIED

Motion #03:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Resolutions Committee for the Gwich'in Tribal Council 28th Annual General Assembly be Diane Baxter, Carolyn Lennie, Abe Wilson, Eliza Greenland and Brian Grindey.

Moved by: Maureen Clarke
Seconded by: Chief William Koe
CARRIED

Motion #04:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2010 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be approved as presented.

Moved by: Diane Baxter
Seconded by: Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.

Motion #05:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31, 2011, be approved as presented.

Moved by: President Charlie Furlong
Seconded by: Carolyn Lennie
CARRIED

Motion #06:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31, 2012.

Moved by: Barry Greenland
Seconded by: Diane Baxter
CARRIED

Motion #07:2011

WHEREAS, the leadership of the Gwich'in Tribal Council has discussed the issues of concern in the NWT Devolution and Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement in Principle dated September 17, 2010, and commissioned a Report re: Fiscal and Self-Government Issues in Connection with Devolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council have reviewed the finding of the report for the Gwich'in Tribal Council entitled "Fiscal and Self-Government Issues in Connection with Devolution prepared for Richard Nerysoo, President, Gwich'in Tribal Council"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors have agreed to a strategy on next steps to address the concerns of the Gwich'in Tribal Council about the fiscal and guiding principles of the NWT Devolution and Revenue Sharing Agreement in Principle; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors support the recommendations of the Report re: Fiscal and Self-Government Issues in Connection with Devolution submitted to Richard Nerysoo, President, Gwich'in Tribal Council prepared by Peter Eglington and Lew Voytilla dated January 25, 2011.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 28th Annual General Assembly support the decisions of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to approve the amended draft report and the recommendation contained in the report entitled: Report re: Fiscal and Self-Government Issues In Connection with Devolution; and FURTHER that the 28th Annual General Assembly approve and support the implementation of the next steps to address the concerns of the leadership of the Gwich'in Tribal Council in the process leading to an Agreement in Principle, the terms set out in the Agreement in Principle and the process to complete an agreement with Canada respecting Devolution and Resource Revenue Sharing in the Northwest Territories; and

FURTHER that the 28th Annual General Assembly support the efforts of the President to work with the Dene Leadership in the development of a unified position on the matter of devolution and resource revenue sharing which will be in the interest of all residents of the NWT and improve the financial terms of any agreement on devolution and resource revenue sharing.

Moved by: Bert Bullock
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
CARRIED

Motion #08:2011

Be it resolved that the Assembly begin an in camera session at 10:23 a.m:

Moved by: Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.
Seconded by: James Cardinal
CARRIED

Motion #09:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly end the in camera session at 10:50 a.m.

Moved by: Chief Herbert Blake

Seconded by: Wanda Pascal

CARREID

Motion #10:2011

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal council has an election manual it uses to help administer elections for the Gwich'in Tribal Council Executive; and

WHEREAS in 2008, a report was tabled suggesting a number of recommendations to improve the procedure with respect to elections; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement these changes, it is necessary to make changes to By-law No. 1.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations and associated changes be made to By-law No. 1 as noted below:

1. Recommendation: Lengthen the election period by 30 days

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) In Section 7.4 of By-law No. 1, replace the reference to "thirty (30) days" with "sixty (60) days".
- ii) In Section 7.7 of By-law No. 1, replace the reference to "fifty (50) days" with "seventy (70) days".

2. Recommendation: Have polling stations in centres where there are more than 100 participants residing.

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) Replace Section 7.13 of By-law No. 1 with the following wording:

"7.13 casting of Ballots. The Chief Returning Officer shall establish poll booths in each Gwich'in Community and in any community where there are at least 100 eligible voters residing and each eligible voter shall place his or her ballot in the ballot box at the designated poll booth for that eligible voter. The casting of ballots shall be by secret ballot. Anyone who does not reside in a location where there is a poll booth shall specify which Gwich'in Community they have been associated with for purposes of enrolment and to arrange (with the Chief Returning Officer) to vote by mailing in a ballot prior to the date of the election."

- iii) In Section 7.7 of By-law No. 1, add the following words after "Community":

“and each community where there are at least 100 eligible voters residing”

3. Recommendation changes respecting who is eligible for nominations

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) Amend the first sentence of Section 7.8 so that the sentence begins:
“Any two (2) Active Participants...”

4. Recommendation: Eligibility

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO.1

- i) Add the following Section 7.25:

“Gwich’in Tribal Council Employees. Any Gwich'in Tribal Council employee or staff member shall, before filing nomination papers for any election, whether with the GTC, a designated Gwich'in organization or a board of management {as such term is defined in the Election Policy and Procedures Manual) they shall either tender their resignation or have sought approval for and received an approved leave of absence effective from the time that nomination papers are filed until the results of the election are declared.”

5. Recommendation: Participants

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) Change references to "Active Participants" and "Active Participant" to "Participants" and "Participant".

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: James Cardinal

CARRIED

Motion #11:2011

WHEREAS:

The Gwich'in retain the inherent right of self-government under Section 35(1) of the Constitution of Canada, 1982;

The Gwich'in have constitutional commitments from the Crown In Right of Canada in the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement 1992, to negotiate self-government for the Gwich'in;

The Gwich'in have now established an effective and respectful negotiating relationship on a self-government agreement with the Crown in Right of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories;

The Gwich'in Leadership, including the Gwich'in Executive, the Gwich'in Chiefs, Elders, Youth and advisors have conducted twelve strategy workshops between October 2009 to July 2011 to develop negotiating options and positions to advance to Main Table negotiations with Canada and Government of the Northwest Territories and this workshop format will continue to inform the negotiating options and positions of the Gwich'in on self-government matters;

The strategic options developed in these workshops have provided a solid foundation to continue self-government negotiations with Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories based upon Gwich'in Leadership direction and Gwich'in community consultations on the Gwich'in self-government positions and options being advanced; and

A work plan to complete a draft Agreement in Principle by December 31, 2012, on Gwich'in self-government has been accepted by the Gwich'in, Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The 28th General Assembly confirms and re-affirms its support for the principles, options and positions being advanced at the Gwich'in Self-government Main Table based upon the advice and direction of the Gwich'in Leadership, Elders, Youth and Gwich'in communities;
2. Further that the Gwich'in Senior Negotiator, will provide community updates and leadership reports on the progress of the self-government negotiations as may be directed by the Board of Directors or the Gwich'in leadership from time to time;
3. Further that an update be provided at the 29th General Assembly by the Gwich'in Senior Negotiator; and
4. Further that the 28th General Assembly continues to support the Gwich'in self-government negotiation team and encourages them to continue good faith negotiations to achieve a good and effective draft Agreement in Principle on Gwich'in self-government with the Crown in Right of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Moved by: Ellen Smith

Seconded by: Maureen Clark

CARRIED

Motion #12:2011

WHEREAS questions have been raised about:

- (a) the relationship between the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Designated Gwich'in Organizations and, in particular, whether the relationship as currently constituted is the most advantageous for Gwich'in Participants; and
- (b) the differing policies and procedures of various Designated Gwich'in Organizations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to, in consultation -with the Designated Gwich'in Organizations:

- i) consider the nature of the relationship between the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Designated Gwich'in Organizations; and
- ii) evaluate the effectiveness of the overall Gwich'in organizational structure and, in particular, the effect of having differing policies and procedures amongst the Designated Gwich'in Organizations; with a view to ensuring that the relationship and structure is the most advantageous to Gwich'in Participants having regard at all times to the provisions of the Gwich'in Comprehensive land Claim Agreement.

Moved by: Archie Norbert

Seconded by: James Cardinal

CARRIED

Motion #13:2011

WHEREAS the community of Tsiigehtchic is the only one of the four Gwich'in communities without a high school such that is a parental responsibility to find appropriate accommodations for children - either in Inuvik or Fort McPherson;

AND WHEREAS the community of Tsiigehtchic remains concerned about the lack of facility where their children can reside while going to school;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to research the costs of a home boarding facility versus the existing arrangements (billeting) with a view to determining the economic feasibility of a home boarding facility.

Moved by: John Norbert

Seconded by: John Firth

CARRIED

Motion #14:2011

The motion was withdrawn, however, is included here to show consistent numbering

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: Diane Baxter

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Motion #15:2011

WHEREAS it is critical to continue capacity building within the Gwich'in Settlement Area of businesses in which the Gwich'in have significant interests;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates of the 28th Annual General Assembly give the general direction that the Gwich'in Tribal Council make Mackenzie Valley Construction Ltd. (or any successor company or entity) the company of choice for work on all highway/road systems that lie within the Gwich'in Settlement Area; provided always that such direction is subject to the legal duty of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board to act in the best interests of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: Bert Bullock

Seconded by: Barry Greenland

CARRIED

Motion #16:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly begin an in camera discussion at 5:03 p.m.

Moved by: James Cardinal

Seconded by: Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.

CARRIED

Motion #17:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly end its in camera discussion at 6:17 p.m.

Moved by: Barry Greenland
Seconded by: James Cardinal
CARRIED

Motion #18:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the location of the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly will be the community of Fort McPherson.

Moved by: Diane Koe
Seconded by: Maureen Clark
CARRIED

Motion #19:2011

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council supports the President to continue discussions as laid out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Gwich'in and the Nacho Nyak Dun.

Moved by: Archie Norbert
Seconded by: Bert Bullock
CARRIED

Motion #20:2011

To adjourn the 2011 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly at 9:30 p.m.

Moved by: Sonny (Frederick) Blake Jr.

Gwich'in Tribal Council: Annual General Assembly, Fort McPherson, NT
August 14 – 16, 2012

Motion #01:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grace Blake and Wilbert Firth be appointed as co-Chairs of the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland
Seconded by: John Peterson
CARRIED

Motion #02:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be adopted as amended.

Moved by: Roger Fraser
Seconded by: Eliza Greenland
CARRIED

Motion #03:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Amy Thompson, Eliza Greenland, Chief Philip Blake and Elizabeth Wright be appointed to the Resolutions Committee for the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly.
Moved by: John Peterson Seconded by: Richard Ross
CARRIED

Motion #04:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2011 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Chief Danny Greenland
Seconded by: Chief William Koe
CARRIED

Motion #05:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the consolidated financial statements for the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31st, 2012, be approved as presented.
Moved by: President Robert Alexie Jr.
Seconded by: Chief Herbert Blake
CARRIED

Motion #06:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31st, 2013.

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky

Seconded by: Roger Fraser
CARRIED

Motion #07:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegate list be accepted as read.

Moved by: Donald Andre
Seconded by: President Robert Alexie Jr.
CARRIED

Motion #08:2012

WHEREAS the 2012 Executive Election is complete and all the appeals periods have expired.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots in respect of the 2012 Election be destroyed, and the Chief Operating Officer, within 90 days of the 2012 final election, that the destruction be confirmed in writing for the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors by the Chief Operating Officer.

Moved by: Sarah Jerome
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

Motion #09:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly begin an in camera session at 1:29 p.m.

Moved by: Chief Danny Greenland
Seconded by: Sarah Jerome
CARRIED

Motion #10:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly end the in camera session at 3:50 p.m.

Moved by: Chief William Koe
Seconded by: Wanda Pascal
CARRIED

Motion #11:2012

WHEREAS:

- A. The Gwich'in retain the inherent right of self-government under Section 35(1) of the Constitution of Canada, 1982;
- B. The Gwich'in have constitutional commitments from the Crown in Right of Canada in the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement 1992, to negotiate self-government for the Gwich'in;
- C. The Gwich'in have now established an effective and respectful negotiating relationship on a self-government agreement with the Crown in Right of Canada and the GNWT;
- D. The Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) favours a negotiations approach that involves community members participating directly in the process as much as reasonably possible;
- E. Following a period of reflection and consideration of different options, the GTC supports a "team approach" to the self-government negotiations process rather than having a lead or senior negotiator;

- F. The GTC self-government team is made-up of one representative from each of the four Gwich'in communities, a Gwich'in Chief and several technical support staff; and
- G. The negotiation team continues to work towards the completion of an Agreement-in-Principle and has made significant progress in the past 6 months.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The 29th Gwich'in Annual General Assembly confirms and re-affirms its support for the principles, options and positions being advanced at the Gwich'in Self-government Main Table, based upon the advice and direction of the Gwich'in self-government team;
2. The 29th Gwich'in Annual General Assembly continue to support the Gwich'in self –government negotiation team and encourages them to continue good faith negotiations to achieve a good and effective draft Agreement in Principle on Gwich'in self-government with the Crown in Right of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories;
3. The main priority of the negotiation team is to develop a single Gwich'in constitution that will include both the national and community government structures and an amending formula that will require community consent to change any part of the community component of the constitution which constitution will enable community government structures to reflect the unique circumstances of each community;
4. Community meetings will occur in the four Gwich'in communities in September, October and November to explain community government options and to note local preferences;
5. Responsibility to prepare and explain the first version of the constitution will rest with the GTC self-government negotiation team;
6. The deadline/goal for completion of the constitution be December 31, 2012 and upon completion community meetings be held in all four Gwich'in communities as well as in Edmonton, Yellowknife and Whitehorse to review the terms contained therein; and
7. Finally, that an update be provided at the 30th Gwich'in Annual General Assembly by a member of the Gwich'in self-government negotiation team.

Moved by: Eliza Greenland

Seconded by: Donald Andre

CARRIED

Motion #12:2012

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 12.3 of the Gwich'in Tribal Council's (GTC's) By-law No.1 provides that the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly shall determine the remuneration to be paid to Delegates who attend Gwich'in Annual General Assemblies and serve on GTC committees;
- B. The last honoraria rate for Delegates was approved at \$250 per day at the 2006 Gwich'in Annual General Assembly by Motion #15/2006; and
- C. On June 12, 2012 the GTC's Board of Directors passed Motion #13.07/12 at the GTC's Board Meeting held in Aklavik that recommends increasing the honoraria rate to Delegates to \$400 per day effective August 13, 2012.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly supports the Board of Director's motion to increase the daily honoraria rate to be paid to Delegates who attend Gwich'in Annual General Assemblies to \$400 per day, effective August 13, 2012.

Moved by: Barry Greenland
Seconded by: Vice President Norman Snowshoe
CARRIED with 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

Motion #13:2012

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 8.1 of the Gwich'in Tribal Council's (GTC's) By-law No. 1 provides that the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly shall determine the remuneration to be paid to Members of the GTC's Board of Directors;
- B. The last honoraria rate for Members of the Board was approved at \$250 per day at the 2006 Gwich'in Annual General Assembly by Motion #15/2006; and
- C. On June 12, 2012, the GTC's Board of Directors passed Motion #12:07/12 at their Board Meeting held in Aklavik, which recommends increasing the honoraria rate to Members of the Board to \$400 per day effective August 13, 2012.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly supports the Board of Director's motion to increase the daily honoraria rate to be paid to Members of the Board to \$400 per day, effective August 13, 2012.

Moved by: Chief Herbert Blake
Seconded by: Ruth Stewart
CARRIED with 3 votes against and 2 abstentions.

Motion #14:2012

WHEREAS there have been significant concerns raised about the potential impacts on land and waters, including water quality, within the Peel River Watershed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Gwich'in Annual General Assembly support the continued Prohibition order barring entry on lands in the Peel Watershed Planning Region for the purpose of locating mineral claims until such time as an approved Regional Land Use Plan is in place for the Peel Planning Region; and
2. The Participants of the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly support the Gwich'in Tribal Council in the finalization and approval process of the Peel River Watershed Regional Land Use Plan as submitted.

Moved by: Chief William Koe
Seconded by: Wanda Pascal
CARRIED

Motion #15:2012

WHEREAS in December 2009 the Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) secured funding from the Government of Canada to fully participate in the implementation of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Act as a recognized Yukon First Nation, having fee simple lands within the Yukon;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly support and encourage the GTC in its pressuring of the Government of Canada for the promised annual payments of one hundred thousand dollars as agreed upon in December 2009.

Moved by: Johnny Peterson

Seconded by: Sarah Jerome

CARRIED

Motion #16:2012

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Gwich'in Tribal Council provided the Nihtat Gwich'in Council the sum of \$200,663.00 to assist with operations and, in return, the Gwich'in Tribal Council received lands valued at approximately \$1,462,000; and

WHEREAS, in July 2012, the Gwich'in Tribal Council provided the Nihtat Gwich'in Council a further \$150,000.00 payment which payment was credited against the aforementioned land value.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Gwich'in Tribal Council be authorized to pay the Nihtat Gwich'in Council up to an amount equal to 75% of the appraised value of the land less the amount already paid, such appraisal to be conducted as soon as possible and paid for by the Nihtat Gwich'in Council; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Gwich'in Tribal Council immediately pay the amount up to \$400,000.00.

Moved by: President Robert Alexie, Jr.

Seconded by: Richard Ross Jr.

CARRIED

Motion #17:2012

WHEREAS Section 7.1 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provides that all rights exercisable by a designated Gwich'in organization and all obligations to which a designated Gwich'in organization is subject shall be assigned by the Gwich'in Tribal Council;

AND WHEREAS the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provides that the Gwich'in Tribal Council may reassign such rights and obligations provided that such reassignments shall not adversely affect the exercise of rights or the performance of obligations under the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council formally assign the aforementioned rights and obligations to the Gwichya Gwich'in Council, the Tetlit Gwich'in Council, the Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council and the Nihtat Gwich'in Council and that, upon such assignment, by-laws, election codes, financial reporting requirements community development corporation policies and procedures, etc. be amended accordingly;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council assist the foregoing Gwich'in councils with the provision of resources to address necessary changes as a result of the assignment.

Moved by: Bella Stewart

Seconded by: Amy Thompson

CARRIED with 2 abstentions

Motion #18:2012

WHEREAS significant questions have been raised about:

- A. the relationship between the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the designated Gwich'in organizations, and, in particular, whether the relationship/structure as currently constituted is the most advantageous for Gwich'in Participants; and
- B. the relationship between the Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation and the Gwich'in Development Corporation and, in particular:
 - a. whether stricter independence needs to be established between the entities (including the Boards) to minimize any potential conflict of interest; and
 - b. the need for consistent, appropriate and up to date policies and procedures for each of the organizations including, without limitation, those relating to consistency of bylaws, appointment processes, reporting procedures, and eligibility criteria;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to:

- i) in consultation with the designated Gwich'in organizations, review the nature of the relationship between the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the designated Gwich'in organizations and, where appropriate, make recommendations with respect to changes so as to ensure benefits to Participants are maximized;
- ii) in consultation with the Boards of the Gwich'in Development Corporation and the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation evaluate the best way to ensure that there is no conflict between the respective organizations including the possibility of prohibiting individuals from sitting on more than one board and, where possible, make recommendations with respect to ensuring that conflicts between business and politics are minimized; and
- iii) to review the various policies, procedures, appointment processes, eligibility criteria, reporting processes, and bylaws with a view to ensuring that the Gwich'in Tribal Council is operating as effectively and efficiently as possible and to recommend to the Boards of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation and the Gwich'in Development Corporation that they conduct similar reviews.

Moved by: Vice President Norman Snowshoe

Seconded by: Donald Andre

CARRIED

Motion #19:2012

WHEREAS the involvement of Elders and Youth in the Gwich'in Annual General Assembly is of crucial importance in preserving Gwich'in traditions and sharing knowledge and wisdom;

AND WHEREAS a motion was passed July 31, 2012 at the Elders & Youth Workshop held in Fort McPherson providing that the delegate groups from each designated Gwich'in organization be composed of two Elders and two Youth as opposed to one Elder and one Youth;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 4.2(a)(ii) and (iii) of Gwich'in Tribal Council By-law No. 1 be amended so that references to "one (1) Elder" and "one (1) Youth" be amended to read "two (2) Elders" and "two (2) Youths".

Moved by: Bella Stewart
Seconded by: Lorraine Greenland
CARRIED with 1 Against, and 1 Abstentions

Motion #20:2012

WHEREAS the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council executive election was recently completed;

AND WHEREAS recommendations have been made by the 2012 Chief Returning Officer to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Gwich'in Tribal Council election process;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council review the reports of the Chief Returning Officer with a view to developing a set of recommendations for consideration by the next Annual General Assembly outlining, where applicable, bylaw amendments to give effect to such changes.

Moved by: Barry Greenland
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

Motion #21:2012

WHEREAS the Education & Training Fund has not been formally reviewed since 2007;

AND WHEREAS financially supporting Gwich'in youth in their educational pursuits is crucial to the maintenance, development and advancement of the Gwich'in community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council undertake a formal review of the Education & Training Fund with a view to determining if increasing educational funding to eligible students is appropriate.

Moved by: Amy Thompson
Seconded by: Alyssa Ross
CARRIED with 1 abstention

Motion #22:2012

WHEREAS sharing the knowledge of Gwich'in Elders is essential to ensuring the prosperity and longevity of the Gwich'in culture;

AND WHEREAS modern means of communication can facilitate such sharing in a manner that is accessible, particularly to Gwich'in Youth;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council develop a working network to communicate the Gwich'in culture to Participants and to the rest of the world through modern methods; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such communication be achieved using a broad based platform with television, radio, internet and a magazine that invites participants to contribute pictures and stories as communication possibilities.

Moved by: John Dixon
Seconded by: Helen Pruden
CARRIED

Motion #23:2012

WHEREAS the education and mentorship of Gwich'in Youth is critical to the future of the Gwich'in; and

WHEREAS an opportunity for Gwich'in Youth to be mentored by those working within the Gwich'in Tribal Council and designated Gwich'in organizations would provide work experience and encourage Gwich'in Youth engagement in Gwich'in governance and business;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council work with the designated Gwich'in organizations to develop a Student Mentorship Program whereas students have the opportunity to shadow various positions within the Gwich'in Tribal Council, in the designated Gwich'in organizations and its other interested organizations (Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board, Gwich'in Land & Water Board, Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, etc.)

Moved by: Kandice Sittichinli

Seconded by: Alyssa Ross

CARRIED with 1 against.

Motion #24:2012

~~Moved by: John Dixon~~

~~Seconded by: Alice Charlie~~

~~MOTION WITHDRAWN~~

Motion #25:2012

WHEREAS the purpose of the Gwich'in Steering Committee is to educate and promote, within Canada, United States and throughout the world, the importance of the Porcupine Caribou herd to the Gwich'in Nation; and

WHEREAS at the recent Gwich'in Gathering held in Fort McPherson Carolyn Lennie and Elizabeth Vittrekwa were appointed to the Gwich'in Steering Committee to represent the Gwich'in Nation;
BE IT RESOLVED that the 29th Gwich'in Annual General Assembly hereby support the appointment of Carolyn Lennie and Elizabeth Vittrekwa in their position on the Gwich'in Steering Committee representing the Gwich'in Nation in this critical area.

Moved by: Wanda Pascal

Seconded by: Chief William Koe

CARRIED

Motion #26:2012

WHEREAS the Mackenzie River Ferry is of critical importance to the community of Tsiigehtchic and all Gwich'in people; and

WHEREAS pursuant to a June 17, 2012 letter from the Tsiigehtchic Renewable Resource Council to the GNWT Department of Transportation a number of concerns were raised with respect to the ferry.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council work together with the Gwichya Gwich'in Council and the Tsiigehtchic Renewable Resource Council to ensure that the concerns mentioned in the aforementioned letter are addressed.

Moved by: Carolyn Lennie

Seconded by: Louise Lennie

CARRIED with 5 abstentions (Nihtat representatives)

Motion #27:2012

WHEREAS Tsiigehtchic remains without adequate nursing and RCMP resources;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to assist the Gwichya Gwich'in Council to lobby the appropriate levels of government to establish adequate nursing and policing resources in Tsiigehtchic so that the people of Tsiigehtchic can have access to these most basic of services.

Moved by: Richard Ross Jr.

Seconded by: Barry Greenland

CARRIED

Motion #28:2012

WHEREAS the maintenance of private homes is essential to the health and satisfaction of Gwich'in participants; and

WHEREAS there are substantial issues arising with respect to home ownership that have significant costs including those related to mold, pilings and sewer, water and fuel tanks which issues have particular impacts on Elders, single parents and widows.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council work with the NWT Housing Corporation to review the criteria for housing support with a view to assisting Gwich'in members with the repair and maintenance of their homes.

Moved by: Carolyn Lennie

Seconded by: Archie Norbert

CARRIED with 1 against

Motion #29:2012

~~Moved by: Chief William Koe~~

~~Seconded by: Wanda Pascal~~

~~MOTION WITHDRAWN – to be taken as direction to the Executive~~

Motion #30:2012

WHEREAS:

A. The Gwich'in established the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation to hold and manage certain financial assets provided under the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement on behalf of our future generations;

B. The Gwich'in need to undertake periodic reviews of the operation of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation to ensure that the objectives of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation and the needs of both current and future generations of the Gwich'in are being met.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates of the 2012 Gwich'in Annual General Assembly direct the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council to work with the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation to:

1. Review the constating documents of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation, the responsibility of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation and the Board of Directors and propose any amendments for further consideration;
2. Evaluate and assess the investment managers' performance;
3. Review and compile the fees and expenses charged by all custodians, directors, managers and brokers since the establishment of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation;
4. Review the policies and procedures of the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation and the Board of Directors, including the investment policy and the reporting procedures;
5. Provide training and information workshops for members of the Gwich'in Tribal Council so that they have opportunities to learn about the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation; and
6. Provide a written report to the designated Gwich'in organizations with respect to any findings and recommendations related to the above.

Moved by: Sarah Jerome

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland

CARRIED

Motion #31:2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2013 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be held in Inuvik.

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: Johnny Peterson

CARRIED

Motion #32:2012

To adjourn the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly at 8:32 p.m.

Moved by: Wanda Pascal

Seconded by: Johnny Peterson

Question called CARRIED

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Motion #01:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Barry Greenland and Bernice Furlong are appointed as co-Chairs for the 30th Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: William Francis

Seconded by: Mary Rose Tetlichi

CARRIED

Motion #02:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 30th Annual General Assembly be accepted as amended.

Moved by: Peter Ross

Seconded by: Robyn Lennie

CARRIED

Motion #03:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Resolutions Committee for the 30th Annual General Assembly be comprised of Jack Williams – Legal Advisor, Liz Wright – Fort McPherson, Peter Ross – Tsiigehtchic, Roxanne John – Aklavik, Melba Mitchell – Inuvik.

Moved by: Eddie Greenland

Seconded by: Sarah Jerome

CARRIED

Motion #04:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly held at Chief Julius School, Fort McPherson, be approved as presented with the corrections noted.

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky

Seconded by: Ruby Koe

CARRIED with one abstention (Tom Wright)

Motion #05:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting go in camera to discuss the auditors' report at 11:10 a.m.

Moved by: Mary Rose Tetlichi

Seconded by: William Koe

CARRIED with one opposed (Tom Wright)

Motion #06:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the in camera session be ended at 12:40 p.m.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Motion #07:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the audited consolidated financial statements of the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31, 2013, be approved as presented.

Moved by: Sarah Jerome
Seconded by: Danny Greenland
CARRIED

Motion #08:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council approves KPMG as the auditors for the Gwich'in Tribal Council and its subsidiaries for the year ended March 31, 2014.

Moved by: Mary Rose Tetlichi
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Motion #09:2013

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in are granted a number of rights, benefits and interests in Yukon on account of the Transboundary Agreement contained in the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement; and

WHEREAS, some of the rights listed in the Transboundary Agreement belong to Tetlit Gwich'in Individuals and others to organizations that act on behalf of Tetlit Gwich'in; and

WHEREAS, the definition of Tetlit Gwich'in listed in the Transboundary Agreement reads: "Tetlit Gwich'in means a Gwich'in who (a) resides in the Peel River watershed, including in the community of Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories, or (b) is descended from an aboriginal person who used or occupied the Peel River watershed on or before December 31, 1921"; and

WHEREAS, the definition of Tetlit Gwich'in listed in the Transboundary Agreement applies to all or nearly all Gwich'in participants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly affirms that rights of Tetlit Gwich'in are rights held by all Gwich'in enrolled as participants under the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council is the rightful organization to advocate on behalf of Tetlit Gwich'in, and to be consulted on any matters that affect the rights, interests and benefits granted to Tetlit Gwich'in under the Yukon Transboundary Agreement.

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky
Seconded by: Mary Rose Tetlichi
CARRIED with 2 opposed and 1 abstention

Motion #10:2013

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has submitted to the Gwich'in Tribal Council a draft of the proposed amended Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the draft legislation contains many significant changes to the existing regulatory regime in the Gwich'in Settlement Area; and

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, by way of provisions 24.4.6 (a) to (c), provides for the possibility of replacing a Gwich'in Land and Water Board with a Territorial wide Board that has jurisdiction over the Gwich'in Settlement Area; and

WHEREAS, Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement provision 24.4.6 (b) expressly states that should a new Land and Water Board be created by legislation that such legislation "may provide for regional panels".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly directs the Gwich'in Tribal Council to not recognize any amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act that do not live up to the spirit and intent of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement; and

FURTHER THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council should oppose any amendments that result in a decrease in the meaningful participation of Gwich'in in decisions on land and water management, and regarding any other regulatory decision-making linked to development projects in the Gwich'in Settlement Area.

Moved by: Carolyn Lennie

Seconded by: Norman Snowshoe

CARRIED

Motion #11:2013

WHEREAS, the Tetlit Gwich'in and the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dunn entered into and signed the Mayo Agreement in December 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Mayo Agreement states:

WHEREAS, the Tetlit Gwich'in and Nacho Nyak Dun want to continue to protect their aboriginal and traditional rights to the Peel River and Arctic Red River Watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the Tetlit Gwich'in and Nacho Nyak Dun must continue to work together for the protection of the rights of Aboriginal First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal First Nations known as the Tetlit Gwich'in and Nacho Nyak Dun want to continue to work together and protect their traditional and aboriginal rights for future generations; and

WHEREAS, all land within the Peel River and Arctic Red River Watersheds that is not selected as settlement land shall be designated as a Special Management Area;

AND:

1. The 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly provided support to the Gwich'in Tribal Council to finalize and approve the Final Recommended Plan as submitted by the Peel Watershed Planning Commission; and

2. The Gwich'in Tribal Council has continued to participate on the Senior Liaison Committee with other First Nations Parties, including Nacho Nyak Dun, Vuntut Gwich'in and Trondek Hwech'in to support finalization and approval of the Final Recommended Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly supports the Gwich'in Tribal Council to work with Nacho Nyak Dun as provided for in the Mayo Agreement for the finalization and approval of the Final Recommended Plan as submitted by the Peel Watershed Planning Commission.

Moved by: Sarah Jerome
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Motion #12:2013

WHEREAS, the 2012 Annual General Assembly directed the Gwich'in Tribal Council self-government negotiation team to complete a draft of a self-government constitution and to communicate its work to the four Settlement Area communities and to participants living outside the Settlement Area; and

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Tribal Council negotiation team completed a draft self-government constitution and governance structure in November 2012, and that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the draft on December 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Annual General Assembly acknowledges the success of the Gwich'in Tribal Council negotiation team to fulfill its mandate as directed by the 2012 Annual General Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly accepts the current draft Self-government Gwich'in Constitution and Government Structure Proposal as submitted by the Gwich'in Tribal Council negotiation team and approved by the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors on December 11, 2012; and

FURTHER, the Annual General Assembly directs the Gwich'in Tribal Council Negotiation Team to continue the work of developing a Gwich'in constitution and governance structure based on the draft proposal approved by the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors in December, 2012; and

FURTHER, the Gwich'in Tribal Council Negotiation Team is directed to resolve any outstanding issues related to non-resident Gwich'in Participants through consultations with Gwich'in participants both inside the Gwich'in Settlement Area and outside, most notably in Yellowknife, Edmonton and Whitehorse; and

FURTHER, the 2013 Annual General Assembly directs the Gwich'in Tribal Council Negotiation Team to conduct further research and report on the implications of combining the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement and the Self-government under one administration; and

FURTHER, the Gwich'in Tribal Council Negotiation Team is directed to submit a second draft of the Gwich'in Constitution and Government Structure Proposal to the 2014 Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Carolyn Lennie
Seconded by: Andrew Charlie
CARRIED

Motion #13:2013

WHEREAS, the 2013 Annual General Assembly agrees that achieving a strong self-government agreement will be in the best interests of all Gwich'in participants; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Annual General Assembly acknowledges that numerous capacity issues must be addressed effectively prior to achieving self-government in order to maximize the benefits a final agreement; and

WHEREAS, capacity issues such as individual and community health and wellness, the lack of technical skills training and low levels of educational performance must be improved in advance of a final self-government agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly directs the Gwich'in Tribal Council Self-government Negotiation Team to complete a draft proposal of a 10 Year Self-government Human Resources Strategy, which will include: details on possible mentoring and internship opportunities; a proposal for introducing Gwich'in curriculum into the public school system; and other components, for approval at the 2014 Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Danny Greenland

Seconded by: Sarah Jerome

CARRIED

Motion #14:2013

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Tribal Council is a signatory to the GNWT Devolution Final Agreement, signed in Inuvik, NWT, on June 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the Final Agreement, which represents the official beginning of the terms of the Agreement is scheduled for April 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, starting April 1, 2014, the Gwich'in Tribal Council will begin receiving resource revenues from GNWT according to the formula negotiated by the Aboriginal parties as part of the Final Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Tribal Council will continue to receive resource revenues as per the terms of Chapter 9 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors has considered several options for the usage of all resource revenues earned by the Gwich'in Tribal Council from the Devolution Final Agreement and the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, and because of Income Tax implications, the Board is recommending that all resource royalty revenues be deposited into a Special Fund under the Gwich'in Tribal Council bank accounts which will be administered by the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly supports the recommendation of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to deposit all resource royalty revenues received under the Devolution Final Agreement into a Special Fund under the Gwich'in Tribal Council beginning on April 1, 2014, and the resource royalty revenues received through the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement be deposited into the same fund starting on September 1, 2013; and

FURTHER THAT this Special Fund be managed by the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation's Board and be guided by the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation's By-Laws and Policies.

Moved by: Eugene Pascal
Seconded by: Andrew Charlie
CARRIED

Motion #15:2013

WHEREAS, Section 8.1 of the Gwich'in Tribal Council's By-Law No. 1 provides that the Gwich'in Tribal Council's (Gwich'in Tribal Council) Annual General Assembly shall determine the remuneration to be paid to Members of the Gwich'in Tribal Council's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the last honoraria rate for Members of the Board was approved at \$400 per day at the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly by Motion #12:2012 AGA; and

WHEREAS, due to Gwich'in Tribal Council's financial situation, Gwich'in Tribal Council has to reduce spending.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly approves that the daily honoraria rate to be paid to Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board be set at \$300 per day, effective August 19th, 2013.

Moved by: John Firth
Seconded by: Mary Rose Tetlich
CARRIED

Motion #16:2013

WHEREAS, Section 12.3 of the Gwich'in Tribal Council's By-Law No. 1 provides that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors shall determine the remuneration to be paid to Delegates who attend the Gwich'in Tribal Council Assemblies and serve on Gwich'in Tribal Council Committees; and

WHEREAS, the last honoraria rate for Delegates was approved at \$400 per day by the Board and subsequently at the 2012 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly by Motion #13:2012 AGA; and

WHEREAS, due to the Gwich'in Tribal Council's financial situation, the Gwich'in Tribal Council has to reduce spending, the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council recommends that the honoraria payments be reduced to \$300 per day.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly approves the daily honoraria rate to be paid to Delegates who attend the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assemblies and serve on Gwich'in Tribal Council Committees be set at \$300 per day, effective August 19, 2013.

Moved by: John Firth
Seconded by: Robyn Lennie
CARRIED

Motion #17:2013

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors is proposing that Section 4.2 of By-Law No. 1 be amended to reduce the size of the delegations from the four Gwich'in communities that attend the Gwich'in Tribal Council Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, the Board is proposing that the delegations from each Gwich'in community be reduced from twelve persons to seven persons. Included in the seven would be two Executive Members from each

Gwich'in Community. The Board is also recommending that the delegates from the Gwich'in organizations in Yellowknife and Whitehorse be reduced to one member from each community; and

WHEREAS, these changes are necessitated by the need to reduce Gwich'in Tribal Council expenditures. If these changes are made plus the change to hold the Assembly over two days, the projected savings will be approximately \$60,000 per Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are:

Section 4.2(a)

(i) no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) elected members from the applicable Gwich'in Community; and included in these shall

(ii) where possible, one (1) Elder (who shall serve as the representative of all the Elders in the applicable Gwich'in Community; and

(iii) where possible, one (1) Youth (who shall serve as the representative of all the Youth in the applicable Gwich'in Community);

with the individuals described in section 4.2(a)(i) of this By-Law being elected by the applicable Gwich'in Council in accordance with its own election procedures and the individuals in sections 4.2(a)(ii) and 4.2(a)(iii) of this By-Law being selected by the applicable Gwich'in Council in accordance with its own procedures;

Section 4.2 (c) one (1) delegate each from the Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in in Yellowknife and the Gwich'in in the Yukon with such individuals been selected by the election procedures of the Izhii Kaii'kit Tat Gwich'in in Yellowknife and the Yukon Gwich'in respectively;

Section 4.2 (d) delete

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly approves the amendments to By-Law No. 1 as proposed, effective August 22, 2013.

Moved by: Bernice Francis

Seconded by: Sigmore Furlong

CARRIED, with 4 opposed, 1 abstention – Maureen Cardinal Clarke

Motion #18:2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2014 Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council will be held in Aklavik, NWT.

Moved by: Robert A. Alexie

Seconded by: Andrew Charlie

CARRIED

Motion #19:2013

To adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Moved by: Melba Mitchell

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Motion #01:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Larry Firth and Bridget Larocque are appointed as co-Chairs for the 31st Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: Johnny Peterson
Seconded by: Wilbert Firth
CARRIED

Motion #02:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 2014 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be amended to remove the "In Camera session" listed as Item 11.

Moved by: Lawrence Norbert
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
*this motion was not voted upon

Motion #03:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 2014 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be approved as amended.

Moved by: Johnny Peterson
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

Motion #04:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE agenda of the 2013 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be approved as amended.

Moved by: Lawrence Norbert
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED.

Motion #05:2013 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Resolutions Committee for the 2014 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly consist of the following people:

- Robyn Lennie, Gwichya Gwich'in Council;
- Richard Nerysoo, Nihtat Gwich'in Council;
- Ruby Koe, Tetlit Gwich'in Council;
- Bobby Jo Greenland-Morgan, Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council; and
- Jack Williams, Legal Counsel.

Moved by: Barry Greenland
Seconded by: James Andre
CARRIED

Motion #06:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 2013 Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual General Assembly be approved as presented with appropriate typographical errors corrected.

Moved by: James Andre
Seconded by: William Koe
CARRIED

Motion #07:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council begin an in camera discussion for Participants of the Land Claim. Time was not recorded.

Moved by: James Andre
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED (Voting results: In favour - 28, Against – 1)

Motion #08:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council leaves the in camera session at 5:15 PM

Moved by: Robyn Lennie
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

Motion #09:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council begin an in camera discussion for Participants of the Land Claim only at 9:12 AM

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

Motion #10:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council leaves the in camera session at 12:20 PM

Moved by: James Andre
Seconded by: Ruby Koe
CARRIED

Motion #11:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council approved the 2013/14 Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2014, as presented.

Moved by: Peter Ross
Seconded by: Bobbie-Jo Greenland Morgan
CARRIED (with five abstentions)

Motion #12:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council appoints KPMG as auditor for the 2014/15 fiscal year.

Moved by: Bobbi Jo Greenland-Morgan

Seconded by: Melba Mitchell

CARRIED

Motion #13:2014 AGA

~~Moved by: William Kee~~

~~Seconded by: Robyn Lennie~~

~~Question called: WITHDRAWN~~

Motion #14:2014 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council agree that the 2015 Annual Assembly will be held in Aklavik, Northwest Territories.

Moved by: Carolyn Lennie

Seconded by: Barry Greenland

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 001:2014 AGA

Gwich'in Tribal Council By-Laws No. 1, 2 and 3

WHEREAS the Corporation was incorporated under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act by Letters Patent dated the 15th day of December, 1992; and

WHEREAS it is considered to be in the best interests of the Corporation that it be continued under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (Act) pursuant to section 297 of the Act;

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

1. The directors of the Corporation are authorized and directed to make an application under section 297 of the Act to the Director appointed under the Act for a Certificate of Continuance of the Corporation;
2. The Articles of Continuance (transition) of the Corporation, which have been submitted to this meeting and are annexed to these minutes as Schedule A, are approved;
3. The general operating by-laws of the Corporation (as amended) are repealed effective on the date that the Corporation continues under the Act and the new general operating by-laws which have been submitted to this meeting and are annexed to these minutes as Schedule B are approved and will be effective on the same date.
4. Any one of the officers and directors of the Corporation is authorized to take all such actions and execute and deliver all such documentation, including the annexed Articles of Continuance (transition), the notice of registered office and of directors in the forms fixed by the Director, which are necessary or desirable for the implementation of this resolution.

The undersigned, being the duly appointed Secretary of the Corporation, certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of a special resolution of day of, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by the members of the Corporation who voted in respect of the resolution, and the resolution is in full force and effect, un-amended as of the date below.

Moved by: Amy Amos
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 002:2014 AGA Gwich'in Settlement Corporation By-Law 1 & 3

WHEREAS the Corporation was incorporated under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act by Letters Patent dated the 15th day of December, 1992; and

WHEREAS it is considered to be in the best interests of the Corporation that it be continued under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (Act) pursuant to section 297 of the Act;

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

1. The directors of the Corporation are authorized and directed to make an application under section 297 of the Act to the Director appointed under the Act for a Certificate of Continuance of the Corporation;
2. The Articles of Continuance (transition) of the Corporation, which have been submitted to this meeting and are annexed to these minutes as Schedule A, are approved;
3. The general operating by-laws of the Corporation (as amended) are repealed effective on the date that the Corporation continues under the Act and the new general operating bylaw which have been submitted to this meeting and are annexed to these minutes as Schedule B are approved and will be effective on the same date.
4. Any one of the officers and directors of the Corporation is authorized to take all such actions and execute and deliver all such documentation, including the annexed Articles of Continuance (transition), the notice of registered office and of directors in the forms fixed by the Director, which are necessary or desirable for the implementation of this resolution.

The undersigned, being the duly appointed Secretary of the Corporation, certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of a special resolution of 18th day of August, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by the members of the Corporation who voted in respect of the resolution, and the resolution is in full force and effect, un-amended as of the date below.

Moved by: Danny Greenland
Seconded by: Bobbi Jo Greenland-Morgan

RESOLUTION # 003:2014 AGA Guiding Fiscal Management

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual Assembly wishes to ensure that the Gwich'in Tribal Council and all subsidiaries are guided by strong financial rules, procedures, policies and practices; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council is accountable and managing their financial resources and assets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the GTC Board of Directors to consider the following;

- 1) Set limits and clear guidelines on the use of lines of credit
- 2) Ensure that bank accounts be used for the purpose for which they are established
- 3) Review existing by-laws and consider amendments that will provide flexibility to utilize and manage funds during times of financial downturn or requirement for restraint.
- 4) All requests of financial resources will require Board approval for all financial requests

Moved by: Amy Amos
Seconded by: Dwayne DeBastien
CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 004:2014 AGA Board Appointments

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly recommends that Gwich'in Tribal Council strive to train Gwich'in participants to be qualified to sit on Boards established by Gwich'in Tribal Council with the goal to have at least 51 % of qualified Gwich'in participants.

Moved by: Melba Mitchell
Seconded by: Neil Firth
CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 005:2014 AGA Supporting the Wellness Camp

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly wishes to support the wellness and healing of our Gwich'in participants; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly wishes to ensure that the Gwich'in Camp utilized in a fiscally responsible manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors undertake a review to consider the following;

1. Seek external funding to cover operational and program costs
2. Find ways to reduce operational costs
3. Consider ways to improve the use of the Facility.

Moved by: Amy Amos
Seconded by: Melba Mitchell
CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 006:2014 AGA Anti-Fracking

WHEREAS the Gwich'in have used and occupied our traditional territories since time immemorial and have a responsibility to maintain the integrity and wellness of the lands and resources and our way of life for future generations; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement recognized the "special relationship" between Gwich'in people and the natural environment which forms part of our identity; and

WHEREAS the Government of Northwest Territories has not prohibited fracking in the Northwest Territories; and

WHEREAS Gwich'in people have concerns about fracking in the Northwest Territories and need to learn about the potential impacts since this may adversely impact our drinking water and natural environment; and

WHEREAS the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation passed a resolution in August 2013 to "oppose hydraulic fracturing in VGFN traditional territory until we accept it is 100% safe";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly declares the Gwich'in Settlement Region to be a frack-free zone; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly call on the Governments of the Yukon and Northwest Territories to prohibit any fracking in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth
Seconded by: Glen Alexie
CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 007:2014 AGA Protection of Watersheds in GSA

WHEREAS Gwich'in have used and occupied the Peel River, Arctic Red River and Yukon River watersheds and have a responsibility to maintain the integrity and wellness of the lands and resources within watersheds used and occupied, so Gwich'in can maintain their traditional lifestyle for future generations; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement recognizes a "special relationship" between the Gwich'in and the environment; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in recognize the need for Gwich'in to work together to ensure that future generations have the same quality and quantity of water required to sustain their traditional lifestyles; and

WHEREAS the 2014 Biennial Gwich'in Gathering passed a resolution to support the efforts of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, Trondek Hwëch'in First Nation and First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun to preserve and protect the Peel River Watershed including the Arctic Red River Watershed including the terms of their Treaty Agreements, Final Agreements and Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the GTC Leadership to work collaboratively with the Alaska and Yukon Gwich'in to maintain quality of water for human use and ensure access to the quantity of water which will protect, maintain and sustain the Gwich'in traditional lifestyle, including our natural resources and environment so that future generations can continue to live on the lands traditionally occupied and used by the Gwich'in; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the Gwich'in Tribal Council to give political support to the Gwich'in Council International in their efforts to seek funds to host a Gwich'in Nation Water Conference.

Moved by: Johnny Peterson
Seconded by: James Andre

RESOLUTION # 008:2014 AGA Tetlit Gwich'in/Yukon Lands

WHEREAS the Tetlit Gwich'in Council wishes to work with the Gwich'in Tribal Council to implement the appendix C, section 3.5 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement; and

WHEREAS Section 3.5.1 of the Yukon Transboundary Agreement provides that the Tetlit Gwich'in shall manage and control the use of Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon land, including:

- (a) The development and administration of land management programs and policies; and
- (b) the charging of rents or other fees for the area and occupation of Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon Land; and;

WHEREAS Section 7.1.1 of the GCLCA provides that all rights exercisable by a DGO and all obligations to which a DGO is subject shall be assigned by the Gwich'in Tribal Council and that such rights and obligations may be reassigned by the Gwich'in Tribal Council from time to time provided that such reassignments shall not adversely affect the exercise of rights or the performance of obligations contemplated by the GCLCA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the Gwich'in Tribal Council to work with the Tetlit Gwich'in Council towards establishing land management and control rules over Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon Lands; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the Gwich'in Tribal Council to work with the Tetlit Gwich'in Council towards a protocol on the administration and management of Tetlit Gwich'in Yukon Lands.

Moved by: Glen Alexie

Seconded by: Wilbert Firth

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 009:2014 AGA GTC and IGC Bi-lateral meetings

WHEREAS the delegates at of the Regional RRC meeting held in Fort McPherson would like the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) to develop a NWT Native User Agreement that addresses at minimum, the allocation of the NWT Native Annual Allowable Harvest for the Porcupine Caribou Herd in the orange zone.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the GTC to participate with IGC in bi-lateral meetings as required.

Moved by: Wilbert Firth

Seconded by: Glen Alexie

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 010:2014 AGA Gwich'in Regional Youth Council

WHEREAS several Gwich'in youth from all four Gwich'in communities met six (6) times between February 2, 2014 to July 20, 2014 to engage in building youth political awareness, leadership skills and solidarity among youth; and

WHEREAS there is always a need for developing leaders from the youth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly accept in whole and in part the proposal submitted to establish a Gwich'in Regional Youth Council and that members for the first term be selected by each community DGO by September 19, 2014.

Moved by: Robyn Lennie

Seconded by: Leon Cardinal

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 011:2014 AGA

Affirming the Authority of Assembly Delegates

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly is the ultimate governing authority of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and may establish general policies or direction for the GTC in accordance with the objectives as set out in the GCLCA and in accordance with GTC By-Law No, 1; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council Annual Assembly is specifically responsible for:

- (a) receiving and approving reports of the Board, the Executive and such committees as shall be created pursuant to this By-law;
- (b) approving any major change to the Tribal Council's strategic plan and future direction;
- (c) establishing general policies and direction for the Tribal Council and its objects as set out in the Land Claim Agreement;
- (d) establishing policies and direction for the administration of capital and lands transferred pursuant to the Land Claim Agreement;
- (e) approving the audited financial statements for the previous Fiscal Year;
- (f) monitoring the Tribal Council's organizational and financial performance;
- (g) providing leadership and setting standards in ethics and leadership;
- (h) approving any amendments to the by-laws of the Tribal Council as enacted from time to time;
- (i) appointing the auditor of the Tribal Council; and
- (j) subject to the provisions of this By-law and the other by-laws of the Tribal Council, considering any matter that any Gwich'in Council wishes to bring before the Assembly; and

WHEREAS each Delegate shall be responsible for the following:

- (a) Exercising due diligence and reasonable care in all matters and in fulfilling their duties;
- (b) Becoming familiar with the GTC, its strategic plan and goals, the GCLCA and the legal framework of the GTC, and policies and management;
- (c) Preparing thoroughly for the Assembly and becoming familiar with the deliberations and decisions;
- (d) Participating actively at the Assembly by probing the Executive, Board, committees and others through relevant questions and thoroughly contributing to deliberations;
- (e) Voting (whether for or against) or abstaining on all matters brought forward for a vote;
- (f) Demonstrating integrity, honesty, leadership and sound ethics in all matters; and
- (g) Declaring potential and actual conflicts of interest and abstaining from all discussions and votes where there is a conflict or potential conflict; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors is the governing body of the GTC between Assemblies and may establish general policies and set overall direction for the management and operation of the business and activities of the GTC; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors are entitled to such remuneration as may be determined by the Annual General Assembly by Special Resolution from time to time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the GTC Executive, GTC Board of Directors and GTC Committees to recognize and affirm the authority of the Annual General Assembly while it is in session or adjournment;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly direct the GTC Executive, GTC Board of Directors and GTC Committees to provide any and all information to or

requested by the delegates to Annual General Assembly to allow delegates to make an informed and reasoned decision with respect to the items noted.

Moved by: Lawrence Norbert

Seconded by: Wilbert Firth

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 012:2014 AGA Assembly Budget

WHEREAS the Annual General Assembly is the ultimate governing body of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and may establish general policies or direction for the Tribal Council in accordance with the objectives as set out in the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement and in accordance with its By-Law; and

WHEREAS the Annual Assembly is specifically responsible for:

- a) receiving and approving reports of the Board, the Executive and committees;
- b) approving major changes to the Tribal Council's strategic plan and future direction;
- c) establishing general policies and direction for the Tribal Council and its objectives;
- d) establishing policies and direction for the administration of capital and lands transferred pursuant to the Land Claim Agreement;
- e) approving the audited financial statements for the previous Fiscal Year;
- f) monitoring the Tribal Council's organizational and financial performance;
- g) providing leadership and setting standards in ethics and leadership;
- h) approving any amendments to the by-laws of the Tribal Council;
- i) appointing the auditor of the Tribal Council; and
- j) considering any matter that any Gwich'in Council wishes to bring before the Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly directs the GTC Board of Directors to earmark no less than two hundred to three hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000 - \$300,000) from the annual operational budget of the Tribal Council to hold future effective Annual General Assemblies tasked with making fully discussed and well-informed decisions affecting all Participants of the Gwich'in land claim agreement.

Moved by: Lawrence Norbert

Seconded by: Wilbert Firth

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 013:2014 AGA Mandate of the GTC Self-Government Negotiation Team

WHEREAS the 2014 Annual General Assembly agrees that achieving a strong self-government agreement will be in the best interests of all Gwich'in participants; and

WHEREAS the GTC has since 2012 organized itself to deal with all the work of the negotiations based on a team concept; and

WHEREAS the Team concept assures that one representative from each Designated Gwich'in Organization, the GTC Vice-President and the support of the Director of Intergovernmental Relations be members of the negotiation team and, as such, be invited to all strategic and planning sessions, main table negotiations and all other related events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly approve the self-government negotiations mandate for 2013-2014 until the 2015 Annual General Assembly.

Moved by: Norman Snowshoe
Seconded by: Johnny Peterson
CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 014:2014 AGA Approval of the GTC 10 Year HR Strategy

WHEREAS following the instruction contained in Motion #13 of the 2013 Annual General Assembly, the GTC has developed a 10 Year Human Resources Strategy in order to address education, jobs and training and youth development issues in the Gwich'in Settlement Area; and

WHEREAS the GTC presented the initial set of proposed programs and services and associated budgets of the 10 Year HR Strategy to the 2014 Annual General Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly approve the version of the 10 Year Human Resources Strategy as presented and instruct the GTC to continue developing and implementing the different elements of the strategy.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GTC deliver a formal report on the status of the 10 Year Human Resources Strategy at the 2015 Annual General Assembly.

Motion

To adjourn the assembly at 5:26 PM
Moved by: Bobbi Joe Greenland-Morgan