



RESOLUTION NO. 76

**Special Chiefs Assembly
Resolution no. 76/2005
December 6, 7 and 8, 2005
Ottawa, ON**

Subject: Recognition Of Ontario Indian Residential Schools

Moved By: Chief Alvin Fiddler, Fort Severn First Nation, ON

Seconded By: Chief Wilfred King, Gull Bay First Nation, ON

Decision: Carried

WHEREAS the Chiefs-in-Assembly would like to acknowledge National Chief Phil Fontaine for his dedication and commitment to a lasting resolution of the Indian Residential Schools legacy; and

WHEREAS citizens of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation and the Anishinabek Nation territory have attended over 15 Indian Residential School Institutions throughout Canada, including St. Joseph's Indian Residential School (Fort William) and the Crystal Lake and Stirland Lake Indian Residential Schools in northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS on May 30, 2005 the Assembly of First Nations ("AFN") entered into a Political Agreement with the Government of Canada to seek a fair and just resolution to the Indian Residential Schools legacy; and

WHEREAS an Agreement in Principle on Indian Residential Schools (the "AIP") was signed on November 23, 2005 that would form the basis of a comprehensive settlement package and that the parties desire a fair, comprehensive and lasting resolution of the legacy of Indian Residential Schools; and

WHEREAS Section IX of the AIP states that any person or organization ("Requestor") may propose institutions to be added to Schedule "D" by submitting the name of the institutions and any relevant information in their possession to the government; and

WHEREAS the AIP further states that the government will research the proposed institution; determine whether it meets the test set out in part 3 of the definition of Indian Residential Schools; advise the Requestor and the national administration committee; and provide reasons for the determination together with all the information on which the decision was based, within 60 days; and

WHEREAS the AIP further states that should either the Requestor or the national administration committee dispute the government's determination, they may apply to join a class action suit in the jurisdiction where they reside or, if they reside outside Canada, to the Ontario Court for a determination of the issue.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly instruct the AFN to uphold the AIP and their desire for a fair, comprehensive and lasting resolution of the legacy of Indian Residential Schools that would include St. Joseph's Indian Residential School (Fort William), Crystal Lake Indian Residential School and the Stirland Lake Indian Residential School in northern Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AFN support the efforts of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation and the Anishinabek Nation to seek the recognition of St. Joseph's Indian Residential School (Fort William), Crystal Lake, Stirland Lake (Wabon Bay Academy) as Schedule "D" Indian Residential Schools prior to conclusion of the Final Agreement; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AFN continue to seek redress for the families of children who went missing from residential schools; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AFN seek resources from the Government of Canada for a commemoration project to honour the children who went missing from residential schools; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the AFN continue efforts to seek an official apology from the Prime Minister of Canada to residential school survivors and to ensure this will not happen again.

POWERED BY THE  H3CREATIVE WEB MANAGER