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Special Chiefs Assembly
December 7, 8, 9, 2021, Ottawa (Ontario)

Resolution no. 34/2021

TITLE: Support for Regionally Developed First Nations Policing Service

SUBJECT: Policing/Justice

MOVED BY: Chief David Monias, Pimicikamak, Cree Nation, MB

SECONDED BY: Chief Harvey McLeod, Upper Nicola Band, BC

DECISION Carried; 1 objection; 1 abstention

WHEREAS:

- A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) states:
- i. Article 4: Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions.
- B. The First Nation Policing Program (FNPP) is a contribution program administered by Public Safety Canada (PSC). Through the FNPP, PSC provides 52% of eligible funding to support policing services while the provinces or territories provide the remaining 48%.
- C. There are two main types of policing agreements under the FNPP: (1) Self-Administered Agreements where the policing services are managed by a First Nation or group of First Nations, and (2) Community Tripartite Agreements where police officers from the RCMP provide dedicated policing services to a First Nation.
- D. The Government of Canada is now contemplating policing services as an essential service and is developing a legislative framework that will include sustainable and protected funding for policing and is working with National Indigenous Groups on said legislative framework.
- E. First Nations in Manitoba have not been adequately consulted by the federal government or any National group on this legislation and adamantly oppose a pan-Indigenous legislative approach to ensuring essential police services in their First Nations.

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- F. First Nations in Manitoba wish to work with Canada and Manitoba to develop their own unique approach that will ultimately meet their unique First Nations' safety and policing needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for a Nation-to-Nation, treaty-based approach to the development of policing legislation.
2. Support the development of regional policing solutions that include the transfer of sustainable, guaranteed funding to the respective regions.

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