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## CHIEFS OF ONTARIO

**34<sup>th</sup> All Ontario Chiefs Conference**  
**June 3-5, 2008**  
**Red Rock Indian Band**

### **IPPERWASH INQUIRY PRIORITIES AND ACTION COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION 08/17**  
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**WHEREAS** First Nations in Ontario desire better relations with the Government of Ontario based on the principles and foundations established in Treaties between the Crown and First Nations;

#### **MOVED BY:**

Chief Thomas Bressette  
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government response as reflected in the Speech from the Throne, November 29, 2007, was: "This government seeks to forge a stronger, more positive relationship with Ontario's First Nations... Your government, to be sure, is not the first government to seek a better relationship with our First Nations. But it is, perhaps, the first to have in its possession such a positive road map for progress, the Ipperwash Inquiry Report";

#### **SECONDED BY:**

Chief Chris Plain  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government is Treaty Partner with First Nations and must be engaged in the implementation of tripartite recommendations contained within the Report of the Ipperwash Inquiry;

#### **CARRIED** **3 Abstentions**

**WHEREAS** the First Nation and Ontario governments have agreed to the establishment of an Ipperwash Inquiry Priorities and Action Committee (IIPAC) to determine the priorities and set the political direction regarding the implementation of the Ipperwash Inquiry recommendations;

**Certified Copy of a Resolution adopted on June 4, 2008.**

Angus Toulouse,  
Ontario Regional Chief

**WHEREAS** the Political Confederacy has identified the priority issues within the Ipperwash context and presented them to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs at the inaugural IIPAC meeting;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Chiefs in Assembly, approve the priority issues within the Ipperwash context set by the Political Confederacy and communicated through the IIPAC,

- Treaty Implementation
  - Establishment of a Treaty Commission of Ontario;
- Land Rights and Interests
  - Resource Revenue Sharing
  - Consultation and Accommodation;
- First Nation jurisdiction
  - First Nation Policing – creation of a First Nation legislative base
  - Harmonization of Laws (Nation Laws and Ontario Laws)
  - Provincial involvement in negotiations and new frameworks;
- Capacity Building
  - Reconciliation Fund;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Ontario and First Nation governments agree that the Federal Government is Treaty Partner and, therefore, its engagement is necessary for the implementation of tripartite recommendations contained within the Report of the Ipperwash Inquiry;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ontario and First Nation governments acknowledge that this process is without prejudice to the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of the First Nations in Ontario, and is not intended to replace or supercede any existing initiatives between First Nation and Crown governments;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that no further discussions will occur at the technical level without specific and detailed direction coming from the IIPAC;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minister's office is called upon to respond to the draft Memorandum of Understanding and the draft Terms of Reference for the IIPAC and the Joint Technical Committee, submitted by the Chiefs of Ontario and, further, that these draft documents will be presented to Chiefs in Assembly for ratification;

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that, once resolved with Ontario, the draft Memorandum of Understanding and the draft Terms of Reference shall be presented to the Chiefs in Assembly for ratification.

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