

Appendix V

Treaty 6, 7, & 8 Resolution

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Subject: ALBERTA FIRST NATIONS WOMEN'S SHELTER FUNDING

WHEREAS the five First Nations Women's Shelters of Bigstone Cree Nation Women's Emergency Shelter, Eagle's Nest Stoney, Ermineskin Women's Shelter Society, Mikisew Cree Nation- Paspew House and Sucker Creek Emergency Women's Shelter are funded by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

WHEREAS the First Nations Women's Shelters are key players in the prevention of domestic violence and the protection of women and children in crisis within their respective communities.

WHEREAS the Federal Government in 2007 committed to a Five-Year Funding Agreement for \$56 Million which \$53.45 Million would go directly all First Nations Women's Shelters in Canada to bring them on par, though temporarily, with Provincial Shelters.

WHEREAS in 2006, the Federal Government funded the Johnson Report which included recommendations from the First Nations Women's Shelter Directors which included a formula for funding.

WHEREAS the Federal Government has now developed a different national formula that resulted in a decrease of funding for four of the five First Nations Women's Shelter in Alberta.

WHEREAS the Federal Government Alberta regional office has committed to forward the fiscal shortfall through an amendment to the 2010-2011 Contributions Agreements which essentially jeopardizes the shortfall for future funding years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief-in-assembly calls upon the Government of Canada to make a strong commitment to honour and maintain its Five-Year commitment to the Family Violence Prevention Program for Alberta's on reserve shelters in it current text.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief-in-assembly requests the Federal Government to correct the national formula to include the shortfall for subsequent years without requiring an amendment from hereon.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief-in-assembly calls upon the Government of Canada to implement the recommendations in the Johnson Report (July 31, 2006) such as the recommended formula for shelter funding so it is predicible, sufficient and sustainable.