1989 GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

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Please Note:

The package of Resolutions tabled during the 10th Annual General Assembly were, for the majority, not discussed by the Assembly delegates. The package was tabled to a subsequent CYI Leadership Meeting on November 6 - 8, in Whitehorse. At that Meeting, the Resolutions were assigned to special Land Claims Working Groups and Committees, or to specific Departments or the Executive. With the dismantling of the Working Groups after December, 1989, many of the Resolutions were not followed up.

Resolution #1 - Elders Council Resolutions:

A package of eleven Resolutions were tabled from the Elders Council Meeting held in Whitehorse from June 13 - 15, 1989. These Resolutions were not discussed by the General Assembly Delegates.

Resolution #2 - Settlement Land Access:

The issue of access to Settlement Lands for all Yukon Indian People has been discussed by the CYI Leadership in the context of a `Sharing Agreement'. The Fish and Wildlife Sub-Agreement in the UFA also allows for access to Traditional Territories for harvesting.

Resolution #3 - Tribal Justice:

There is no separate Tribal Justice Sub-Agreement in the UFA. Tribal Justice will be negotiated within the Yukon Indian Self-Government Negotiations.

Resolution #4 - Ta'an Kwach'an Traditional Boundaries:

The Traditional Territory of the Tagish Nation has been discussed in a preliminary membership meeting held in April of this year. This is an internal matter to be resolved by the First Nations involved.

Resolution #5 - Executive Roles:

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive in relation to political and administrative matters have been clarified internally. The Executive is working as a coordinated body, and further restructuring will take place after the General Assembly.

Resolution #6 - Yukon Constitutional Development:

A report on Devolution was prepared by a Working Group in March, 1990, which includes recommendations on further Devolution work. The Yukon Government has tabled a Green Paper on Constitutional Development, but the role of Yukon First Nations is not clearly defined.

Resolution #7 - Elders Council:

The Resolutions from the Elders Council were tabled at the 1989 General Assembly, but there has been no follow-up since the General Assembly. Another Elders Council Meeting will be held prior to the 1990 General Assembly.

Resolution #8 - CYI Restructuring:

This Resolution was one of the few debated at the 1989 General Assembly; the Resolution was not passed. There will be further discussion of re-structuring at the 1990 General Assembly.

Resolution #9 - Kluane Tribal Council Education:

A Trust Fund for Training programs will be set up under the terms of the UFA; Government is providing $6.5 million for the Trust. The Training Committee is in place to provide direction on training and education.

Resolution #10 - Traditional Aboriginal Trade:

The UFA Fish and Wildlife Agreement allows trade, barter and sale of Non-Edible By-Products of Fish and Wildlife Harvesting across international borders. Edible fish and wildlife products are restricted to in-Canada movement, under the terms of the UFA.

Resolution #11 - Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:

CYI has assisted Yukon First Nations in lobbying for protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Debate on the future of the Refuge is on-going in U.S. Legislatures.

Resolution #12 - Education and Social Programs:

The negotiations for design and implementation of education and social programs for Yukon Indian People will be carried out at Yukon Self-Government Negotiations.

Resolution #13 - Elders Councils:

The establishment of Elders Councils in each community is an internal matter for each Yukon First Nation.

Resolution #14 - Central Indian Organization:

The future of CYI as the Central Indian Organization will be discussed at the 1990 General Assembly, and in subsequent meetings for re-structuring.

Resolution #15 - YTG / YFN Working Relationship:

The working relationship between the government of Yukon and the Yukon First Nations will be the focus of Yukon First Nation Final Agreement Negotiations. Local Yukon First Nation Government will be discussed at Self-Government Negotiations.

Resolution #16 - Traditional Boundaries:

The setting of boundaries for Traditional Territories is an internal matter between Yukon First Nations.

Resolution #17 - Alcohol and Drug Treatment:

The establishment of alcohol and drug treatment programs is an issue for Yukon First Nation Self-Government Negotiations. Until these negotiations, on-going treatment programs will continue.

Resolution #18 - Land Use Workers:

There has been no action on funding for land use workers for each Yukon First Nation. This issue would be dealt with by the Training Committee.

Resolution #19 - YIDC Shareholders:

The Resolutions from the YIDC Annual Meeting were not discussed by the General Assembly Delegates.

Resolution #20 - Alcohol Legislation:

The community of Old Crow has successfully lobbied for changes in Legislation to prohibit the sale of alcohol. Other communities may pursue the same course of action.

Resolution #21 - White River Band:

This Resolution was discussed at length in the 1989 General Assembly and finally passed; the White River Band is the fourteenth Yukon First Nation under the UFA.

Resolution #22 - Community-Based Treatment:

No specific action has been taken in the issue of monies for community-based alcohol treatment programs.

Resolution #23 - Funds and Land Allocation - Kluane and White River:

The decisions regarding allocation of land and financial compensation have not yet been made by the CYI Leadership. White River and Kluane Tribal Council will be dealt with as separate First Nations in these discussions.

Resolution #24 - Dana Naye Ventures:

The Resolutions for election of officers for Dana Naye Ventures was not discussed by the General Assembly Delegates.

Resolution #25 - RCMP Officers:

The issue of selection of RCMP Officers for communities is a matter for Yukon First Nations to resolve.

Resolution #26 - Legal Costs for David Moses:

No action was taken by CYI to provide funding to assist Na'cho N'y'ak Dun Elder, David Moses, with his court case. The charges on the case were subsequently dropped.

Resolution #27 - Land and Water Protection:

The UFA contains many Agreements dealing with protection of land and water. Of specific relevance are Sub-Agreements on Water Management, Development Assessment and Tenure and Management of Settlement Land.

Resolution #28 - Aboriginal Wildlife Management:

The UFA Sub-Agreement on Fish and Wildlife addresses the issuance of licences for harvesting; this is a concern for individual Yukon First Nations to deal with.

Resolution #29 - Hootalinqua Land Use Plan:

The Hootalinqua North Plan is temporarily on hold, and may be re-opened for further review. Hamlet status is being considered for some of the area, and land use applications are on hold.

Resolution #30 - Resource Management Training:

Action has been taken on specific training programs for Renewable Resources. Proposed curriculum material has been sent to the Yukon Government Department of Education for development of Yukon College courses in Resource Management.

Resolution #31 - Issuance of Harvesting Licences:

See Resolution #28.

Resolution #32 - Tribal Justice:

A territorial-wide Tribal Justice Conference was held in Whitehorse in February of 1990. The Cat-Coalition is currently

preparing a report on Tribal Justice as a follow-up to the Conference.

Resolution #33 - Loan Repayment Schedule:

The Land Claims monies advanced as Loans for the purposes of Negotiations will not be repaid until each Yukon First Nation signs its Final Agreement. Repayment schedules will be prepared for each Yukon First Nation.

Resolution #34 - Board and Committee Representatives:

It has been the practice to select only Yukon Indian People for positions on boards, committees and working groups. The issue of honorariums for representatives will be addressed by each specific board or committee.

Resolution #35 - UFA Review and Schedule:

The UFA deadline of December 8, 1989, was extended to March 31, 1990. The UFA Negotiations concluded on the morning of April 1, 1990, and the UFA is now being reviewed by the Yukon First Nations.

Resolution #36 - Land Claims Beneficiaries:

The issue of tribal group affiliation was included in later drafts of the Sub-Agreement on Eligibility. HOwever, the tribal groups clauses were dropped from the final UFA draft.

Resolution #37 - Kwanlin Dun Reserve Lands:

There was no discussion of this Resolution at the General Assembly. However, this is an internal issue for the Kwanlin Dun Band to follow through with.

Resolution #38 - Reserves / Lands Set Aside:

The clause restricting the size of reserves and lands set aside was not successfully changed during UFA Negotiations. Additional reserve lands are restricted to 60 square miles.

Resolution #39 - Tenure and Management:

The issue of tenure holder of Settlement Lands was resolved in favour of Yukon First Nations; the Yukon First Nation itself will hold legal title to its Settlement Lands.

Resolution #40 - Financial Training:

No action has been taken on hiring of beneficiaries for training seminars on financial planning. This issue could be directed to the Training Committee.

Resolution #41 - Land Quantum:

The issues of use, control and management of land were all dealt with in Negotiations of the UFA. No further land quantum was gained for Yukon First Nations.

Resolution #42 - Aishihik Road:

This Resolution was not discussed by the General Assembly Delegates. This is an internal matter of concern to Champagne-Aishihik Band.

Resolution #43 - Aishihik Hydro Dam:

See Resolution #42.

Resolution #44 - Tribal Policing Program:

The Tribal Policing Program has yet to be implemented. This is an issue for Yukon First Nation Self-Government Negotiations.

Resolution #45 - CYI Assistance to Yukon First Nations:

Lobbying for economic development monies at the community level is on-going, through various programs. CYI staff maintain on-going communications between the Governments and Yukon First Nations.