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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL  
 RATIFICATION ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 1988-66

MOVED BY:

Chief Peter Archibald  
 New Post Band

SUBJECT: SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION - SINCLAIR  
 ISLAND

SECONDED BY:

Chief Reg Louttit  
 Attawapiskat Band

WHEREAS we never surrendered our land or our  
 Aboriginal Rights, including the right to  
 control education;

AND WHEREAS we entered into a sacred oral  
 treaty of peace and friendship, the agreement  
 known as Treaty No. 9, with the Crown in  
 1905 and 1929, which has not been recognized  
 and honoured by the Crown;

AND WHEREAS the government of Canada has a  
 special fiduciary and treaty obligation to  
 provide our First Nations with school  
 accommodations, teachers and programs  
 comparable to those which other Canadians  
 take for granted;

AND WHEREAS the Fort Albany First Nation  
 residing on Sinclair Island has been without  
 school accommodations for over four weeks  
 since February 8 when the Department of Indian  
 Affairs closed its school;

AND WHEREAS it is now almost two weeks since  
 the Fort Albany First Nation approved  
 immediate temporary renovations to the West  
 wing of Ste. Anne's School in order to provide  
 safe schooling for its children for the rest  
 of this school year;

AND WHEREAS the Fort Albany First Nation  
 wishes to see temporary school accommodation  
 on Sinclair Island for the 1988-89 school  
 year and permanent facilities before 1992;

AND WHEREAS the Department's officials are not acting quickly enough to implement immediate and long-term solutions which are acceptable to the Fort Albany First Nation on Sinclair Island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs, Councillors and Elders convened at this Special Assembly totally support the position of the Fort Albany First Nation and call upon the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Indian Affairs, Labour Canada and Public Works Canada to immediately take steps so that all children from Sinclair Island are able to attend school in Fort Albany within ten calendar days, and;

Adopted by Consensus


Certified copy of a  
Resolution adopted on:  
March 10, 1988

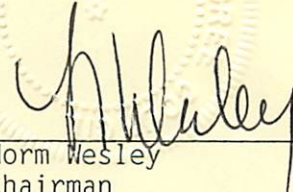
FURTHER, that extra compensating classes be provided to make up for the weeks of lost school time since February 8, and;

FURTHER that the school year calendar be modified so that children from Sinclair Island do not miss school during spring break-up, and;

FURTHER that the Board of Directors and staff of the Mushkegowuk Council take whatever steps are necessary if satisfactory action is not taken by the Prime Minister and the above Ministers within ten calendar days, and;

FURTHER that a progress report on the provision of temporary and long-term educational facilities for the residents of Sinclair Island be submitted to the next Grand Assembly of the Omushkegowuk Nation.



  
Norm Wesley  
Chairman  
MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

March 10, 1988  
Attawapiskat, Ontario



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