

Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Inc.
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Resolution #2019-08-01

**RE: TERMINATION OF AIRPORT SEARCHES BY NORTHERN AIRPORT AND
MARINE OPERATIONS, MANITOBA INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, Manitoba Infrastructure, through Northern Airports and Marine Operations (NAMO), has prohibited baggage and body searches at isolated community airports for alcohol and illegal drugs; and,

WHEREAS, MKO First Nations served by NAMO airports are dry reserves that prohibit the import of alcohol and illegal drugs into the community; and,

WHEREAS, MKO First Nations are concerned about the safety and well-being of their communities and people; and,

WHEREAS, MKO First Nations have jurisdiction to enforce alcohol and drug by-laws within the Reserve lands: and,

WHEREAS, the prohibition of body and baggage searches at airports is contrary and counter-productive to the intent of the First Nations by-laws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MKO Chiefs in Assembly call upon the Province of Manitoba to reinstate body and baggage searches at NAMO airports by First Nation Safety Officers and/or RCMP Officers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MKO Political Team lobby the Province of Manitoba for the reinstatement of body and baggage searches, or other measures consistent with the enforcement of First Nations alcohol and drug by-laws.

MOVED BY:	Vice Chief Joe Danttouze, Northlands Denesuline First Nation
SECONDED BY:	Chief Tony Powderhorn, Sayisi Dene First Nation
CARRIED:	YES
Vote: For: 21	Opposed: 0 For: 0

*Certified copy of a Resolution adopted at the MKO 38th Annual General Assembly
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MKO Grand Chief Garrison Settee