

## **Government of Quebec**

Meeting of Council of Ministers

Decision no. 82-361

Subject: The creation and expansion  
of Indian reserves in Quebec

Date: December 21, 1982

The Council of Ministers decides:

Following the memorandum dated November 25, 1982, presented by the Minister of Energy and Resources regarding the creation and expansion of Indian reserves in Quebec (ref.: 298-2),

1- To adopt the following policy for the creation and expansion of Indian reserves on public lands in Quebec:

A. Regarding the creation of new Indian reserves:

- 1) The creation of a new Indian reserve must follow a clearly expressed request by the Indians for a band of at least 200 Indians grouped together and exclusively for residential purposes.
- 2) The new reserve will be created on an area calculated based on the population, the reserve's development plan, and the land use standards in force in Quebec.
- 3) Consultation with relevant ministries, organizations, and third parties must be held to prevent any possible conflict of use.
- 4) Existing communities must be considered to meet the expectations expressed by the interested parties.
- 5) The federal government must provide a 25-year reserve development plan, and this development plan must be approved by the government of Quebec.
- 6) The development plan must outline the environmental consequences of the reserve creation project.
- 7) The government of Quebec may transfer, if necessary, the management and administration of the lands according to the rules established for land transactions with the federal government, with the understanding that the decree providing for this transfer must include a clause for retrocession in case the lands are no longer used for the purposes of a reserve.

B. Regarding the expansion of Indian reserves:

- 1) The expansion of a reserve must follow a clearly expressed request by the Indians and exclusively serve residential purposes after checking the available lands within the reserve.
  - 2) The expansion will take place on an area contiguous to the reserve and calculated based on the population, the development plan for the expansion of the reserve, and the land use standards in force in Quebec.
  - 3) Sub-paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of paragraph A apply to the expansion of a reserve.
- 2- To entrust the Minister of Energy and Resources with the responsibility of implementing this policy

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