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CRANBERRY SWEET BREAD

Blend together
2 cups flour
¾ cup brown sugar
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp nutmeg

Mix together in another bowl
1 egg, beaten
¾ cup milk
1 tbsp vinegar
3 tbsp oil

Add wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix well.

Stir in
1 cup chopped cranberries

Put into greased loaf pan.
Back in hot over (350°F) for 50-60 minutes.
Remove from pan and cool on a wire rack.

NET'É LÉT'ÉHTHUE LEKQA

Dí azhóq ehletah ats'eleh,
lé ọkí libó
súga detthoi ¾ libó
baking soda ọkí huha
dedhaa kíé huha
nutmeg kíé huha

Mọthahne tth'á gúlú t'áh edí
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Ejje-t'óó ¾ libó
Vinegar huh kíé
Tleh met'áh ets'eht'éh tai
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Tu láqndúí éhsú t'ahsú ihshádhú
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Net'é tádat'a kíé libó
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sadzee gots'ẹ ts'eht'éh. Thet'e énidé
káts'ehge gots'eh ník'ah gha
dahts'ehge.

WILD GOOSE WITH APPLE AND RAISIN STUFFING

Clean and dress a wild goose.
Place goose in a roasting pan. Sprinkle the goose, inside and outside, with ½ cup of lemon juice.

Cook ½ cup of margarine
1 chopped onion

Add in 1 large cooking apple, chopped
½ cup raisins
4 cups bread crumbs
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper

Set aside to cool. Pack stuffing lightly into cavity of goose. Close the opening. Rub the goose with bacon fat and place
8 slices of bacon over goose.
Cover and roast at 350°F for 30 minutes per pound.
Baste frequently.

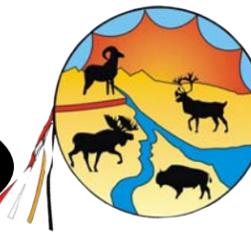
XAH DÁQNDÚÍ JÍECHO DETSILI GOTS'EH JÍE-TTH'ÉLIA TÀH TS'EHT'ÉH

Xah seets'íláa t'áa mezhiet'eh zhíh ts'echu. Lemon tú mezhú gots'eh mek'eh ats'eleh.

Ejje t'ótlee tani libó gots'eh t'ots'í tádat'a kíé ts'eht'éh

Jíe detsili kíé tádat'a metah ats'eleh
Jíe-tth'élia tani libó
Lét'édhue tone dı libó
Dedhaa tani huha, ½
Denets'ıı tani huha tani, ¼

Ník'ah gha dahts'ekáh. Mezhih gogha t'ahsú xahcho ts'edhah. Medáets'endezháh. Gugúh k'a tleh t'áh mets'etse. Gugúh k'a tádat'aa ehts'édı xah k'eh nít's'ıle. Medáets'edehge, gots'eh satsó 350°F gots'ẹ ts'eníhkọq tani sadzee gots'ẹ ts'eht'éh, gozhah énidé mek'eets'edehndi.



DEHCHO VISIONS

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December 7, 2006

Special points of interest:

- New Executive Director
- Late Paul Wrights Dene Laws
- Negotiation Update
- AHRDA update
- Community Support Workers
- Staff Greetings

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A message from the Grand Chief

I would like to begin by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and may you all find happiness, peace and prosperity in the New Year. My sincere hope is that the season will provide you with an opportunity to rest and enjoy the comfort of family and friends.

I am very thankful to be serving the wonderful people of Dehcho as your Grand Chief. The opportunity to work with a talented group of Leaders and staff in the Dehcho makes my job enjoyable. The dedication that is shown by our Nation to our Values & Principles is commendable and is recognized globally. The past year has been filled with exciting and ground breaking opportunities for the Dehcho First Nations.

Early in the year I participated in a National tour garnering support for the expansion of the Nahanni National Park Reserve. This tour was successful and the national support for our cause is incredible. The Naha Dehe consensus team continues the work of keeping progress on moving this issue closer to reality.

As the Chair of the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee I was very pleased to see the plan endorsed unanimously by the 2006 Dehcho Annual Assembly. Currently the plan awaits the approval of the Minister of Indian Affairs Jim Prentice. Both Governments have expressed concerns over the imbalance in conservations vs. development zones and have suggested measures to address the concerns.

The Dehcho Land Use Plan reflects the Dehcho First Nations position, values and principles with respect to land management. It is an approach that put the integrity of the land and water quality first and foremost. These clearly are not the principles that guide development in Canada or the Northwest Territories.

I am very thankful that the members of our Nations have put their faith and confidence in acclaiming me as their Grand Chief. We are a time where the continuity of Leadership is critical. I am here on behalf of the people and will do my best to ensure that our Nation is adequately represented.



This year also marks the year when the Federal Government tabled a land selection offer to the Dehcho Annual Assembly. People were very insulted that such a deal would be tabled. The Conservative Government is determined to see the Mackenzie Gas Project get built and will do what they must to achieve this, including tabling a land selection deal to the Dehcho.

The Dehcho First Nations Leaders are a very cautious and principled group, who put land health and security first and foremost. This is very evident in the resolutions that have been passed on the issue. As of the Special Assembly we have a mandate to explore what a land selection would mean in the Dehcho. This mandate will allow our people to make the most informed decision on behalf of our nation that is yet to be born. I would like to take this opportunity to direct our members to our website www.dehchofirstnations.com. The website is an important communications tool that we use to reach our members and is kept current. Keeping informed and participating in the process is critical to ensuring that we achieve a final agreement that reflects the Values and Principles of our nation.

In conclusion I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and warmest thoughts to all the members of our great Nation.

Mahsü Cho – Dehcho Grand Chief Heb Norwegian.

NOTICE

Interim Resource Development Agreement (IRDA) Funding

Dehcho First Nations apologizes for the long delay in addressing your proposals. The committed funds from the federal government still have not been received by our office. We are doing our best to get the funds as quick as possible.

As mentioned in my letter of October 17, 2006 under normal funding practices the monies would have arrived by now and have been disbursed.

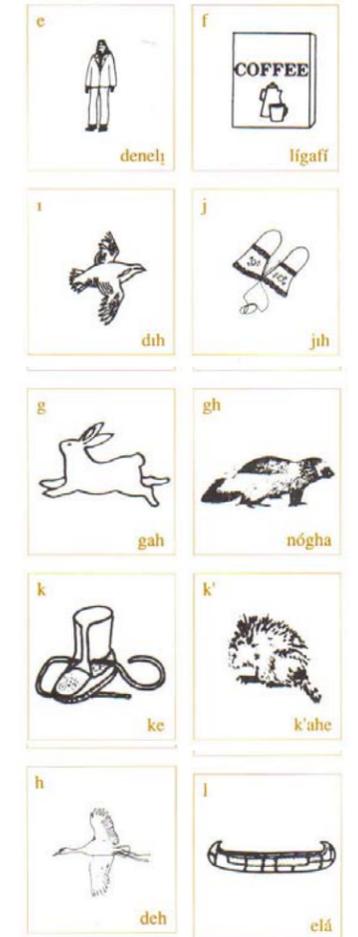
Thank you for your patience and understanding; we will be in touch with you as soon as we hear something positive.

Roy Inlangasuk
Executive Director



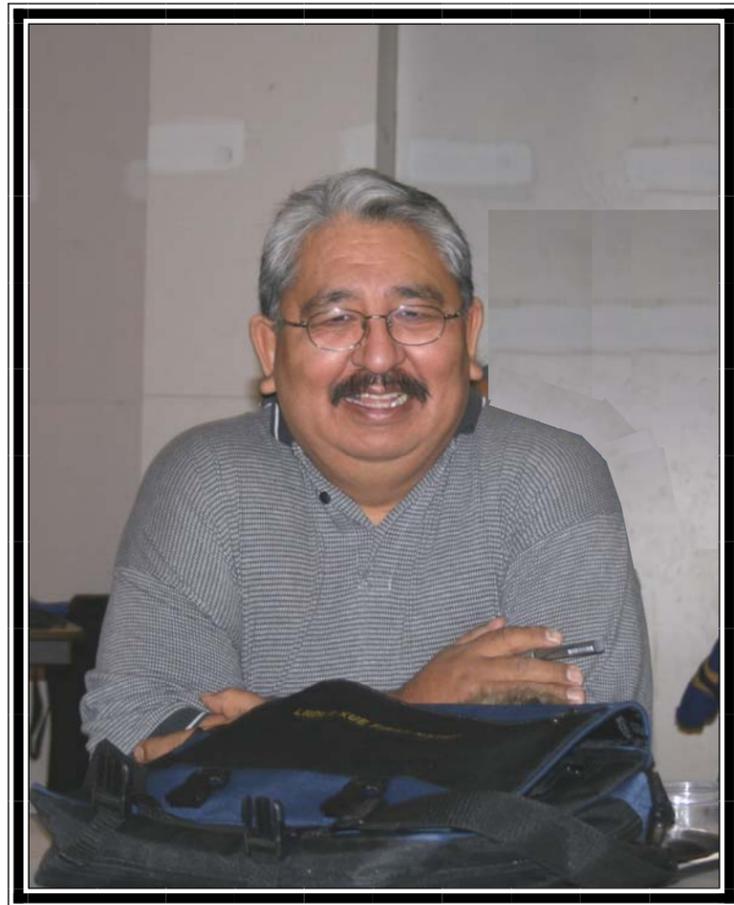
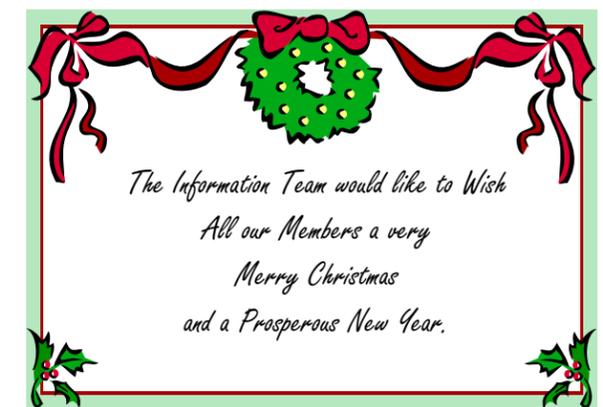
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*Dehcho First Nations
Executive Director Roy Inlangasuk,
Wishes everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday.*

Greetings, allow me to introduce myself, my name is Roy Inlangasuk, and I recently accepted the position of Executive Director for Dehcho First Nations. I am originally from Aklavik, NT but have lived away from the Mackenzie Delta for many years.

I look forward to working with you in the Dehcho learning your language and participating in your culture. I have many years of experience in senior management and I look forward to using these tools to help our leadership make the best informed decisions on your behalf.

My wife Shirley and our seven year old granddaughter move to Ft. Simpson, NT at the beginning of September 2006. I expect I will be traveling to your communities and look forward to meeting many of you. Please feel free to call our office at (867)695-2610, we are more than happy to assist you.



Paul wrote the following in Dene according to the Mountain People, this helped them speak to other people in the language. *“If you are Dene and you speak it, you need to use it to speak for the people. The language is what Dene are born with, all Dene out there have to follow it”*. Paul also said that the language will be there until something happens in the future. He said that you can see what is happening, you see all that is happening around you. He believed we must teach the language to all the children. They will live with it, that’s the way it is supposed to be, the Dene language is very important. He also said that in the past the Dene people helped each other, when they went through a tough time with something, they would all help each other to make things better.

The late Paul Wright wrote the Dene Laws in syllabics over the years He was a very respected Dene man who lived according to the laws of the Creator. We are thankful that he wrote the laws down for us to have to pass onto our future generations. We are also grateful to his Daughter Judith Wright-Bird for allowing us to have them translated so that the traditional knowledge of our elders who have passed on can be used in a good way We would also like to thank Morris Mendo of Tulita for translating the syllabics into North Slavey and Violet Sanguez who worked with Morris to further translate them into South Slavey and then into English.

He is saying this for the children, a person will have to take care of themselves in order to have traditional medicine. A person will not have dreams if they do not take good care of themselves. The traditional medicine will not come to the person. That is why sometimes children have to be taken good care of. You take good care of the children, good, if they are not taken good care of they will not have dreams for people, it will be hard for them to get traditional medicine. He said this was said long ago.

This is a the first part of a series of information that was left to us by Paul Wright, we are going to be sharing a little bit in each newsletter.

NORTH SLAVEY

SOUTH SLAVEY

ENGLISH

Ts’údane fahne nezhe qt’e, nezq dechytah neyeh, edek’édí dé káa edahxph t’ahsú gaena dé jk’q elj andeh gha. Gonezq edek’édí, ts’údane gonezq edek’édí xoni kaet’e nezq edek’édí dé káa t’ahsú gaena at’jh qt’e. Gots’eh ndé náte t’áh t’ahsú lqó etech’ajht’e gháena at’jh, yets’énoedi dé. Kaqt’e de Dene dúé ndé yojhshq gha gózo. Yéh edededí gha- he’ll know. Ts’údane kat’e, jk’q elj dé. It’á náte, ayoné kaoni ndé xádé t’ahsú gaena t’áh xádé nezq eghálaeda aneh gha.

Dezqa thahne nezheh qt’e, nezq dechytah nezheh, edek’éndíh énidé káa edahq t’ahsú agenda énidé jk’oo eljh andeh gha. Gonezq edek’éndíh, dezqa gonezq edek’édíh, xoni k’qt’eh nezq edek’édíh énidé káa t’ahsú lqo etech’á qt’e gháenda at’jh, zhets’é náte énidé. Kaondíh énidé Dene dúle énidé zhodjshq gha gózo, zhéh edidedíh gha. Dezqa kaondíh, jk’oo elj énidé, ezhi t’áh náte, azhq kaondíh énidé xádé t’ahsú agenda t’áh xádé nezq eghálaendah andeh gha.

Children are raised alone, they are raised well out on the land, if they look after themselves well, they might have a vision, start to have dreams and will be able to process traditional medicine. They look after themselves well, a child looks after himself like that will have a vision for different things if he dreams about it. A person that is able to know it will know, he will feel it. If a child is like that and has traditional medicine power, he will have dreams, if it was like that he will have a vision and will work well on his own.

**DEHCHO PROCESS
UPDATE**



In June of 2006 the Government of Canada proposed a land selection deal to the Dehcho First Nations annual assembly. The assembly directed that community consultations on the federal offer be conducted during the fall of 2006. Communities would then convene in a special assembly in November, 2006 to provide direction to the DFN negotiations team.

Community consultations were conducted by the Dehcho negotiations team during the months of September and October.

In October 2006 a negotiations session was held in Yellowknife. At this time the issues that were discussed were land withdrawals, Prospecting Permits, the Dehcho Land Use Plan, Nahanni Park Expansion, Protected Area Strategy, Dehcho Resource Management Authority, Agreement in Principle (AiP), community visits, transboundary overlaps and transfer agreements.

There is concern that the lands that are currently withdrawn under the 2003 land withdrawal agreement between Canada and the DFN have a time limit. Communities are concerned that this is not sufficient and should be revisited to adequately reflect the time it may take to complete negotiations. Canada’s point of view is that we must make progress on substance of the land selection offer tabled by Canada. According to Canada it would be premature to set the withdrawals ahead prior to progress on an AiP.

The Interim Measures Agreement which Canada and the DFN signed in 2001 remains in effect today. Section 39 of that Agreement clearly provides that the support of affected Dehcho First Nation communities must be given before any valid Prospecting Permits can be issued by Canada’s Mining Recorder. However, on February 1, 2006 the INAC’s Mining Recorder issued Prospecting Permits in the Dehcho territory without consulting with affected Dehcho communities. In our view, the Permits issued are therefore not valid.

The Dehcho Land Use Plan is a key element of the Dehcho Process. Management of the whole territory in partnership with the other parties is the ideal we have been working for throughout the development of the Plan. Canada has now informed us that there are problems with the Plan and that these problems must be resolved at the negotiations table_instead of through the planning process which we agreed to establish under the IMA. The Federal Government has now linked the Dehcho Land Use Plan to progress on an Agreement-in-Principle based on land selection. Canada also feels that “the work of the Land Use Planning Committee established under the IMA is

Chief Negotiator Georges Erasmus would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

“complete”, even though the IMA signed in 2001 clearly says the Committee will remain in place to monitor compliance with the Plan. Canada is now prepared to consider implementing an interim Land Use Plan if the DFN is to reach and AiP which is based on land selection. If we are unable to agree, the Land Use Plan might fall. Canada has also informed the Dehcho that they wish to see the size of the conservation areas reduced in the Land Use Plan to provide more economic development lands.

The DFN position is that all sides compromised to set up the planning process and in the development of the Plan. We believe that the Plan represents a good balance between promoting economic development and protecting ecologically sensitive lands and important harvesting areas. We say that the Plan should be implemented without any further delay.

The Nahanni Park expansion work continues. Jonas Antoine is the DFN member of the Park expansion working group. The (MERA) Mineral, Energy and Resource Assessment, is nearly done. There is a time table when Canada will be prepared to release the report.

There has been a great deal of other research dealing with other areas of concern within the Park expansion. Most of the research has been completed. The report on **Research and Monitoring - Nahanni National Park Reserve Naha-Dehe** is available at the Parks Canada office in Fort Simpson. They will be forwarded to all First Nations offices in the Dehcho. This report is also available in a two part PDF file by request.

The next steps in the park expansion are a series of national meetings to consult with interest groups. The meetings will take four months to complete. They will report back to the main table on the results of those meetings.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Legal Counsel Chris Reid

The Dehcho Resource management Authority is an area that continues to be one of the main elements we are going to be moving forward. It was agreed to in the Settlement Agreement signed in 2005 that the Dehcho final agreement might provide for a stand alone Dehcho Resource Management Authority, independent of the MVRMA system.

Harvester support in a final agreement is an area of great interest for the Dehcho First Nations. The James Bay Cree of Northern Quebec have negotiated income security for their harvesters. The initial federal response is that the federal team has no mandate to create new programs through a final agreement. However, DFN could use the financial component of a final agreement to establish a harvesters' income support program.

Global warming and water quality are areas of high concern for the Dehcho. Dehcho First Nations hosted a water conference which gave national attention to our concerns. There is great concern being downstream of the Alberta tar sands. Many rivers are in jeopardy of being polluted. This is an issue that has transboundary implications. Protection for the people and rights for the Dehcho in this area is critical.

Heads of powers which the Dehcho government will have under a final agreement was another issue where further discussion is required. Dehcho desires authority over education, including post-secondary. What was offered by Canada and the GNWT was K – 12, because of the broad nature of post secondary. Further discussions are required in this area. The delivery of education in the Dehcho may look very different.

Another area that has transboundary implications is the selections of lands, if the DFN decide to negotiate a land selection agreement. The Sahtu selected parcels within the Dehcho during their settlement process. There is no overlap agreement with the Sahtu. PKFN feels that there should be compensation for those parcels of lands that they no longer have access to. They are open to suggestions on how to resolve the overlap with neighbors. The other side of the matter is the overlap into Alberta, Yukon and British Columbia. We would have to have access to our traditional lands in these areas and we require further information on the ability to access these lands.

Copies of the transfer agreements through which Canada delegated authority to the Government of the Northwest Territories are exercising right now was were requested by DFN. These agreements transferred authority from the Federal Government to the Government of the Northwest Territories in areas such as Education, Health and some Resource Management. They will be getting back to us with the information.

**Dehcho Leadership meeting
Fort Providence November 8 – 10, 2006**

The Leadership was provided with a report on the most recent negotiations session and the position that the Federal Government is taking. The report outlined AiP negotiations, the Land Use Plan, Interim Agreements, Canada's positions, DFN positions, including shared stewardship and public government, the future of AiP. The statuses of Interim Agreements are also areas that were included in this report for the Leadership. The report provided updates on Prospecting Permits, the 2005 Settlement Agreement, the Land Use Plan, land withdrawals, the KFN working group, Nahanni Park and the Protected Areas Strategy. The report also covered elements of what the Dehcho might achieve in a land selection model.

The feeling from the Leadership at this time was very reluctant to provide any solid direction in this area as they were anticipating the Special Assembly scheduled for the end of November. The Leadership did provide the following resolution which stressed the need for Canada to honor existing agreements by implementing the Land Use Plan and respecting the role of the Planning Committee as set out in the IMA. These conditions are a precursor to any land selection discussions.



Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all Members from the Dehcho Territory. From Assistant Negotiator Samuel Gargan

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Financial Controller

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Financial Controller will plan, organize, direct and control the management of Dehcho First Nations (DFN) finances. You will also develop and implement financial policies and procedures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Controller will manage and participate in Dehcho First Nations' banking, professional and other business relationships.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Your background should include a demonstrated ability to work as a member of a senior management team. Your experience should include strategic planning, budgeting, mentoring, payroll and accounting process and systems improvements, an ability to work in a cross-cultural environment.

- Professional accounting designation (CA or CMA required)
- 3-5 years of financial accounting experience, including 3-5 years of management
- Excellent computer skills including Microsoft Office
- Strong business acumen and analytical skills for effective problem resolution
- Ability to interact with all levels of management and cross-functional teams

Salary is based on qualifications and experience. A job description is available upon request.

Closing Date is **January 5, 2007 @ 5:00 pm**. Please apply to:

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Reporting to the Executive Director you will be responsible for assisting the Dehcho First Nations community governments in responding to applications for developments that affect lands and resources. You will also coordinate responses among the Dehcho First Nations community governments where more than one First Nation is affected by a proposed development.

The Resource Management Coordinator will communicate with the Northwest Territories' regulatory boards and agencies, the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee and the Dehcho First Nations Negotiations Team. Other duties include obtaining specialized technical advice as necessary, the supervision of consultants, and the management of a 'professional services budget', as per the Dehcho Interim Measures Agreement. The Resource Management Coordinator will also be required to use the Geographic Information System to identify traditional land use and occupancy activities that will be affected by proposed developments, and to maintain an organized filing system to track applications and related documents.

You must have a diploma in natural resource management, or environmental science. Equivalencies will be considered. Extensive knowledge of Dehcho lands, the Dehcho Process, and applicable Acts and Regulations is required. Ability to speak South Slavey is a definite asset. A valid Class 5 Drivers License is required.

Closing: 5:00 P.M., January 12, 2007 Apply:

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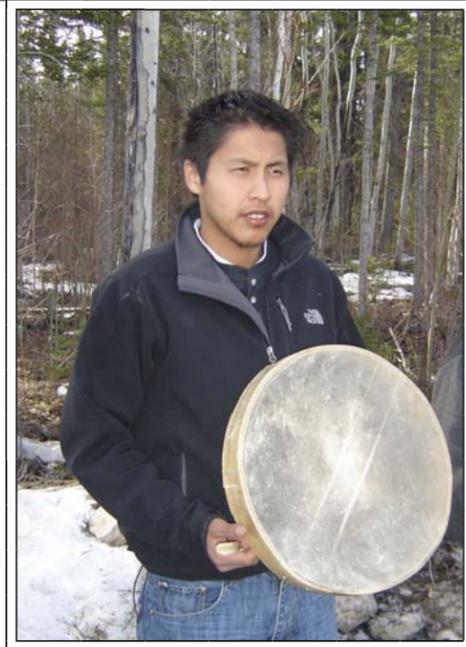
"Preservation for the nation"Dehcho law



Melanie Norwegian
Community Support Worker
Jean Marie River First Nations



Pearl Leishman
Community Support Worker
Fort Providence Metis



Lawrence Nayally
Community Support Workers
Pehdzeh Ki First Nations

Community Support Workers

Each Community receives funding to hire a Community Support Worker to inform members at the community level. If you need information and or have questions you can stop into see the worker in the communities.

The following is a list of Community Support Workers for the Dehcho Process.

Liidli Kue First Nations
Pehdzeh Ki First Nations
Nahanni Butte Dene Band
Sambaa K'e Dene Band
Acho Dene Koe Band
JMR First Nations
K'atlodeeche First Nations
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nations
Fort Providence Metis
Fort Simpson Metis
West Point First Nations
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band
Fort Liard Metis

Jermaine Gargan
Lawrence Nayally
George Tsetso
Phoebe Punch
Dolphus Codillie
Melanie Norwegian
Victoria St Jean
Chief Lloyd Chicot
Pearl Leishman
Stephan Burnett
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Arnold Bonnetrouge
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Dehcho First Nations Special Assembly

Fort Simpson, November 28 – 30, 2006

The Dehcho Special Assembly convened on November 28, 2006 with the monumental task of providing direction to the negotiations team on Canada's offer to settle the Dehcho Process through land selection.

The Dehcho Declaration signed in 1993 outlined the guiding principles for the Dehcho Process and there has been a strict no land selection policy ever since.

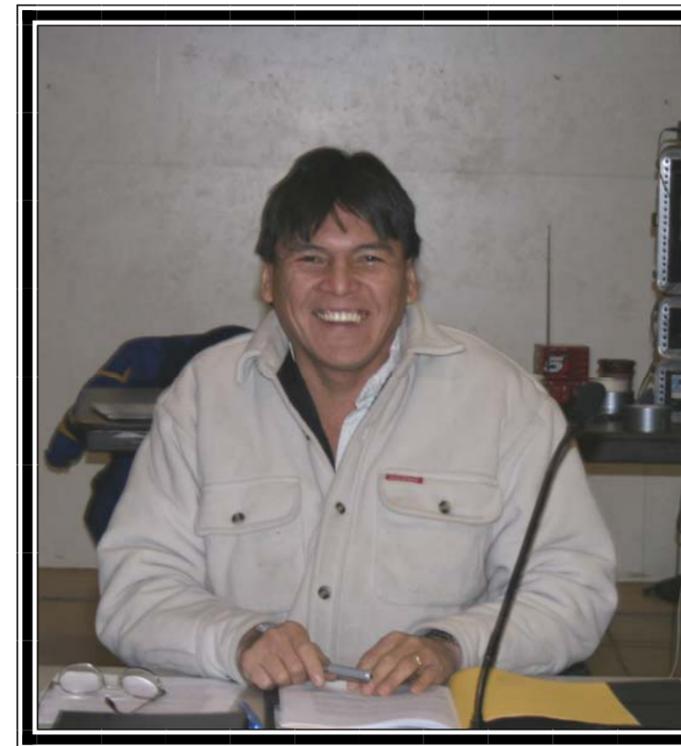
Our laws from the creator do not allow us to cede, release, surrender or extinguish our inherent rights. The Leadership of the Dehcho upholds the teachings of the Elders as the guiding principles of Dene Government now and in the future.

The negotiations team developed the agenda for the Special Assembly. Our objective was to inform the Assembly on the federal proposal. We then wanted to hear from all the participants in working sessions on the following areas of concern; Treaty rights, Extinguishment/Certainty, Land Use Planning/Land Selection, Resource Management, Community Governance and Jurisdiction(s). It was intended that everyone would be able to voice opinions in the areas of concern.

However a devastating tragedy in the community left the delegates in a state of shock and grief. Our hearts and prayers are with the Isiah family. The Assembly adjourned for half a day as a gesture of respect.

When the Assembly reconvened a draft resolution was tabled with the intention that the discussion would flow from the resolution. The draft resolution was used as a discussion piece in the working sessions. From the working session a member of the delegation and the facilitator from each of the five groups participated in the re-drafting of the resolution to give a new mandate for the DFN negotiations team.

The Assembly was clearly reluctant to commit us to negotiating a land selection model. It was evident in the discussions that further information is required from Canada to help us make the best possible decision for our members. After much discussion and debate the Special Assembly passed the following resolution with one abstention. The resolution gives the negotiations team the mandate to enter into exploratory discussions with the federal government on a land selection model. Because our mandate is limited to exploratory discussions we must return to our membership for approval before any land selection negotiations would begin.



Arnold Hope Co-Chair of the November 2006 Special Assembly

Leadership Assembly
Fort Providence, NT
Nov-8-9, 2006

Resolution # 3

WHEREAS, Canada has tabled a land claim and self government proposal to the DFN based on land selection and therefore is outside of the mandate of the Dehcho First Nations' negotiators and,

WHEREAS, Canada has also recently informed the DFN that they intend to violate the 2001 Interim Measures Agreement by refusing to implement the land use plan and dissolving the Land Use Planning Committee; and,

WHEREAS Canada has demonstrated bad faith by failing to honor interim agreements reached through the Dehcho Process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Leadership recommends to the Special Assembly that:

Negotiations with Canada on an Agreement-in-Principle based on land selection may be considered only after Canada has provided assurances that the Land Use Plan will be implemented and the role of the Land Use Planning Committee, as set out in the IMA, will be respected.

After Canada has agreed to implement the land use plan and honour existing agreements, the negotiating team will be mandated to begin negotiations with Canada on an Agreement-in-Principle based on land selection.

RE: Negotiations Mandate

WHEREAS Treaties 11 and 8 confirmed the nation to nation relationship between the Dehcho Dene and Canada which continues to be fundamental to the relationship between the Dehcho and Canada; and

WHEREAS Treaties 11 and 8 confirmed that the Dehcho Dene are the owners and stewards of the lands and resources in their territory, and that the Dene agreed to allow the subjects of the Crown to live on Dene lands in peace and friendship, and that in return the Crown would provide certain benefits to the Dene; and

WHEREAS there continues to be disagreement between Canada and the DFN with respect to ownership and jurisdiction because the written form of the Treaties does not match the Dene oral version of the Treaties; and

WHEREAS the intention of the Dehcho Process is to produce a final agreement which will achieve certainty by clarifying and building upon Treaties 11 and 8; and

WHEREAS the DFN reaffirm our commitment to the Dehcho Proposal which rejects land selection and would achieve certainty through shared stewardship of the whole Dehcho territory; and

WHEREAS, Canada has recently declared that they will only negotiate a land and self-government agreement with the Dehcho if it is based on land selection; and

WHEREAS the DFN seek a lands and self-government agreement with Canada which balances the need to protect ecologically sensitive areas and key harvesting areas with the need for Dehcho communities to have sufficient lands and resources and governance powers to ensure that they can achieve economic self-reliance, cultural integrity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS the Land Use Plan which was developed by the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee under the terms of the IMA signed by Canada in 2001 is an integral part of the Dehcho Process and is fair, balanced and based on compromises by all parties; and

WHEREAS key objectives of the Dehcho Proposal will be achieved by implementing the Land Use Plan developed by the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Dehcho final agreement will recognize and affirm Aboriginal and Treaty rights and achieve certainty by clarifying and building on Treaties 11 and 8, not through extinguishment of rights;

DFN reaffirm our commitment to the Dehcho Proposal which rejects land selection and would achieve certainty through shared stewardship of the whole Dehcho territory;

Despite our commitment to the Dehcho Proposal, DFN will hold exploratory discussions with Canada on an Agreement-in-Principle which may be based on the selection of surface and subsurface lands;

Negotiations with Canada on the timely implementation of the Land Use Plan and the ongoing role of the Land Use Planning Committee, as set out in the IMA, will continue;

Agreements will balance conservation values and long term sustainable economic development;

AiP negotiations will also address self-government and jurisdiction relating to lands and resources which are appropriate for the unique needs and circumstances of the DFN and for the use and enjoyment of the Dehcho Dene; and

AiP Negotiations will determine governing structures and jurisdictions at both the regional and community levels based on the inherent rights of Dehcho Dene to self-government and self-determination under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

For the full version of the Resolutions please check out the website at

www.dehchofirstnations.com



Information Team



Dehcho Process

We have continued to publish Information booklets on the Dehcho Process which are given out at all meetings and available to the public upon request. The following information is available in our office:

Dehcho Process Booklet contains the following information:

- Summary
- Dehcho Declaration
- Dehcho Proposal
- 21 Common Ground Principles
- Framework Agreement
- Interim Management Agreement
- Dehcho Land Use Planning Annual Report
- Dehcho/ Tlicho Boundary Agreement
- Land Withdrawal Map
- Interim Resource Development Agreement

Tabled Document Booklet contains all the documents tabled at the Negotiation Table regarding the Final Agreement and the Dehcho Government. The following documents tabled are:

- Towards a Dehcho Government; DCFN
- Land Ownership Settlement Option; Canada
- Land and Resource Management; GNWT
- Land and Resource Government in the Dehcho; DCFN
- Dehcho First Nations Agreement-in-Principle; DCFN
- Dehcho First Nations Final Settlement Options; Canada
- Approaches to the Dehcho Final Agreement; GNWT
- Options for the Governance in the Dehcho; DCFN
- DFN Final Settlement Options; Canada

Other Publications designed and printed by the Information Team to help inform members on the Dehcho Process and the Dehcho Government are published quarterly and distributed. The following is a list of some of the materials created this past year and distributed:

- History of events that have affected the Dene;
- Dehcho Process Powerpoint;
- Dehcho Government Powerpoint;
- Dehcho Process Pamphlet;
- Interim Resource Development Agreement Pamphlet;
- Naha Deh Consensus Team information pamphlet;
- Dene Laws posters;
- Dene Values poster;
- Dene Principles posters;
- Dehcho Process Background;
- Dehcho Declaration poster;
- Newsletters;



Rosa Wright would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Safe and Happy Holiday.

The Information Team has been very busy getting ready for the previous Leadership meeting and Special Assembly. We are looking forward to the next negotiation session and to update the membership on that session.

In the coming year we are hoping to travel to all the communities to update members and receive some feedback on the federal offer. If any members are interested in receiving information please contact our office and we will ensure you get the information requested.

Please feel free to view our website, which has all the up to date information.

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*Stella Nadia and Lee Thom
Would like to wish everyone a
Very Merry Christmas and
a Joyful New Year*



*Sara McLeod
Would like to wish everyone
a Safe
and Happy Holiday*

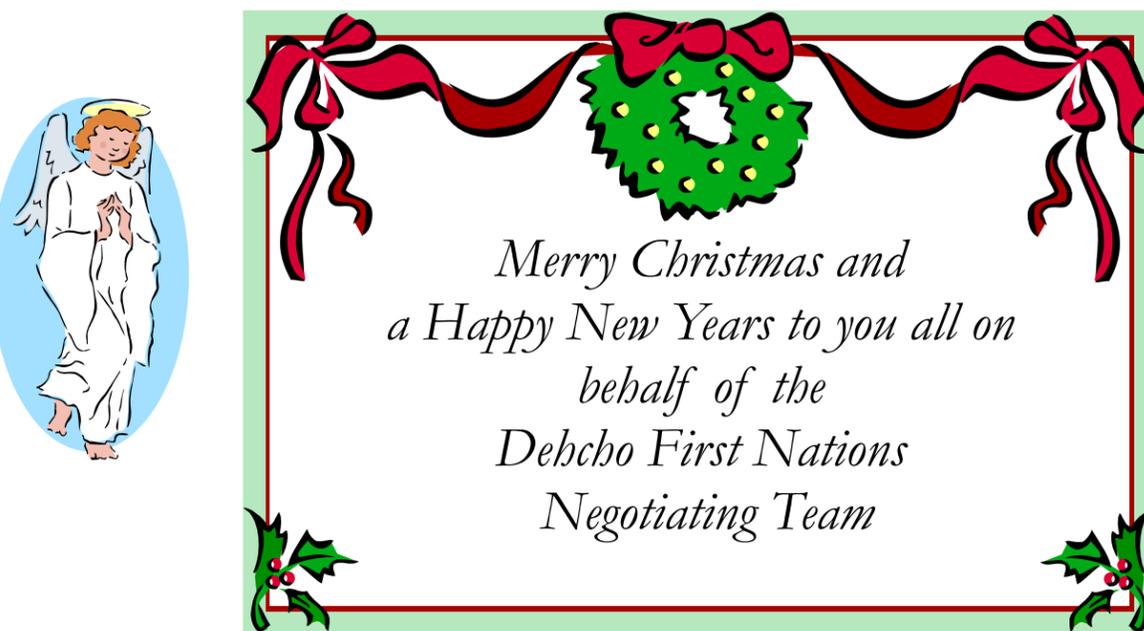
*Leona Louie
Seasons Greetings
And a
Happy New Year*



*Darlene Sibbeston
sends Seasons Greetings to everyone.*



*Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Years to you all on
behalf of the
Dehcho First Nations
Negotiating Team*



In the words of our Chief Negotiator “We have just been given a mandate unlike anything before. We have a tremendous work load before us and I want to get started”.

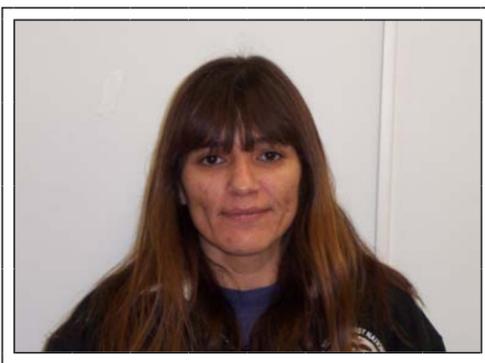
Our first session with our new mandate will be held in Edmonton at the Westin in the Strathcona boardroom from December 18 & 19, 2006. At this time we will set our sessions for the future and these will be posted on our website www.dehchofirstnations.com.

Discussions and dialogue with our members is encouraged and appreciated. If there is anything that we can do to help you understand the process we are here to serve your information needs.

Mahsii Cho
Ria Letcher – Assistant Negotiator



*Violet Sanguez
Edáidzëą gots'eh Edáidzëcho k'eh na-
heghá gonozi.*



*Dora Tsetso
Merry Christmas to one and all*

AHRDA REPORT

2006/2007 DFN AHRDA Activity Highlights
DFN AHRDA receives an annual budget of \$1.4 million from HRSDC to administer human resources development programs and services for the Dehcho Region.

FORMULA BASED COMMUNITY FUNDING

DFN allocates 57% (\$807,627) of AHRDA funds to 11 Aboriginal community organizations utilizing a formula based on the 1996 census. **Each Aboriginal community organization delivers human resources** development programs and services to all Aboriginal people residing in their community.

The applicant must meet the following basic eligibility requirements:

- Self-identified Aboriginal peoples including Inuit and Metis
- Reside in the Dehcho Region of the Northwest Territories
- Apply for GNWT Student Financial Assistance for all training programs 12 weeks or more
- Have a career plan
- Complete the DFN AHRDA application disclosing full financial information
- Completed applications are to be taken to the First Nation/Metis office in the community where you live.

CRF Labour Market Programs \$492,055 Annual Budget

1st & 2nd Quarter community allocations
\$246,026.48

123 clients assisted at cost of
\$136,051.22

Unexpended community funds
\$109,975.26

Communities provided: tuition, travel, living allowance & childcare for post-secondary clients outside the region; tuition & training allowance for short-term training in the community; tuition, travel, accommodation, childcare & per diem for short-term training outside the region; training wages & wage subsidies

EI Labour Market Programs \$264,774 Annual Budget

1st & 2nd Quarter community allocations
\$132,386.98

34 clients assisted at a cost of
\$ 99,891.16

Unexpended community funds
\$ 32,495.82

Communities provided: tuition, travel, living allowance



Merry Christmas from Gloria Buboire, AHRDA Coordinator and Samantha Kovacs AHRDA Clerk

and childcare for post-secondary clients outside the region; tuition and training allowance for short-term training; wage subsidies

CRF Youth Programs \$50,798 Annual Budget

1st Quarter community allocations
\$ 50,798.00

22 youth assisted at a cost of
\$ 18,996.10

Unexpended community funds
\$ 31,801.81

Communities provided: arts & crafts in the afternoons, office administration, reception & finance work experience, sawmill, log building course, laborers for various beautification jobs, participation in joint venture workshop & JRP Hearing, participate in Class 7 learners license training

PROPOSAL DRIVEN FUNDING

DFN allocates 28% (\$392,775) of AHRDA funds in Regional training categories. Aboriginal community organizations wishing to access funding must provide a proposal to DFN outlining how the funds will be utilized with attached financial budget.

EI Persons with Disabilities \$13,518 Annual Budget

Annual Budget
\$ 13,518.00

1 Wage subsidy proposal
\$ 6,300.00

Available funds
\$ 7,218.00

PWD funding is accessed through proposals sent in by Aboriginal community organizations whose clients

have identified themselves as disabled and are EI eligible. **Should your** organization have a self-declared disabled EI eligible client seeking training or a wage subsidy, please fax your proposal to the DFN AHRDA office for consideration.

CRF Urban Initiatives \$24,279 Annual Budget

Annual Budget
\$ 24,279.00

2 clients travel & living allowance
\$ 2,139.29

Available funds
\$ 20,314.71

DFN utilizes urban initiatives funding for clients who are referred to the DFN Aboriginal Training Office by their Aboriginal community organization due to lack of available funding. If your organization denied a client funding due to lack of available funding, please forward your proposal to the DFN AHRDA office for consideration.

EI Urban Initiatives \$13,255 Annual Budget

Annual Budget
\$ 13,255.00

2 clients travel & living allowance
\$ 7,395.00

Available funds
\$ 5,860.00

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CRF Child Care \$341,703 Annual Budget

2nd Quarter allocations to communities
\$105,562.50

Community daycare expenses
\$ 51,411.42

Unexpended community funds
\$ 54,151.08

DFN provides annual funding for HRSDC approved childcare centers owned and operated by Aboriginal community organizations. Licensed daycares operated by Acho Dene Koe (13), Katlodeeche First Nation (30) and Lidlii Kue First Nation (27) provide a total of 70 childcare seats. An additional 19 childcare seats will be available when

inspections are complete and licensing in place. Funding will be prorated for Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band (9) and Pehdzeh Ki First Nation (10).

DFN sponsors and coordinates Early Childhood Development training for people working with young children in daycares/dayhomes. DFN funds an on-site facilitator and tutor referred by Aurora College. DFN provides tuition for all participants as well as travel, accommodation, per diems and childcare for participants traveling from other communities.

Understanding Self-Esteem took place in Fort Simpson from October 2-6 & October 23-27, 2006
Human Growth & Development II is scheduled to take place from January 15-19, February 12-16 & March 5-9, 2007 in either Fort Simpson or Fort Providence.

CRF CAPACITY BUILDING \$22,474 Annual Budget

Dehcho First Nations utilizes capacity building funding for regional AHRDA meetings and training sessions as well as for professional development of the AHRDA Coordinator and AHRDA Clerk.

An AHRDA/ASEP Regional Meeting was held in Fort Simpson from September 18-22, 2006. Twelve AHRDA/ASEP administrators and finance officers from 8 of the 11 aboriginal community organizations attended the regional meeting. Presentations were given by Marion Storm: GNWT Education, Culture & Employment; Don Kindt: DK Consulting; Tina Hawker: Service Canada; Kevin Smith: Aurora College and Barb Tsetso: Aurora College. The AHRDA & ASEP Coordinators provided program reviews of last fiscal year and the current fiscal year. The AHRDA Policy was reviewed with amendments noted.

A 3 day Life Works Workshop was also held entitled "A Team Process to Developing and Implementing Workplans". Overall the regional meeting was very successful. The AHRDA/ASEP team developed a regional workplan with two main goals: To establish and maintain a strong cohesive AHRDA/ASEP Team; and To ensure AHRDA/ASEP fiscal accountability and manage financial resources efficiently and effectively, at regional and community levels.

If you have any questions, please call me at 1-867-695-2610
Gloria Buboire, AHRDA Coordinator