



DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS

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10th Annual Deh Cho Assembly
Kakisa Lake, NT
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Resolution #01

RE: Proposed Protected Areas

Moved by:


Leo Norwegian, Regional
Elder

Seconded by:


Chief Stanley Sanguéz
Jean Marie River First
Nation

1 Abstention
CARRIED

Certified copy of
resolution made at
Kakisa Lake, NT dated
June 26, 2002


Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS Edézhíe is an area that is of significant cultural, spiritual and environmental value to the people of the Deh Cho with regards to maintaining a traditional lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Gah Got'ie Kue (Fort Providence), Lidlíi Kue (Fort Simpson), Ttheh'ehteli (Jean Marie River) and Pehdzen Ki (Wrigley) First Nations undertook an initiative that will see the protection of Edézhíe as a candidate protected area under the NWT Protected Areas Strategy (PAS); and

WHEREAS, the Edézhíe candidate protected area is now at Step 4 of the PAS, meaning that a sponsoring agency, in this case the Canadian Wildlife Service, has agreed to sponsor the area and interim land withdrawal is all but complete; and

WHEREAS, the Edézhíe candidate protected area is a good example of an effective partnership between Deh Cho communities, Deh Cho First Nations, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council, Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), and the federal & territorial governments; and

WHEREAS, there are other sites within the Deh Cho that meet the goals of the NWT Protected Areas Strategy (PAS) and that need to be protected from all industrial development; and

WHEREAS, under the Interim Measures Agreement within the Deh Cho Process numerous other conservation sites have been identified and are under negotiation for some form of land withdrawal within the Deh Cho Process; and

WHEREAS, in view of pressures from oil and gas development and pipelines, time is of essence and it is important for the DCFN that all possible avenues be explored for successful protection of conservation lands;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the delegates at this Assembly formally support the parallel advancement under the PAS (subject to the Deh Cho Declaration of 1993), of sites which have been identified for their ecological or cultural importance for land withdrawal protection under the Interim Measures Agreement.



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Resolution #02

**RE: Creation Of A Regional
Development Corporation For The Deh
Cho First Nations**

Moved by:

Chief Stanley Sanguz
Jean Marie River First
Nation

Seconded by:

Richard Lafferty, Delegate
Ft. Providence Metis Local

CARRIED

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Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, there exists a need to create a "for-profit", business development corporation to allow First Nations governments and aboriginal businesses to benefit and participate directly in development opportunities in the Deh Cho region;

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho lack the funding, human resources and markets to compete successfully, a regional corporation can partner with these communities and maximize local business opportunities and employment; and

WHEREAS, there are several large-scale, capital intensive projects being considered in the region, the Deh Cho First Nations needs the advice and information their own regional business corporation can provide

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Deh Cho First Nations establish the Deh Cho Corporation (DCC);

2. DCFN cause to be appointed a founding director from each of the 10 communities chosen by the First Nation and Metis local collectively where appropriate.
3. The Assembly adopts Resolution #01 of the November 5-9, 2001 Leadership Meeting, and
4. A Committee of Leadership will be established to oversee the implementation of this resolution.



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Resolution #03

RE: Operational Plan

Moved by: -


Chief Sam Gargan
Deh Gah Gotie Dene
Council


WHEREAS, Deh Cho First Nations requires an Operational Plan; and

WHEREAS, the DCFN Executive Committee submitted a draft Strategic Operational Plan to the 10th Annual DCFN Assembly; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, DCFN 10th Annual Assembly approves the Draft Strategic Operational Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, DCFN consult with each member First Nation and Metis Nation Local to integrate their community needs into the Operational Plan.

Seconded by:


Chief Percy Hardisty
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

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Resolution #04

RE: Draft Constitution and By-Laws

Moved by:



Chief Karen Thomas
West Point First Nation

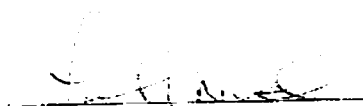
Seconded by:



Chief Rita Cui
Liidli Kue First Nation

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Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Assembly has been presented with a draft Constitution and By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, further discussion is required to ensure that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Deh Cho First Nations assist in establishing a public government based on Dene laws and customs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the draft Constitution and By-Laws be referred to a Committee who will review the draft and recommend changes which would reflect Dene laws and customs.



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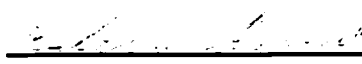
Resolution #05

RE: Elders' Council

Moved by:

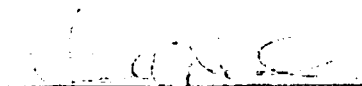

Elder Ted Landry
Deh Gah Gotie Dene
Council

Seconded by:


Elder Edward Jumbo
Sambaa K'e Dene
Band

CARRIED

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June 27, 2002.


Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Elders Council are an essential part of the government of the Deh Cho; and

WHEREAS, the Elders Council require a budget for their operations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a budget of \$75, 000 be allocated to the Elders Council for the current fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, each First Nation select their respective Elders to the Naxe'cho Keh Council.



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Resolution #08

RE: Interim Resource Development
Agreement

Moved by:

Chief Rita Cui
Liidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sam Gagan
Deh Gah Gotie Dene
Council

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Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, Canada and the Deh Cho First Nations are negotiating an Interim Resource Development Agreement (IRDA); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the IRDA is to ensure that any new resource development in the Deh Cho provides a fair share of benefits and revenues to our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations have proposed that any royalties resulting from new oil/gas exploration taking place in the Deh Cho prior to a final agreement be shared equitably between Canada and the Deh Cho First Nations; and

WHEREAS, Canada has rejected the Deh Cho proposal and instead only offered to share a small portion of revenues from Mackenzie Valley resource development with the Deh Cho, in exchange for the Deh Cho agreeing to open up new lands for oil/gas exploration, but Canada has not agreed to negotiate a sharing of revenue from Deh Cho oil/gas developments prior to a final agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Deh Cho First Nations insist that Canada commit to enter into good faith bilateral negotiations with the Deh Cho First Nations on the distribution of any revenue flowing from any new resource development in the Deh Cho, whether it occurs before or after a final agreement; and
2. Any revenues flowing to the Deh Cho First Nations from resource development will be spent on economic development related projects at the discretion of the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership and not subject to limitations imposed by Canada.



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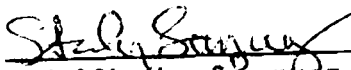


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Resolution #12

RE: Aboriginal Human Resources
Development Agreement (AHRDA)

Moved by:

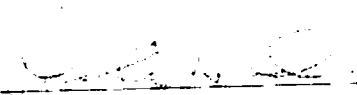

Chief Stanley Sanguey
Jean Marie River First
Nation

Seconded by:


Chief Karen Thomas
West Point First Nation

CARRIED

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Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, Human Resources Development Canada and Deh Cho First Nations have signed a five-year agreement on April 1999, enabling the DCFN to provide human resources development programs designed tailored to meet Human Resources Development needs in our territory; and

WHEREAS, the AHRDA strategy will sunset on March 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the DCFN and its communities have developed training and employment programs that are successful in meeting the special needs of the members residing in the Deh Cho territory; and

WHEREAS, the DCFN have encountered many circumstances where there were limitations on the funding and DCFN was not able to meet these special needs, such as the Persons with Disabilities Program, which cannot fund anyone under the age of fifteen, the creation of day care centers and continual funding for its program delivery; and

WHEREAS, the DCFN would like to examine the issues and review the AHRDA strategy and make recommendations that can be followed.

WHEREAS, DCFN and its communities would like to follow up in their strategic plan in the areas of social development; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DCFN host a meeting with the other regional AHRDA holders within the Mackenzie Valley. This meeting will review the AHRDA strategy; address and identify issues that the AHRDA holders have encountered; share best practices; review the restrictions and address the special needs of the youth, persons with disabilities and the child care program. Recommendations will be presented to HRDC to incorporate in their review of the AHRDA to continue to address the human resources developments needs after March 31, 2004.



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Resolution #13

RE: Deputy Grand Chief

Moved by:


Chief Karen Thomas
West Point First Nation

Seconded by:


Percy Hardisty
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

1 Opposition
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Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Grand Chief is overworked;
and

WHEREAS, there is a desire for an assistant to
help the Grand Chief carry out his duties;
and

WHEREAS, this new position will be classified
as Deputy Grand Chief;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the job
description of the Deputy Grand Chief will
be as set out in the draft job description,
June 19, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Deputy
Grand Chief budget will be allocated
under general revenue.



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Resolution #19

RE: Cash Grants

Moved by:

Chief Stanley Sanguez
Jean Marie River First
Nation

WHEREAS, Cash grants paid by DCFN to leaders and elders for attending DCFN meetings are intended to compensate communities for the use of their Elders time; and

WHEREAS, Cash grants to leaders are a component of Advisory Services;

Seconded by:

Chief Rita Cll
Liidlil Kue First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, effectively effective July 1, 2002, cash grant funds will be transferred by Deh Cho First Nations to all Deh Cho communities rather than being paid directly by Deh Cho First Nations to Leaders and Elders.

3 Abstentions
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Grand Chief