



DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS

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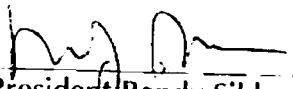


Deh Cho Leadership Meeting
Ft. Providence, NT
October 29 - 31, 2002

Resolution #01

RE: Harvesters Rights

Moved by:

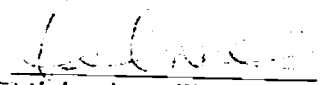

President Randy Sibbeston
Ft. Simpson Metis Local

Seconded by:


Chief Rita Cli
Liidli Kue First Nation

CARRIED

Certified copy of resolution
made at Ft. Providence, NT
dated October 31, 2002


Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, it is a traditional activity for the original people of the Deh Cho to harvest wildlife for the purpose of survival and personal well being,

WHEREAS, it is a traditional activity for the original people of the Deh Cho to guide and assist newcomers to the region in exchange for remuneration

THEREFORE,

1. Deh Cho First Nations and rightful Government of Denendeh has the exclusive jurisdiction to license & guide outfitters and guide and hunters to harvest for meat, trophy and remuneration animals within their traditional land use areas.
2. The Deh Cho First Nations call on the GNWT to immediately negotiate an agreement with the Deh Cho First Nations which will cede their purported jurisdiction over guiding and outfitting to the Deh Cho First Nations.



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Resolution #02

RE: NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY PROHIBITION

Moved by:



Chief Sam Gagan
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band

Seconded by:


Elder Ernest Cazon
Liidli Kue First Nation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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dated


Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Rights (1993) reaffirm, assert and exercise our inherent rights and powers to govern ourselves as a nation; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is not part of our Dene Culture; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations expect the Leadership to be role models; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nation membership are creating a movement of sobriety and good life style; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Deh Cho Leadership supports the prohibition of alcohol during Assembly, Leadership workshops and Special Meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho Leadership direct changes to the GNWT liquor laws to have National Aboriginal Day declared an alcohol free event for three days, June 20-22, annually.



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Resolution #03

RE: HOUSING CRISIS

Moved by:


Chief Roy Fabien
Katlodeeche First Nation

Seconded by:


Chief Sam Gargan
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Council

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Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage of social housing in the Deh Cho Region; and

WHEREAS, the basic Human Rights also include good shelter, food and a standard of living under Article 25; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the GNWT's lack of support for social housing for families in need; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Housing Association lack the interest to delivering social housing to families in need; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Census identified the Northwest Territories increase population which also include majority of young couples; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leadership of the Deh Cho First Nations direct the NWT Housing Corporation to make social housing a priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, all vacant social housing be filled by families in need immediately



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Resolution #06

RE: SOUTH NAHANNI WATERSHED

Moved by:

Chief Rita Cli
Liidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Lloyd Chicot
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation

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Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the people of Naha Dehe have hunted, fished, trapped, gathered plants, and occupied the South Nahanni River Watershed since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the people of Naha Dehe are now represented by the Nahanni Butte Dene Band Council; and

WHEREAS, the people of Naha Dehe nor the Nahanni Butte Dene Band have never ceded, released, or surrendered their aboriginal title and rights in the South Nahanni Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Nahanni National Park Reserve does not provide sufficient protection to water quality, wildlife habitat, and the unique landscapes; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held in Nahanni Butte on October 23, 2002 with representatives of Deh Cho First Nations and Parks Canada, and attended by the Nahanni Butte Dene Band members, as attached; and

WHEREAS, the draft land withdrawal map showing the proposed land withdrawals in the South Nahanni Watershed, Karstlands, and Ram Plateau was presented and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the people of Naha Dehe wish to become more involved in decisions which effect their traditional lands and waters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in addition to those lands proposed for withdrawal on the map dated October 16, 2002, the surface and sub-surface of the entire South Nahanni Watershed be withdrawn under the Deh Cho First Nations Interim Measures Agreement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Naha Dehe Consensus Team immediately prepare a draft Memorandum of Understanding outlining the steps necessary to expand the Nahanni National Park Reserve and establish a full National Park under the Deh Cho Final Agreement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Naha Dehe Consensus Team immediatley begins to study boundaries for the expansion of the Nahanni National Park Reserve with the goal of establishing a full National Park under a Deh Cho Final Agreement.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Naha Dehe consensus Team and the Deh Cho First Nations Negotiating Team will consult with the people of Nahanni Butte regarding all matters regarding their traditional lands and that final approval of these matter must be approved by the Chief and Council of Nahanni Butte Dene Band.