

DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

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Spring Leadership Meeting
April 28-30, 2009
Hay River Reserve, NT

Resolution #01

Moved by:

Chief Fred Tesou
Nahanni Butte Dene Band

Seconded by:

Chief Berna Landry
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band

MOTION CARRIED

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made in Hay River Reserve, NT
dated April 28, 2009.

Gerald Antoine
Grand Chief

RE: Nahanni Watershed Protection

WHEREAS, the DFN remain committed to the protection of the South Nahanni watershed; and

WHEREAS, the DFN have consistently supported protection of the South Nahanni watershed through the expansion of the boundaries of the Nahanni National Park Reserve to encompass the entire watershed, and through joint federal-DFN management of the Park; and

WHEREAS, Canada and the DFN signed an MoU on Park expansion in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the DFN and Canada formed a joint Nahanni Expansion Working Group (NEWG) to explore options for expanding the boundaries of the Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the NEWG recommended that the boundaries of the Park be expanded to protect most of the watershed while leaving a buffer of non-Park land around Nahanni Butte and leaving the existing interests of Canadian Zinc and North American Tungsten intact; and

WHEREAS, the NEWG has reported to this meeting that Canada is now prepared to expand the boundaries of the Park Reserve to cover approximately 91% of the Dehcho portion of the South Nahanni watershed, and has recommended that the DFN support this expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Dene and Treaty rights of DFN members would be fully protected within the boundaries of the expanded Park,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The DFN reaffirm our support for the protection of the watershed through expansion of the Nahanni National Park Reserve and affirm our support for the expansion recommended at this meeting by the NEWG; and
2. Nahanni Butte Dene Band will continue to take a leading role in the management and protection of the Park Reserve through the Nah'a Dehe Consensus Team.

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Resolution #02

RE: ASEP II

Moved by:


Chief Berna Landry
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band

Seconded by:


Elder Gabe Hardisty
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

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Gerald Antoine
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, Human Resources Development Canada has invited a proposal from Dehcho First Nations for the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Development Strategy (ASEP II); and

WHEREAS, the delivery of the ASEP II program requires the incorporation of an independent not-for-profit Society; and

WHEREAS, this Society is to have representation from DFN communities, Dehcho Economic Corporation, the GNWT -ECE and HRSDC (ex-officio); and

WHEREAS, the formation of this Society is to allow for the inclusion of Sahtu region representatives for the purpose of delivery the ASEP II program in the Sahtu region; and

WHEREAS, the DFN Leadership has reviewed the draft ASEP II proposal and agree with the conditions of the ASEP II program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DFN Leadership fully approves and supports the draft ASEP II proposal, with the addition of the DFN communities training needs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Dehcho First Nations Executive Director secure the support of GNWT-ECE for the ASEP II proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Dehcho First Nations will immediately implement the ASEP II Society through registration and coordination of the initial Society meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the DFN Leadership is in support of the DFN application for ASEP III funding.



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Resolution #03

Moved by:

Elder Gabe Hardisty
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Seconded by:

President Marie Lafferty
Ft. Simpson Métis Local

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RE: Interim Resource Development Agreement

WHEREAS, the DFN and Canada signed an Interim Resource Development Agreement (IRDA) in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the IRDA is intended to foster economic development in the Dehcho territory by providing DFN communities with access to a share of resource royalties to support economic initiatives, and providing that Canada and the DFN will work cooperatively to identify areas which would be acceptable for mineral exploration, and consult on terms and conditions for new oil and gas exploration licences within the territory; and

WHEREAS, the DFN have complied with the terms of the IRDA, particularly by proposing practical and sensible terms and conditions for new petroleum exploration licenses; and

WHEREAS, Canada refused to consider implementing any of the terms and conditions for proposed by DFN and failed to table any compromise proposals of their own but the DFN nevertheless approved a new exploration cycle in the Ft. Liard area in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Director General of INAC wrote to the DFN Grand Chief on February 16, 2009 to propose a new round of discussions aimed at identifying possible exploration parcels and terms and conditions for exploration licenses,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The DFN will respond to the letter of February 16, 2009 by calling for a renewed effort by both the DFN and Canada to find agreement on terms and conditions for a new petroleum exploration cycle; and
2. Negotiations with INAC on terms and conditions will be led by a working group consisting of Chiefs Lloyd Chicot and Chief Keyna Norwegian and Stanley Sanguéz and legal counsel, Chris Reid;
3. The working group will, in consultation with the Chief Negotiator and Grand Chief, retain such other advisors as they deem fit; and
4. The working group will report to and take direction from the DFN Leadership.



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Resolution #04

Moved by:



Chief Keyna Norwegian
Liidlii Kue First Nation

RE: Investment Management Board

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Assembly sets the Investment Management Board (IMB) annual budget; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous calls for information and other unforeseen demands for IMB participation that are not budgeted for; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to change the budget in-between assemblies; and

WHEREAS, the IMB need the ability to attend conferences and make contributions to meetings and conferences;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IMB has the authority to make line item changes to their budget on the condition that they do not go over budget.

Seconded by:



Chief Berna Landry
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band

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Resolution #05

Moved by:

Proxy Clifford McLeod
Ft. Providence Métis Local

Seconded by:

Jayne Konisenta
Nahanni Butte Dene Band

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Re:2009-2010 Negotiations Proposal

WHEREAS, the Dehcho First Nations Leadership have reviewed the Funding proposals and budgets for Gathering Strength, Negotiations Preparedness Initiative and Self Government for 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership desires greater input into the Dehcho Process negotiations, to be accommodated by involvement and inclusion in the internal and Main Table sessions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that these budgets be approved with the recommended changes to accommodate greater Leadership and community involvement; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that they be submitted to Canada for funding.

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Resolution #06

Moved by:



Elder Peter Corneille
Liidlil Kue First Nation

Seconded by:



Chief Alec Sunrise
Katlodeeche First Nation

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Gerald Antoine
Grand Chief

RE: Grand Chief Term

WHEREAS, the Dehcho First Nations Grand Chief term is currently 3 years, and

WHEREAS, the Elders and Harvesters unanimously agreed that the term of the Grand Chief should be extended to become a 4 year term, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DFN Leadership recommends to the Dehcho Assembly that the term of the Grand Chief be changed to a four year term.

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Seconded by:

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Resolution #07

RE: DEC – IRDA ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, DFN Leadership, in compliance with the Leadership Motion #06, February 24, 2005, promotes economic self-reliance for DFN; and

WHEREAS, DFN, through the 2003 Interim Resource Development Agreement (IRDA) with the Government of Canada, distributes \$1 million annually for administration and business development grants for projects that promote economic self-reliance for DFN; and

WHEREAS, DFN Leadership has identified the need to establish an effective system for administrations of the Resource Royalties funding that is separate from the Dehcho First Nations political regime;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Dehcho Economic Corporation assist the Dehcho First Nations in the administration of the annual Resource Royalties allocations.



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Resolution #08

Moved by:


Chief Berna Landry
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band

RE: Voting Procedures

WHEREAS, Dehcho First Nations requires a clear voting procedure for the election of the Grand Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Elders and Harvesters had a detailed discussion on voting procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Elders and Harvesters recommended a voting procedure

Seconded by:


Elder Barb Sloat
Ft. Simpson Métis Local

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, DFN Leadership recommend to the DFN Assembly that the voting procedure be as follow by recommendation from the Elders and Harvesters:

- 1) When there are 3 candidates or less there will be one ballot and the candidate with the most votes becomes the Grand Chief.
- 2) When there are 4 or more candidates there will be two ballots. The first ballot will have all candidates. The second ballot will have the two candidates with the most votes from the first ballot and the candidate that receives the most votes in the second ballot will become the Grand Chief.

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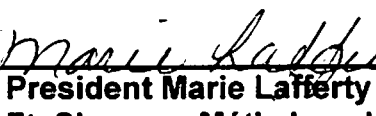
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Resolution #09

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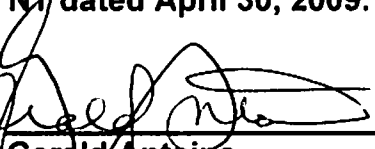

Chief Alec Sunrise
Katlodeeche First Nation

Seconded by:


President Marie Lafferty
Ft. Simpson Métis Local

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RE: IRDA Resource Royalty Allocation

WHEREAS, DFN Leadership, in compliance with the Leadership Motion #06, February 24, 2005, promotes economic self-reliance for Dehcho First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership have identified the need to establish an effective system for management of the Resource Royalties funding that is separate from the Dehcho First Nations political regime;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the DFN Leadership recommends that the 2008/2009 funds be allocated according to the Resources Royalties Committee review.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the DFN Leadership recommends the IRDA funds be released on a quarterly basis and are to report on the results.