



DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS

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11th Annual Deh Cho Assembly
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Resolution # 01

Deh Cho Process

Moved by:

Chief Tim Lennie
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Seconded by:

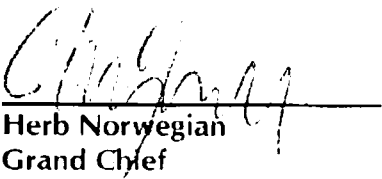


Jonas Lafferty, Delegate
Fort Simpson Metis Nation

54 for
5 Abstentions

Motion Carried

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dated June 27, 2003



Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho negotiating team has presented two draft papers titled "Lands and Resources Governance in the Deh Cho – Final Settlement Options" and "Draft Deh Cho Agreement-in-Principle"; and

WHEREAS, these papers have been discussed by the Leadership prior to this Assembly; and

WHEREAS, these papers represent a flexible, reasonable and honourable approach to addressing the lands and resources components of a Deh Cho final agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the negotiating team is instructed to present these papers to Canada's negotiators on behalf of the Deh Cho First Nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the papers will be amended to use Dene words which reflect the Dene view that land cannot be "owned" by anyone or any government.



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Resolution # 02

Deh Cho First Nations Interests in the Yukon

Moved by:

Chief Keyna Norwgian
Liidlil Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Jonas Lafferty, Delegate
Fort Simpson Metis Nation

48 in favor
6 Abstentions
0 Opposed

Motion Carried

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the traditional territories of Acho Dene Koe, Nahanni Butte and Pehdzeh Ki First Nations extend into the Yukon; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to negotiate with both the government of the Yukon and with the government of Canada to resolve these issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Deh Cho First Nations hereby delegate Acho Dene Koe to represent the full Deh Cho interests on the transboundary negotiations of those interests in the Yukon with Canada and Yukon, with the understanding that Acho Dene Koe will fully include representative Pehdzeh Ki First Nation, Nahanni Butte Dene Band, and make a progress report to all Deh Cho First Nation Communities and a monthly report to the Deh Cho First Nations Negotiating team and Leadership; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Deh Cho First Nations hereby establishes a transboundary negotiating team, consisting of one appointed representative from each Deh Cho First Nation (Acho Dene Koe, Nahanni Butte and Pehdzeh Ki)), and a member at large to represent their collective interests in the Yukon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the transboundary negotiating team take their direction from the councils of the participating First Nations with regular consultation with the Chief Negotiator for the Deh Cho Process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is conditional upon approach by the Chiefs and Council of the affected communities.



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Resolution # 03

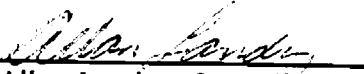
Deh Cho First Nations Interests in British Columbia

Moved by:



Chief Sam Gargan
Deh Gah'Got'ie Dene
Council

Seconded by:



Allan Landry, Councilor
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation

58 in Favor
0 Against

Motion Carried

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the traditional territories of Acho Dene Koe and Sambaa K'e First Nations extend into north-eastern British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Canadian policy dictates that First Nations interests in British Columbia must be addressed through the British Columbia Treaty Commission rather than through the Deh Cho Process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Deh Cho First Nations hereby delegate Acho Dene Koe to represent the full Deh Cho interests for transboundary negotiations of those interests in British Columbia with Canada and British Columbia, with the understanding that Acho Dene Koe will fully include a representative of Sambaa K'e on its negotiating team and make monthly progress reports to the Deh Cho First Nations negotiating team and Leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations hereby establishes a transboundary negotiating team consisting of one representative appointed by each of Acho Dene Koe and Sambaa K'e to represent their collective interests in British Columbia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the transboundary negotiating team take their direction from the councils of the participating First Nations with regular consultation with the Chief Negotiator for the Deh Cho Process.



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Resolution # 04

Settlement of Enterprise

Moved by:

Allan Landry, Councilor
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Keyna Norwegian
Liidlii Kue First Nation

25 for
11 Against
9 Abstentions

Motion Carried

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dated June 27, 2003

Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the settlement of Enterprise has a request to the Deh Cho First Nations for consideration of inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the settlement of Enterprise has expressed support for the Deh Cho First Nations people maintaining their treaty relationship with Canada and building a public government of the Deh Cho based on Dene laws and customs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations consider negotiating a Memorandum of Intent on inclusion of the Settlement of Enterprise in the Deh Cho First Nations Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Leadership will have the authority to approve inclusion of the Settlement of Enterprise in the Deh Cho First Nations subject to the terms of the Memorandum of Intent.



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Resolution #05

Elders Council

Moved by:

Chief Roy Fabien
K'atlodeeche First Nation

Seconded by:

Richard Lafferty, Delegate
Ft. Providence Metis Nation

Carried by Consensus

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the 2002 Deh Cho Assembly had approved \$75,000.00 for the Elders Council

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations establish a Deh Cho First Nation Elders Council to develop a budget of \$75,000.00 allocation as they see it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations reinstate Elders to the Executive Committee.



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Resolution # 06

Selection of Grand Chief

Moved by:


Chief Sam Gargan
Deh Gah Got'ie Dene
Council

Seconded by:


Chief Tim Lennie
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Moved by Consensus

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, there is a cultural clash between the Deh Cho Elders and other Deh Cho Dene that are educated in English;

WHEREAS, there was a motion at the 2000 Assembly to develop a Grand Chief selection process;

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Proposal under section 4 stipulates that Dene custom will be used to select our leaders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho Leadership ensure that a draft Grand Chief selection procedures and policies be presented to the 2004 Deh Cho Assembly for approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elders will be fully involved in the development of the draft policy.



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Resolution #07

Metis in the Deh Cho Process

Moved by:


Chief Tim Lennie
Pehdezeh Ki First Nation

Seconded by:


Ted Landry, Elder
Deh Gah Got'ie Dene
Council

Motion Carried

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Process includes two peoples, the Dene and Metis in one Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Metis Culture & Heritage is being lost; and

WHEREAS, the Metis Aboriginal Rights are being over looked; and

WHEREAS, the Metis-Dene Descendants of the Deh Cho have a need to do research on Metis specific issues; and

WHEREAS, the research on Metis specific issues will add strength to the Deh Cho Process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho Process budget will identify a budget line identified by the Metis, in addition to the main table budget that will be for Metis participation in the Deh Cho Process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho Process Phase II include an assistant negotiator who will assist the main table and address Metis specific issues, in addition to other issues.



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Resolution # 09

Grand Chief

Moved by:

Chief Keyna Norwegian
Liidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Doris Erasmus, A/President
Fort Simpson Metis Nation

56 in Favor
15 Against

Motion Carried

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dated June 26, 2003

Michael Nadli
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Elders have given the recommendation to the Assembly concerning the selection of the Grand Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Elders have recommended support for Herb Norwegian;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly acknowledges the Elders' recommendation and proceed with voting procedures for all five candidates.



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Resolution #10

Language Development Plan

Moved by:


Chief Roy Fabien
K'atlodeeche First Nation

Seconded by:


Kenny Cayen, delegate
West Point First Nation

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made at Ka'a'gee Tu, NT
dated June 27, 2003


Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Assembly has received and reviewed the draft 2003-2008 Deh Cho Language Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan contains 17 recommendations aimed at promoting the retention of our language;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations will take all necessary steps to implement the recommendations of the Language Development Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Language Working Group will be established to address the key elements of an Effective Language Development Strategy, as set out on page 9 of the draft Language Development Plan.



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Resolution #11

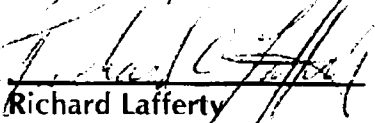
Deh Cho (Mackenzie River) Bridge

Moved by:



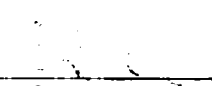
Chief Bobby Cayen
West Point First Nation

Seconded by:



Richard Lafferty
Ft. Providence Metis
Nation

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the community of Ft. Providence is proposing to build, own and operate a bridge over the Mackenzie River at Ft. Providence and;

WHEREAS, this represents a significant economic opportunity for the Deh Gah Gotie Dene and Metis and whereas this project will serve as a model for other First Nations and;

WHEREAS, a bridge crossing the mackenzie River on the Yellowknife highway would provide significant economic benefits throughout the Northwest Territories and;

WHEREAS, it appears that the bridge will reduce the long-term impacts and risks to the environment

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership and delegates in assembly support the community of Ft. Providence's proposal along with the necessary environmental permits required to build, own and operate the Deh Cho Bridge



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Resolution # 12

Scholarships

Moved by:

Doris Erasmus, A/President
Fort Simpson Metis Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Roy Fabien
K'atlodeeche First Nation

Motion Carried

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations has up to now annually awarded scholarships of \$1,000.00 each; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations wishes to encourage more young people to achieve higher education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that beginning with the 2004 Annual Assembly, the Deh Cho First Nations will award up to 12 scholarships of \$ 2,000.00 each, to applicants who meet the eligibility criteria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Leadership will review the eligibility prior to the 2004 Assembly.



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Resolution #13

Aboriginal Human Resources Development
Agreement Renewal Support

Moved by:

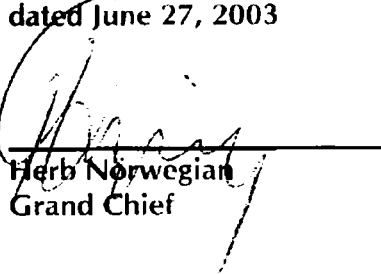

Chief Tim Lennie
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Seconded by:


Allan Landry
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation

Carried

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations administers the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement funding to the First Nations and Metis Local for the Deh Cho membership;

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement funding provides Labour Market Development programs for the Deh Cho Region which is provided by Human Resources Development Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Leadership has benefited from the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement programs and participated directly in and approves the continuation of Deh Cho First Nations Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by our inherent right to govern the Deh Cho, we will continue to support Deh Cho First Nations' partnership with Human Resources Development Canada and fully support desire to continue with a new agreement after March 31, 2004;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we call on Human Resources Development Canada to ensure that the new agreement be implemented as of April 1st 2004 for capacity development of our aboriginal population will not be negatively impacted.



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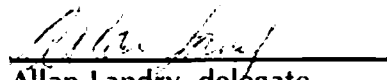
Resolution #14

Aboriginal Human Resources Development
Agreement Funding Allocations

Moved by:


Chief Roy Fabien
K'atlodeeche First Nation

Seconded by:


Allan Landry, delegate
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation

CARRIED

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Leadership recognizes the contradiction with the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement funding allocation to the Deh Cho Region based on the Statistic Canada's 1996 consensus and the First Nations and Metis Local allocations through Indian & Northern Affairs Canada band membership numbers;

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Leadership has raised concerns with the restrictions with the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement funding such as not being able to fund clients who are on their band listing and who are not residing within their own community yet living in the Deh Cho Region; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Leadership recognize a need for clarification on funding clients under the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement after March 31, 2004

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Deh Cho First Nations will allocate funding in the new agreement based on the revised criteria utilized by Human Resources Development Canada.



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Resolution #16

Deh Cho Economic Corporation

Moved by:



Chief Sam Gargan
Deh Gah Got'ie Dene
Council

Seconded by:



Chief Roy Fabien
K'atlodzeeche First Nation

Motion Carried

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Economic Corporation (DCEC) wishes to partner with First Nation/Metis communities and maximize local business and employment in the region; and

WHEREAS, Deh Cho Economic Corporation wishes to enhance its ability to provide advice to Deh Cho First Nations on major projects and natural resource development in the region; and

WHEREAS, Deh Cho Economic Corporation requires during its start-up period assured funding for a general manager's position and the expense of operating a small office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Deh Cho First Nations will consider apportion the Economic Development Corporation to provide secure funding for its base operating budget. Funding of \$137,000.00 to be drawn down from DCFN General fund for the fiscal year 2003-2004.



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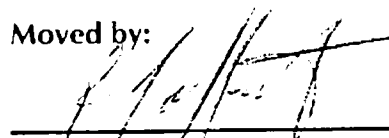


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Resolution #17

RE: Metis Equality

Moved by:


Richard Lafferty, Delegate
Ft. Providence Metis Nation

Seconded by:


Chief Sam Gargan
Deh Gah Got'ie Dene
Council

Motion Carried

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations include the Metis -Dene descendants as equals in the Deh Cho and;

WHEREAS, the government of Canada and the GNWT do not recognize the Deh Cho Metis as equals and;

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Metis do not have required financial resources to operate, research and participate fully in the Deh Cho Process and Economic Development in the Deh Cho;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations support the Metis-Dene Descendants in qualifying equally to all GNWT and Canada Funding and Economic Development program dollars.