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Resolution # 4

**RE: Access and Benefits Negotiations  
with the Mackenzie Gas Project**

Moved by:

  
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resolution made at Fort  
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Herb Norwegian  
Grand Chief

**WHEREAS**, negotiations on Access and Benefits Agreements between the Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP) and Dehcho Communities have been concluded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dehcho communities have been invited to re-engage in negotiations with a renewed Senior MGP Negotiating Team; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that access and benefits negotiations can continue in parallel with priority settlement negotiations and other Dehcho initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Dehcho Leaders have had the opportunity to meet with Senior Officials from MGP in a successful facilitated session in Edmonton; and

**WHEREAS**, Dehcho Leaders and communities are satisfied that enough common ground exists between Dehcho Communities and MGP to move negotiations forward; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the Dehcho interest to have all communities work together on access and benefits negotiations,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that all Dehcho communities support the structure and mandate of a negotiations team, and

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**WHEREAS**, it is essential that Dehcho Leaders and communities have direct involvement and control of access and benefits negotiations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**; the Dehcho Leadership mandate Chiefs Keyna Norwegian, Berna Landry, Stanley Sanguéz, Lloyd Chicot and a Pedzeh Ki representative to lead and conduct access and benefits negotiations with the MGP, the objective of which is to negotiate a draft access agreement and a draft benefits agreement for consideration by all Dehcho communities and Leaders; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**; all Dehcho Leaders and communities be kept informed of the content and progress of negotiations on an ongoing basis as negotiations evolve; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**; all Dehcho communities are entitled to benefits from an agreement with the Mackenzie Gas Project, and that communities along the pipeline right of way are entitled to access fees in an access agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**; each Dehcho community be directly consulted by the negotiating team to canvas community issues and expectations relative to access and benefits agreements, and that access and benefits negotiations include the opportunity for "community specific" issues and opportunities to be incorporated within any draft access and benefits agreements