



# DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS

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Leadership Meeting  
Wrigley, NT  
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Resolution # 01

2003-2004 Strategic Operational Plan

Moved by:

  
Chief Roy Fabien  
Katlodeeche First Nation


Seconded by:

  
Chief Tim Lennie  
Pehdzeh Ki First Nations

1 Opposed

CARRIED.

Certified copy of resolution  
made at Wrigley, NT dated  
February 18, 2003

  
Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership have met for Strategic Planning session in February, Hay River Reserve, and;

WHEREAS, the goals and objectives of the 2000 DCFN Strategic Operational Plan, were discussed; and

WHEREAS, the DCFN Leadership have identified new goals and objectives for Deh Cho First Nations as a regional tribal organization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2003 Strategic Plan report goals and objectives be incorporated into the DCFN Operational Plan for 2003 - 2004.



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Resolution # 02

## Deh Cho Social Development Forum

Moved by:

President Randy  
Sibbeston  
Fort Simpson Metis Local

WHEREAS, LKFN would like to hold a Social Development Forum for the date of March 26, 27, 2003 in Fort Simpson;

WHEREAS, the support of all Leadership is imperative to deal with these very serious issues;

Seconded by:

  
Chief Tim Lennie  
Pehdzeh Ki First Nations

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DCFN Leadership supports LKFN to initiate this very important forum

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Resolution # 03

## Interim Land Withdrawals

Moved by:

Elder Ernest Cazon  
Liidlil Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Tim Lennie  
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

1 Abstention

Carried

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the 21 Common Ground Principles state that the integrity of the land will be maintained throughout negotiations with Canada on a Deh Cho Final Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Interim Measures Agreement signed on May 23, 2001 committed Canada and the Deh Cho First Nations to negotiate interim land withdrawals which, would protect environmentally sensitive lands, important harvesting areas, watersheds and sacred and cultural sites; and

WHEREAS, interim land withdrawals will protect withdrawn lands from sale, lease mineral staking, oil and gas rights issuance and most new seismic cut lines while negotiations are proceeding towards a final agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho negotiating team has negotiated a package of land withdrawals which represents an appropriate balance between protecting important and sensitive lands and waters, while leaving sufficient land open for new resource development initiatives;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations supports the land withdrawals package presented to the Winter 2003 Leadership meeting and directs Canada and the Grand Chief to move forward promptly to give legal effect to the withdrawals package.**



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Resolution # 04

## Nahanni National Park Reserve Interim Agreements

Moved by:

Elder Ernest Cazon  
Liidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Leon Konisenta  
Nahanni Butte Dene  
Band

Carried Unanimously

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resolution made at  
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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Naha Deh Consensus team was established by the Deh Cho Interim Measures Agreement signed on May 23, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Naha Deh Consensus Team mandate required it to draft an Interim Park Management Arrangement, a Park Management Plan, an Ecological Integrity Statement, and an Memorandum of Understanding on issues related to expansion of the park and protection of the South Nahanni watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Naha Deh Consensus Team has presented an Interim Park Management Arrangement, a Park Management Plan, an Ecological Integrity Statement and Memorandum of Understanding to the Leadership for approval;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Deh Cho First Nations accept the draft agreements presented by the Naha Deh Consensus Team and direct the Grand Chief to sign the agreements as soon as Canada has indicated that it will also sign the agreements and an appropriate signing ceremony can be arranged; and

2. The Grand Chief is directed to continue working for the protection of the entire South Nahanni watershed.



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Resolution # 05

## Interim Resource Development Agreement

Moved by:

  
Chief Sam Gargan  
Deh Gah Gofie Dene  
Council

Seconded by:

  
Chief Leon Thomas  
West Point First Nations

1 Abstention

Carried

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Interim Measures Agreement signed on May 23, 2001 requires Canada and the Deh Cho First Nations to negotiate an Interim Resource Development Agreement (IRDA) in order to ensure that Deh Cho communities benefit from resource development prior to a final agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho and Federal negotiators have presented a draft Interim Resource Development Agreement which provides for the Deh Cho receiving a share of royalties from resource extraction in the Mackenzie Valley, and negotiations of Impact Benefits Agreements before any major mining projects are approved, and negotiations on the terms and conditions for new oil and gas exploration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. The Grand Chief is instructed to sign the Interim Resource Development Agreements on behalf of the Deh Cho First Nations; and
2. The Grand Chief and negotiating team are instructed to advise Canada that the Interim Resource Development Agreement does not meet minimum Deh Cho requirements for allowing new oil and gas exploration in our territory; and

3. The Grand Chief and the negotiating team are instructed to negotiate terms and conditions for a new exploration cycle which will ensure, through pre-bid qualifications and other measures, that the Deh Cho First Nations have appropriate control over the selection of exploration parcels, a full role in monitoring and controlling the possible environmental impacts of exploration and extraction, and a fair share of revenue from any new finds on our lands;

4. We re-affirm that no new exploration cycle will occur until there is a consensus of the full Deh Cho Leadership to support a new rights issuance cycle.





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Resolution # 06

## Town of Hay River General Plan

Moved by:


  
Chief Roy Fabien  
Katlodeeche First Nation

Seconded by:

  
Elder Jim Thomas  
West Point First Nation

Carried Unanimously

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the peoples who live in the Deh Cho desire to support one another; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that different cultures can and should exist harmoniously with one another; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hay River desires to have a General Plan according to the laws of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the traditions of the community;

WHEREAS, the Town of Hay River desires to develop and grow in a manner that is both orderly and in harmony with the land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leadership of the Deh Cho First Nations refers approval of the Town of Hay River General Plan, to the Councils of Katlodeeche First Nation and West Point First Nation, following the receipt by them of advice from the negotiating team.



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Resolution # 07

## Deh Cho Economic Corporation Membership

Moved by:

President Randy  
Sibbeston  
Fort Simpson Metis  
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Fred Norwegian  
Jean Marie River Band  
Council

Carried

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, Kakisa Resolution #02 of the Deh Cho First Nations (June 25, 2002) created a regional development corporation and established governance by one director appointed from each of ten (10) communities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Deh Cho Economic Corporation to equally reflect the First Nations involved in the Deh Cho Process;

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. Kakisa Resolution #02 confirms that a director from each 10 communities, as chosen by First Nation and Metis Local where required, will constitute the Board of Directors until directed otherwise by the General Assembly; and
2. The directors of the Deh Cho Economic Corporation are requested to issue shareholdings in equal amounts to each of the thirteen (13) Dene and Metis First Nations participating in the Deh Cho Process.



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Resolution # 08

## Deh Cho Economic Corporation Mandate Clarification

Moved by:

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President Randy Sibbeston  
Fort Simpson Metis Nation

Seconded by:

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Elder Ernest Cazon  
Liidlii Kue First Nation

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations (DCFN) have formed the Deh Cho Economic Corporation (DCEC) for the purpose of pursuing large-scale, capital intensive projects and to prepare for natural resource developments being considered in the region; and

WHEREAS, Deh Cho Economic Corporation had commenced and then suspended a review of one or both pipeline proposals pending input from Deh Cho First Nations Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Deh Cho Economic Corporation wishes to move forward in fulfilling its Deh Cho Assembly mandate while respecting sensitivities of the Deh Cho Process and Deh Cho First Nations Leadership direction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Deh Cho First Nations directs the Deh Cho Economic Corporation to proactively investigate, prepare options, consult with Deh Cho First Nations Leadership and communities, and be prepared to capture maximum benefits from all major business opportunities arising within the Deh Cho;

2. Until such time as Deh Cho First Nations have concluded negotiations of terms and conditions for a proposed pipeline and proposed petroleum resource development, the Deh Cho Economic Corporation shall restrict its activities to investigation, discussion papers and preliminary reviews;

3. The Deh Cho First Nations directs the Deh Cho Economic Corporation to work closely and coordinate with other Deh Cho First Nations groups who become involved in major business opportunities;

4. While the Deh Cho First Nations encourages the Deh Cho Economic Corporation to pursue all major business opportunities, these actions shall not be construed as tacit or implied support for projects underlying the business opportunities being investigated by the Deh Cho Economic Corporation;

5. The Deh Cho First Nations directs the Deh Cho Economic Corporation not to commence any major business opportunity which requires use of the land base without first consulting the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership.



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Resolution # 09

Appointments to Mackenzie Valley Land & Water  
Board and Mackenzie Valley Environment  
Impact Review Board

Moved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Tim Lennie  
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Seconded by:

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President Randy  
Sibbeston  
Fort Simpson Metis  
Nation

1 Abstention

Carried

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho Interim Measures Agreement provides for the Deh Cho First Nations to nominate a representative to the Mackenzie Valley Land & Water Board, and a representative to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to recruit qualified people to represent the interests of the Deh Cho on these Boards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Deh Cho First Nations staff will advertise for interested and qualified persons to submit applications to the Executive Committee;
2. The Executive Committee will review the applications which are submitted and recommend nominees to the Leadership;
3. The Leadership will move as quickly as possible to nominate representatives to the Minister; and

4. These nominations will be made without prejudice the Deh Cho's position that the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act is constitutionally inapplicable in the Deh Cho territory



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Resolution # 10

## Oil and Gas Exploration

Moved by:

  
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President Randy  
Sibbeston  
Fort Simpson Metis  
Nation

Seconded by:

  
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Chief Roy Fabien  
Katlodeeche First Nation

Carried

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Leadership has approved an Interim Resource Development Agreement with Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Resource Development Agreement provides that there will be consultations on the terms and conditions for any new rights issuance cycles for oil and gas exploration licenses; and

WHEREAS, all Deh Cho communities agree that we must work together as One House in order to ensure that any new resources development is managed for the benefit of the whole Deh Cho and in a way which respects the ecological integrity of our land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. An oil and gas working group will be established as part of the Deh Cho Process to negotiate terms and conditions for new exploration licenses;
2. The working group will report through the Chief Negotiator to the Leadership;

3. The Chief Negotiator, in consultation with the Grand Chief, will retain any necessary expert advice to assist the Oil and Gas Working Group in its negotiations with Canada and industry;

4. The Oil and Gas Working group will also work in consultation with communities to identify potential exploration parcel(s);

5. Once the Leadership has approved any new parcel(s) for exploration, the Oil and Gas Working Group, under the direction of the Chief Negotiator, will issue a Request for Proposals, inviting companies to negotiate revenue sharing and land access agreements and impact benefit agreements with Deh Cho First Nations;

6. The Oil and Gas Working Group, under the direction of the Chief Negotiator, will negotiate with interested companies and then submit draft agreements to the Leadership; and

7. Once negotiations with DIAND on terms and conditions for new exploration licenses have been completed, and negotiations on revenue sharing and impact benefit agreements have been completed, the Leadership will consider supporting a new rights issuance cycle for exploration licenses.





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Resolution # 11

## Education

Moved by:

Chief Roy Fabien  
Katlodeeche First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Mendo  
Begae Shuhagot'ine

Carried Unanimously

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the future of Deh Cho First Nations will depend on the educational skills of our children and grandchildren and the level of education taught in our schools should be of the highest standard to ensure that our children have the best opportunities available; and

WHEREAS, the program "whole language learning" being taught in all elementary schools has been banned in 30 U.S. states and has been banned in some separate schools in Canada, and there is concern that our children may be affected by this particular program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that;

1. the Deh Cho First Nations do a study on the all elementary programs to find out where they got it from and why there are so many Dene children on modified programs, and why the education programs in Deh Cho communities are below standard in comparison to other Northwest Territories schools and Alberta according to some parents;

2. Deh Cho First Nations will establish a team to go to Rae to find out how the Dogrib Nation have restructured their educational system



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Resolution # 12

## Deh Cho Pipeline Working Group

Moved by:

President Randy  
Sibbeston  
Fort Simpson Metis  
Nation

Seconded by:

  
Chief Tim Lennie  
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Carried Unanimously

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Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline- if and when it is ever built - will affect all people in the Deh Cho; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations have adopted a position at the 2001 Special Assembly in Wrigley which states that the Deh Cho will consider supporting a pipeline only after our terms and conditions have been met, including agreement on access fees for the use of our land; and

WHEREAS, a Working Group has been established to ensure that the Deh Cho approaches any negotiations on a proposed pipeline issues as a united nation, rather than as 13 separate communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that;

1. Pipeline companies will be directed to address any applications for permits or requests for consultations to the Working Group, in care of the Deh Cho First Nations office; and

2. The Working Group will focus first on negotiating tentative land access fees agreements with all companies, which are interested in building a proposed pipeline before moving on to negotiate other issues to address the terms and conditions in the Wrigley resolution.