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Winter Leadership Summaries



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Elder Sam Elleze
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Alison de Pelham, Executive Director
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Kevin Menicoche, Co-Chair

Leona Tanche, A/Negotiations Coordinator
Greg Nyuli, Executive Assistant

Opening Prayer – Herb Norwegian

Approval of Chairperson

MOTION #01 WINTER 21FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership approves Kevin Menicoche as Chair for the 2017 Winter Leadership meeting.

Moved by Joachim Bonnetrouge

Seconded by Gerry Antoine

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION #02 WINTER 21FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership approve the draft agenda as presented.

Moved by Daniel Peterson

Seconded by Joachim Bonnetrouge

CARRIED

Approval of Summaries

MOTION #03 WINTER 21FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership approve Summaries of January 10-11, 2017; November 29-December 1, 2016; November 22, 2016 and October 25-27, 2016.

Moved by Karen Felker

Seconded by Marie Lafferty

2 Abstention – Gerry Antoine/Joachim Bonnetrouge

CARRIED

Questions/Comments

Elder Rita Cli added past summaries in one motion, with back up on the summaries at the DFN office. Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge abstained from voting on summaries because of the Education discussion in January was to continue.

Resolution Follow up – Executive Director

Recommend to discuss Education during Scholarship Report. Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge added in regards to the comments by Chiefs Chicot and Antoine, on the Nahanni Butte road, thought Executive Committee would have done follow up. Leadership made a motion for Nahanni Butte to do certain things and contractors got all excited.

Executive Director intended to have an Executive Committee Meeting on Monday and we did not have quorum. Two members were unavailable. We haven't had that discussion with them on Education yet. We have a resolution calling for the establishment of an Education Working Group taking a look what is in the AiP and these sorts of things. I was proposing since we don't have independent money, that the Scholarship Committee who are a very educated group of women, Rosemary Gill who will be here this afternoon, Chief Gladys Norwegian, Margaret Thom and Betty Hardisty who had a lot of work with the DEAs and Education Committees; there are four women in the region that deal with Scholarships and I was going to start introducing Education topics to them.

The reason I made the comment on the Nahanni Butte All-weather Access Road, is the environmental analysis hasn't been completed and there are a number of concerns where the road will cross. The contractors were concerned and to take a look at that whole development and be environmentally critical of that development. The DFN Leadership passed a Resolution to accept the Access Road without any concerns on developmental or environmental reviews. That is where I was saying our contractors we have been paid to pull it apart to see what the concerns could be by the Leadership. We have to pause and take a 360 turn at what we are doing and what the impacts will be.

Chair Menicoche indicated the Grand Chief doesn't want too much discussion at the table without Nahanni Butte being present; that will be a discussion for the Spring Leadership.

Elder Karen Felker asked if it is possible Nahanni Butte could entertain an amendment to the Resolution? That could be a discussion with the communities that are impacted: Trout Lake, Fort Simpson and Jean Marie River to put everyone's mind at ease.

Grand Chief Herb Norwegian replied after looking at the Resolution, everybody reacted without giving it some thought as Chief Antoine mentioned. A Resolution done like that could be rescinded. We could have a discussion with Nahanni Butte in order to accommodate the environmental concerns and the issues they have been working on is to amend it in such a way that Leadership gives approval. To accommodate the neighboring communities, there will have to be a second resolution. Maybe those are the things we could do and have a discussion with them and bring it back to the Spring Leadership.

Elder Rita Cli would like it circulated. The Land Use Plan would catch our environmental concerns. Land Use Plan stopped development before. In agreement they should be here at the table when we talk about them but when it is a public issue, I have a concern as a Dehcho member. It says Nahanni Butte want more say on Nahanni National Park. We need to know if there is liaison between them and the Grand Chief. They want to step away from the Park and were involved from the beginning. They were never excluded, they were included.

It concerns me when you start seeing this and everyone is saying the Dehcho Process is falling apart. That Land Use Plan is a prime example, the Elders of the day said the Plan has to stay intact. It has been watered down to accommodate the GNWT but the Elders said if it stays intact, everything will fall into place. When you look at the way things are happening, we are in a unique situation and to call the shots from other failures that have passed. The Land Use Plan is protecting us.

Executive Director added expand discussion on Education, with the Scholarship Committee that will be coming from me. We need to approach Nahanni Butte whether they would consider an amendment or rescind and restate that Resolution. As per Elder Cli's discussion, that road should be referenced in the current Land Use Plan and see what is highlighted with environmental concerns.

Chief Gerry Antoine added concerns on students, referencing Alberta example. Last year they had an Assembly on Education. The person in Education that has the last say is the Minister of Education. There are communities and Reserves that look after Education. The other thing mentioned was some people are on a Scholarship Committee, suggestion to use the same individuals. Their task should be clear.

Break

Executive Director announced Jessie Loutit, Ft. Simpson Metis Local member and been selected to train full time for the national women's rowing team which would be the team that moves on to the Olympics. She has contacted me a few months ago, she is going into intensive training, moving to Victoria and looking for funds to assist. Ft. Simpson Metis has already funded her. She is very impressive, two post-secondary degrees while she is rowing and winning international gold medals. She has been a real role model for our region and will become one.

Finance Report – Executive Director

Tab three, first page is Balance Sheet for the organization. Currently we have \$217,000 as of February 15th, in the bank. We have credit card receivables - \$13,000, Investments, what we call Surplus Dollars, are invested in GICs on an annual basis of \$1,000,000. Total assets for the year is \$3.7 million. Our furniture has depreciated. Our vehicles are paid out. We have \$2.1 invested in Denendeh Investments and in the Dehcho Corporation.

Master Trust Fund managed by CIBC Wood Gundy is \$18,077,025.66. Will receive a Performance Review on the Master Trust from TE Wealth, a short Plain English Version in the packages and have the detailed Performance Analysis which is about forty-four pages which could circulate that electronically.

Liabilities: We owe \$1.1 million in payments, some accrued payables have not been resolved this year - \$38,000. Set aside in the employee Severance Account, which is something we are doing annually now, we make assessment on if things came to a halt. It's like a forecaster of doom, we would calculate how much we would owe to an employees if we have to lay them off. It is a restricted fund and just for severance payments if we had to shut the doors. It is set aside and restricted so we will never spend that. We pay GST, the government owe us, \$13,896.

The Trust Reserve Fund, I don't know why it is listed like that. Retained earnings, last year, \$2.9 million. Currently, our earnings are \$1 million and these are through various programs we operate and receive administration funds to keep the efforts going.

The value of Dehcho First Nations including the Trust is \$23 million. This is informing you of everywhere we receive funding from. The deferred revenue transfers at the bottom, involve our movement money from the Resource Royalty account of deferred revenue and that is the money distributed to all the member organizations. A small amount of money that comes through sales, we rent office space to Arctic Energy Alliance.

Interest revenues, we've gained \$158,288.09 on administration revenues. AHRDA, will have to get the Auditor to rename this, it is now ASETS.

Payroll expenses - \$896,811, it is \$1,021,000 is paid out to employees. General & Administrative Expenses, from accounting to legal to leadership have costs or paid out on behalf of. ADK and KFN still receive services from us. They are eligible to apply for Resource Royalties. They receive services from us under the Language and Literacy Funding.

Page 1, Program Summaries, you are seeing the Chart of Accounts, amount of money dedicated for the year and the revenues that remain unspent or overspent. AAROM: George is still in the process of spending in that program. Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy, George Low's, you have \$177,310 left in that Program. He comes in and sits down with our Finance Manager and making sure he is distributing what he can then allocates to the DFN, administration fee for looking after the program. Aboriginal Intergovernmental Meetings, we used to receive \$50,000, as a grant and now we receive \$36,000. They have reduced it across the territory.

Aboriginal Language: \$619,000, over. Posted the last invoice from University of Victoria for the Language Students. Going to reduce the administration and pay the overage of \$18,000. The Elders Trust gave the Aboriginal Language \$10,000 from their Trust allotment. It shows at the top for revenues. The General Assembly is zeroed out. ASETS: That is the money they owe DFN for its' Management and Administration of the ASETS file.

Land-based Programs. This fiscal year, received \$125,000 from the Department of Health & Social Services for On the Land Healing Fund. When we discovered we were getting it, close to year end, we worked with the schools and were successful in supporting a Grieving and Loss Workshop at Cli Lake, Bompas Elementary had a workshop for young mothers and the High School is involved in that.

In Ft. Providence is a Drumming Workshop sponsored and Land-based projects. The allotment will be there next year. There will be a full consultation with all the communities and their schools on how to share that money.

Negotiations - our money was spent before Christmas, the money that was allocated by the federal government. Page 10 of Program Reports, says Negotiations Extra, approached Leadership in fall indicating we were going to need more money. There was an allocation of \$200,000. We still have \$125,000 to take us to the end of the fiscal year. It is there in case we need it. The Negotiations Preparedness Initiative Proposals are in the binders for discussion prior to us asking for a Resolution to support it, which is required by the federal government.

We are almost finished our work with PKFN. Resource Management Coordinator has been very active, Foundations have been very generous and our Dehcho K'ehodi Program is moving forward very strongly.

Tracking Change Program is cooperative work with southern University of changes over time on the Environment. There was a river trip kids were involved in, documenting and interviewing community people and people along the river, observing changes along the river. This is now has become an international interest, Tracking Changes Program, it takes people in Thailand and South America. It is an international First Nation effort.

The University sponsored Robyn McLeod of Ft. Providence in travelling to Thailand on behalf of Dehcho First Nations and making presentations on Dehcho First Nations Tracking Changes Project. She will be involved in going to a fishing village in Thailand and spending time there sharing their results and work to date and having discussion on how to advance further.

On page one, the funding that is owed to various organizations for a total of \$1.15 million. Then on the last page of financials, you have receivables and what is still on the books.

This is the second year DFN provided our own equity to Negotiations. Using some of our money to make sure that the Process continues. We are being minimized by the federal government in terms of money.

Given notice to the DFN staff that given us waiting for the results of the Ministerial Representative, that they are under notice, things could change. The Negotiations Team will be given a technical notice. We usually carry them until the first quarter until we hear from the government on what they are doing with funding. They will be giving the technical notice if we don't get the funding.

Questions/Comments

Chief Gerry Antoine:

1. Balance sheet is in the middle of February, usually at the end of the month. If we could have it for end of January.
2. 30-71715 balance, have the bank rec with it.
3. Denendeh Investment – what is this? DII is part of this. Is it a separate one? Alison replied no, it is everything within.
4. Status of this Investment and is Dehcho earning interest on this investment? Greg could answer that one.
5. Wood Gundy - \$18 million. How much interest is generated every year? Performance review done? Alison replied it will be done this afternoon.
6. Why LKFN don't get admin fee?

Executive Director replied it's done electronically and will provide a bank rec for the next meeting. Trust Fund does its own Audit. We have to ensure you get that Audit in addition to this one then you will see the interest broken down. We got that money in 2006, since the initial investment of \$15 million, total interest is \$3,307,000. That doesn't show you the annual but we will make a point of that.

Language Funding, DFN through leadership motion was taking the Language Administration funds to pay for the Language Revitalization Course. They are done in June, they will do their practicums in the schools.

Greg Nyuli provided background on Denendeh Development Corporation. Back to the DDC days, no shares held. This was an issue raised by a different region, what they get out of it? It is not owned. We carved out what was making money and what we put into Denendeh Incorporated and what their value was worth. \$2.1 million, if everything was sold today and shut down the office. It's not like we have \$10 million in the Bank for everybody. We have grown the investments.

It was about \$400,000, worth \$100,000 if you look at it that way even though you didn't invest \$100,000. Over the fifteen years, that \$100,000 from back in 1997 has grown to \$2.1 million. It's an investment that has grown from that \$100,000 to over \$2 million. DDC shall flat line for the next year or two and shouldn't diminish in a year or two. Thank you.

Chief Antoine replied direct Greg in regards to Denendeh Development Corporation and Denendeh Investment Corporation, they will be having their Annual General Meeting this summer, provide Financial Statements, I would like to suggest if that company can do a briefing, on what you touched on.

Elder Marie Lafferty indicated a Metis member asked on the income statement, page 3, \$839,125. What kind of contract is included in this as it is quite high. Executive Director replied money moved towards communities each time we transfer funds to the member First Nations, that we cut a Service Contract which outlines progress payments and deliverables against that contract. That Service Contract include all the Language Funding that is transferred to the communities. It involves money when we contract meetings in the communities, Assembly Service Contracts, extra IRDA Royalty Funding. We have two contracts with Graham Clinton, Economist to look at the Dehcho Overview for the Dehcho Economic Conference. I've also contracted him to do the report on the Royalty Program. We asked for further analysis of that and possible recommendations to the Leadership on how to be more effective with royalty dollars.

If we have to cut a contract for Petr Cizek, if you ask him up to do any work, will be through a Service Contract as well.

Chief Gerry Antoine added if there a breakdown. Executive Director replied the breakdown you will find in the programs. Executive Director added if we have a large sum, you would like to see the detail to that.

Elder Rita Cli asked on ASETS. Executive Director replied DFN manages ASETS Account. I am going to have to give you the ASETS account separately. Executive Director replied we have one student from LKFN appealing a decision, this funding was suspended. Now appealing, which he has a right to do and that will be going to the Executive Meeting. Also met with West Point having concerns on these areas.

Elder Rita Cli added it was under her watch when she was Chief, asking for attendance. Executive Director replied if they can't get the Teaching Instructor to sign them off, they could go to an Administrator and sign them off.

Executive Director added we don't have freedom in this Program, it is extremely restricted. All their documents are on a database. We are accountable and not the ones at fault and they need to be aware. I agree with you, it is not up to the parents, it is up to the student to provide the information. The ASETS bank rec will be in there for the next meeting.

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge asked if Negotiations are separate financials. Executive Director replied they are in there, you have to look under programs. Negotiations Preparedness, Self-Government and Gathering Strength, those are the three pots we receive each year from the federal government. They are in your program reports.

Approval of Finance Report

Motion #04 WINTER 21FEB17
Moved that the DFN Leadership approve the Financial Report, as presented.
Moved by Karen Felker
Seconded by Daniel Peterson
CARRIED

LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

Scholarship Application – Rosemary Gill

There are four members on the Scholarship Committee: Margaret Thom, Elizabeth Hardisty, myself and Gladys Norwegian.

There has been \$383,000 awarded to 186 Dehcho First Nations students over last six year period. We average about \$70,000/year that is given out annually to Dehcho residents. Students have to submit a complete application by July 31 of each year. Breakdown of how scholarships have been distributed in the packages. Notice that Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation took the majority of their Scholarship because they have a Counsellor that assists with the High School to Post-Secondary Education. I believe that works to get our First Nations people into the post-secondary institutions.

In 2015, new Policy was adopted and established by Leadership. It was then and continues today, Dehcho descendants, we need to get them confidently into Post-Secondary Education. Because of the disproportionate participation of our aboriginal students in Post-Secondary Education, the Leadership decided to go ahead with this Scholarship and it is to support our First Nation students to get the Education and Training in Post-Secondary field.

Post-secondary doesn't only focus on the Academic after Secondary School but also Trades, Business and other General Fields. The Scholarship is broken down into three Memorial Scholarships: Phoebe Nahanni Memorial, a multi-year award, \$12,000 over three to four year period. Since 2015, this will be

awarded to anyone majoring at the Master level in the Bachelor of Science, Environment and Conservation Sciences, Conservation Biology, any of those political sciences, law or natural science.

Albertine Rodh Memorial award is \$3000, to two Dehcho post-secondary students for Native Studies, Women/Gender Studies, Political Science or Education.

Mary Cazon Award is \$2000 each year, to two Dehcho Dene post-secondary students who are pursuing studies in environmental sciences wellness or naturopathic.

Mitch Landry Memorial Award is \$3000 to two Dene students taking studies in Environment Resource Management, Humanities and Social Sciences and Aboriginal Languages and Linguistics.

We have the rest of the Scholarships broken down into Aboriginal Languages, Business Scholarships, Early Childhood, Earth Science Scholarships, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Medical Scholarship, Open Scholarship, General Studies are \$2000 each. Most of these averages to \$70,000 a year. It is so important that we assist our students going on to Post-Secondary institutions because aboriginal participation rates are still low when you look at the general population.

In 2011 nearly 671,000 adult ages 25-64 identified aboriginals in an aboriginal household survey that was done representing 3.7% of the total population of this group. About half said they had post-secondary institution, 14% in trades, 20% College Diploma, 3.5% in University Certificate or Diploma. 9.8% with University Degree. This is representing only 50% of 3.7% of the total population. When you look at it, it's really small segment of our society that is going on to Post-Secondary institutions.

Questions/Comments

Karen Felker asked about Ft. Providence Counsellor, where is the funding come from to pay for this counsellor? Rosemary Gill replied it is Margaret Thom and she is employed by the High School in Ft. Providence.

Chief Gerry Antoine thanked Rosemary and the Scholarship Committee for their work. Elder Rita mentioned attendance that was something to be looked at to see how it could be addressed.

Rosemary Gill replied the Scholarship Committee meets every year to look at the applications and do their selections. The staff ensure they are registered and attending before they receive their funding. Attendance issue is related to other ASETS Literacy Essential Skills Program, Introduction to Leadership through Aurora College, for example. It is other program that ASETS funds; that is where the attendance issue comes up.

Executive Director replied getting the attendance signed off is a requirement from ASETS in order to receive their living allowance. Just to clarify for the Leadership, the reason this is on the agenda is Stanley Sanguéz was proxy for Chief Gladys Norwegian had very many concerns of difficulty filling out the application. There is a number of successful applicants to the Scholarship Program.

Rosemary Gill replied these funds are from the Government so they need statistical information as to how much money was received and how it was applied and results. Funding is based on results.

Some ASETS Holders in the Territories got their funding reduced because they didn't spend most of it. It is important that we not only make sure the funding is expended but that there is accountability to the Government.

Chief Lloyd Chicot added there is always support from the Chiefs at the regional level, for students graduating. Here in Kakisa, there are two graduates here and they go to either Ft. Providence or Ft. Simpson. One of the things we've been struggling with is we have membership not living in the community asking for support. We are not supporting our own members even though they are on our membership list; that was an issue brought up to me.

When you look at it, things we are doing at the community level, jobs that are here now and what is going to be out there, maybe we are surmising a lot of these graduates are going to come back and work within the region as part of the Dehcho government. I have provided a number of support letters over the years and it doesn't pan out at the community level. At the end of the day, I would like to see them work here in the north and that is the struggle we have in the community. The majority of the students are going into Management Roles, not much in Trades.

Are we preparing students to go to one school or are we broadening their horizon? Where do we benefit at the end of the day? We just supported one of our members here, she doesn't live here but is going to the Northern Indigenous Games. Sometimes people are asking for assistance and they don't fit into certain criteria then we will try and look for the funds elsewhere.

Rosemary Gill replied in regards to students' success in Post-Secondary Education. Get a Counsellor to help the student from Secondary School to Post-Secondary. I did this when I went to work for Tall Creek Education Division in Alberta. I was their Education Coordinator then their Education Director, was business administration when I started.

After four years, there was twenty-six of us in various disciplines and that is because I had a budget. My sole service was to ensure the success of the students so I visited them every month, made sure they had information on banking, rental agreements, things they need to know. They could concentrate on how to budget. I put on budgeting workshops for the students and parents before they went off to Post-Secondary Level. It is not like High School, report writing. These are the kinds of things our students need help in succeeding at the post-secondary institutions.

Another thing you mentioned was Trades. Our School is solely focusing on the Academic and not focusing on the Trades or Business because only 15% of the population goes on to Post-Secondary Education. I know that the Trades and Technologies demand occupations and no one is pushing our students in those Trades. My son, an Industrial Electrician is making more money than me. I've been in the work force for thirty years. It is the high paying Education we should be taking a look at.

ECE did fantastic research called, "Skills for Success" which outlines all the high demanding occupations that are expected within the next fifteen years and that is what we should be looking at. Preparing our students to fill those occupations, whether they are living in our communities or other communities, the whole purpose of Education is to make sure people are functioning well in both worlds.

Chair Kevin Menicoche asked about outside membership. Rosemary Gill replied it is a policy issue. If the Leadership say that preference go to students that are planning on returning to the Dehcho Region. You could say if you get a Scholarship, you spend at least one year in the Dehcho in exchange for support.

Elder Rita Cli raised issue with giving dollars back to the government. Executive Director replied they are DFN funds, not GNWT or Federal Government. A portion from our Trust and CORE funding. If a student doesn't accept their Scholarship or a portion of their Scholarship, that money goes back into the Scholarship pot. It is our money and we track and flag it as Scholarship money.

Elder Rita Cli agrees in the past talked about Trades Centre in the region. Everything is going to Ft. Smith, Inuvik or Yellowknife. Because we are centralized, we wanted to work on these Trades. It is a political issue. It should go into Negotiations or something. Not all kids are going through the academic but they are good with their hands and they need to upgrade so they could read and write. There should be a political push on our end.

Elder Karen Felker suggested every First Nation call their DEA and see how many of our Dehcho First Nation students graduating this year and who plans on taking Post-Secondary Education and get back to the Scholarship Committee then work out some kind of scheduling so we could tell you how many students are graduating this year and help transition them to the post-secondary. Leadership have to remember we have a Trust Fund, the Education Fund hasn't been accessed. After it matures, we could access that money, why don't we build our own Trade School. We have our own teachers that we need within our own region. We talk about self-government and policies. Rosemary Gill replied even in partnership with the regular school system. That could be a possibility.

Grand Chief added good discussion on Education. Wanted to touch on what Chief Chicot had said about giving out Scholarships to Dehcho Students that want to further their Education. They do this because they want to become Professionals, become someone who holds a Degree in that field.

The governments (Federal/GNWT) come and take these students and they are gone and there is no reason for them to come back. There needs to be a line in there saying something like once they reach their goal, they need to be coming back to work for the Dehcho. We are the ones creating this road so they could come back that was the whole idea behind it. We had the right idea but didn't set any goals on them coming back to work for the Dehcho. They need to agree to come back and work for the Dehcho Government; that was the reason for the Scholarships.

Rosemary Gill replied the Territorial Government does have Summer Student Program and a Graduate Program to entice the students to come back every year and take the jobs with the GNWT and they will hire students once they graduate. There is nothing to stop DFN for doing that same thing.

Elder Rita Cli added Tliche Region took over their Education. They really focused on the Education component part of it, their government pays for everything so the student can concentrate on their studies and they don't have to worry about their bills. Some of our kids are getting evicted and that could be prevented if we do this. Mahsi.

Chief Gerry Antoine would like to address Trust. I would like to see a briefing how we got to this Trust. Negotiation Session, there was a chronology and referenced the Settlement Agreement. This is the only time that the Settlement created this item we are discussing right now. Richard Lafferty provided background on how Settlement Agreement started. We used the Alberta Trust for what not to do. 75% of the Assembly agreed to this Trust. It is a very high threshold. We will need to get a document to you.

Chief Gerry Antoine would still like to request a written briefing and why Canada was insisting it was put in a Trust and why the Trust was done up the way it is. Richard replied it is in writing too. Will update you, when the Federal government settle an Out of Court Settlement, they want to make sure that there is nothing to come back on.

Trust Agreement – Kathy Tsetso

Recognize Karen Felker, previous Chair and Richard Lafferty who was the driving force of the Trust. Thank you. I have Misty Ireland who is an IMB member and the Chair.

The last presentation was at the Fall Leadership, we recommended a review of the Trust Investment Advisors. We developed a Terms of Reference for that review and in November it went out on a Tender Invitation Process through our partner at National Aboriginal Trust Associations and we also contacted the Aboriginal Banking Services in Yellowknife. The successful proponent was TE Wealth out of Toronto Aboriginal Services Area. They were also recommended to us by Peace Trust and Georgina Villeneuve who worked on the original Trust with Richard and his group and Tom Wooding. That was conducted through the month of December and January.

When we met in December, our Board is only four members and with the workload coming with dispersing funds, developing documents, which was what we were doing with the disbursement, Handbook and Terms of Reference etc. We would like to increase our number to six (6) members and one of those would be a youth under 30 years of age. That is not specified but that is what we are recommending to the Leadership.

The process for appointing members is the IMB goes out to advertise for members then they come in with the required information and we rate them and turn that back over to the Executive and they determine who will go for appointment at the Assembly.

1. We need a motion for that process.
2. Re-appointment of myself, Kathy Tsetso, recommending by the Board and that will go to the Assembly.

We still continue to have some challenges around the cost of administering and processing some of the applications that we hope to see in the future. The Taxation Issue around income earnings and certain disbursements is also an issue. Having the right regional expertise to support the growth of the Trust, that is one of the issues.

Potential work with DFN to support the Investment of a Regional Economic Development Officer. In the Trust, we are not able to hire a staff member directly. That is why we currently cost share on an agreement with Dehcho First Nations Admin support. We are still looking for the potential to invest in a regional project as we talked about at the Assembly last summer.

Under tab five, if you look at our Strategic Plan outcome, we are coming up to our third year and we've done quite well with what we set out under each of the goals and we will be looking at re-vamping this Strategic Plan. Under Immediate Opportunities Fund, around \$1 million; Economic Development Fund, around \$2.5 million; Community Development Fund, \$3.1 million; Education, \$1.8 million; Elders Heritage Fund, \$950,000 and Land Acquisition, \$2 million.

The Secondary Accounts under the Trust where you are earning money is under the IMB account and those are sitting in cash accounts. The Business Venture Account, \$1.4 million; Economic Development

Account, \$556,000; Community Development account, \$208,000 and the Elders Heritage Fund, \$71,000. These are the monies for disbursement.

If you submit a Proposal, these are the areas you would be targeting your proposal at. Two of these areas, Elders Account requires a recommendation from a group of Dehcho Elders and the Community Development Account requires support from a group of Dehcho Elders. Both of these are Grant-type forms of Funding. The rest are for re-investment. There would be an Agreement to have monies re-invested back into the Trust. We are up significantly since we received this report. It breaks out into a pie chart on the next page to give you a better idea of how it sits.

Earnings under the Trust Account are all weighted differently. 35% could be in equity and remainder in Bonds and Money Accounts. They are not all set up the same. The one with the most aggressive are in Land Acquisition at 75% equity and the rest in Bond. That was because there is no disbursement out of that Account until 2037 to purchase lands. There is a hope that you complete your Dehcho Process and acquire land. Always bear in mind, when you are looking at land selections, there will be funds later on that could support areas on those land selections.

The IMB Board Budget needs to be approved for 2017. We have increased this budget by \$20,000 to accommodate two new additional members. We expend around \$150,000 yearly because money built in to support disbursement for Business Plan Reviews and an expert to review Proposals. There is about \$60,000 that goes back to DFN which is through the administration support of \$49,000, the Assembly support which is \$10,000 comes to \$59,000.

We do need a motion to pass this to move forward. We increased expenses to cover NATOA membership, we are going to ask members to take NATOA training. I will get to why when you get to the next report. NATOA offers an online course for Investment Managers and Trust Officers, accredited. It builds knowledge and skills for Board Members which if they are not on board, could support you at the community level.

This is the last section, Master Trust Review. This is what we budgeted \$25,000 and we got it done for under \$10,000. Mainly because the TE Wealth Aboriginal Services is all across the nation and they could afford to spread out and give us good deals.

This report it is hard to understand and this is why I feel we need more training. I asked for a Plain Language Report but don't think we got that. The Scope of the Review was to look at the Scope and Guidelines which is what the Investment Policy Statement sets out how much could be spent in equities and bonds per account and what weights they are at and what the rules of that expenditure are, which come directly from our Trust.

The Investment Performance & Management Process looks at how well our investment is doing against other like investments across the country and looking at measuring performance. Then the Trustee Process which really wasn't touched on in this report but we do have to have a Trust and CIBC Trust, Toronto is our Trust Officer. Investment Advisors are the Wooding Group out of Edmonton. They then in turn take the monies and invest it in a "wrap around" group or pool. We get the best of investor's across this country who take our dollars and invest them into many different kind of stocks. We will be asking Leadership for direction because it is a DFN Trust not the IMB Trust.

Kathy continued, there is room for improvement having that discussion around the wrap around process is the best way to go or not. Too much over diversification means we are not getting the best return on our dollar. The other issue was looking at rate of inflation at 2 or 2.5% plus our other benchmarks should be giving us a return greater than 5.5%. Right now, we are getting around 5.5% but we want to exceed that. That is the type of discussion we want to have with the Wooding Group of where we want to be and how could we achieve that. There are recommendations in here on how to achieve that.

They talked about Diversification and looked at this chart and we should be looking at a stock portfolio, equities portfolio and a bonds portfolio that has multi-colored sections in it.

The other issue around it was we need to meet more regularly with the Trust Officer. Currently we may talk to him once a year when we go through our Audit and we are not interfacing enough. We should be meeting at least quarterly and sign off Interim Reports.

The evaluators looked at a process for us to do that and we will be sharing that with the Wooding Group later on. The rate that we currently pay for the whole process is a .66, we need to be targeting that to at least 4.0 and that is the kind of discussion we will take back with your recommendations to Wooding Group to see how we could work on that. We have to look at whether we hire the Investment Firms through Wooding or they do it on our behalf.

When this Trust was put together, there was a lot of consideration for risk. Some of them are at a very low risk and some are made to achieve more. Land Acquisition is a Long Term Investment portfolio with a higher risk than Immediate Opportunities through the equity. Equity is stocks that go up and down and that is where there is greater potential for return but there is a great potential for loss as well unless you could balance it, the original stewards of this Trust felt they needed to air on the side of caution and that is what they've done.

We cannot change those weights unless you take it to a referendum and 85% of the membership agree. You want to look at addressing some of those things in the future in your next Trust. When you sign off on a process and there is significant more dollars to invest, you want to move into a different Trust. As Richard pointed out, this is a unique Trust, it is very, very unique to this country. It is designed to support the Dehcho and carrying on some of that to the next Trust.

Kathy Tsetso added in regards to the motion, Two additional Members for IMB, for the Renewal of my appointment and the Approval of the IMB Board Budget and moving forward on the recommendations from the review and getting direction from Leadership on moving forward.

Kathy Tsetso added previous Chair Karen Felker started work on a process for disbursement. We completed the Handbook and it is clear how to access it in the Handbook. We did shift it from a loan or grant to an investment process. For the Business Ventures, you have to demonstrate there will be a return on that investment back to the Trust so that we could keep it growing. It is not to be diminished and it is the role of the IMB to be one of those safeguards and our Trust Officer is the protector of the golden egg, which is the original \$15 million.

It is up to the Leadership on how they want it disbursed. The process was handed out a year ago for communities to review. We will be at the Economic Development Workshop with that package available. There are four year disbursements of the amount of money we have would not diminish the Trust. We want to keep the Trust going.

Misty Ireland added they met with the Investment Team, looking at the variables in the IMB accounts we have. A little over \$2 million available right now for investments. That has to sustain us in the region throughout the years and we did a couple of days of working together to come up with different variable, perimeters and came up with a four year investment cycle. The amount of money in our accounts that are available for investment, if we invest approximately \$1 million every four years, we will be able to sustain that growth and be able to invest \$1 million every four years in projects in the region. That could change if the account grows, if funding is put into the Trust Accounts so those variables will change based on the ten year history of the performance of our accounts and the projections of the market right now, it was determined that a four year investment cycle is how we could maintain that so we don't end up in a situation like that.

Chief Gerry added this Trust came out of a Settlement so there is specific conditions you have to follow. I would like an explanation of that. Richard Lafferty replied, that is in writing too.

Chief Lloyd Chicot thanked Richard and Gerry for highlights. Land Acquisition Fund then build the Trust so the next hundred to two hundred years, we acquire land we didn't select. There are lands we may want in the future and if we do it right and the right people in there, get all our land intact back. It is not so much as a loss but in the long term, we invest so much, we could get that land back.

I understand more in terms of a hockey trade, in terms of money, player, score so much goals, reach that milestone and get something. If we could start that discussion to look at numbers and not a small percentage of it but maybe two hundred sq. km and we want fifty thousand or half of that and if we get that funding through the government, we get a percentage and re-invest that money and in one hundred years, we could get that land back. That is what I am thinking might happen here.

Richard Lafferty replied glad you brought up Land Acquisition Fund because what you are thinking is the direction we got to set it up. It was one of the smallest funds and has the most re-investment of all the funds. In one hundred or two hundred years that will be the biggest part of the Trust and it is not just to buy lands we weren't able to select during Land Selection process. It is also to purchase major property. We could go downtown Manhattan and buy Trump Tower. That is what it was designed for, to buy major investment properties. You would acquire land that has revenue generated capacity extraordinaire so it is both. The ability to buy lands you weren't able to select but also buy lands that are incredible revenue generated property. Those are the directions we got. I am glad people are still thinking that way.

Karen Felker would like to move and approve the IMB Budget as presented to leadership. Is that what you are looking for, Kathy?

Approval of IMB Budget

MOTION #05 WINTER 21FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership accept the IMB Budget of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 as presented.

Moved by Karen Felker

Seconded by Marie Lafferty

CARRIED

Approval of Recommendations from TE Wealth Review on the Trust

Motion #06 WINTER 21FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership accept the recommendations from TE Wealth Review on the Trust as presented.

Moved by Daniel Peterson

Seconded by Lloyd Chicot

CARRIED

Approval of Recommendation to Advertise for two Investment Management Board positions & Re-Appointment of Kathy Tsetso

Motion #07 WINTER 21FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership accept the recommendations of advertising for two Investment Management Board positions (one youth) and forward recommended names to Leadership for approval and Kathy Tsetso to be re-appointed for another term on the Investment Management Board.

Moved by Karen Felker

Seconded by Rita Cli

CARRIED

Greg provided update on Economic Forum. As per Leadership direction, been assisting with the Dehcho Economic Readiness Forum that is about a year in the making.

Presentation by Melaw Nak'ek'o on Dechinta Rivers Semester

Closing Prayer - Herb Norwegian

February 22, 2017 – Morning Session

Chief Lloyd Chicot
Margaret Ireland
Chief Becky Cayen
President Danny Peterson
Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge
Chief Gerry Antoine
Chief Dolphus Jumbo
Proxy James Christie
Grand Chief Herb Norwegian

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Opening Prayer – Elder Rita Cli

Joachim Bonnetrouge provided update on the Land Use Plan, tab 7.

Elder Karen Felker added DFN should have a final say in Dehcho lands. There is Conflict of Interest, federal and territorial government are partners. Is it in some of the Agreements that we have to date? Grand Chief replied we have Land Withdrawals done, land is protected. Interesting enough, something that we will be talking about next week, DCRMA/MVRMA workshop.

Richard Lafferty added Parliament sets the rules and Criminal Code. If Parliament sets the rules, DFN cannot cross Protected Areas, NEB cannot touch it. Get the right support from the oil and gas companies.

Chief Lloyd Chicot added the way things are changing, should be reflected in our Agreements. There are areas for different development. You know where all the cut lines go. You need to look at other ways.

Elder Rita Cli added she is doesn't agree with 49% - 51% protection. We have signed Agreements. We are not asserting our right. Youth are saying not to let the government water down our Agreements; that is our land. Need to assert out land and our power.

Co-chair Kevin welcomed students from Ft. Providence Leadership Program, introduced teachers and staff.

Break

Alison requested Chuck to provide background to the IBA so the students are aware of why we are having this discussion.

Nahanni National Parks Reserve: IBA Update

Chuck Blythe read out updated Draft IBA handed out. (Dated Jan. 25/17).

Questions/comments

Grand Chief replied good presentation. When we established the Consensus Team, Nahʔą Dehé was set up to be a stand-alone Park.

1. Created a Field Office that it would be a Park, sit alone then found out four to five years, Nahanni now fits under the Wood Buffalo Park and when it was originally set up was to have its' own Headquarters.

2. There are other primaries above the Falls; are they restricted on motor boats above the Falls?

3. Large number of woodland caribou, fly in and harvest 28 caribou from Caribou Lake Area. Would it allow for a community harvest?

Elder Gabe Hardisty asked for a name change to Treaty 11. Second question is the office in Nahanni Butte. Third question is in regards to using a boat to get to the Falls. Chuck replied with regards to the name will not change. Buy a bunch of boats to bring above the Falls. Nahanni Butte agreed to build an Office Building.

Karen indicated Canada's birthday this year. How are going to deal with a bunch of people going into the Park? Chuck replied it is a valid question, get that to the DFN representative on the Consensus Team. If you want it done a particular way, you tell them that is how you want to forward this to your team. In respect to the Park officials, it is seasonal contract. Parks don't mean a lot to people, there is a job for eight weeks and having trouble filling that due to the length of the contract.

Elder Rita Cli added Dehcho being in a unique situation to make sure it is implemented in our AiP. We are in control. Agree with you, not enough funding. The Nahanni National Park is known all over. Agree with Chief Chicot in having full time jobs for the Parks.

Chuck replied hoping to have a resolution that says that the particular points that I've asked for is being supported. Elder Rita Cli indicated to include what our concerns are in the resolution.

Chairperson Kevin Menicoche indicated we don't have a resolution committee, see Alison and we could draft up something for you. We will work on that for tomorrow. Lunch is ready.

LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chuck Blyth continued on Nahanni National Park Reserve Impacts & Benefits Agreement

Chief Gerry Antoine thanked Chuck for the brief update and would like background to it. Proxy Margaret Ireland asked status of Edehzhie and Protected Areas Strategy that other communities were or are working on? Chuck replied you would have to talk to the Leadership and Grand Chief. Proxy Margaret Ireland asked on Devolution. A lot of the Protected Areas Strategy came to a standstill. Grand Chief replied Edehzhie is ongoing; will provide update tomorrow. Devolution caused a lot of anxiety for different organizations and it has affected the PAS drastically. Some of them are put on hold, some are almost done and they will continue moving forward on those ones.

Chief Dolphus Jumbo commented on Chuck's presentation. From one of the adjacent communities, support creating jobs and tourism. Sambaa K'e has been working on a Tourism Lodge for years now and need more tourists; that is where the money is. The need to create a Scholarship for our young people. Becoming a First Nation Government, we need a lot of young people in there to train them for these jobs that is what I am all about. Chair Kevin Menicoche replied there will be a Resolution drafted for this.

Karen Felker added West Point met and discussed issues with the MSR. Always had problems within the Town Boundaries. We are at a cross road with the land selection and in a unique situation, they keep saying we are in a grey area. Been in there for so long, we have no answers. We asked for extra funding to address these concerns, dealing with the Town of Hay River and MACA. There was no thought of expansion with families that were there previously. My understanding is there is no funding for Side Table. Would like this done from this meeting. The Metis already claimed areas within the Town Boundaries of Hay River. Legal Counsel should be looking into this.

Grand Chief thanked Karen. We had Negotiation Sessions in West Point dealing with problem areas West Point is faced with. Karen added Grand Chief saw the three options we have at the community. Instead of going for the three options, ask for all. Was always told if you dream, dream big. Keep that in your back pocket when you talk about the situation we are in. We want it all.

Grand Chief Herb Norwegian and Chair Kevin Menicoche thanked Karen for the presentation.

Elder Rita Cli added nobody responded on the issue raised on the funding that Karen brought up, there was funding available.

Executive Director added there is a section in the Negotiations Funding, I could identify money to give to West Point to begin structuring your side table. In addition to the Negotiations applications, mentions side tables but not specific to what we would afford by money committed by the federal government to support them. \$100,000 additional plus second additional is just for the communication of the contents of the Agreement in Principle and the Negotiations to date. It is not to do other side projects as they come up. I have had people come to me and say communities can use their AiP money for that other projects, the AiP money is for the AiP information process. I can identify \$50,000 from our Dehcho Process Funds and IRDA \$150,000. Those are negotiated dollars. We could transfer to West Point, begin structuring the Table and outline a Work Plan then move forward once we know what the federal government is giving us. If there are no objections, that is what I will do.

Chair Kevin Menicoche indicated that will be amended when you speak to the Preparedness Initiative Fund. Alison replied she would.

Negotiations Report

Herb Norwegian, Chief Negotiator

Been Interim Chief Negotiator since Fall Leadership and been quite busy since then. I didn't realize how much work goes into this of the day to day calls, emails, and tedious discussions on trying to move files forward. This Dehcho Process is a massive file and there are some things that are not complete yet but working on this issues.

We have twenty-six chapters done, some are being reviewed and some are close to completion. Each chapter we discuss then go so far then we need GNWT or the Federal Government to respond to our issues.

Provided background to Agreement in Principle, members of the Negotiations Team and Land Use Plan to the Leadership Program Students of Aurora College (Ft. Providence).

Questions/Comments

Chief Lloyd Chicot added Ka'a'gee Tu hasn't submitted a Proposal, told members and Council that we are not negotiating. If we are then needs to be cleared up for me. If you are saying we are then where does it leave the people I am representing? We are still waiting for a report from Anne Marie Doyle on whether Negotiations continue or not.

I could do a report from our community. We don't need to be negotiating but that is up to our community to make that decision. Dehcho Process is not working to me. Ka'a'gee Tu needs the opportunity to tell Leadership and Grand Chief, our issues and vision. There are a lot of issues we don't have time to discuss. Nahanni Butte is not here and we have to support them one way or another. We have questions that we need answered and it is not happening. Some communities are developed and some are not, Ka'a'gee is at the bottom. We are going where the money is, if that is going to happen we should talk about building infrastructure. I can't let it go on like this.

We need to be stronger leaders, give more direction to our Leadership, a position or strategy. Elders were saying this is the place to go if you want to have a meeting, where all the big decisions are made. Grand Chief brought up, our Elders made decisions here, made your stand here. You need to take that stand and bring us where we need to be. This gives time for the government to see where we are going and what we are doing. Would like to hear what the Leaders are saying. I don't take these things lightly. We are talking about the future of the children, future generations. I could re-iterate what the Elders have been telling me for years, is not what they see now. Just wanted to inform everyone here of these issues. Thank you.

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge agrees with Chief Chicot's concerns raised. GNWT will come back and make us an offer and we don't be happy. This year's Annual Assembly will be critical. Fully understand where the Chief is coming from saying we are not together, especially during the hard work and when tough decisions have to be made. Elders always tell us the land and culture will carry us. We learned the impacts from Residential School. Appreciate what we've done so far in Negotiations. We have moved the yard stick quite a ways in the last seventeen years. We need our Elders back. Mahsi.

Elder Rita Cli indicated no one is doing their homework. Land Use Plan is unique, approved by our Assembly delegates in 2006 but Federal Government and GNWT would not approve it. Petr Cizek indicated China praise our Land Use Plan. Our Elders were right. We have a lot of documentation at the DFN office. Number one resource is the water, as our Elders told us. Mahsi.

Chris Reid – Negotiations Report

A lot of people said it's not clear whether the Dehcho are negotiating, a fair comment. It's been seventeen years since the Process started. The first two years were negotiating Framework and Interim

Measures Agreements then the next two years was on Interim Land Withdrawals and Interim Resource Development Agreement.

We really began Negotiations in 2005. Most of the time, GNWT and Federal Government wouldn't talk about lands and resources. They focused on Devolution then on side deals with ADK. That doesn't mean nothing was going on. We did the rest of the AiP and there is a lot of work involved in there. You could recall long discussions on chapters, Georges Erasmus lead us through all that. That is different than what Canada brings to the table. Canada deals with five hundred First Nations across the country and hundreds of Land Claims. They could afford to do national interest and make big compromises at the table to get a deal when it is in the national interest to do it, in a way GNWT can't.

There is good reasons why the Supreme Court of Canada said you shouldn't have to deal with the GNWT or provincial government be able to negotiate your Agreement with Canada. Legally and morally you are right however Canada is going to continue to say nothing. They are at a point where they told you talk to the GNWT. GNWT is not the Treaty party. They are not a government with a fiduciary relationship with you. They have a political interest in making a deal with you. They don't have the same legal leg to make a deal with you like Canada does. We've been saying we need Canada to step up and deal with us on lands and resources at the table. Federal and territorial elections happened and we lost almost a full year of negotiations in 2015.

Leona will be coordinating the Dehcho Resource Management Authority Workshop for next week and hopefully negotiating the terms of a stand-alone Dehcho Resource Management Authority. If Canada tables good ideas, maybe your interest can be made within the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. We don't have instructions to do something like that, we could have to come back to Leadership for direction.

Anne Marie Doyle has submitted her report. We are supposed to be negotiating land quantum, one of the reasons we are not is because the two governments haven't responded to Anne Marie Doyle's Report. Last year at the assembly when the announcement was made, we asked if it would slow down negotiations and was told it wouldn't. That caused a lot of delays, on quantum on the grounds they are waiting to have a new mandate based on Anne Marie's Report.

The other chapter discussed recently is Wildlife Chapter, the harvesting chapter not complete. DFN position is you want primary or exclusive jurisdiction over wildlife on the lands you own plus shared jurisdiction on any lands DFN don't own. GNWT position is the opposite. They want primary jurisdiction over the entire Dehcho territory. They would agree to an administrative role for you in a Dehcho Resource Management Authority which would not have any jurisdiction but would manage and issues the permits and licenses that are issued by the Territorial Government. We are pretty far apart on the issue of jurisdiction.

Consider the possibility of co-jurisdiction throughout the whole settlement area instead of dividing the region up so that you have exclusive jurisdiction in one area and shared jurisdiction in the rest. Co-jurisdiction meaning law making authority. The problem are the non-Dene so you need to have at least equal co-jurisdiction over the non-Dene who hunt and harvest wildlife in your territory.

Chair Kevin Menicoche thanked Chris for the update. Chief Chicot's question was answered. Chief Lloyd Chicot replied that was his concern his members had and wanted clarity. What do we need to do? As a regional government? As Chiefs? What do we need to do at this meeting? In the package, there is the

report and behind it, there is a proposal. Here it seems we don't care what happens, where we are going and issues not raised.

What do we need to do? What do I say to my membership? We are going to submit another proposal so if they approve it, we will continue negotiations. That is a concern to me and some of my council members. We need to be serious.

There are implications on the Executive Committee and my community. We appointed Grand Chief until we revisit that position again, if there is a position there. After the Assembly, what do I need to do? That is my question. We receive negotiation reports but it's not clear.

Grand Chief Herb Norwegian thanked Chief Chicot for his comments. Comments are lingering in the minds of a lot of membership and leaders, big concern. MSR appointment, people got excited and now sounds like there is a renewed interest to move forward, met with us twice. She met with the Premier Bob McLeod and the Minister Carolyn Bennett.

Premier was waiting for the Minister. Had quick discussion with Minister Carolyn Bennett, asked her to meet with the Premier on the Report and said it was waiting for direction from Cabinet. Yes, we are negotiating. We have proposed to the Leadership to start Land Selection – Land Securement and hard for Leadership to decide. The work we asked the Leadership to give us, was turned down. We are at a standstill and need some direction. Chris explained the Dehcho Resource Management Authority Workshop next week and we will report back to Leadership on this Workshop.

The Interim Measures Agreement is the veto over our land. GNWT and Canada want to go through the Interim Measures Agreement and the Land Use Plan. They want Devolution to supersede the Interim Measures Agreement. The Interim Measures Agreement was ratified by the Assembly. If anyone is going to change it, it would have to be the Assembly.

Chris Reid replied this time last year, Leadership restructured the Negotiation Team. We have Canada engaged at the table after years. At least the issues that have to be negotiated, are on the table. On the issue of the Interim Measures Agreement, they want to amend it to reflect an approved Land Use Plan. We agreed to talk about it. They view the Land Use Plan as replacing your Interim Measures Agreement. They could co-exist side by side. The Land Withdrawal package from 2003 is still in place now. It gets renewed.

The other issue is the Devolution superseding the Interim Measures Agreement. In the Interim Measures Agreement, tell you about anybody applying for a prospecting permit, you have a right to say no to that. Canada shifted that responsibility to the GNWT and left the Dehcho out of it.

Closing Prayer – Elder Gabe Hardisty

February 23 – Morning Session

Present:

Chief Lloyd Chicot	Elder Sarah Chicot
Proxy Margaret Ireland	Elder Yvonne Norwegian
Chief Becky Cayen	Elder Karen Felker
President Danny Peterson	Elder Marie Lafferty
Proxy Sam Gargan	Elder Sam Elleze
Chief Gerry Antoine	Elder Rita Cli
Chief Dolphus Jumbo	Elder Arthur Jumbo
Proxy James Christie	Elder John McLeod
Grand Chief Herb Norwegian	

Staff:

Alison de Pelham, Executive Director	Leona Tanche, A/Negotiations Coordinator
Violet Jumbo, Language Manager	Greg Nyuli, Executive Assistant
Kevin Menicoche, Co-Chair	

Opening Prayer – Karen Felker

Chair Kevin Menicoche indicated Sam Gargan has proxy for today from Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge.

Executive Director went through NPI Application and indicated we won't get what we ask for. They usually give us \$125,000 under Gathering Strength and \$125,000 under Self-Government. Suggest a change, for West Point, at the bottom of the page. *Read out changes.*

We would like Chris to conduct a Workshop for the community level information people so that Chris can walk through the chapters of the Agreement in Principle and highlight issues and stumbling blocks in terms of Negotiations. Communications people will be more informed when they do their information sessions.

In addition, we are planning, Nahanni Butte requested this, was we would like Violet to conduct a Terminology Workshop for the Information people especially those with two languages. The main reason being we have to take the concepts embedded in the Agreement in Principle and be able to describe those concepts in the language. It should be an interesting workshop because you are going through the Agreement in Principle to do that.

Continued going through the NPI Application. Prepared a draft resolution to accompany the draft proposal.

Questions/Comments

Proxy Sam Gargan had issues in regards to workplan. Chapters don't reflect the Dene tradition. Terminology should be based on the Dene way.

Resolutions

Chair Kevin Menicoche read out Resolution #1, regarding Negotiations Preparedness Initiative Funding Proposal

Whereas, the Dehcho Process requires funding support for fiscal year 2017-2018; and

Whereas, a draft proposal to the Negotiations Preparedness Initiative has been discussed by the Leadership;

Therefore be it resolved that the draft Proposal, as presented, is approved for submission.

Moved by President Daniel Peterson, seconded by Chief Becky Cayen.

Discussion to Resolution #01

Chief Gerry Antoine would like to set up a group to review this, Negotiations have a plan that has to be looked at, with the community input. Elder Karen Felker asked Executive Director for application deadline. Executive Director replied it is the end of April, beginning of May.

Chair Kevin Menicoche continued. Question has been called. All those in favor? Thank you. Against? Abstentions? Two Abstentions noted. Resolution passed.

Executive Director will include Chief Antoine's concerns. Sam and Gerry could look at it and suggest wording. Karen would like West Point issues included. Chief Antoine, Sam Gargan, Becky Cayen will work on the re-wording of the proposal.

Chair Kevin Menicoche indicated we are looking for acceptance of this draft report, tab seven.

Kevin Menicoche added we are looking for a mover for the Dehcho Resource Management Authority Final Report. Moved by Sam Gargan, seconded by James Christie.

Motion #08 Winter 23FEB17
Moved to accept the Dehcho Resource Management Authority Workshop Report, as presented.
Moved by Sam Gargan, seconded by James Christie

Discussion to Motion #08

Elder Rita Cli indicated it coincides with our Dehcho Process and the Land Use Plan. Everything is captured.

Question has been called. All those in favor? Against? Abstentions? Motion Carried.

Resolution #2 RE: Regional Mineral Strategy Report

Whereas, the Dehcho First Nations convened a Regional Mineral Strategy Workshop with the cooperation of GNWT – Industry, Tourism and Investment; and

Whereas, a draft Final Report was prepared by the Regional Mineral Strategy Workshop facilitator;

Whereas the Leadership directed the draft final report be circulated for feedback and comment, and

Whereas, the DFN has circulated to all participants and did not receive any feedback or comments on the draft Final Regional Mineral Strategy Workshop.

Therefore be it resolved that the Draft Regional Mineral Workshop Final Report be accepted as the Final Report, and

Be it further resolved that this Final Report be circulated to the funding agencies.

Moved by President Daniel Peterson, seconded by Chief Dolphus Jumbo

Discussion to Resolution #02, Regional Mineral Strategy Report

Elder Rita Cli added everything captured in the resolution. Proxy Sam Gargan indicated there is nothing on Impact & Benefit Agreements or joint initiatives.

Question has been called. All those in favor? Against? Abstentions? Motion passed.

Elder Karen Felker asked Grand Chief and Legal Counsel on four items at the negotiating table and wondering if you need direction or support from the Leadership. *Grand Chief thanked Karen and indicated they will not talk about those four issues yet.*

The first resolution is to re-activate the Corporation.

Whereas, the Dehcho Economic Corporation has been dormant for the past year (2015); and
Whereas Dehcho First Nations is preparing for an Economic Readiness Forum to be held March 27-30, 2017; and

Whereas Dehcho First Nations has accessed two government programs for funding for the Economic Readiness Forum; and

Whereas Dehcho First Nations has accessed the total allowable contributions from the federal and territorial governments; and

Whereas two additional government programs would like to contribute to the Dehcho Economic Readiness Forum through a different entity.

Therefore be it resolved that the Dehcho First Nations hereby affirm the name of the Dehcho Economic Corporation as presently registered (Dehcho Economic Corporation); and

Be it further resolved that the Dehcho Economic Corporation registered office be moved from the Hay River Reserve to Ft. Simpson, mailing address of Box 89, Ft. Simpson, NT, X0E 0N0; and

Be it further resolved that the Dehcho Economic Corporation obtain the necessary liability insurance for the Corporation and 2017 Dehcho Economic Readiness Forum; and

Be it further resolved that the following four directors be appointed on an interim basis to guide and provide oversight for the two additional contributions toward the 2017 Dehcho Economic Forum;

-James Christie

-Gerry Antoine

-Marie Lafferty

-Gabe Hardisty; and

Be it further resolved that the Dehcho Economic Corporation re-establishment be fully reviewed at the 2017 Spring Leadership Meeting.

Moved by Daniel Peterson, seconded by Chief Dolphus Jumbo.

Chair Kevin Menicoche indicated four volunteers, James Christie, Gerry Antoine, Marie Lafferty and Gabe Hardisty.

Discussion? All those in favor? Against? Abstentions? None. Motion carried.

Resolution #4, Regarding Ek'elu Engineering Dissolution

Whereas, the Dehcho Economic Corporation is presently in the process of bringing the Corporation into good standing; and

Whereas the Dehcho Economic Corporation had entered into a Joint Venture with Stewart Weir for the purpose of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline and other opportunities; and

Whereas no meaningful company business or financial benefits accrued to the Dehcho Economic Corporation as a result of the establishment of this business; and

Whereas Opus Stewart Weir (newly incorporated name of Stewart Weir) had indicated their interest to dissolve Ek'elu Engineering.

Therefore be it resolved that, the Dehcho First Nations hereby direct the Dehcho Economic Corporation to undertake the necessary due diligence to dissolve Ek'elu Engineering including any physical assets and jointly held monies in the joint bank account.

Moved by Karen Felker, seconded by Elder Rita Cli.

Discussion? Question? Question has been called. All those in favor? Against? Abstentions? Resolution passed.

Land Use Planning Issue – Four Outstanding Issues

1. Whether the Land Use Plan will replace the Interim Measures Agreement.
2. Two pipeline issues – one whether transboundary pipelines that is something going from NT to AB, for example, those could be regulated by a Land Use Plan and Canada is saying no.
3. Feeder pipelines – whether the Land Use Plan can regulate the location of feeder pipeline and other infrastructure.
4. Termination of the Land Use Plan, whether Dehcho consent would be required to terminate the Land Use Plan or two of the three parties could terminate it.

Chris explained he was not ready to answer these questions. Those are the outstanding issues. Canada and GNWT are not ready to talk about it at the main table but we are. The two governments are looking at the options and haven't got any instruction yet.

Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act Letter

Chris indicated this is a new round of consultations. They are putting it back to the way it was before the super board. Your position was you want co-management and the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act doesn't allow that. DFN could respond with their issues addressed.

Board Appointments

MOTION #08 WINTER 23FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership approve the call out for names on Mackenzie Valley Land & Water Board Representative.

Moved by Karen Felker

Seconded by Daniel Peterson

CARRIED

Greg indicated Leadership met in the fall and supported West Point First Nation to have the seat on the Great Slave Advisory Committee and the name would be submitted to the Winter Leadership for approval.

MOTION #09 WINTER 23FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership accept Levi Cayen as the Great Slave Advisory Committee member.

Moved by Elder Marie Lafferty

Seconded by Proxy James Christie

CARRIED

Greg Nyuli added this was talked about in the past. Was at last year's Spring Leadership Meeting.
Provided background to this issue.

MOTION#10 WINTER 23FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership support ENR request to expand the Dehcho Boreal Caribou Working Group.

Moved by Proxy Samuel Gargan

Seconded by Elder Rita Cli

CARRIED

SAPP Farm Update

Greg Nyuli provided background in packages, also in Fall Leadership packages.

Greg to work on wording and bring back to table. DRAFT MOTION: NO MOVER/SECONDER

MOTION #11 WINTER 23FEB17

Moved that the DFN Leadership re-affirm their support and decision for the transfer of title of the SAPP Farm from Ducks Unlimited to Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation.

Dehcho Waters - George Low

Presentation handed out. (Available in 2017 Winter Leadership Package).

Questions/Comments:

Grand Chief added it is incredible work the people who work on AAROM at the community level, monitoring the water level, fish, etc. Are underground streams included in your studies? George responded there don't have the funding to do the study. If they start fracking, they will be a big impact in all waters. Edward Cholo of Ft. Simpson noticed the slump on the river bank and we would never have known if he wasn't knowledgeable on the land as he is. He reported it to his local First Nation. I will raise the issue of this with ENR at our next meeting.

Elder Marie Lafferty asked if there were medication put in the water, what is the risk? George Low replied he will bring that up with ENR, didn't talk about that.

Elder Gabe Hardisty asked why mercury get into the fish in the lakes? George Low replied if you get older slower growing fish, they have more time to absorb mercury in their system so you get higher

mercury levels. Doing an experiment in Sanguex Lake, harvest larger fish and get a smaller fast growing populated fish that have less time to absorb mercury into their system. It is a unique study.

Elder Rita Cli asked why Salmon are being caught and fish found with sores on them, grayling (blue fish) population is gone. George replied chum salmon are natural runs from the Arctic Ocean, they spawn up headwaters of the Liard River, below Ft. Smith falls and up the Hay River. They are doing a study because they are getting four other species of salmon coming into the lower Delta Mackenzie River area. They is less ice in the Arctic Ocean and higher temperature. Down river hasn't recovered from the 1989 and 1991 fish kill. Was in Deline when that happened, they took water temperatures at the Lodge, water went up to 25°-26° C which is not good for fish.

From Ft. Providence to Ft. Simpson, someone spotted dead fish so we went out and found fifteen fish, suckers, seems like a small kill. Monitors from Ft. Providence went out and didn't find anymore.

Chair Kevin Menicoche thanked George Low for his Presentation.

Break

Chair Kevin Menicoche added after the Review, there are three resolutions.

IRDA: Resource Royalty Update

Executive Director reminded last Spring Leadership in Ft. Providence, presented a breakdown of funds we had allocated under the resource royalty program. There was a concern on the allocation of funds and success of those allocations. There was direction to have someone with more knowledge in terms of economics to look at what we are doing and present options to deliver the IRDA Resource Royalty Funding. We receive \$1 million/year with broad guidelines. We are in twelve years of program and we need to look at it to see if there is a better approach Dehcho First Nations can take. Graham Clinton is an Economist doing work for us on the economy for the resource readiness forum and for the Royalty file. There is a summary of options he will recommend.

Graham Clinton, Economist thanked the Leadership. Been in this profession over twenty years. Final draft of report is the in packages. *Executive Director has electronic copies she could send out.*

Chair Kevin Menicoche thanked Graham for the Presentation.

Executive Director provided background on IRDA Funding. People are critical, Graham mentions that in his report, DFN staff receive high abuse from people who don't get funded. We are looking at options the money has the greatest impact in the region. Received our money for 2016-17 and agreed we would not release it until the release of the Review. Money has not being released and we are asked if we are going to release the money. If we continue negotiating, there will be \$1 million next year. We could work through guidelines and priorities through this work. Seeking direction from the Leadership.

Questions/Comments on Options

Elder Marie Lafferty added use the money for Negotiations. Executive Director replied the money is directed at economic development. Some could be used in specific chapter work but not all of it. As per Marie's comment, set aside.

Chief Lloyd Chicot thanked Graham for the update. Touched on some of those issue yesterday. Glad Alison got someone to look at the big picture. Economic development comes from political pressure, not economics. Funding given to communities to do their own study on where they are as a community. Ka'a'gee Tu have a Development Corporation, had to set up entity to received funding from GNWT. The Development Corporation runs the Store, Gas Station, Motel Rooms, Campground and Commercial Fishing. Development Corporation is set up for money to generate through the community and employing people. Our Store & Motel is barely staying afloat. *Chief Lloyd Chicot provided background to his concerns raised yesterday.*

Proxy Samuel Gargan added Deh Gah Got'ie did a Strat Plan beyond 2020. *Brought up Energy companies offering to First Nation for Investment.*

Executive Director added there is consensus we don't have clear guidelines. The summary is we hold the money and continue this work. There was money given to each First Nation to do Economic Planning but never seen any results of that from the communities. Do we invest money in someone like Graham, do community analysis and see where the gaps are and look at the lack of infrastructure at the community level. This Report was emailed to the leaders before the meeting. We could make it available.

Chair Kevin Menicoche added each First Nation could put it on their agenda and discuss at the community level. Executive Director replied this would be an ongoing agenda item on our Spring Leadership moving it forward. Chief Gerry Antoine in agreement, support the conclusions and recommendations.

Executive Director added she asked Graham if he was available later on, we still have money separate from the \$1 million, in the economic corporation and could use that to assist Graham with the communities or someone else they identify on how to identify what is best for each community. The consensus around the table is not to release the money this fiscal year royalty fund. Communities will look at the report and identify resources for these discussions. Graham will be available at the Economic Forum next month. Executive Director added there will be no call out, refine guidelines and community needs.

Proxy Margaret Ireland added we need to do more studies on Education.

Elder Rita Cli asked if the money was from last year and this year. Executive Director replied we haven't released this year's funding of \$1 million and come April 1st, there will be another \$1 million until further direction.

Chair Kevin Menicoche added there are four resolutions left. Resolution 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Resolution #05, Regarding Nahanni National Park Reserve Impact & Benefit Agreement

Whereas the purpose of the Dehcho First Nations Impact and Benefit Agreement for Nahanni National Park Reserve is to:

- a) Address matters connected with Nahanni National Park Reserve that might have a detrimental impact on, or that could reasonably confer a benefit to DFN;
- b) Ensure Nah?q Dehé Dene Band is given priority with respect to all matters addressed in this Agreement;

- c) Recognize, respect and celebrate the special relationship of the Nahʔą Dehé Dene Band to the Nahanni National Park Reserve;
- d) Recognize and respect that Dehcho cultural heritage is part of the living legacy of Nahanni National Park Reserve and that Dehcho traditional use is an integral part of the ecosystem;
- e) Provide for the formal participation of the Dehcho Dene, particularly the Nahʔą Dehé Dene Band and affected Communities in the planning, management and operation of Nahanni National Park Reserve through the Nahʔą Dehé Consensus Team;
- f) Provide opportunities for Dehcho Dene to participate in and benefit from a full range of economic, training and employment opportunities and programs and services associated with Nahanni National Park Reserve;

Whereas, DFN wishes to resolve all the outstanding issues being negotiated in respect to this Agreement that is acceptable to the DFN Leadership;

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The DFN Leadership supports the position of our IBA Negotiator for significantly more funds for the Economic Development Fund, the On the Land Program, Scholarship Fund, Youth Wellness Camp, and the other funds as put forward by our IBA Negotiator,
2. The Leadership requires at least ten (10) full time jobs added to the Park organization as put forward by our IBA Negotiator,
3. The DFN Leadership requires that Parks Canada re-organize the Field Unit so that Nahanni National Park Reserve has its own Field Unit as put forward by our IBA Negotiator.
4. The DFN Leadership requires that Dehcho First Nations shares in the revenue obtained as a result of the Park as put forward by our IBA Negotiator.
5. The DFN Leadership instructs the Grand Chief and our IBA Negotiator to meet with the Minister responsible for Parks and the Prime Minister to resolve all outstanding issues.

Moved by Elder Marie Lafferty, seconded by President Daniel Peterson.

Discussion to Resolution #05?

Proxy Samuel Gargan asked if this sets precedence for future Impact Benefits and restrict us from benefiting more at other things that are happening.

Grand Chief Herb Norwegian replied there are many Impact Benefit Agreements out there and each one tailored for that specific activity. In the event, another one was to be negotiated, it would be a different one. A lot of them have a non-prejudice clause in there meaning it shouldn't apply to other groups. In our Dehcho Agreement, we will be dealing with it in the Parks Final Chapter and references Impact Benefit Agreements. We are safe there.

Chair Kevin Menicoche indicated Sam Gargan wants to make an amendment. Proxy Samuel Gargan added, Be it further resolved that (6) this IBA is without prejudice to future IBA's.

Discussion? Question? Question has been called. All those in favor to the Resolution 5? Against? Abstentions? None. Resolution 5 passed.

Chief Gerry Antoine added his concern to Resolution 5, Nahanni Butte pulling out of the Consensus Team? Is that my understanding? Grand Chief replied Nahanni Butte have representatives on there but they have not participated. Chief Gerry Antoine clarified the Resolution doesn't give you instructions to meet with them. I was suggesting there has to be direction given to the Grand Chief to meet with the community because they are raising concerns regarding the Consensus Team.

Chair Kevin Menicoche replied this resolution gives Chuck Blyth to move forward with the Impact & Benefits Agreement. If you want to direct Dehcho First Nations, consider a motion.

Resolution 6, Regarding Site C Dam

Whereas, BC Hydro is building a massive new dam on the Peace River, to be known as Site C Megaproject; and
Whereas, the Site C dam could result in further damage to the Slave River watershed, including changed water flows and impacts on the habitats of wildlife and fish within our Treaty 11 area; and
Whereas, these impacts would be in addition to the impacts already experienced as a result of dams built on the Peace River in the 1960's,
Therefore be it resolved that the DFN will issue a statement calling for a freeze and public pressure on the Site C project and asking Canada to recognize the principle that developments such as these require the free, prior and informed consent of the Dehcho First Nations.
Moved by Elder Karen Felker, seconded by Chief Becky Cayen.

Discussion to Resolution #06, Site C Dam?

Chief Lloyd Chicot added discussion to the previous motion. Received more emails from Peter Marcellais. On the Site C Dam, we talked about it at the Dene Nation meeting. Is there going to be further work happening? I don't know if the people down river know the impact of this Site C Dam. We need someone to look into it for us. In Kakisa, the water comes this way from the Petitot but when the water is high here, it is low on the Mackenzie River. It doesn't reflect here because of the falls. The water will be low from the falls to the Mackenzie. Those kinds of things you need to look at.

Elder Karen Felker added resolution should enforce public pressure. Proxy Samuel Gargan replied to add, "Therefore be it resolved that the DFN will issue a statement calling for a freeze and public pressure on the Site C project and asking Canada to recognize the principle that developments such as these require the free, prior and informed consent of the Dehcho First Nations."

Question? Question has been called. All those in favor? Against? Abstentions? None? Resolution 6 passed.

Resolution #07, regarding Summary of the original position of DFN on the MVRMA

Whereas, the Dehcho Leadership have held their Winter Leadership in Kakisa Lake, NT; and
Whereas, a report on the proposed DCRMA workshop was presented;
Whereas, the Dehcho Leadership have requested further information leading up to the proposed DCRMA;
Therefore be it resolved that, the Dehcho Leadership directs the Grand Chief with the assistance of the DFN administration and the Negotiations Team to draft up a summary of the original position of DFN on the MVRMA and how it has evolved to date;
Further be it resolved that, this summary briefing be completed by March 17, 2017.
Moved by Chief Gerry Antoine, seconded by President Daniel Peterson.

Discussion? Question? Question has been called. All those in favor? Against? Abstentions? None.
Resolution 7 passed.

Resolution #08, regarding DFN Master Trust

Whereas, the DFN Master Trust arose from the Settlement Agreement of 2005, and
Whereas, the Settlement Agreement contains specific conditions which the Parties were obligated to uphold; and

Whereas, the leadership requires a summary that clarifies the reasons for the establishment of the DFN Master Trust;

Therefore be it resolved that, the Dehcho First Nations Administration develop a briefing note that explains clearly in chronological order the:

1. Dehcho reasons for the Court Action leading to the Settlement Agreement,
2. The negotiations resulting in the Settlement Agreement negotiations,
3. The federal conditions contained in the Settlement Agreement,
4. The actions taken by Dehcho First Nations as it relates to the conditions of the Settlement Agreement; and

Be it further resolved that this briefing note will be circulated to the Dehcho First Nations Leadership by the Spring Leadership Meeting.

Moved by Chief Gerry Antoine, seconded by Chief Dolphus Jumbo

Discussion? Question? All in favor? Against? Abstentions? None. Resolution 8 passed.

Chair Kevin Menicoche indicated Chiefs brought up Nahanni Butte have concerns. Karen Felker asked Grand Chief for clarification on the Nahanni Butte resolution. *Grand Chief provided background to Special Leadership Resolution, (Nov. 29-Dec. 1/16).*

Karen replied it always has to do with money. *Repeated Elder Rita Cli's word of doing their homework.* Agreements are in place then this happens. Having to deal with the resolution after the fact, damage is done. Elder Rita Cli asked for update on Chief Marcellais' office. We passed a resolution and wanted it tabled. Other communities affected. Elder Marie Lafferty added Chief Peter Marcellais threatened Leadership they would walk if there wasn't support.

Letter was handed out to Leadership, Elder Karen Felker would like clarification. Grand Chief Herb Norwegian will respond to the letter, would like to go and meet with a couple of leaders. Nahanni Butte are having internal problems.

Proxy Samuel Gargan added concerns on a community calling the shots. This resolution needs to be tabled. At the Spring Leadership Meeting, Peter meet with the Leadership collectively.

Chair Kevin Menicoche added you have to reply to the Nahanni Butte letter. This letter is tabled. Elder Rita Cli added Chief Marcellais' Manager was at the meeting and should have been membership.

Chief Gerry Antoine provided background to the resolution handed out. Nahanni Butte wasn't here when we passed a resolution on the NNPR IBA and find it appropriate for the Grand Chief to meet with Nahanni Butte, moved by Chief Gerry Antoine.

Resolution #09, regarding Grand Chief to meet with Nah?ą Dehé Dene Band

Whereas, DFN Leadership met in Kakisa Lake; and

Whereas, DFN Leadership has presented an update report on the proposed Nahanni National Park Reserve Impact Benefit Agreement; and

Whereas, DFN Leadership would like to ensure that Nahʔą Dehé Dene Band is given priority with respect to all matters addressed in this proposed agreement;

Therefore be it resolved that, the DFN Leadership direct the Grand Chief to meet with the Nahʔą Dehé Dene Band to inform and address Nahʔą Dehé Dene Band's concerns on this proposed agreement; and

Further be it resolved that, the Grand Chief will provide a summary report at the Spring Leadership Meeting 2017.

Moved by Chief Gerry Antoine, seconded by Chief Lloyd Chicot

Discussion? Question? Question has been called. All those in favor? Against? Abstentions? None. Resolution 9 passed.

Grand Chief Herb Norwegian thanked host Chief. Next dates for Spring Leadership proposed for week of May 8, 2017, tentative.

Closing Prayer – Elder Rita Cli

Certified by:

Herb Norwegian, Grand Chief

Date