



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

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Spring Leadership Meeting
April 30-May 2, 2019
Kakisa Lake, NT

Resolution # 01

Moved by:


Elder Marie Lafferty
Fort Simpson Metis Local 52

Seconded by:


Elder James Cayen
West Point First Nation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified copy of Resolution
made in Kakisa Lake, NT on
May 2, 2019.


Gladys Norwegian
Grand Chief

**RE: Master Contribution Agreement with
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency**

WHEREAS, Dehcho First Nations is entering into a Master Contribution Agreement with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency for the development of Participant Funding Program for the Development of a Policy & Guidance on the Proposed New Impact Assessment System; and

WHEREAS, the DFN Leadership are authorized to enter into a Master Contribution Agreement with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the duly authorized signature will be the Executive Director, on behalf of Dehcho First Nations, for the purpose of signing the application for funding, the Master Contribution Agreement and the Schedules (s), or any other documents required under the Master Contribution Agreement and the Schedule(s).



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Resolution # 02

Moved by:

Elder Ernest Cazon
Liidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Elder Margaret Leishman
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation

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Gladys Norwegian
Grand Chief

RE: Climate Change

WHEREAS, Climate change is being addressed by a conversion to renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Dehcho has great sources of renewable energy potential; and

WHEREAS, a conversion to renewable energy can provide economic benefits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dehcho develop a Plan to convert its communities to renewable energy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Plan be designed to maximize benefits to the individual Dehcho communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a Dehcho Energy Plan be tabled at the 2019 Dehcho Annual Assembly.



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Resolution # 03

RE: Resuming Dehcho Process Negotiations

Moved by:

Tim Lennie, Proxy
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Seconded by:

Sub-Chief Rick Gargan
Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation

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WHEREAS Dehcho Process negotiations have been effectively suspended since January 2015; and

WHEREAS the suspension of negotiations violates the spirit and intent of the Framework Agreement signed in 2001 and deprives the Dehcho of the most important and effective forum for addressing critical issues; and

WHEREAS Canada has a legal obligation to engage in good faith negotiations with the DFN to resolve outstanding issues and achieve reconciliation through an agreement which clarifies and builds upon Treaty 11; and

WHEREAS the DFN have made several proposals for resuming formal negotiations but have received no useful response from either Canada or the GNWT; and

WHEREAS the DFN proposed in November 2018 that the parties resume main table negotiations with the objective of completing and implementing a self-government agreement, while temporarily leaving aside the issues of ownership and jurisdiction over land and resources; and

WHEREAS neither government has responded to our proposal.

Moved by:


Tim Lennie, Proxy
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Seconded by:


Sub-Chief Rick Gargan
Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grand Chief will write to Canada and the GNWT to explain how the many delays that have occurred in the Dehcho Process since AiP negotiations began have impacted on DFN communities, and to demand that Canada fulfill its legal obligations and its obligations under the Framework Agreement by immediately agreeing to resume main table negotiations in Dehcho communities.



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Resolution # 04

Moved by:

James Christie, Vice President
Fort Providence Metis Local

Seconded by:

Margaret Ireland, Elder
Jean Marie River First Nation

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Grand Chief

RE: Education Director & Work Plan

WHEREAS it is widely recognized that the education system of the NWT has failed Dene and Metis youth; and

WHEREAS the GNWT pays lip service to the idea of "education renewal" but has refused to budget adequate resources for any meaningful change; and

WHEREAS it is clearly up to the DFN to take the initiative to improve our education system; and

WHEREAS the Dehcho Education Steering Committee was established by a resolution of the 2015 Annual Assembly with a mandate to facilitate discussion about education matters affecting the Dehcho Dene; and

WHEREAS the DFN Executive Committee has appointed Lois Philipp and Margaret Fields to the Steering Committee and is seeking two more members;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The DFN is authorized and directed to seek funding to employ an Education Director who will work with Education Steering Committee to fulfill the Committee's mandate; and
2. The draft Dehcho Education Work Plan is hereby approved.



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Resolution #05

RE: Nahecho Council

Moved by:


Chief Stanley Sanguez
Jean Marie River First Nation

Seconded by:


Sub-Chief Rick Gargan
Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation

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Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Leadership has approved establishment of Nahecho Council so that our Elders can sit among us and guide our decisions with their wisdom;

THEREFORE BY OUR INHERENT RIGHT TO GOVERN OURSELVES, the Dehcho First Nations Leadership hereby confirms the establishment of Nahecho Council effective today; and

THEREFORE BE FURTHER IT RESOLVED THAT, community Leaders identify to the DFN Grand Chief as soon as possible the name of the Elder to represent their community on Nahecho Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Terms of Reference will be developed and presented to the DFN Leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Elders will meet concurrently with DFN Leadership.