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Grand Chief's Report

By Gerald Antoine, Grand Chief

I would like to thank the 2008 Dehcho Assembly Leadership for their unanimous endorsement, entrusting me to hold the office of Grand Chief till the 2009 Dehcho Assembly. It's not every day that you are provided a second chance to make a difference, particularly at this office of Grand Chief. It's a privilege, an honor that I don't take lightly and one that requires your help.

I see this as a challenge for all of us to get involved to learn what the Dehcho Process is and to be involved providing input on the course of actions that we need to take to implement our objective as outlined in the 2001 Framework Agreement.

Since my previous appointment to the office in February 2008, I had been informed on many of the files Dehcho First Nations has been working on. I had also reviewed them to know how they relate to the aspirations of Dehcho, and have been shown briefly of their reasons. You also need to know the information.



I would like to share with you my observations that I feel important, which I would like you to be mindful about while you are deliberating about the future of Dehcho. In the next few months I would like to see sessions set up to provide the opportunity where we all can share our thoughts constructively. This approach is necessary to be taken, as it will form the cohesiveness to strengthen the outline of the steps that we need to take.

To begin moving the dialogue, I will leave with you these messages for you to start with. I feel that it is important to begin here, as this is where it begins to picture where our Elders were coming from and why.

First of all and properly, the most important one of all is the relationship that we need to continue to have with the land. "Hold onto the land" has been the directive that our forefathers and current Elders have consistently insisted upon. The youth whom had the opportunity to have been asked about their thoughts on this subject have also emphasized the importance of maintaining this position.

Secondly, the Crown has a relationship with us. The Treaties, 11 and 8, continue to be fundamental to this relationship. "Hang onto our understanding of the Treaties" is the other directive that our forefathers and current Elders insisted upon as long as the sun rises from the east and sets in the west, the grass grows and the river flows.

It has been difficult for all of us; however, given the recent developments I see light at the end of the tunnel and these are why there is that light.

The approval of the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on September 13, 2007, supports our deliberations and provides us with a template that can be easily incorporated to move us forward to finally implementing this relationship. This will take a lot of good work, researching, re-viewing existing positions, planning, and implementing.



The recent Prime Minister's Apology on the Policy of Assimilations gives life now to move forward to implement the Treaties, which the Dene Chiefs have been seeking since 1967 when the Dene Chiefs began to collectively demand that Great Britain fulfill its international obligation with the Dene. [note: Later on these same obligations were officially inherited by Canada in 1982, through the repatriation of the Canadian Constitution.]

It's time to implement the relationship that our ancestors had stood on despite all the atrocities that were done to them through the policy of assimilation. It's our responsibility now to stand up and to make sure that these legal obligations are fulfill.

I see this work that we need to do with that same Spirit of Hope which our Elders had when they shared with us their story. I thank all of them for their strong believe that one day we will success and I pray today that they strengthened us as they continuously guide us through this process of implementation.

Finally we are here together, so **help me to put our minds together for our children tomorrow¹.**

Mahsi Cho,

Gerald Antoine
Grand Chief

¹ This saying is from one of the posters that were designed and utilized by the Indian Brotherhood of the NWT in the 1970's



Executive Director's Report

By Ria Letcher, Executive Director

I hope this season finds all of our Dehcho Members in good spirits and enjoying the fall harvesting and gathering rituals.

As for the Dehcho First Nations administration we have been extremely busy in implementing Leadership and Assembly directions. Our annual assembly was held in Ka'a'gee Tu in June 2008. There were many important discussions and decisions at this assembly.

First, after a lengthy debate the Assembly decided to continue with Assembly elections as opposed to regional elections. *In 2009 the Annual Assembly delegates will be selecting a Dehcho Grand Chief for a term of four years.*

Secondly, following another lengthy debate and pressure from Canada the Dehcho Assembly directed a land selections mandate. This mandate is conditional upon the approval and implementation of the Dehcho Land Use plan, self government and AiP negotiations.

Thirdly, the Nahanni Park expansion area received assembly endorsement based on the recommendations made by the Nahanni Expansion Working Group (NEWG). The expansion area encompasses the greater portion of the watershed and two functional mines a first in Canadian Park history. *Copies of all resolutions and minutes of meeting are available on line for member convenience.*



2008 – 2009 Goals

- **Increased communications between the regional office, DFN Leadership and administrative committees;** Communications between the DFN administration, Leadership and membership by way of increasing our bank of contact information and the management of that information in a database. Increasing the rate at which we are able to respond to membership, Leadership and administrative concerns or requests.
- **Information and access to information in the Dehcho First Nations office;** DFN has over the years accumulated a tremendous amount of information. We are in the process of archiving the information and storing off site the old files. This information is available for the Dehcho members should they need to access it for any reason. We have also started to organize the beginning of a resource library. The resource library is a compilation of the materials acquired over the years.
- DFN Leadership is required to have knowledge and information in vast array of areas. Especially in dealing with our Dehcho Process Negotiations. It is difficult to ensure that these information's are ready and handy for easy reference in it current hardcopy form. DFN Administration would like to ensure that our Leaders have the most current information to assist in their decision making. Current practice is that information is provided in hard copy. We would like to begin the practice of providing information digitally on a **flash drive** so that it is easily accessible and available to you as Leaders. The Dehcho First nation's website



www.dehchofirstnations.com has all of the DFN agreements, tabled documents, minutes and resolutions.

DFN WEBMASTER – Frederick Lepine QUOTATION

"BTW, just so you guys know - I think you make better use of the internet as a tool to reach out to your members probably more so than any other First Nation in Canada, short of the AFN. The amount of information you dispense to keeping the public informed on a weekly basis is probably not paralleled by any other FN in Canada. You should be proud of that."

- DFN has invested in a management tool for our organization. It is called Aboriginal information systems (AIS). AIS is a data base to assist First Nations in managing the many motions, resolutions, minutes and membership. We have purchased the program last year and have recently begun data entering the resolutions and membership into the data base. The program is designed so that our member First Nations can access the information from their own communities and data enter pertinent information regarding membership, community direction.

Optimal operation of the database would ensure complete information disclosure by DFN to its member First Nations and vice versa at the communities' discretion. Information sharing is critical to ensuring that we are consistent in our decision making.

- **Dehcho First Nations legal registries;** Dehcho First Nations is duly registered at the Territorial and Federal levels. Currently the documents that are registered with the registrar do not reflect the realities of Dehcho First Nations governing structures. This has prompted a necessary review of the by-laws initiated through resolutions of the Spring Leadership 2008. First By – Law recommendation is to change the board of directors of the Dehcho First Nations to the Leadership. Presently it is the Executive Committee of the organization that is the listed board of Directors. The By-laws reviews are an Annual Assembly agenda item.
- **Leadership Administration;** Dehcho First Nations Leadership meets seasonally four times per year. There are three scheduled DFN Leadership meetings plus an Annual Assembly. Depending on the issues DFN Leaders chose to convene a Special Assembly for one issue or the other. As your administration we will do our best to ensure that as much advanced information is made available prior to the meetings. This information can be provided in the form of emails or simply placed on the website providing that it is not confidential or restricted. This would be done simply for your information purposes and providing advanced review.

In conclusion, the Dehcho First Nations administrations' sole purpose is to serve as the vehicle through which we will have our goals and independence as a nation negotiated and implemented.

Dehcho First Nations Headquarters is an asset to the members of the ten Dehcho First Nations. We continue to strive to do the best we can in ensuring that we serve the communities in the areas that are required. DFN has established an open and transparent process for the benefits of our membership. Please feel free to stop by our administrative headquarters, you will find strong coffee and smiling faces.

Mahsi,

Ria Letcher
Executive Director



Executive Committee Motions

By Alison de Pelham, Contractor

Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
June 13-14, 2008			
Motion #01	June 13, 2008 Move to accept the agenda as amended Moved: Joanne Deneron Second: Chief Berna Landry Carried		
Motion #02	June 13, 2008 Move to accept year to date June 12, 2008 Financial Statements. Moved: Richard Lafferty Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried		
Motion #03	June 13, 2008 Move to confirm the Executive Director Poll of the Executive Committee members regarding authorization to proceed with Robert Stewart Audit Services for fiscal year 2007/2008. Moved: Joanne Deneron Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried	Executive Director Auditor: Robert Stewart	DFN Audit Completed DFN 07/08 draft audit recommended to the 2008 Assembly for acceptance.
Motion #04	June 13, 2008 Under duress, the Executive Committee recommends that we [DFN] be compliant with DIAND directive of limiting cash grants to \$200/day available only to non salaried Chiefs and Presidents. Moved: Chief Keyna Norwegian Second: Elder Violet Cli Carried	Executive Director	Recommended to the DFN Assembly for discussion under the DFN Operational Plan 2008/2009.
Motion #05	June 13, 2008 Move that the DFN staff automatically adjust the duty travel rates for incidentals, meals and private accommodations to reflect current treasury board rates as they change. Moved: Richard Lafferty Second: Chief Berna Landry Carried	Executive Director	To be implemented July 1, 2008.
Motion #06	June 13, 2008 Move to accept the Youth Council Proposal for submission to various funding agencies. Moved: Richard Lafferty Second: Violet Cli Carried	Executive Director	In progress. Circulation to NGO's, GNWT and Government of Canada.



Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
June 13-14, 2008 Cont.			
Motion #07	June 13, 2008 Move to submit MGPIF Phase III proposal for submission to the PRO – Industry Canada. Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried	Executive Director	Implemented.
Motion #08	June 14, 2008 The Executive Committee has reviewed the Financial Statements with the auditor, and have addressed the Financial Statement concerns and recommends approval of the 07/08 draft Financial Statements to the 2008 Annual Assembly. Moved: Joanne Deneron Second: Chief Berna Landry Carried	Executive Committee Executive Director	See Auditor's Report Assembly Agenda
Motion #09	June 14, 2008 To recruit a Finance Clerk to assist the Finance Manager in day to day operations and functions of Dehcho First Nations. Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Violet Cli Carried		To be advertised July , 2008
Motion #10	June 14, 2008 To roll over outstanding payables due to members into deferred revenue one year after fiscal year end, if non compliant. Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Joanne Deneron Carried	Executive Committee Executive Director	Policy to be developed and implemented.
Motion #11	June 14, 2008 Outstanding payable reported on Financial Statements 2007/2008 in excess of one year will be given six months to comply before funds are roles over into deferred revenue for use as initially intended, effective June 14, 2008. Moved: Chief Keyna Norwegian Second: Richard Lafferty Carried	Executive Committee Executive Director	Policy to be developed and implemented.
Motion #12	June 14, 2008 To identify all associated expenditures year to date for Settlement Agreement Trust Fund for reimbursement of Trust development costs. Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Joanne Deneron Carried	Executive Director	Data to be sent for recovery



Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
June 13-14, 2008 Cont.			
Motion #13	<p>June 14, 2008</p> <p>As per the guidelines, Executive Committee has thoroughly reviewed the prospective candidates for appointment to the Investment Management Board, Executive Committee recommends to the Annual Assembly the appointment of Darlene Sibbeston to the Investment Management Board for a term of three years.</p> <p>Moved: Joanne Deneron Second: Chief Berna Landry 1 abstention – Richard Lafferty</p>		<p>See Master Trust Report Assembly Agenda</p> <p>Recommendation requires Assembly approval.</p>
Motion #14	<p>June 14, 2008</p> <p>Moved to go in camera.</p> <p>Moved: Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried</p>		
Motion #15	<p>June 14, 2008</p> <p>Moved to come out of camera.</p> <p>Moved: Second: Chief Berna Landry Carried</p>		
May 8 -9, 2008			
Motion #01	<p>May 8, 2008</p> <p>Moved to accept the agenda as discussed</p> <p>Moved: Elder Violet Cli Second: Chief Berna Landry Carried</p>		
Motion #02	<p>May 8, 2008</p> <p>Move to hire four casuals for two different periods June 30th and August 30th, 08 at an estimated 22K.</p> <p>Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Margaret Leishman Carried</p>	Executive Director	Implemented
Motion #03	<p>May 8, 2008</p> <p>Moved to have Ria Letcher, Executive Director, as the Signing Authority for Dehcho First Nations.</p> <p>Moved: Joanne Deneron Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried.</p>	Finance manager	Implemented
Motion #04	<p>May 8, 2008</p> <p>That the Executive Committee has reviewed the Financial statements March 31st, 08 and year to date financial statements, May 5th, 08.</p> <p>Moved: Joanne Deneron Second: Elder Violet CH Carried</p>		



Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
May 8-9, 2008 Cont.			
Motion #05	May 8, 2008 Move to allocate \$5K from the Core and AHRDA to develop an Annual Report. Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried	Executive Director	Short term casual employment for month of June - July, 08 to produce DFN Annual Report
Motion #06	May 9, 2008 Move to allocate unclaimed portions of DFN scholarships to deferred revenues in the audit and be used in the 08/09 for Short Term Scholarships. Scholarship Committee to meet to define criteria. Moved; Joanne Deneron Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried	DFN Scholarship Committee	To be implemented this fiscal year.
Motion #07	May 9, 2008 Move to go in camera. Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Joanne Deneron Carried		
Motion #08	May 8, 2008 Move to come out of Camera. Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Joanne Deneron Carried		
February 21-22, 2008			
Motion #01	February 21, 2008 Approval of agenda Moved: Chief Keyna Norwegian Second: Joanne Deneron Carried		
Motion #02	February 21, 2008 Approval of Executive Meeting minutes Moved: Richard Lafferty Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried		
Motion #03	February 21, 2008 Acting Chief Pay That the Grand Chief acting Pay will be paid at Level 1 of the Pay Scale for Grand Chief, for the Interim Grand Chief. Moved: Chief Keyna Norwegian Second: Joanne Deneron Carried	Executive Director	Implemented



Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
February 21-22, 2008 Cont.			
Motion #04	February 22, 2008 Moved to go in camera. Moved: Joanne Deneron Second: Richard Lafferty Carried		
Motion #05	February 22, 2008 Move to come out of in camera. Moved: Richard Lafferty Second: Joanne Deneron Carried		
Motion #06	February 22, 2008 Moved to have a thirty day severance package provided to former Grand Chief Herb Norwegian who was removed for cause. Move : Richard Lafferty Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried	Executive Director	Severance offer forwarded, has not cleared DFN financial system.
Motion #07	February 22, 2008 Move: Signing Authority Add Gerald Antoine remove Herb Norwegian Moved: Joanne Deneron Second: Chief Keyna Norwegian Carried		Implemented
November 21, 2007			
Motion #01	The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the draft agenda with the amendments. Moved: Richard Lafferty Second: Chief Berna Landry Carried		
	The Executive Committee reviewed and approved by consensus the draft summaries for May 3, 2007, May 10, 2007, June 20, 2007, and July 25, 2007. (No motion offered)		
Direction #01	Executive gave direction to explore a second visa and/or increase the credit amount to DFN Visa.		
Motion #02	Richard Lafferty moved to approve Grand Chief Compensation to Level 1 of DFN pay scale grid effective immediately, no retroactive pay, no overtime to be paid. Moved: Richard Lafferty Second: Chief Berna Landry Carried	Grand Chief declines the salary increase.	Salary difference from November 21, 07 to Jan 08. Paid April 2008



Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
November 21, 2007 Cont.			
	The Executive agreed to add openness to the budgeting process two members of the Executive will belong to the DFN budgeting Committee.	Chief Keyna Norwegian Richard Lafferty	Implemented
	Executive provided direction to the Executive Director to be placed the matter on the agenda for the next Leadership meeting. Leadership will provide direction on whether DFN should consider changing the structure of Dehcho Economic Corporation. Discussion paper to be attached to the agenda item.		See Winter Leadership Resolution See 2008 Annual Assembly Agenda (DEC Report)
	The policy in not accepting collect calls should be reviewed.	No such policy	1-800 number to be established.
	Executive gave direction to the Executive Director to find the monies in the current budget and provide a report to the next Executive meeting.	No background	
Motion #03	The Executive approved the Christmas break for Dehcho First Nations. Moved: Chief Berna Landry Second: Margaret Leishman, Member at Large Carried	Executive Director	Implemented
	Roy provided direction to post for the Executive Director ASAP.	Posted and reposted February 25, 2008	Implemented
	The Executive supported Herb to take personal time off to get counseling to address his personal challenges. Herb will search for an appropriate institution to assist him in his personal healing.		
July 25, 2007			
Motion #01	The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the draft agenda. Moved: Joanne Deneron, Member at Large Second: Violet Cli, Elder Carried		
Direction #01	Recommend by the Executive Committee that the Executive Director go ahead with the hiring of David Fiebelkorn for Comptroller services as well as Financial Services contract March 31, 2008.		
Direction #02	Recommendation from the Executive Committee to put a spending freeze for DFN for travel, expenses and all costs.		



Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
July 25, 2007 Cont.			
Direction #03	When the DFN receives the Dehcho Economic Corporation's report, then the funds of \$60,000.00 will be released and when the DFN has received their funding.		Actual amount in holdback is \$82,500.00
Direction #04	Face to face meeting regards to the issue of staffing at the DFN.		
Direction #05	The Pay Scale and the truck with issues of traveling with his family for personal reasons, overtime for the Grand Chief, these issues are tabled until the next face to face meeting.		
Direction #06	The credit card is left at the DFN when the GC leaves the credit card on Friday, July 27, 2007.		



Dehcho Process Report

By Negotiations Team

Executive Summary

The Dehcho Process began in 1999 with the intention of negotiating an agreement which would recognize a Dehcho public government which would have ownership and jurisdiction over all lands and resources in the Dehcho Territory. In 2001 a Framework Agreement and Interim Measures Agreement (IMA) were signed. In 2003 the DFN and Canada agreed to a package of interim land withdrawals to protect sensitive lands during the negotiations process, as well as an agreement to jointly manage Nahanni National Park Reserve and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand the boundaries of the Park to protect the South Nahanni watershed.

AiP Negotiations

The Dehcho Process entered a critical phase over the past year. Exploratory discussions continued throughout the year until December, when Canada indicated that negotiations could not go much further unless the Dehcho Negotiating Team obtained a mandate to negotiate a land claim agreement based on the federal Comprehensive Claims policy. Canada said that having a mandate to “explore” a land selection agreement was not sufficient to move further ahead on the main issues.



Canada said that it will only negotiate a comprehensive land claim agreement with the Dehcho which is “comparable” to other agreements in the NWT, based on land selection. Under Canada’s “comparable” formula, the DFN could end up owning between 47,000 and 70,000 square kilometers of the Dehcho territory, depending upon how the DFN interests are compared to other settlement areas. DFN would also be able to participate in management of lands throughout the rest of the Dehcho territory through nominations to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board and the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. As well, the traditional harvesting rights of DFN members would be preserved on all Crown lands throughout the Dehcho territory.

Based on their comparisons between the Dehcho and the Tlicho, Canada’s negotiators say their current mandate does not allow them to agree to a land quantum of more than 47,000 sq km, which would mean that Canada would own the remaining 168,000 sq km. Any increase to that mandate will require the approval of Cabinet.

The November, 2006 Special Assembly gave DFN negotiators a mandate to “explore” land selection, which was reaffirmed at the 2007 Assembly. The Assembly also directed that the DFN continue to stress the importance of compliance with existing agreements between the DFN and Canada, especially agreements in which Canada promised to implement a completed Land Use Plan (LUP).

DFN negotiators have tabled documents on a variety of issues towards achieving an AiP. (Agreement in Principle). These documents include proposed AiP wording for chapters on:

- Dehcho Resource Management Authority



- Eligibility and Enrolment
- Expropriation of Dehcho Lands
- Access to Dehcho Lands
- Treaty Rights
- Housing, Education and Health
- Harvester Income Support
- Protected Areas
- National Parks



As well, main table discussions have also included brief discussions on taxation, culture and heritage, Metis issues and capacity building.

Nahanni National Park Reserve Expansion

Several DFN assembly resolutions and leadership resolutions have called for the protection of the South Nahanni watershed through the expansion of Nahanni National Park Reserve.

In 2003 the DFN and Canada signed an Interim Park Management Arrangement, which placed Nahanni National Park Reserve under the joint management of Canada and the DFN under the Naha Deh Consensus Team. Canada and the DFN also signed a MoU on Park Expansion in which both parties agreed to work cooperatively to protect the South Nahanni watershed by expanding the boundaries of the Park. To implement the MoU Canada and the DFN formed a Nahanni Expansion Working Group (NEWG) which reports to the CEO of Parks Canada and to the DFN Grand Chief. Jonas Antoine has been a strong representative for DFN on the NEWG.

Discussion on the expansion of Nahanni Park is now in the final stages. The NEWG submitted its final recommendation to the CEO and to the Grand Chief in December, 2007 for approval. The NEWG recommended that the Park boundaries be expanded to protect approximately 97% of the watershed from mining and other industrial activities, while allowing for existing third party dispositions, including those at the Prairie Creek mine site.

The recommendation is now before the Minister of the Environment, John Baird, for final approval. Mr. Baird supports the recommendation, but needs approval of the federal Cabinet. Although the GNWT is not a party to the MoU and their support is not technically needed, Canada will consult with the GNWT before making a final decision on expansion. Baird has asked DFN leaders to lobby the GNWT to support Park expansion.

DFN would achieve most of its objectives through the Park expansion proposal recommended by the NEWG. Regrettably, to date the GNWT has not supported DFN on the proposed Park expansion.

Land Use Plan

The tri-partite Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) was established by the IMA in 2001 and submitted a complete Land Use Plan for approval in Spring, 2006. The Plan was approved by the DFN at the 2006 Assembly, but Canada then refused to approve the Plan, despite their promise in the Settlement Agreement signed in 2005 to approve the Plan as soon as possible after its completion. Canada has insisted on significant changes to the Plan approved by DFN in 2006.



In April 2007 the DFN and Canada agreed to a new work plan for the LUPC to revise the Plan and Canada and the GNWT changed their appointees on the LUPC. Mike Nadli replaced Herb Norwegian as Chair of the LUPC. The LUPC is now working on amendments to the Plan. While they are making progress, a complete revised Plan may not be ready for approval at this year's Annual Assembly.

At this point, even if a revised Plan is approved by the DFN and Canada this year, there is still no assurance that it will be implemented by Canada. In fact, Canada continues to say that they will not implement the Plan until the DFN approve an AiP based on land selection. The DFN will still have to work hard to have the revised Plan implemented whether or not progress is made towards an AiP.

The new LUPC completed numerous revisions to the Land Use Plan and expect to have it finished by the fall of 2008. The DFN Negotiating Team continues to insist that the Interim Land Use Plan be completed and implemented as soon as possible.

Communications

The communications group, led by internally renowned author and journalist, Hugh McCullum has revamped the communication tools. The newsletter was suspended temporarily while personal requirements were reviewed. Dehcho Vision is once again being published. As well, the Dehcho website, www.dehchofirstnations.com has been revised and is now updated on a regular basis. All the documents tabled during negotiations are being put on the website, as are the reports of the leaderships meetings. The site remains an important link for Dehcho members wanting regular information but unable to attend negotiation sessions. In addition, the team has been producing a special documentary video on the Dehcho Process. The final video is scheduled to be premiered at the Annual Assembly in Kakisa. In the meantime a short 2:40 minute 'trailer' has been posted on the website.

The negotiations team has also undertaken a series of community visits, traveling to almost every community at least twice to provide information on the Dehcho Process and to listen to members concerns. Unfortunately in a few communities some of the sessions were not well attended.

Funding

The end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2008 also marked the end of the increased negotiations funding DFN has been receiving through the 2005 Settlement Agreement. This means that DFN will probably have a reduced budget for negotiations during the current year of 2008 -2009.

KFN

The Katlodeeche First Nations continues to negotiate a separate TLE Agreement with Canada. Their negotiations are in camera and very little detail has been provided to the DFN Negotiations Team, or main table by KFN or Canada.

ADK

According to Canada, the Acho Dene Koe First Nation and the GNWT are negotiating a framework agreement with Canada and the GNWT to enter into comprehensive negotiations outside of the Dehcho Process. No information has been provided to the DFN negotiations team on the details of these talks, although we understand that Canada and the ADK have reached a "handshake" framework agreement.



South Slave Metis

DFN Negotiators were informed that the NWT Metis, previously called the South Slave Metis, have tabled maps in their negotiations with Canada and the GNWT that claim traditional land use interests within the Dehcho territory. These maps have not been seen by DFN negotiators.

Next Steps

If this Assembly gives DFN negotiators a mandate to negotiate a Comprehensive Claim agreement based on land selection, the negotiations team intends to form a number of working groups, using Dehcho members and some experts from outside the region. Each of the working groups will be tasked with assisting the DFN team and leadership in the development of detailed positions for a Dehcho Agreement. The groups will focus on the following:

- Education, Training and Language
- Language, Culture and Heritage Resources
- Health and Social Services
- Governance
- Harvesters' issues

In addition we have asked Jim Antoine to become the overlap and implementations negotiator. Jim will work on internal overlap issues if discussions on land selection begin, and with external groups such as the NWT Metis, the Dene Tha and the Akaitcho.





Assistant Negotiator's Report

By Samuel Gargan, Assistant Negotiator

Introduction

2007 – 2008 fiscal years have been very hectic for the Negotiation Team with monthly negotiation sessions, seasonal Leadership meetings and the annual gathering of the Naxehcho (Elders), Harvesters and Youth. To keep the communities and membership informed the negotiation team also conducted two community consultation meetings. The first meeting was on up-dates while the second was on options.

It's always an honor to work with different groups who are enthusiastic in assisting me in getting the job done. The first priority of the Negotiation Team is the Dehcho Process, mandated by the leadership and the Annual Assembly. We continue to discuss and explore positions established by both the Territorial and Federal Governments. I will continue to maintain good diplomatic relationships, collect and gather information relevant to the discussions; seek advice and ask questions of experts, past practices and events that can contribute to our process. With the involvement of Naxehcho, Harvesters, youth and the five Dehcho River communities in preparing documents for the Joint Review Panel public hearings and preparing the communities for an eventual National Energy Board hearing on the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project. I was also involved in resolving the overlap issues between Akaitcho Treaty 8 and Dene Tha.

Monthly Report

In order to ensure proper reporting, recording, accountability and transparency at each meeting, visits, consultations and daily office activity is recorded. All my office activity is recorded, including home visits, First Nation Government meetings, internal and public negotiation session and briefing sessions. Those records are available at the Dehcho First Nations website and the office.



Dehcho Process

Involved with the Negotiation Team creates many challenges in scheduling, preparing, reviewing and analyzing documents and reports to the Leadership leaves little time for other issues and activities. Aside from other emergencies and priority issues the Negotiation Team along with the Federal and Territorial Government continues to table and exchange documents discussion papers which outline their mandated position on how the process should proceed.

As exploratory talks continue in good faith it would seem that we are slowly being drawn under the Comprehensive Claims Policy. Highlights of the process are discussions on work plan, land, quantum, enrollment and eligibility, implementation, jurisdiction, taxation, expropriation, heritage, access, expropriation; Treaty Rights issues on education, health, social services, housing and child welfare, etc. Hopefully, an Agreement-in-Principle will emerge supported by the leadership and endorsed by the membership. Our options are limited without a full mandate from the Assembly. Work has been slow, due to primary to our inability to consult and inform our membership. Hopefully through intensive consultations, discussion and workshops we can create the right environment to move forward.



Towards a Dehcho Government Consultation

The decision to develop a DFN government with a Constitution started as far back as our Dehcho Declaration in 1993. Before the coming of Europeans, First Nations lived with and from the land in a reciprocal relationship with all of nature. To sustain societies and to grow and develop over the centuries, reciprocal relationships were organized that insured both humans and non-humans would continue to prosper.



This required the development of systems of knowledge that were precise and disciplined in what we would now call material or scientific sense, having to do with resource protection, renewal and regeneration. Today, blending traditional experiences with modern views has been a challenge.

Several governance workshops have been held, as well as working group gatherings. Discussion so far has been on our relationship and co-existence with other governments. How we continue to conduct ourselves as a Nation with values and principals since time immemorial is, indeed, important, not only to the Leadership, but the Naxehcho, Harvesters, Youth and membership.

Our constitution, which would be the supreme law of our land, must reflect our collectiveness and our unique style of consensus. With this in mind, a series of intensive consultations started on the document, "Towards a Dehcho Government", in 2005. The result is a 6th draft document that is still in being develop as on going discussions continue.

The members also realize that this is our constitution for the future, so it must reflect who we are, not what others feel we should be and certainly not how we fit in. Everyone's participation is important as the discussions continue. In 2006 however the Annual Assembly in Kakisa decided to use a different approach which would see the development of a Dehcho Dene Constitution developed first in the Dene language and eventually translated into English.

Dehcho First Nations Language and Culture

The delivery system and the government's policy on First Nations language and culture has been the subject of much discussion and a number of workshops. Depending on whose point of view, the difference between traditional learning and present day delivery of our language and culture is neither flourishing nor declining. On-going discussions and concerns continue to be expressed by our leaders the Naxehcho and Youth.

It's obvious the youth today do not speak or practice the language or culture. It is difficult to determine why our Dene Language is on the decline: is it the delivery system? the method used? techniques or the way it's carried or passed on?

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DFN Negotiators were informed that the NWT Metis, previously called the South Slave Metis, have tabled maps in their negotiations with Canada and the GNWT that claim traditional land use interests within the Dehcho territory. These maps have not been seen by DFN negotiators.

Next Steps

If this Assembly gives DFN negotiators a mandate to negotiate a Comprehensive Claim agreement based on land selection, the negotiations team intends to form a number of working groups, using Dehcho members and some experts from outside the region. Each of the working groups will be tasked with assisting the DFN team and leadership in the development of detailed positions for a Dehcho Agreement. The groups will focus on the following:

- Education, Training and Language
- Language, Culture and Heritage Resources
- Health and Social Services
- Governance
- Harvesters' issues

In addition we have asked Jim Antoine to become the overlap and implementations negotiator. Jim will work on internal overlap issues if discussions on land selection begin, and with external groups such as the NWT Metis, the Dene Tha and the Akaitcho.





Assistant Negotiator's Report

By Samuel Gargan, Assistant Negotiator

Introduction

2007 – 2008 fiscal years have been very hectic for the Negotiation Team with monthly negotiation sessions, seasonal Leadership meetings and the annual gathering of the Naxehcho (Elders), Harvesters and Youth. To keep the communities and membership informed the negotiation team also conducted two community consultation meetings. The first meeting was on up-dates while the second was on options.

It's always an honor to work with different groups who are enthusiastic in assisting me in getting the job done. The first priority of the Negotiation Team is the Dehcho Process, mandated by the leadership and the Annual Assembly. We continue to discuss and explore positions established by both the Territorial and Federal Governments. I will continue to maintain good diplomatic relationships, collect and gather information relevant to the discussions; seek advice and ask questions of experts, past practices and events that can contribute to our process. With the involvement of Naxehcho, Harvesters, youth and the five Dehcho River communities in preparing documents for the Joint Review Panel public hearings and preparing the communities for an eventual National Energy Board hearing on the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project. I was also involved in resolving the overlap issues between Akaitcho Treaty 8 and Dene Tha.

Monthly Report

In order to ensure proper reporting, recording, accountability and transparency at each meeting, visits, consultations and daily office activity is recorded. All my office activity is recorded, including home visits, First Nation Government meetings, internal and public negotiation session and briefing sessions. Those records are available at the Dehcho First Nations website and the office.



Dehcho Process

Involved with the Negotiation Team creates many challenges in scheduling, preparing, reviewing and analyzing documents and reports to the Leadership leaves little time for other issues and activities. Aside from other emergencies and priority issues the Negotiation Team along with the Federal and Territorial Government continues to table and exchange documents discussion papers which outline their mandated position on how the process should proceed.

As exploratory talks continue in good faith it would seem that we are slowly being drawn under the Comprehensive Claims Policy. Highlights of the process are discussions on work plan, land, quantum, enrollment and eligibility, implementation, jurisdiction, taxation, expropriation, heritage, access, expropriation; Treaty Rights issues on education, health, social services, housing and child welfare, etc. Hopefully, an Agreement-in-Principle will emerge supported by the leadership and endorsed by the membership. Our options are limited without a full mandate from the Assembly. Work has been slow, due to primary to our inability to consult and inform our membership. Hopefully through intensive consultations, discussion and workshops we can create the right environment to move forward.



Towards a Dehcho Government Consultation

The decision to develop a DFN government with a Constitution started as far back as our Dehcho Declaration in 1993. Before the coming of Europeans, First Nations lived with and from the land in a reciprocal relationship with all of nature. To sustain societies and to grow and develop over the centuries, reciprocal relationships were organized that insured both humans and non-humans would continue to prosper.



This required the development of systems of knowledge that were precise and disciplined in what we would now call material or scientific sense, having to do with resource protection, renewal and regeneration. Today, blending traditional experiences with modern views has been a challenge.

Several governance workshops have been held, as well as working group gatherings. Discussion so far has been on our relationship and co-existence with other governments. How we continue to conduct ourselves as a Nation with values and principals since time immemorial is, indeed, important, not only to the Leadership, but the Naxehcho, Harvesters, Youth and membership.

Our constitution, which would be the supreme law of our land, must reflect our collectiveness and our unique style of consensus. With this in mind, a series of intensive consultations started on the document, "Towards a Dehcho Government", in 2005. The result is a 6th draft document that is still in being develop as on going discussions continue.

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Canada does not recognize that First Nations cannot negotiate water rights within their territory. This is considered a violation of Treaties and inherent rights.

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The right to safe drinking water is unquestionable a human aboriginal right, therefore membership recognized the need to identify “water” as a specific item for negotiation. Fresh water concern, water as a human right, pollution, climate change and water as a commodity all compels us to seek exclusive control of our water and should be discussed as part of the negotiation strategy.

Members recognize that the health of water cannot be left with those that only have economic interest in mind. Today the Dene continues to pass on the traditional ritual of paying respect to the land and water that sustained them for their survival. They recognize water as one element of human survival, therefore, they will take whatever measures necessary to protect and maintain the health of our water.

(Reference: UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights) People should have the right to sufficient supplies of water to meet their essential needs and to have access to acceptable facilities for their human dignity and environmental protection.



Joint Review Panel Update

As the Assistant Negotiator, I work closely with the Naxehcho, Harvesters and the five leaders of the Dehcho communities. Although over 41 % of the pipeline is in our territory and the majority of the social impact related to this activity will be felt mostly in our region most of the hearing was schedule outside our region. Focus by the governments was in seeing and increase in the bureaucracy and their budgets, social problem issues was also addressed in the same manner, increased budget for court and police service and legal aid. I

felt like most of the presentation was not in addressing the human impact of the project, but on justifying their existence and that the services provide is in our best interest.

Very little time is given to address the many complex issues and restrictions by focusing on specific topics of the panel and trying to cover all the issues facing Dehcho, our process and the Land Use Plan and at the same time addressing the interest group I represent was next to impossible. The JRP again scheduled public hearings for the closing arguments and recommendations in Inuvik which did not allow members, organizations and interest groups to do a proper presentation to the Joint Review Panel, there was also budget restriction. With 10 communities and 13 organization represented, it was prohibitive for the communities to send a delegation to Inuvik.



As a result the Naxehcho (Elders), Harvesters and Youth as well as the communities along the Dehcho did their presentation by way of correspondent with the help from consultant. The final submission from all the groups was done by yours truly.

The JRP is examining the environmental impacts of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project and concluded its public hearings in November 2007. It is now writing its report, which will include recommendations about the environmental impacts of the MGP, if it is constructed, and will make recommendations on how to mitigate or minimize the impacts of the project. Assuming that the JRP submits its report to the NEB later this year, it is expected that a decision on the Mackenzie Gas Project will be made perhaps in 2009.



If the NEB were to grant the necessary approvals for the MGP and if the companies decided to develop the natural gas fields and build the pipeline it would still require licenses and permits from other federal and territorial regulators. The regulators are planning to hold public hearings on water licenses, permits, term and conditions once the final Joint Review Panel concludes its report and refers it to the National Energy Board. This makes the final announcement or decision difficult to predict.

Dene Tha First Nation Overlap Issues

The Dehcho/Dene Tha recognize the need to address and resolve the boundary issues between the two First Nations at High Level in April. The focus of this first meeting between the two organizations was to draft a letter of intent.

The second meeting was held during the Kakisa Assembly in 2006 resulted in a final document being signed to resolve the boundary issue and share stewardship of overlap areas. Hay River Reserve, West Point First Nation, Kakisa Lake, Trout Lake and Fort Providence are all involved.

On April 10, 2007 a second joint meeting was held in the Town of Hay River where it was agreed the two parties will work towards unity and shared land use. Treaty and traditional trails link all First Nation and their sovereign rights over their vast territory. Both organizations recognized that we are linked by a common language and culture. Further we both have common harvesting, gathering and economic interests as well as sharing sacred sites. A working group was created to start discussion on a common shared land use. However since then on the recommendation of our legal counsel discussion with Dene Tha will cease immediately while we explore our options and course of action. Internal strategy and position, including the identification of DFN interests south of the 60th parallel will be decided on.

DFN Leadership agreed with this approach and indicated they want to be involved in all discussion regarding the overlap issue. A member of the negotiation team has been appointed to begin discussions with the communities affected by the over-lap.

Conclusion

All the gathering and meetings are documented, transcript, summaries and recorded. For those leaders or members that would like more information or detail, you can go to our website at www.dehchofirstnations.com for more information.



ARROM Report

By Misty Ireland, ARROM Coordinator

Program Administration

My name is Misty Ireland. I began working as the Dehcho First Nations AAROM Program Coordinator on April 1, 2008. For those of you not familiar with whom I am, my parents are Margaret and Leonard Ireland, my grandfather is the late Louie Norwegian, and my grandmother is Bella (Hope) Norwegian. I am a member of the Jean Marie River First Nation.

As of May 1, 2008, the AAROM office was established in the Yamozha Kue Society building (formerly known as the Dene Cultural Institute) on the Hay River Reserve.

A two week advertisement for the AAROM Technician ran in the News North in late April and was posted to the DFN website. The competition closed on May 9, 2008. There were four applicants and interviews were conducted on May 27 and May 29. Interim Grand Chief Gerald Antoine; Chief Berna Landry, Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band; and Misty Ireland, AAROM Coordinator formed the selection committee.

Ms. Stacey Frame was offered the term position as the AAROM Technical Advisor on June 5, 2008. Stacey began her first day of work on June 18, 2008. Ms. Frame holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Major in Aquaculture and has joined us all the way from the province of Nova Scotia.

DWEAC Elder's TK Session

During the March 2008 Dehcho Watershed and Ecosystem Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee set the date for an Elder session to be held at the Telemia Healing Camp in Fort Providence for the first week of June 2008. This meeting has been rescheduled to **August 6-7, 2008**. One (1) Committee member and one (1) Elder from each community have been invited to participate in this two day DWEAC Elders TK session. A letter of invitation was faxed to the communities (**Appendix 1**).

DFN-AAROM 2007-2008 Reporting

The DFN-AAROM 2007-2008 Final Report was submitted to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) by mid-April. The report must be approved by a national AAROM Review Board before DFO will release the 10% holdback or issue the next funding installment. On May 8, 2008, the AAROM Coordinator was informed that the final report needed to be revised because DFO had changed their reporting requirements over the winter months. Revisions were made and the report was submitted a second time on June 2, 2008. On June 17th the AAROM Coordinator received another request from DFO-Hay River to re-edit the report before it could be submitted to Ottawa. Rob Smith, Biologist with DFO-Hay River noted that although the report was well written it may now contain too much detail.





The revised DFN-AAROM Year End Report for 2007-2008 Capacity Building, and subsequent revisions was submitted to DFO on June 19, 2008.

The Department of Fisheries & Oceans:

DFN AAROM and DFO began planning a series of community visits in the Dehcho region. The intent for these visits is to provide information on the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management program and the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy. Information generated from these community visits will be extremely useful for work plan forecasting once preparations for the multi-year Collaborative Management funding proposal are underway (later this summer).

A community visit into Trout Lake on June 9th was postponed at the last minute due to shortage of space on a DFO charter.

The AAROM Coordinator has travelled into Jean Marie River to make a presentation to the community during the June 13-15th Annual General Meeting.

The Proposed Dates for Dehcho Community Visits is as follows:

July 7 th :	Fort Simpson – AAROM Presentation
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AHRDA Report

By Gloria Buboire, AHRDA Coordinator

Dehcho First Nations (DFN) receives an annual budget of \$1.4 million from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) to administer human resources development programs and services for the Dehcho Region. Dehcho First Nations other revenue of \$15,225 includes: interest and employee benefits contributions. Based on the 1996 Census, DFN allocated 57% (\$807,627) of AHRDA funds to 11 Aboriginal community organizations. Each Aboriginal community organization delivers human resources programs and services to all Aboriginal people residing in their community.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND (CRF) (\$1,084,542)

The majority of AHRDA funding comes from the Consolidated Revenue Fund which is broken down as follows:

CRF Labour Market (\$492,055) - All program funding utilized, no deferred dollars.

Funding is distributed to the 11 Aboriginal community organizations on a quarterly basis. The primary authority and responsibility over education and training rests at the community level.

Communities utilized \$144,840 on Employment Assistance Services to help offset the costs associated with administering the AHRDA program on a local level. Employment Assistance Services is comprised of administration fees (\$62,576), wages (\$80,472), and training (\$1,792).

Communities utilized \$297,786 of program funding on clients by providing: Assistance to individuals returning to school, post-secondary education, tuition cost for courses related to on-the-job training, wage subsidies, job creation partnerships, skills development, and self-employment initiatives.

Dehcho First Nations utilized \$14,583 of program funding for the reallocation of childcare expenses by providing: Daycare to employees with an opportunity to participate in weekly Early Childhood Development teleconference training, daycare to employees with an opportunity to attend various Early Childhood workshops and conferences

Dehcho First Nations utilized \$34,846 of program funding on clients by providing: Assistance to individuals returning to school, post-secondary education, tuition cost for courses related to on-the-job training and wage subsidies

CRF Youth (\$50,798) - All program funding utilized, no deferred dollars

Funding is distributed to the 11 AHRDA holders in the second quarter of the year. Each community utilizes the funding in its own unique way by enabling youth to find or obtain summer employment and on-the-job experience.





Communities utilized \$1,877 on Employment Assistance Services to help offset the costs associated on a local level. Employment Assistance Services is comprised of administrative fee of \$1,877.

Communities utilized \$48,920 on program funding on clients by providing 48 students with summer employment.

CRF Capacity Building (\$22,474) - All program funding utilized, no deferred dollars

The majority of program funding was utilized on the AHRDA regional meeting for site rental, community staff travel, accommodations, per diems, and childcare. A lesser portion of program funding was utilized on costs associated with Service Canada facilitated AHRDA workshops/conferences and staff training.



CRF Childcare (\$341,703) - All program funding utilized, no deferred dollars

Funding is based on the number of licensed day care seats operated by an Aboriginal community organization. Initial childcare funding (\$302,500) was allocated to three licensed daycares for day-to-day operation. All licensed daycares requested additional funding for upgrading and renovating their daycares. An additional (\$103,562) was allocated to three licensed daycares for upgrading and renovating assistance.

CRF Urban Initiatives (\$24,279) - All program funding utilized, no deferred dollars

Funding is proposal driven. Aboriginal community organizations or Aboriginal people who have been denied funding from the community in which they reside due to lack of funding are requested to submit a proposal complete with budget breakdown. All proposals must be accompanied by DFN AHRDA application and funding denial letter from the community in which you reside.

Dehcho First Nations coordinated the utilization of \$24,249 by providing: 2 clients with Class 1 Driver Training tuition, travel, accommodation and food; 2 clients with Adult Basic Education tuition, books, accommodation and food; 1 client with tuition, books and wage subsidy.

Administration Budget (\$153,233) - All program funding utilized, no deferred dollars

\$104,613 of the administration budget was utilized by staffing of the AHRDA office. \$48,620 of the administration budget was utilized on the operation of the AHRDA office. Expenses include: rent, utilities, financial services/audit fees, equipment/office supplies and advertising.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (EI) (\$342,997)

A smaller portion of AHRDA funding comes from Employment Insurance Fund which is broken down as follows:

EI Benefits and Support (\$264,774) - All program funding utilized, no funding deferred

Funding is distributed to the 11 AHRDA holders on a quarterly basis. The primary authority and



responsibility over education and training rests at the community level. A number of communities are experiencing difficulty in expending their EI funds as they do not have clients who are EI Eligible or EI Reach-back. EI allocations that were returned by the communities were reallocated to other communities.

Communities utilized \$116,772 on Employment Assistance Services to help offset the costs associated with administering the AHRDA program on a local level. Employment Assistance Services is comprised of: administration fee (\$24,174), wages (\$92,598), training (\$0).

Communities utilized \$148,002 of program funding on clients by providing: assistance to individuals returning to school, post-secondary education, tuition cost for courses related to on-the-job training, wage subsidies, job creation partnerships, and skills development.

EI Persons with Disabilities (\$13,518) - All program funding utilized, no funding returned

Funding is proposal driven. Aboriginal community organizations are requested to submit a proposal complete with budget breakdown. All proposals must be accompanied by DFN AHRDA applications. All potential clients must be EI eligible or EI reach-back. Each year there are a number of potential clients who apply for this type of funding, however, they are not eligible for program funding as they are neither EI eligible nor EI reach-back.

Regional daycare managers were given an opportunity to attend the University of British Columbia's "Early Years Conference" in January 2008. The conference provided sessions on: Practical Autism Treatment, Hope for the Puzzling FASD Brain, Neurobiology of FASD, Management of Hearing Loss in Pre-School Children, Screening Pre-School Children for Language Weakness, Children At-Risk for Development Disabilities, Supporting Substance-Exposed Children, Children with Downs Syndrome and their Families, Holistic Approach to Parent Training for Families with Disabilities.



EI Urban Initiatives (\$13,255) - All program funding utilized, no funding returned

Funding is proposal driven. Aboriginal community organizations or Aboriginal people who have been denied funding from the community in which they reside due to lack of funding are requested to submit a proposal complete with budget breakdown. All proposals must be accompanied by DEN AHRDA application and funding denial letter from the community in which they reside.

Dehcho First Nations coordinated the utilization of \$13,255 by providing: 1 client with Bachelor in Business Administration tuition, books and living expenses, 3 clients with Aboriginal Addictions Diploma travel, accommodation and food.

Administration Budget (\$51,450) - All program funding utilized, no funding returned

\$35,593 of the administration budget was utilized by staffing of the AHRDA office. \$15,857 of the administration budget was utilized by rent, utilities, financial services/audit fees, equipment/office supplies and advertising.



CONTACT IV—SERVICE CANADA'S DATABASE

DFN enters data from application forms, EI referrals and service contracts into Service Canada's Contact IV program. The information entered into the database is used to verify the AHRDA program dollars expended by each Aboriginal community organization. Contact IV data is uploaded to the Data Gateway program which Service Canada Ottawa uses to extract statistical information regarding the number of clients and types of programs accessed.

The 2004-2005 statistics indicated there was a 77% drop in employment results for the Dehcho Region. This was primary due to turnover of AHRDA staff as well as computer related problems.

The 2005-2006 statistics indicated results remained low. In order to increase out employment results, the DFN office has been working with the Aboriginal organizations to ensure required data from application forms and service contracts are received, entered into Contact IV and successfully uploaded to the Data Gateway.

The 2006-2007 statistics indicated the results have increased, however, the employment results are short of establishment targets. During a Contact IV training session, a number of AHRDA's learned that unfunded clients (funding enquires) should be entered into Contact IV as these unfunded client entries would increase stats significantly. This fiscal year, the DFN AHRDA office entered 1,085 clients into Contact IV and successfully uploaded to Data Gateway.





ASEP Report

By Mavis Wasp-Colin, ASEP Coordinator

Program Description

The Dehcho First Nations received an annual ASEP Budget of \$ 865,882. The Annual ASEP budget includes \$ 82,740 for the program administration and \$ 783,142 for the program assistance costs, which is allocated to each of the eleven member communities, based the AHRDA Funding Formula. Each community is responsible for all the training and employment opportunities and needs of their membership. The budget for this fiscal year includes a carry over amount of \$ 38,486 from the previous fiscal year.

The ASEP program objectives were successfully met by completing the projects that were identified in the 2007/2008 Dehcho Regional ASEP Work Plan. The Dehcho Regional ASEP Work Plan includes the annual work plans for each of the following eleven member communities; Acho Dene Koe, Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council, Fort Simpson Metis Local, Jean Marie River First Nation, Ka'a'gee Tu First Nations, Katlodeeche First Nations, Liidlii Kue First Nations, Nahanni Butte Dene Band, Pehdzeh Ki First Nations, Sambaa K'e Dene Band and West Point First Nations. The 2007/2008 ASEP Work Plan consisted of the following projects; Basic Life Skills Program, BEST Program, Building Trades Access, Computers in the Workplace, Developmental Studies, Environmental Monitor Training Program, Fallers Certification, Heavy Equipment Operator, Office Administration, Program Administration, Safety Training, Student Support, Support for Small Business, Trades Access, Train the Trainer, Training on the Job, Truck Driver training and Tutoring.

Financial Review

	2007/2008 ALLOCATION	2007/2008 EXPENDITURES	REMAINING BALANCES
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 82,740.00	\$ 78,723.15	\$ 4,016.85
BASIC SKILLS & PRE-EMPLOYMENT	\$ 101,815.84	\$ 73,782.19	\$ 28,033.65
INDUSTRIAL SKILLS	\$ 467,842.99	\$ 441,676.78	\$ 26,166.21
EMPLOYMENT & SUPPORT	\$ 213,483.45	\$ 178,083.81	\$ 35,399.64
TOTAL COSTS	\$ 865,882.28	\$ 772,265.93	\$ 93,616.35

The Dehcho Region was able to spend the majority of the funds that were allocated for this fiscal year. The Dehcho region received the ASEP budget in the amount of \$ 865,882 and successfully utilized the funds in the amount \$ 772,265 for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. By the fiscal year end there was a remaining balance of \$ 93,616. Ten percentage of the budget was utilized for the program administration and the Basic Skills and Pre-Employment category of the training initiative. Fifty seven percent was utilized for the Industrial Skills category and twenty three percent was utilized for the Employment and Support category of the training initiative.



Project Review

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>COSTS</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
BASIC LIFE SKILLS	0	\$ 1,645.88	0%
BEST PROGRAM	0	\$ 1,800.00	0%
BUILDING TRADES ACCESS	8	\$ 15,000.00	2%
CAMPUTERS IN THE WORK PLACE	5	\$ 1,515.00	1%
DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES	23	\$ 53,823.26	6%
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING	10	\$ 77,442.71	3%
FALLERS CERTIFICATION	16	\$ 21,640.00	4%
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	37	\$ 123,937.03	9%
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	30	\$ 14,998.05	8%
SAFETY TRAINING	137	\$ 64,035.08	34%
STUDENT SUPPORT	32	\$ 117,159.01	8%
SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS	1	\$ 10,476.76	0%
THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION FEE	0	\$ 18,648.53	0%
TRADES ACCESS	18	\$ 36,525.17	5%
TRAIN THE TRAINER	1	\$ 450.00	0%
TRAINING ON THE JOB	11	\$ 22,379.44	3%
TRUCK DRIVER-CLASS 1,3,5 & 7	70	\$ 103,096.79	18%
TUTORING	0	\$ 8,970.07	0%
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	399	\$ 693,542.78	100%

The Dehcho region has completed eighteen different training projects within the ten member communities. The projects with a high level of interest and success include the following; Safety Training, Truck Driver Training, Heavy Equipment Operator, Office Administration, Developmental Studies, Trades Access, Fallers Certification, and Training on the Job. The Basic Life Skills and Best Program were projects that were carried over from the previous year. Each community has successfully delivered the training projects that were identified in their individual work plans. The Dehcho region has spent \$ 693,542 ASEP Funds to provide training and employment opportunities in the oil and gas field for 399 individuals.

Program Success

The eleven member communities of the Dehcho First Nation have been active and successful in utilizing the ASEP funds this year. The contributors to the success of the ASEP Program include:

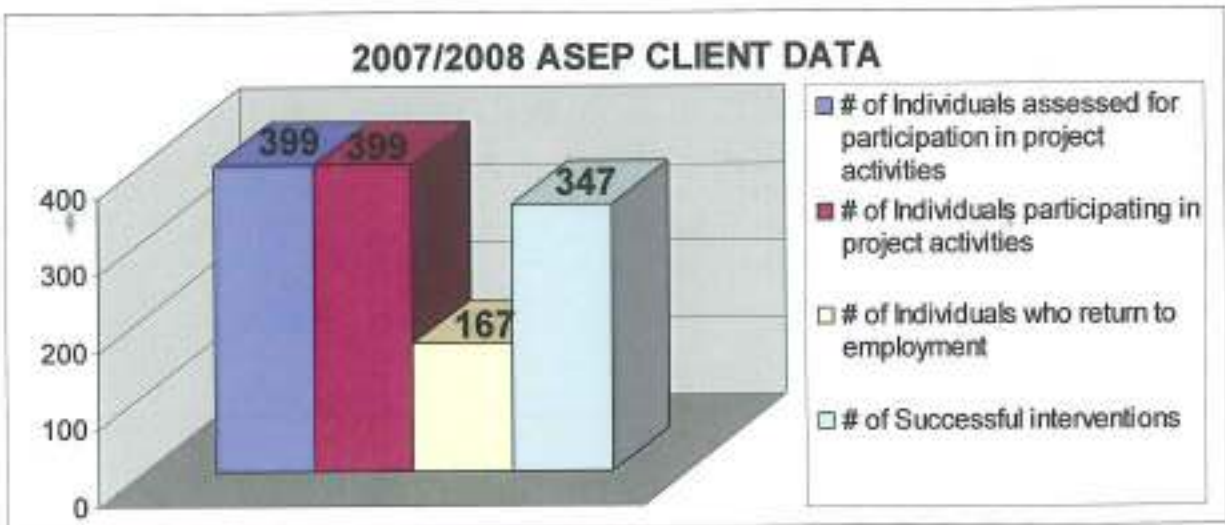
- Effective and timely program forecasting and planning
- Working with a flexible work plan
- Initiating and implementing effective community level Project Planning Process; interest, time, location, facility, instruction, etc.
- Effective and Efficient community level Client Recruiting Process; client counseling, screening, selection, follow-up, etc
- Employment driven, participants are able to find employment after training

The ASEP program is providing valuable knowledge and skills through training and employment opportunities for the membership of the Dehcho Region. The ASEP program is creating an awareness and interest in the different opportunities that are available with the development of the Mackenzie Gas Project. Through proper channels and methods of advertising at all levels the ASEP Program has been a success in delivering various training and employment programs. The success of the ASEP Program can



be measured with the statistical client data information provided for the full year.

Client Data



The client data for the year reveals the following; 399 individuals were assessed for participation in project activities, 399 individuals participated in project activities, 167 individuals returned to employment and there were 347 successful interventions. For the entire year, the ASEP program has sponsored 399 participants, which includes 203 male participants and 196 female participants.

Challenges

The following is a listing of challenges that were encountered with the ASEP Program for the fiscal year 2007/2008:

- Small communities do not have the available human resources to adequately meet program needs and implementation
- Staff turnover at the community level hinders the training opportunities and process
- Collecting and receiving the client interventions data and client feedback and from the communities
- Receiving proper and adequate information throughout the year, for each of the four quarters and for the month March 2008

Recommendations

The following is a listing of recommendations that may be considered to overcome the challenges;

- Training projects be delivered and implemented on regional level on behalf of the communities
- Implement periodic and timely community visits, to encourage more one on one contact with the Local Training Authorities and the member of each community
- Implement sufficient and effective regional meetings and workshops, to enhance and encourage information sharing and implement some administration training for the local training authorities to create a consistency



Conclusion

The Dehcho region has successfully completed the final fourth year of the ASEP Program. All the communities were encouraged throughout the year to utilize and start spending their ASEP Funds early in the year to insure proper program planning and that assistance is given equally and fairly. As the ASEP Coordinator, I have enjoyed fulfilling the duties and responsibilities and having the opportunity to work with the eleven different communities. All the communities have unique members that are able and willing to continue and further their training and education to gain valuable transferable skills and knowledge. I am grateful that the members of the Dehcho had the opportunity to participate in this oil and gas training and employment strategy initiative.

The Dehcho First Nations is grateful for having the opportunity to participate in this unique employment and training strategy. We are grateful for all the partners and parties that were involved with making this program successfully run for the last four years. We would like to thank the following partners for making this program happen; Human Resources Development Canada, Government of the Northwest Territories, Aboriginal Futures, Aboriginal Pipeline Group, Inuvik Regional Corporation, Gwich'in Tribal Council, Sahtu Dene Council, Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited, ConocoPhillips Canada and Shell Canada Limited.





Financial Audit Report

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DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

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Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

June 11, 2008

To the Members
DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS
DEHCHO Region, Northwest Territories

The accompanying financial statements were prepared by management in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles appropriate in the circumstances.

The DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS maintains internal financial and management systems and practices which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial and non-financial information is available on a timely basis and that the First Nation acts in accordance with the laws of the Northwest Territories and Canada. The First Nation's management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the First Nation's affairs in accordance with the requirements of applicable laws and sound business principles, and for maintaining standards of conduct that are appropriate to a First Nation.

The external auditor annually provides an independent, objective audit for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the financial statements. He also considers whether transactions which come to his notice in the course of this audit are, in all significant respects, in accordance with the specified legislation.

Ria Letcher,
Executive Director
DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS



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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members
DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS
DEHCHO Region, Northwest Territories

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS as at March 31, 2008, the Statements of Revenue and Expenditure, and Surplus for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the First Nations' management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

As indicated in Note 4 to the financial statements, the Settlement Agreement Trust Fund of the Dehcho First Nations is administered by Trustees, and is audited by another accountant periodically. Our audit scope was limited as we were instructed not to audit the Trust. Accordingly, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, expenditures, assets, liabilities, excess of revenue (expenditures) and surplus or reserves.

In my opinion, except for the effects of adjustments, if any, which might have been determined to be necessary had I been able to audit the Trust as described in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the First Nation as at March 31, 2008, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada.

June 11, 2008
Yellowknife, N.W.T

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

BALANCE SHEET

MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
CURRENT		
Cash	\$2,180,365	\$ 337,648
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	2,455,208	2,722,481
Prepaid expenses	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	4,645,573	3,070,129
CAPITAL ASSETS (Notes 2d)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TRUST FUND ASSETS (Note 4)	<u>15,228,312</u>	<u>15,128,064</u>
	<u>\$19,873,886</u>	<u>\$18,198,194</u>


LIABILITIES


CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$3,373,092	\$2,275,776
Deferred Revenue (Note 5)	<u>463,574</u>	<u>175,020</u>
	<u>3,834,666</u>	<u>2,450,796</u>

MEMBERS' EQUITY

TRUST FUND RESERVE (Note 4)	15,228,312	15,128,064
SURPLUS	<u>810,908</u>	<u>619,334</u>
	<u>16,039,220</u>	<u>15,747,398</u>
	<u>\$19,873,886</u>	<u>\$18,198,194</u>

APPROVED:


 _____ Grand Chief


 _____ Executive Director



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS
STATEMENT OF SURPLUS AND RESERVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
GENERAL OPERATING SURPLUS:		
Balance, Opening	\$ 619,333	\$ 734,121
Excess revenue for the year	<u>291,823</u>	<u>15,013,277</u>
	911,156	15,747,398
Transfer to Reserve	<u>(100,248)</u>	<u>(15,128,064)</u>
Balance, Closing	\$ <u>810,908</u>	\$ <u>619,334</u>

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
TRUST FUND RESERVE:		
Balance, Opening	\$15,128,064	\$ -
Transfer from Operating Surplus	<u>100,248</u>	<u>15,128,064</u>
Balance, Closing	\$ <u>15,228,312</u>	\$ <u>15,128,064</u>



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u> (Note 7)
REVENUE		
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 9,003,482	\$ 6,034,331
Human Resources Development Canada	1,412,314	1,418,343
Government of the NWT	368,056	336,195
Aboriginal Futures	827,396	827,396
Canadian Boreal Initiative	-	200,000
Other revenue	342,424	186,401
Travel and expense recoveries	97,413	90,722
Transfer from (to) deferred revenue	<u>(298,665)</u>	<u>160,112</u>
	<u>11,752,420</u>	<u>9,253,500</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Transfers to First Nations (Note 6)	3,659,465	4,470,750
Major AHRDA costs (Note 7 & Schedule 5)	1,214,032	175,321
Wages, benefits and other staff costs	1,147,784	1,216,736
Service contracts & subcontractors	3,111,654	1,158,343
Travel	1,001,045	1,154,328
Cash grants	295,237	388,557
Legal & other professional fees	318,160	156,992
Dehcho Economic Corporation	150,000	-
Office supplies	126,058	90,401
Office expenses	45,347	44,802
Bad debts	15,517	100,932
Sound and translation	100,966	89,248
Miscellaneous (GST recovery)	<u>(57,971)</u>	<u>2,697</u>
Rent	64,185	50,106
Equipment purchases	162,283	49,708
Telephone	49,057	38,849
Advertising & promotion	47,311	37,141
Donations	4,760	16,282
Childcare	1,988	15,113
Utilities	28,889	22,600
Scholarships	48,000	42,000
Repairs and maintenance	22,580	22,299
Admin Fees	804	(4,217)
Pheobe Nahanni Scholarship	4,000	4,000
Program funds returned	<u>(306)</u>	<u>47,352</u>
Transfers between programs	-	(22,053)
	<u>11,560,845</u>	<u>9,368,287</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEM	<u>191,575</u>	<u>(114,787)</u>
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS		
DIAND Settlement Agreement (Note 4)	-	15,000,000
Trust income (net)	<u>100,248</u>	<u>128,064</u>
	<u>100,248</u>	<u>15,128,064</u>
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	<u>\$ 291,823</u>	<u>\$15,013,277</u>



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Dehcho First Nations ("DFN") is the government of aboriginal peoples in the traditional Dehcho territory of the Northwest Territories. The membership consists of 14 member community governments (11 First Nations and 3 Metis Locals). Dehcho First Nations is registered as a not-for-profit corporation under the Corporations Act of Canada. The First Nations Office administers the affairs of the Dehcho First Nations on behalf of its Members. At present, the First Nations Office is economically dependent on the Government of Canada.

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) General
For purposes of its financial reporting, by virtue of the fact that the First Nations is a government, it applies the accounting principals for local governments as set out in the CICA Public Sector Accounting Handbook (PSA Handbook). It should be noted that recently there has been much discussion and research on the appropriate accounting policies for First Nations, and these principals are evolving.
- b) Measurement Uncertainty
The preparation of financial statements in accordance with stated accounting policies requires the First Nations to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amount of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures reported in the financial statements. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty. The effect on the financial statements of changes to such estimates and assumptions in future periods could be significant, although, at the time of preparation of these statements, the First Nations believes the estimates and assumptions to be reasonable. Some of the more significant management estimates based on past experience relate to allowance for doubtful accounts, the accounting for capital assets, investments and deferred revenue valuation.
- c) Inventory
Inventory of materials and general supplies is considered a cost of operations and is not recorded on the balance sheet.
- d) Capital Assets
Capital Assets are recorded as expenditures in the year of acquisition and shown on the balance sheet at a nominal amount. Insured values at March 31, 2008 are as follows:



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

Office building	\$ 696,000
Office contents	<u>204,000</u>
	<u>\$ 900,000</u>

- e) **Funding Agency Contract Surplus (Deficit)**
According to contracts or contribution agreements with funding agencies, primarily DIAND and Human Resources Development Canada, any contract surplus is to be recovered by the funding agency and any contract deficit is to be retained by the Dehcho First Nations. Financial statements of the First Nations have not been reviewed by the funding agencies when these statements were prepared. Accordingly, any adjustments as a result of the review will be accounted for in the new year.
- f) **Delivery Agency Contract Surplus (Deficit)**
According to contracts or contribution agreements with program delivery agencies, primarily First Nations located in the Dehcho communities, any contract surplus is to be recovered by the Dehcho First Nations and any contract deficit is to be retained by the respective First Nation. Financial statements of the various delivery agents have not been reviewed by the Dehcho First Nations when these statements were prepared. Accordingly, any adjustments as a result of the review will similarly be accounted for in the new year.
- g) **Financial Instruments**
The First Nations' financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and deferred revenues. It is management's opinion that the First Nations is not exposed to significant interest, or credit risks arising from these instruments. Unless otherwise noted, the fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying value.
- h) **Revenue and Expenditure Recognition**
The Nation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions received. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred or committed to. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Expenditures are recognized in the year in which legal title transfers or services have been rendered, or commitments have been made to match related funding.

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DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE 3 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$1,216,611	\$1,192,540
Aboriginal Futures	413,698	621,317
Human Resources Development Canada	639,516	782,243
Dept. Of Fisheries & Oceans	68,760	-
Aboriginal Policy & Governance Branch	-	41,585
Canadian Boreal Initiative	23,405	45,100
Settlement Agreement Trust Fund	36,508	36,508
GNWT - other	-	34,220
Acho Dene Koe	50,378	-
Other	40,738	40,336
Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(85,492)</u>	<u>(71,368)</u>
	<u>2,404,122</u>	<u>2,722,481</u>
Goods & Services Tax	51,086	171,157
Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - GST	<u>(-)</u>	<u>(171,157)</u>
	<u>51,086</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$2,455,208</u>	<u>\$2,722,481</u>

NOTE 4 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TRUST FUND

During 2006/07, Dehcho First Nations completed an agreement with the Government of Canada related to the participation of DFN in the environmental and regulatory review of the Mackenzie Gas Project. Pursuant to the Agreement, \$10,000,000 was paid into the DFN Master Trust August 21, 2006, and a further \$5,000,000 paid into the Trust June 1, 2007. CIBC Trust Corporation of Canada acts as the Corporate Trustee for the Trust, and ensures funds are received, invested, disbursed and audited as authorized under the Trust Agreement. The requirement to provide audited financial statements for 2008 has been waived by the Investment Management Board which is responsible for developing and approving investment strategies, projects and accountability.

Dehcho First Nations recorded the proceeds of the settlement, and investment income earned net of expenditures, in its revenues according to the Report of the Trustees for the period ended March 31, 2008. These amounts are unaudited. Trust assets are shown separately on the balance sheet, and a corresponding amount has been transferred to the Trust Fund Reserve.

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DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE 5 DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue is comprised of amounts received but not yet earned as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Band Employee Benefits	\$ 45,668	\$ -
Self Government	4,088	18,437
Contaminants	532	5,187
IRDA Resource Royalties	150,000	12,875
DEHCHO Process Claims	-	936
Aboriginal Capacity	406	-
S.A. Additional Dehcho Process	-	3,049
Mackenzie Gas	43,036	5,783
Gathering Strength	18,747	-
Community Progs. and Negotiations	13,438	-
Youth	-	<u>3,812</u>
Total DIAND	<u>275,915</u>	50,079
ASEP	89,733	-
ASEP 06/07 Basic Skills & Employ	-	5,436
ASEP 06/07 Employment & Support	-	8,693
ASEP 06/07 Industrial Skills	-	24,390
Dehgah Alliance Society	69,160	-
Protected Area Strategy/PKFN	17,088	43,279
HRDC CRF	-	1,190
HRDC CRF Capacity	-	2,855
HRDC CRF Child Care	-	13,958
HRDC CRF General Admin	-	6,203
HRDC CRF Labour Market	-	1,944
HRDC EI	-	7,316
CBI - Watershed	<u>9,677</u>	<u>9,677</u>
	<u>\$461,574</u>	<u>\$175,020</u>



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NOTE 6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following transactions were recorded with related parties:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Acho Dene Council	\$ 327,766	\$ 530,755
DEHCHO Economic Corporation	150,000	-
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Council	682,944	654,147
Fort Providence Metis Local	123,122	136,890
Fort Simpson Metis Local	196,892	158,005
Jean Marie River First Nation	259,975	212,723
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation	121,954	322,110
Katlocheeche First Nation	422,286	616,147
Liidlii Kue First Nation	698,641	901,116
Nahanni Butte Dene Band	197,903	208,104
Nogha Enterprises Ltd.	-	11,294
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	420,726	354,406
Sambaa K'e Band Council	207,256	260,552
Sambaa K'e Development Corporation	-	559
Tthenaago Development Corporation	-	3,433
West Point First Nation	-	182,369
	<u>\$3,809,465</u>	<u>\$4,552,610</u>

NOTE 7 COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS

The format of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of the current year has been changed with respect to the allocation of AHRDA Costs by type of expenditure. The comparative amounts for expenditures could not be restated.

NOTE 8 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A statement of cash flows has not been prepared as, in the opinion of management, it would not provide additional meaningful information.



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE OF CONSOLIDATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

	DEB	DEAD (1)	SHAGU	AMOC	ASER	DEB	Total
	(Schedule 2)	(Schedule 3)	(Schedule 4)	(Schedule 4)	(Schedule 5)	(Schedule 7)	
REVENUES							
4200 DEBND	682,487	54,376,442	43,794,600	0	0	0	106,003,482
4201 DEBND - Other Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4202 (BMT)	0	8,308	0	0	0	0	8,308
4203 (HDC)	0	0	0	1,412,214	0	216,000	1,628,214
4204 Other	108,200	3,000	0	3,000	118	74,890	185,208
4205 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans	0	0	0	0	0	164,897	164,897
4206 Aboriginal Fisheries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4207 Donations	5,780	809	0	0	0	0	6,589
4208 Wage Recoveries	3,242	0	0	0	0	0	3,242
4209 Travel Recoveries	26,207	1,708	0	0	0	0	27,915
4210 Recoveries	14,009	41,800	300	10,284	0	0	66,393
4212 Realties	5,075	0	0	0	0	0	5,075
4204 Sales	9,227	0	0	0	0	0	9,227
4204 Program Interest Transfers	180,000	0	-100,000	0	0	0	80,000
4204 Employee Contractors	12,471	17,400	0	0	0	0	29,871
4204 Deferred Revenue Transfers	-45,000	-4,000	-187,264	33,487	-51,215	-42,870	-295,000
4449 Interest Revenue	45,984	0	0	5,180	0	0	51,164
4449 Admin Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4400 Program Funds Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	1,182,081	4,400,732	3,443,314	1,427,394	170,293	402,897	11,626,611
EXPENDITURES							
5018 Grant Administration Salary				20,714			20,714
5020 CRF Employment/Labour Market				431,284		256	431,540
5021 CRF Small Urban Initiatives				30,000			30,000
5022 CRF First Nations CMIS Care				380,180		7,194	387,374
5023 CRF Youth Programs				61,000			61,000
5024 CRF Persons with Disabilities				0			0
5025 CRF Capacity				31,255			31,255
5026 EI Program Administration				17,827			17,827
5027 EI Employment Benefits and Support				230,189			230,189
5028 EI Small Urban Programs				13,255			13,255
5029 EI Persons with Disabilities				30,117			30,117
5110 Wages & Benefits	492,201	424,076	6,289	140,370	40,082	46,201	1,149,319
5120 Casual Wages	5,191	0	0	0	0	0	5,191
5110 Accounting & Legal	29,879	202,910	0	0	0	2,528	235,317
5115 Advertising & Promotions	10,438	32,910	0	0	0	3,026	46,374
5116 Equipment/HW/ST	3,811	0	0	0	0	0	3,811
5119 Fuel Costs	15,517	0	0	0	0	0	15,517
5125 Cash Grants	89,842	179,045	33,500	0	3,070	12,000	307,457
5130 GST Unrecovered (Recovery)	41,290	0	0	0	0	0	41,290
5134 Professional Services	0	0	0	23,878	0	0	23,878
5135 Subcontractors	100,873	1,188,700	298,242	0	79	88,089	1,687,903
5140 Sound & Translation	7,394	88,384	5,189	0	0	0	100,967
5140 Courier & Postage	9,221	0	0	0	0	220	9,441
5151 Capital Expenditures	15,700	0	0	0	0	0	15,700
5155 Insurance	2,028	0	0	0	0	0	2,028
5160 Interest & Bank Charges	2,028	0	0	318	0	0	2,346
5165 Licenses, Regs & Membership	1,268	0	0	0	0	0	1,268
5170 Materials	32,911	85,000	1,381	0	0	2,082	119,374
5175 Equipment Purchase	11,408	30,014	28,094	0	0	40,099	79,515
5176 Equipment User Fees	27,378	385	0	0	0	1,054	28,817
5178 Janitorial Supplies	1,800	0	0	0	0	0	1,800
5179 Property Taxes	4,268	0	0	0	0	0	4,268
5180 Miscellaneous	2,911	0	0	0	1,800	0	4,711
5141 Donations	-4,700	0	0	0	0	0	-4,700
5190 Rent	24,000	21,871	3,000	0	11,014	3,887	62,772
5195 Paper & Stationery	13,759	8,804	0	0	0	0	22,563
5170 Vehicle Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5171 Scholarship	92,000	0	0	0	0	0	92,000
5160 Telephone	28,000	220	0	380	0	10,410	49,010
5175 Travel - Air	40,720	310,814	21,408	0	2,088	1,200	375,230
5176 Travel - Accommodation	23,080	148,768	21,800	0	2,000	4,887	210,435
5177 Travel - Usage	20,340	105,010	16,848	1,981	1,037	8,876	143,082
5178 Travel - Per Diem	21,000	108,841	21,300	0	3,284	8,207	154,632
5179 Children	480	0	0	0	0	300	780
5170 Power	10,642	0	0	0	0	0	10,642
5171 Heating Fuel	13,010	0	0	0	0	0	13,010
5172 Water & Sewer	3,731	0	0	0	0	0	3,731
5174 Admin Fees	481,081	307,331	94,333	0	0	0	882,745
5180 Expenses Accrued (cont)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5185 Revenue Returned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5190 Rent, Royalty Service Contracts	0	0	1,400,000	0	0	0	1,400,000
5195 Transfer between programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5190 Debt Cleo Economic Corporation	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
5192 Mail Research	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5190 Wage Replacements/Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5171 (cont) Bus First Nation	124,001	268,000	60,000	40,004	103,114	20,000	595,119
5172 (cont) Bus First Nation	57,077	117,041	208,902	42,458	107,001	70,260	543,739
5173 (cont) Bus First Nation	20,917	117,794	197,671	0	0	0	535,382
5174 (cont) Bus First Nation	18,608	170,201	168,000	0	48,000	0	504,809
5175 (cont) Bus First Nation	3,858	93,779	38,700	0	33,207	7,112	173,556
5176 (cont) Bus First Nation	7,089	130,421	95,714	0	28,368	14,200	257,592
5177 (cont) Bus First Nation	5,000	20,918	47,000	0	10,000	18,700	51,618
5178 (cont) Bus First Nation	0	53,217	127,218	0	10,200	0	190,635
5179 (cont) Bus First Nation	0	0	83,000	0	0	0	83,000
5180 (cont) Bus First Nation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5181 (cont) Bus First Nation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5182 (cont) Bus First Nation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5183 (cont) Bus First Nation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5184 (cont) Bus First Nation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	860,347	4,400,732	3,443,314	1,427,394	170,294	402,898	11,626,612
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENSES)							
	321,734	-200	0	0	-50	0	321,584



DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS
SCHEDULE OF CORE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

REVENUE:	Code (PTP)	General Fund	Band Employee Benefits (Cash)	Executive Committee Committee	Master Trust	S.A. Trust Fund	Advance	TOTAL
4000 DeVID	- 3743,416		377,021					3920,437
4001 GMMD - Other Revenues								0
4005 GHWT								0
4010 HRDC								0
4000 Other	1,440	36,301				1193,249		168,290
4088 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans								0
4070 Aboriginal Fisheries								0
4100 Donations	1,603	4,780						6,383
4110 Wages Recoveries	2,212							3,212
4120 Travel Recoveries			10,327					20,327
4130 Recoveries	10,737		4,122					14,859
4150 Rental Income	2,280	3,325						5,605
4200 Sales			0,027					0,227
4220 Program Internal Transfers	-254,440			330,000	310,000		224,440	603,000
4240 Employee Contributions			312,471					12,471
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers			-45,868					-45,868
4400 Interest Revenue	48,884							48,884
4480 Admin Fees	0	0						0
4480 Program Funds Returned								0
Total revenues	375,504	54,163	13,824	30,000	160,000	100,249	224,440	1,189,001
EXPENDITURES:								
5410 Wages & Benefits	418,877		33,324					452,201
5450 Casual Wages	3,101							3,101
5610 Accounting & Legal	26,875							26,875
5615 Advertising & Promotions	10,430							10,430
5616 Equipment Rental	2,811							2,811
5620 Bad Debt	10,617							10,617
5625 Cash Grants	28,717	1,800		10,000	16,376			66,913
5630 GST Unrecovered (Recovery)	-40,285	0						-40,285
5634 Professional Services								0
5635 Subcontractors	21,189				110,714			131,903
5636 Sound & Translation	2,084			1,360				3,444
5640 Courier & Postage	7,617	1,675				35		9,327
5651 Capital Expenditures								0
5665 Insurance	15,707							15,707
5680 Interest & Bank Charges	5,009							5,009
5685 Licenses/Regal & Membership	1,269							1,269
5700 Materials	10,932	13,041			458			24,431
5705 Equipment Purchase	11,489							11,489
5708 Equipment User Fee	27,370							27,370
5710 Janitorial Supplies	1,801							1,801
5720 Property Taxes	4,259							4,259
5740 Office/Travel	2,811							2,811
5741 Donations		4,780						4,780
5760 Rent	22,185			1,140				23,325
5765 Repair & Maintenance	12,735							12,735
5770 Vehicle Payment								0
5771 Scholarships	52,600							52,600
5780 Telephones & Internet	37,271				760			38,031
5785 Travel - Air	21,739	10,681		11,023	12,000			55,443
5788 Travel - Accommodation	17,447	7,143		3,590	6,773			34,953
5792 Travel - Airfare	14,304	3,285		4,163	4,268			26,020
5795 Travel - Per Diem	13,753	5,617		4,682	5,048			31,080
5799 Childcare	150	225		35				410
5799 Power	12,642							12,642
5799 Heating Fuel	13,210							13,210
5799 Water & Sewer	2,731							2,731
5794 Admin Fees	-21,892	-285	500	410				601,041
5850 Expenses Accrued (paid)								0
5855 Revenue Returned								0
5860 Transfers between programs	0							0
5880 Doh Cho Economic Corporation								0
5890 Wage Replacements/Recoveries								0
5971 Udi Kue First Nation	80,000						84,881	124,881
5972 Doh Cho Gollo Dene Council							57,677	57,677
5973 Kookooshe First Nation							30,017	30,017
5974 Peledan 10 First Nation							18,586	18,586
5975 Reepoo To First Nation							2,850	2,850
5976 2SR First Nation							7,040	7,040
5977 Mahani Doh Dene Council							5,485	5,485
5978 Ft Simpson 10th Local							0	0
5980 Ft Providence 10th							0	0
5981 Samsas 10 First Nation							5,685	5,685
5982 West Point First Nation							0	0
5983 Acha Dene 10th							31,835	31,835
5984 Ft. Lind 10th 10th							0	0
Total expenditures	374,647	54,014	13,824	37,661	160,018	0	224,242	600,297
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	37,857	0	0	-7,661	0	100,231	0	310,704



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

SCHEDULE 3

SCHEDULE OF DIAND CONTRIBUTION REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

	Gov (Cont)	Dehcho (Cont)	Regulations (Cont)	Deh Cho Process Grants (Cont)	Wet Youth Camps (Cont)	Aboriginal Cap. & Mechanics Grants (Cont)	Access & Benefits Initiatives (Cont)	APOA Neutral	Elder & Youth Fund	Third Party SPECH	TOTAL
REVENUES:											
4000 DIAND	\$700,000	\$2,000,000	\$800,000	\$181,043	\$12,000	\$275,000	\$378,825	\$7,183	\$50,000	\$2,411	\$4,376,442
4001 DIAND - Other Revenues						40,000			12,000		62,000
4002 GNWT									5,000		5,000
4003 HRDC									800		800
4004 Other											0
4005 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans											0
4006 Aboriginal Police											0
4007 Ombudsman											0
4008 Wage Recoveries			1,109	300							1,409
4009 Travel Recoveries			194								1,903
4010 Recoveries		155					45,000				45,155
4011 Rental Income											0
4012 Sales											0
4013 Program Interest Transfers											0
4014 Employee Contributions	3,652	4,200	500	3,125							11,477
4015 Deferred Revenue Transfers	-4,588					-600					-4,588
4016 Interest Revenue											0
4017 Admin Fees											0
4018 Program Funds Returned											0
Total revenues	696,264	2,004,200	800,500	184,168	12,000	314,400	422,400	7,183	57,800	2,411	4,487,231
EXPENDITURES:											
5410 Wages & Benefits	90,409	165,557	110,450	40,000							406,416
5450 Casual Wages											0
5490 Accounting & Legal	70,500		394,250	2,540							467,290
5510 Advertising, Promotion & Research		25,000					4,810				29,810
5520 Equipment Rental											0
5530 Fuel Costs											0
5535 Cash Grants	5,250	85,704	41,217	8,778		3,700	30,388		14,800		179,037
5536 GST Unrecovered											0
5537 Professional Services											0
5538 Subcontractors	85,602	441,408	298,303	61,344	1,800	32,454	347,003				1,107,914
5539 Sound & Translation	53,201	29,428	5,120				200		2,889		86,238
5540 Courier & Postage											0
5541 Capital Expenditures											0
5542 Insurance											0
5543 Interest & Bank Charges											0
5544 Licenses, Regs & Membership								613			613
5700 Materials	22,972	66,750		825	800		4,300		2,475		98,222
5705 Equipment Purchases	19,022	10,022									29,044
5710 Equipment User Fees	353										353
5715 Judicial Supplies											0
5720 Property Taxes											0
5740 Miscellaneous											0
5780 Rent	8,291	11,800		875			1,100		940		21,071
5785 Repair & Maintenance		8,826			216						9,042
5790 Vehicle Payment											0
5791 Scholarships											0
5792 Telephone											0
5795 Travel - Air	36,270	115,328	64,151	14,000		7,884	47,999	3,907	811	1,058	207,074
5796 Travel - Accommodation	38,253	79,031	15,788	3,501	2,400	5,137	11,200	1,890	540	144	167,793
5797 Travel - Mileage	32,109	38,680		5,084	2,390	2,732	21,017	890	372	131	105,675
5798 Travel - Per Diem	39,109	88,325	15,258	5,087	1,590	4,108	14,920	401	830	260	169,541
5799 Utilities		800		125			80				813
5799 Power											0
5799 Heating Fuel											0
5799 Water & Sewer											0
5799 Admin Fees	70,000	146,326	80,000	18,184	1,001	31,301	38,880				387,511
5900 Expenses Ahead (init)											0
5905 Revenues Returned											0
5910 Gas, Royalty Service Contracts											0
5950 Transfers between programs											0
5980 Deh Cho Economic Corporation											0
5982 Media Research											0
5978 Wage Replacement/Recoveries											0
5971 Uluu Yuu First Nation		198,427	18,847			26,880	88		3,493		206,800
5972 Deh Cho Gold Dene Council		88,041				31,000					119,041
5973 Koyukuk First Nation		34,037		3,954		50,184					88,175
5974 Pełavut First Nation	70,000	88,021									158,021
5975 Kooze Yee First Nation		36,079									36,079
5976 JAR First Nation	40,000	40,720				20,000					100,720
5977 Nahanni First Nation Council		39,910				10,000					49,910
5978 Ft Simpson First Nation		37,317				10,000					47,317
5979 Ft Resolution First Nation		37,317				21,000					58,317
5981 Samson First Nation	831	49,910		500		20,000					51,241
5982 West Point First Nation											0
5983 Aho Dene First Nation		81,549				10,000					91,549
5984 Ft Liard First Nation											0
Total expenditures	696,264	2,004,200	800,500	184,168	12,000	314,400	422,400	8,893	27,680	2,360	4,487,231
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	0	0	0	-498	0	-50	0	187	-34	51	-388



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SCHEDULE 4

SCHEDULE OF GRANT CONTRIBUTION REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES (cont.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

	IRDA Oil & Gas Eolad (\$517,000)	IRDA Revenue Royalties (\$000)	IRMA Resource Programs (\$203,833)	Wastewate Oil Eolad (\$218,494)	S.A. Environment &Regulatory Eolad (\$000)	MOPF Phase 2	Local Contributions Eolad	Tribal Council ARRB Tribes	TOTAL
REVENUES:									
4099 GRANT	\$150,000	\$2,000,000	\$203,833	\$218,494	\$1,115,000	\$5,000	\$0,000	\$4,557	\$5,794,600
4021 GRANT - Other Revenue									0
4099 GRANT									0
4048 IRDO									0
4099 Other									0
4060 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans									0
4075 Aboriginal Futures									0
4100 Donations									0
4119 Wages Recoveries									0
4123 Travel Recoveries									0
4126 Recoveries				100	200				300
4158 Rental Income									0
4206 Sales									0
4320 Program Interest Transfers					-100,000				-100,000
4340 Employee Contributions									0
4350 Debated Revenue Transfers		-100,000		-57,250			-500		-187,750
4440 Interest Revenue									0
4460 Admin Fees									0
4490 Program Funds Returned									0
Total revenues	150,000	1,850,000	203,833	178,244	915,000	5,000	0,000	4,557	3,445,334
EXPENDITURES:									
5010 Wages & Benefits							0,000		0,000
5050 Casual Wages									0
5010 Accounting & Legal									0
5015 Advertising & Promotions									0
5016 Equipment Rent									0
5020 Bad Debts									0
5025 Cash Grants				13,976	16,700	1,875			32,451
5030 GST Unrecovered									0
5034 Professional Services									0
5035 Subcontractors	40,000			68,500	137,388				245,888
5036 Sound & Translation				100	5,100				5,200
5040 Courier & Postage									0
5051 Capital Expenditures									0
5055 Insurance									0
5060 Interest & Bank Charges									0
5065 Licenses, Regs & Membership									0
5100 Materials				1,191	120				1,311
5105 Equipment Purchases				19,022	18,000				37,022
5109 Equipment User Fee									0
5110 Janitorial Supplies									0
5120 Property Taxes									0
5140 Miscellaneous									0
5160 Rent				3,771	225				4,000
5165 Repair & Maintenance									0
5170 Vehicle Payment									0
5171 Scholarships									0
5180 Telephone									0
5185 Travel - Air		641		19,319		501		2,219	21,400
5195 Travel - Accommodation				12,882	7,122	470		1,325	21,800
5197 Travel - Mileage		643		11,324	4,304	1,400		180	18,000
5199 Travel - Per Diem		578		10,153	6,960	880		733	21,300
5195 CH&Cone									0
5190 Power									0
5191 Heating Fuel									0
5192 Water & Sewer									0
5194 Admin Fees	15,000		42,545	30,147	16,641				104,333
5200 Expenses Accrued (note)									0
5205 Revenues Returned									0
5210 Res. Royalty Service Contracts		1,493,157							1,493,157
5260 Transfers between programs					0				0
5265 Osh Cho Economic Corporation		150,000							150,000
5270 Wage Replacements/Recoveries									0
5271 LMS Koo First Nation					80,800				80,800
5272 Osh Cho Gash Dene Council					114,380				229,952
5273 Kalliedache First Nation	30,212	114,588			84,778				329,578
5274 Peledch K First Nation		92,277		40,181	76,303				308,560
5275 Kaagee Tu First Nation					30,799				30,799
5276 JMR First Nation				40,181	20,033				60,214
5277 Maharel Dula Dene Council				40,181	47,778				87,959
5279 Pi Sivgean Mels Local				40,181	87,138				127,319
5280 Pi Providence Mels				40,181	23,687				63,868
5281 Bamboe Ks First Nation				40,181	52,800				92,981
5282 West Pole First Nation									0
5283 Azo Dene Koo					100,000				100,000
5284 Pi Land Mels Nation									0
Total expenditures	150,000	1,850,000	263,832	179,422	561,250	4,076	0,000	4,473	3,445,332
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	0	0	0	0	0	324	0	384	\$167



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SCHEDULE 5

SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

	GRF (Budget)	Capacity Budget	Child Care Budget	General Administration	Labour Market	Small Business Initiatives	Youth Programs	El Funding	El Benefits & Services	El General Administration	El Persons With Disabilities	El Small Business Initiatives	TOTAL
REVENUES:													
4038 DDAHD													80
4039 Grants - Other Revenue													0
4038 GRMT													0
4043 HRDC	51,000,017	0	88	0	0		90	892,097	0	0	0	0	1,412,314
4005 Other	0	0	0	8,880	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
4009 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4070 Aboriginal Futures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4100 Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4110 Wages Revenues													0
4120 Travel Revenues													0
4130 Recoveries	0	8,820	734	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4150 Rental Incomes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,704
4200 Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4230 Program Interest Transfers	-1,000,017	32,474	341,753	198,008	497,000	34,700	30,788	-242,697	204,774	51,400	13,518	13,555	0
4240 Employee Contributions	0	0	0	8,430	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,430
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers	0	0	12,958	0	0	90,240	0	9,793	0	0	0	0	93,491
4400 Income Revenues	0	0	0	8,180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,180
4480 Advice Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4490 Program Funds Received	0	0	0	0	0	70	222	0	0	0	0	0	312
Total revenues	0	31,493	328,383	153,323	497,000	34,788	31,010	6,200	204,774	51,400	14,186	13,325	1,471,560
EXPENDITURES:													
5018 General Administration overhead				27,804	0					100			28,714
5024 GRF Employment Labour Market				257	430,000					0			430,257
5031 GRF Small Urban Initiatives						30,000							30,000
5033 GRF First Nations Child Care			308,183		1,801								309,984
5033 GRF Youth Programs							51,000						51,000
5034 GRF Persons with Disabilities													0
5035 GRF Capacity		28,822		1,433									31,255
5035 El Program Administration								8,268		0,207			17,467
5035 El Employment Benefits and Support									200,188				200,188
5037 El Small Urban Program												13,255	13,255
5034 El Persons with Disabilities				1,987							14,150		16,137
5400 Wages & Benefits				104,673	2,202	5,772							112,647
5400 General Wages													0
5600 Advertising & Capital													0
5615 Advertising & Promotions													0
5618 Equipment Rental													0
5620 Bar Debts													0
5625 Cash Grants													0
5630 Cash Short/Over													0
5634 Professional Services				18,774						6,204			22,978
5635 Subcontractors													0
5636 Sound & Traveler													0
5640 Courier & Postage													0
5681 Capital Expenditures													0
5685 Insurance													0
5690 Interest & Bank Charges				315									315
5695 Licenses, Rights & Membership													0
5700 Materials													0
5702 Equipment Purchases													0
5705 Equipment User Fee													0
5710 Janitorial Supplies													0
5720 Property Taxes													0
5740 Miscellaneous													0
5750 Rent													0
5755 Repair & Maintenance													0
5770 Vehicle Payment													0
5771 Scholarships													0
5780 Telephones											382		382
5785 Travel - Air													0
5785 Travel - Accommodation													0
5787 Travel - Meals			1,351										1,351
5788 Travel - Per Diem													0
5789 Childcare													0
5790 Power													0
5791 Heating Fuel													0
5792 Water & Sewer													0
5794 Admin Fees													0
5800 Expenses Accrued (note)													0
5805 Revenue Returned													0
5950 Transfer balances program		0						0					0
5950 Cash On Economic Corporation													0
5971 L'Abri Koo First Nation					28,200				18,702				46,902
5972 Cch. Gch. Gula. Dene Council					27,004				14,804				41,808
5972 Kaledosha First Nation													0
5974 Pabobah-El First Nation													0
5975 Kangas Tu First Nation													0
5975 JWR First Nation													0
5977 Nahanni State Dene Council													0
5978 Ft. Simpson Metis Local													0
5984 Ft. Providence Metis													0
5981 Sarsilik First Nation													0
5983 West Point First Nation													0
5983 Arde Dene Koo													0
Total expenditures	0	31,493	328,383	153,323	497,000	34,788	31,010	6,200	204,774	51,400	14,186	13,325	1,471,560
EXCESS REVENUES (GRF/BA/DI/FUND)													
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0



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SCHEDULE 6

SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL BILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

	Admin. Budget	Basic Skills & Pre-Op Budget	Employment & Support Budget	Industrial Sales Budget	TOTAL
REVENUES:					
4305 CIAND					0
4321 CIAND - Other Revenue					0
4332 GRAT					0
4343 HRCC					0
4350 Other	5176				176
4360 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans					0
4370 Aboriginal Polices	827,396				827,396
4100 Donations					0
4110 Wage Recoveries					0
4120 Travel Recoveries					0
4130 Recoveries					0
4180 Rental Income					0
4200 Sales					0
4220 Program Internal Transfers	-124,868	1148,240	\$136,940	2485,870	0
4240 Employee Contributions	3,477				3,477
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers	-100	-73,881	33,084	-17,816	-61,713
4400 Interest Revenue					0
4480 Admin Fees					0
4490 Program Funds Returned					0
Total revenues	86,283	73,762	170,024	441,254	176,323
EXPENDITURES:					
5410 Wages & Benefits	68,882				68,882
5450 Casual Wages					0
5610 Accounting & Legal					0
5215 Advertising & Promotions					0
5418 Equipment Rental					0
5629 Bad Debts					0
5925 Cash Grants	3,900				3,900
5930 Cash Short/Over					0
5934 Professional Services					0
5935 Subscriptions	72				72
5936 Travel & Transportation					0
5940 Courier & Postage	229				229
5981 Capital Expenditures					0
5985 Insurance					0
5990 Interest & Bank Charges					0
5995 Loans, Repay & Membership					0
5750 Materials					0
5185 Equipment Purchases					0
5710 Janitorial Supplies					0
5720 Property Taxes					0
5740 Utilities		1,595			1,595
5750 Rent	11,014				11,014
5790 Repair & Maintenance					0
5770 Vehicle Payment					0
5771 Contributions					0
5758 Telephone					0
5768 Travel - Air	1,214	873			2,087
5768 Travel - Accommodation	800	2,289			3,089
5767 Travel - Mileage	336	1,564			1,900
5768 Travel - Per Diem	267	2,157			2,424
5769 Mileage		585			585
5780 Power					0
5781 Heating Fuel					0
5782 Water & Sewer					0
5784 Admin Fees					0
5840 Expenses Accrued (note)					0
5865 Revenues Refused					0
5890 Transfers between programs	0				0
5890 Deb Cho Economic Corporation					0
5971 USBI Kue Flat Nation		3,446	18,788	173,870	186,114
5972 Deb Gah Gah Dave Council		24,912	52,428	66,145	143,485
5973 Kabloosheo First Nation		32,058	18,843	8,772	59,673
5974 Patawacki First Nation			34,343	18,822	53,165
5975 Koojea First Nation		-478	12,829		12,351
5976 JMH First Nation				29,555	29,555
5977 Nahard Suite Done Council			802	29,727	30,529
5978 Ft Simpson Mails Local			18,056		18,056
5981 Combes Ke First Nation		8,781	3,618	12,210	24,609
5982 West Pelee First Nation					0
5983 Aho Dene Kee			71,758	31,001	102,759
5984 Ft Card Mails Local					0
Total expenditures	86,281	73,762	170,024	441,254	771,321
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)					
	-20	0	0	0	-20



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SCHEDULE 7

SCHEDULE OF OTHER REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

REVENUES:	Healthy Children	Youth Services	Language Cultures	Language Literacy	Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development	AGGRII Fund	RAG - PRRF Fund	Youth Ecology Club	Other Clubs	DAG Fund	TOTAL
REVENUES:											
600 DAND											20
601 DAND - Other Revenues											0
603 GNWT	87,382	51,148	234,308	238,800				543,235	58,308		318,836
604 HRDC											0
650 Other										574,885	14,827
660 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans					344,228	110,000					144,827
600 Aboriginal Futures											0
410 Donations											0
410 Wega Recoveries											0
410 Travel Recoveries											0
410 Recoveries											0
410 Rental Income											0
600 Sales											0
420 Program Internal Transfers											0
410 Employee Contributions											0
420 Deferred Revenue Transfers											0
440 Interest Revenue							528,183			-80,160	-43,870
480 Admin Fees											0
480 Program Funds Returned											0
Total revenues	7,382	1,443	234,308	238,800	444,228	110,000	28,183	43,235	6,008	5,025	492,207
EXPENDITURES:											
600 CRF Employment Labour Mail	255										255
600 CRF First Nations Child Care	7,126										7,126
510 Wages & Benefits		1,443	18,748			24,388				405	45,311
540 Casual Wages											0
510 Accounting & Legal			758	750		1,000					2,508
510 Advertising & Promotions						2,417		1,518			3,935
510 Equipment Rental											0
560 Fuel Oils											0
505 Cash Grants						3,450			2,950		12,000
510 GST Unrecovered											0
540 Professional Services											0
505 Subcontractors						24,420		39,006			63,085
510 Sound & Transmitters											0
510 Courier & Postage											0
500 Capital Expenditures											0
565 Insurance											0
500 Interest & Bank Charges											0
505 Licenses, Regist & Membership											0
570 Materials			707			2,085					2,792
570 Equipment Purchases					403,220	5,617					45,916
570 Equipment User Fee			302	181							1,054
570 Jewelry Supplies											0
570 Property Taxes											0
570 Uncollected											0
570 Rent						3,827					3,827
575 Repair & Maintenance											0
570 Vehicle Payment											0
570 Scholarships											0
570 Telephones & Internet			2,407	2,457		2,500					10,411
575 Travel - Air						7,820			800	2,844	11,802
570 Travel - Accommodations						5,521			1,410	2,085	9,027
575 Travel - Storage						5,055		2,700	2,117		10,878
570 Travel - Per Diem						5,821		141	2,825		9,207
570 Childcare						300					300
570 Power											0
570 Heating Fuel											0
570 Water & Sewer											0
570 Admin Fees											0
500 Expenses Account (net)											0
505 Revenues Returned											0
500 Transfers between programs											0
500 Osh Cho Envoiemis Coporation											0
570 Wega Replacements/Recoveries											0
501 Little Bear First Nation			20,000								20,000
572 Osh Cho Gosh Gosh Council			11,814	6,712							20,228
501 Kallonecho First Nation			23,207								23,207
574 Pehabeh III First Nation			17,614								43,064
501 Knigoo To First Nation			1,112								7,112
572 JMT First Nation			2,214	2,000							16,225
577 Inward State Child Council			3,269	3,269							10,100
575 Ft Simpson Mills Local											0
560 Ft Providence Mills											0
501 Sambas He First Nation			6,021		4,420						12,569
501 West Point First Nation											0
501 Acho Cho He			24,719								24,719
501 Ft Judd Mills											0
Total expenditures	7,382	1,443	234,308	238,800	444,228	110,000	28,183	43,033	6,480	5,025	492,207
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	-80	85	80	80	80	80	-80	102	820	80	\$216



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AUDITOR'S DERIVATIVE REPORT

To Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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I have audited the financial statements of the DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS as at March 31, 2008, and for the year then ended, and reported on June 11, 2008.

A Schedule of Executive costs, other remuneration and travel and a Schedule of Federal Government Funding is required to be presented to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada pursuant to the funding agreement between Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS. The schedules have been compiled by the management of the DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS from their records. For the purposes of understanding our involvement with these schedules, please note that:

- I have audited and separately reported on the financial statements;
- my audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole;
- the attached schedules are presented for the purpose of forming an opinion for the Department of Indian Affairs and does not form part of the financial statements; and
- the schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied to the audit of the financial statements taken as a whole.

During the course of the aforementioned audit, we encountered no discrepancies on these schedules. However, no procedures have been carried out on these schedules in addition to those necessary to form an opinion on the financial statements.

This report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

June 11, 2008
Yellowknife, N.W.T



DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS

SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE COSTS, OTHER REMUNERATION AND TRAVEL

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Approved Salary Range</u> \$	<u>Per Diems/Other Remuneration</u> \$	<u>Travel</u> \$
ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS:				
Herb Norwegian	Grand Chief	86,308		2,828
Gerald Antoine	A/Grand Chief	85,000		5,000
Stanley Sanguéz	Executive/Leadership		300	212
Bernie Landry	Executive/Leadership		1,800	1,803
Joanne Dameron	Executive/Leadership		2,475	8,455
Margaret Leishman	Executive/Leadership		1,000	2,375
Violet Cii	Executive/Leadership		1,875	637
Richard Lafferty	Executive/Leadership		2,325	2,102
E. Betsaka	Executive/Leadership		675	591
Keyna Norwegian	Executive/Leadership		1,800	871
UNELECTED SENIOR OFFICIALS:				
Roy Inglangasuk	Executive Director	107,892		7,743
Ria Lotcher	Executive Director	81,500		

Note: amounts under \$2,000 not reported

Note - this is a special purpose statement required by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development ("DIAND" or "INAC")



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June 11, 2008

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Re: DEHCHO First Nation Funding Reconciliation

At the request of DEHCHO First Nation, I provide the following responses to the new mandatory requirement in the Year-end Reporting Handbook (#6.6) for a Funding Reconciliation. As reported in the audited financial statements:

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|--|--------------------|
| 1. INAC Revenues per Financial Statements | \$ 9,003,482 |
| Reconciling items – Settlement Agreement | <u> -</u> |
| INAC Revenues per Funding Confirmation | \$ 9,003,482 |
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| 2. Amounts due from INAC - current year | \$ 1,209,573 |
| Amounts due from INAC - prior year | <u> 7,038</u> |
| Amounts due from INAC - TOTAL per Note 3 | \$ 1,216,611 |
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| Amounts due to INAC | 0 |
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| 3. Detailed explanation of the discrepancies between the amounts stated in the agreement and the amounts in the financial statements – None. | |
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| 4. Reference of the correspondent page of the Financial Statements – Schedules 2, 3 & 4. | |
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| 5. For Block Funded or Core Funded Services, details regarding transfers of INAC funding between Block Funded or Core Funded services -- None. | |
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| 6. Other adjustments -- None. | |

Yours truly,

ROBERT STEWART CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Robert A. Stewart, C.A., C.M.C.
CC. Dehcho First Nation



DEH CHO FIRST NATION

SCHEDULE 9

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FUNDING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

INAC

Name	Federal Funding Received	Unexpended Funding Beginning	Adjustments	Total Funding Available	Funding Expended	Unexpended Funding End of Year
Tribal Council (Band Support)	\$765,416	\$0	\$0	\$765,416	\$765,416	\$0
Economic Development	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	1,850,000	150,000
Other	6,238,066	50,079	0	6,288,145	6,162,230	125,915
	<u>\$9,003,482</u>	<u>\$50,079</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$9,053,561</u>	<u>\$8,777,646</u>	<u>\$275,915</u>

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Dehcho First Nations

Promotional Items



A. Fleece Jacket \$65.00



B. Fleece Vest \$55.00

C. Zip-up Hooded Sweater
Men's \$60.00
Women's \$55.00



D. Hooded Sweater \$50.00

E. Long-sleeve Shirt \$20.00

F. T-Shirt \$15.00

Track Pants \$50.00

Youth Hooded Sweater \$28.00

G. Youth T-Shirt \$12.00

H. Toddler T-Shirt \$10.00

I. Bucket Hat \$14.00

J. Cap \$12.00

K. Silver Coffee Mug \$25.00

L. Water Bottle \$15.00

M. Dehcho Drum Music
CD \$20.00
Tape \$10.00

N. Key Chain \$8.00

Fleece Blankets \$25.00

