

# 2011 Dehcho Annual Report

Hosted in Wrigley, NT



**Zhundii Saamba Náhza  
Edíhtá'éh Ndehdhé Hólí  
K'çç Nádéhthíza T'áh  
Nahî Dehcho Gáh Got'îê Thídlí  
Nádadítse T'áh  
Edi Gôndi Ndehdhé Káít'ô**

Nahî, Dehcho Gáh Got'îê-ke, dáodéhthaa Nahendehé k'eh ait'ñ t'ôh gots'êh dáondii edets'ç k'aúdéh eníddhê gots'êh dáondii megháádé Dene thídlí k'çç aut'ñ eníddhê gháádé goidíh á aít'é.

Nahendehé k'eh ndeh gots'êh tu zhágólí, dáodéhthaa Dene ídlé t'ôh gots'êh, káa ááólí nahets'êh zôh azháit'é. Nóhtsî, nahendehé gots'êh tu k'éhthídih gha ejô nínahónidhah á ahtít'e.

Zhundii, 1899 gots'êh 1921, ekúh Saamba Nálée-ke, Dene kéhle tháh edets'ç k'aúdéh ahtít'e k'çç naheghághenda t'áh nezû nahendehé k'eh nahéh gogundíh gha nahéh edíhtá'éh ndehdhé géhtsî ílé. Dene tháh edets'ç k'aogedéh zôh dúle edíhtá'éh ndehdhé eáneh gedetá'éh. Ezhi t'áh, Saamba Nálée-ke zôh dúyé tháhne ezhi edíhtá'éh ndehdhé gúlii anagedleh.

Nóhtsî dáondii nahendehé k'eh gúdih gha nínahónila gháádé, dúyé nahendehé edítsi. Dehcho zhíeh, Dene Nahenatthee Zhádéhth'i-ke, nahecho gozhatíe t'áhogedehtsi, ezhi gháádé dúh gots'êh zhundaa dáodéhthaa Dene thídlí gots'ç xáádé met'áh edets'ç k'aúdéh gha gôndi thítsi.

Dúhdzêh, Dene kéhle áíé kádeæa zôh athít'e gots'êh Nahendehé káa see ehth'i nahets'êh ôt'e eníddhê t'áh nádadítse gots'êh Nahendehé k'eh edets'ç k'aúdéh dídi.

Nahî, Dehcho Gáh Got'îê, nádadítse t'áh Dene nahenatthee zhádéhth'i-ke gots'ádadídi.

*Chia Íidéh Zaa 19, 1993, K'ágee Tu Nahendéh Gha  
Edíhtá'éh Ndehdhé Ts'ehts'î*

## **Declaration of Rights Dehcho First Nation**

We the Dene of the Dehcho have lived on our homeland according to our own laws and system of government since time immemorial.

Our homeland is comprised of the ancestral territories and waters of the Dehcho Dene. We were put here by the Creator as keepers of our waters and lands.

The Peace Treaties of 1899 and 1921 with the non-Dene recognize the inherent political rights and powers of the Dehcho First Nation. Only sovereign peoples can make treaties with each other. Therefore our aboriginal rights and titles and oral treaties cannot be extinguished by any Euro-Canadian government.

Our laws from the Creator do not allow us to cede, release, surrender or extinguish our inherent rights. The leadership of the Dehcho upholds the teachings of the Elders as the guiding principles of Dene government now and in the future.

Today we reaffirm, assert and exercise our inherent rights and powers to govern ourselves as a nation.

We the Dene of the Dehcho stand firm behind our First Nation government.

*Declaration was adopted at Kakisa, Denendéh.  
August 19, 1993*

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**Timing:** the right moment, the right time, favorable conditions, the right people, the right political conditions.

The people past and present that drafted the Dehcho Declaration of Rights, the 21 Common Ground Principles, the Framework, Interim and Resource Development Agreement, all had a vision on what the Dehcho Process would look like and be. The same documents are still guiding our process today.

I want to start by first recognizing Chief Antoine, Chief Bonnetrouge, Chief Chicot, Chief Cayen, Chief Lennie, Chief Sanguetz, Chief Jumbo, Chief Tesou, Chief Etchinelle, President Marie Lafferty, President Albert Lafferty, and the Naxehcho (Elders). I appreciate your commitment, dedication, and vigilance to remain united in our struggle. Thank you.



I appreciate all the hard work the staff do in preparing for Leadership and Annual Assemblies. Ria, Sara, Dora, Pauline, Samantha, Gloria, Carrie, Keyna, Felix, Dawn, and my assistant Danita for making my position a lot easier.

Good morning, I hope everyone has settled in now. If there are problems, please do not hesitate to bring it to the attention of the staff.

Leaders, Naxehcho (Elders), Women and Youth and all those gathered here today.

Our Dehcho Process remains our top priority; this is a collective process that requires the guidance of our Leaders and members. As stewards we must have enough land to sustain us for economic self-reliance and self-sufficiency.

We also have a good team working on our Dehcho Government Process; George, Chris, Patrick, Bernadette, Richard, Violet, Leona, and the contractors like Laura Pitkanen. With a good team like that, nothing is left to chance. Just in case I missed mentioning someone, I want to thank all those involve in our struggle.

### Introduction

As I enter the third year of my term as Grand Chief I am very aware of the honor it has been for me to represent our communities and our people. As one of your leaders carrying the responsibility of fulfilling the vision of our elders, I am amazed at their wisdom and their patience. They have spoken about the importance of protecting our lands and of being strong by working together.

We talk about being one house. To have a strong lasting house it must be built on a strong foundation. The cornerstone of that foundation has always been our Treaties. Right now we are trying to finish building our foundation through *the negotiations of the Dehcho Process*. *So that is the way we will have a strong foundation, just as our elders have asked of us*. Our negotiations are sticking closely to the requirements of the Framework Agreement which says the new Treaty will build on Treaties 11 and 8.

This is a collective process that requires the guidance of our Leaders and our members. We don't always agree with each but there is always respect for one another and that is how we have continued to achieve a consensus to continue with negotiations. Some of the approaches have changed from the start but as we continue to work together the Agreement will continue to get stronger. There remains some hard work ahead of us which will require sacrifice, commitment and some compromise. At our latest meeting, the Think Tank session in Trout Lake, the leaders asked the negotiation team to have the AiP close to completion in 6 months. To achieve that requires us to move forward with a strong and united front. I should point out that the main table has agreed on a two year work plan to bring us to the point of ratifying the Agreement in Principle.

We continue to stay the course based on Resolution #1 Winter Leadership in February 24-27, 2009. I remain optimistic that by this time perhaps next year we will be discussing a completed Agreement-in-Principle.

The Dehcho Process is based on historical events. The Treaties, the Dehcho Declaration, the 21 Common Ground Principles, the Framework Agreement, the Interim Measures Agreement, and the Interim Resource Development Agreement were designed to guide the Dehcho Process. I believe we have made significant progress with some chapters complete and others near completion. As you know we are now faced with negotiating a quantum of the land in our traditional territory which will be recognized by all the governments as lands retained by the Dehcho First Nations Government. How we collectively hold and manage these retained lands is still an item for further discussion.

### **Edehzhie**

We had to face new challenges over the past year. Canada did not renew the subsurface protection for Edehzhie last fall. We are now in the midst of a court challenge and I hear from our legal team that we have a very strong case. It is moving forward slowly and we hope to see it being dealt with in the fall.

We lost time in main table negotiations because Canada postponed negotiations while it reviewed our legal challenge. Our wise commitment to protect our lands has prevented Canada from opening Edehzhie to development and has kept prospectors out of the area for now. Four days is set aside in November for final arguments.

### **Devolution**

One of the new challenges we face is the Devolution Agreement in Principle between Canada and the GNWT. It could directly impact on our negotiations. There has been strong united opposition, without any regional support for the AiP from the Gwich'in, Sahtu, Dehcho and Akaitcho. Although the leadership requested a meeting with Premier Roland and Minister Duncan, both requests were rejected. We have registered our opposition in a letter to Prime Minister Harper in a letter co-signed with the Gwich'in. We may need to have more dialogue with other regions, public events and leadership collective discussions and eventually we will set a course of action.

### **Land Use Plan**

Revisions to the Dehcho Land Use Plan are almost complete. The Dehcho Land Use Plan remains one of the most important achievements of DFN. In 2006, we approved the draft plan but Canada and the GNWT rejected it. Since then discussions have been ongoing to make some changes so Government would approve it as an interim plan. We considered the changes to the plan in a special workshop during the winter with our Committee members, Tim Lennie and Peter Cizek. The changes are to make

the plan compatible with existing laws and to create more of a balance between areas that could be opened for economic activities and those that are protected from major developments. Even with changes made necessary to get Canada and the GNWT to continue to support it, we will have a plan that protects more land than anywhere else in the country and recognizes our authority within our traditional territory. After the interim plan is approved by all the parties, we will begin the work to further improve the Land Use Plan for our final Agreement when changes to existing laws can be made.

### **Land Withdrawal**

Once again our land withdrawals will expire in October. Canada has submitted an application to renew them for two years. But they have made changes to the wording of the Order in Council. This time the withdrawals do not include the area covered under the Nahanni National Park Reserve. Those lands are now permanently protected from development. Canada made one other change which we strongly objected to. The withdrawals used to say “Dehcho First Nation Withdrawals”. Now the Order-in-Council will state “Aboriginal Claims Negotiations”. The change is a result of the community claims, with the Acho Dene and the possible claim with the Katlodeeche First Nation, which could result in overlap issues. Our team has sent a very strongly worded letter to Canada refusing to agree to the wording changes.

### **Sambaa K'e and Nahanni Butte Dene Band—Notice of Trial**

The legal process continues with Trout Lake and Nahanni Butte challenging the Acho Dene interests in their primary use areas. With traditional activity of our people, migrating from one game area to another, visiting each other communities, harvesting, gathering, celebrating, trapping, and having seasonal hunts, it is difficult to define the term “exclusive” at the exclusion of others First Nation. Ownership is not defined in that context either; however, the area where land is used is respected. Our understanding of our Dene Values and Principles is what governs our everyday lives. Material wealth was not at the expense of others, again the value of sharing. The final outcome or ruling should not affect people using the Axe Point, Trout River, Redknife, Jean Marie traditional land use areas.

### **The Mackenzie Gas Project**

In December 2009, the Joint Review Panel submitted its final 176 page recommendations on the Mackenzie Gas Project. On April 15, 2010, we responded to the report through the National Energy Board in Yellowknife. Both the Governments of Canada and Northwest Territories prepared a joint 127 page response to the Joint Review Panel recommendation on November 18th. The National Energy Board allowed parties to submit comments on the government response.

During all the proceedings, Pehdzeh Ki, Liidlii Kue, Metis, Nahanni Butte and Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation were represented by Dehcho First Nations. On December 17, the National Energy Board released a 310 page response to the Joint Review Panel report and the conditions to the approval of the Mackenzie Gas Project. The Federal Government and the proponent are faced with some basic conditions for the project to move ahead.

1. Fiscal Certainty (3.2 billion)
2. Regulatory Certainty
3. Plan Access, Dehcho Land Access.
4. Bundle of permits (From 400-150)

The challenge now is how we collectively decide on the economics, employment and business opportunities we can undertake while waiting for the decision on the project to proceed. Also review Resolution

Wrigley Special Assembly. Parts of our interests are being dealt with through the Access and Benefits Agreement Negotiations. Chief Jim Antoine is leading our committee who works with the negotiators, Shane Parish and Mel Benson. I understand these negotiations are almost complete and the draft AiP has been requested for review by the Leadership.

### **Enbridge**

As you all know, a few weeks ago Chief Tim Lennie discovered a leak in the Enbridge Pipeline at Willow Lake River. This has raised a number of concerns. I join with Chief Lennie in his call for an independent public inquiry. We still are not sure on the size of the spill. The company started by saying the spill amounted to about four barrels; however, it has been increasing by the hour, days and now weeks. The last count was at 1500 barrels.

This pipeline leak clearly shows that even the best technology will not ensure environment protection. We must remain on guard and demand government and industry have strict regulations when it comes to our Lands, waters and way of life. We must also make sure the our harvesters are fully compensated when their hunting and trapping areas are impacted. To safeguard our way of life will require more than just a harvesting management. As a treaty right to hunt, trap and fish will require more than how, when and where; it will have to be absolute when it comes to our way of life. Therefore, a hunting and trapping chapter cannot be compromised. This chapter must ensure hunting, trapping, harvesting and gathering will flourish and grow. A Dehcho Government will administer programs and service for our Arts and Craft people, hunters, trappers and fisherman.

### **Economic Development Strategy**

**2nd Dehcho Means Business Conference:** In 2002, we had a first Economic Conference in Fort Simpson. This second conference should bring a fresh vision for economic development. It will include the Oil and Gas, Forestry, Tourism, Arts and Crafts, and the Mining Industries. We also need to hear from environmentalist and government representatives on the importance of education, well being, and a healthy environment. We need to develop a new vision of economic development for our communities which creates opportunities for our youth. We must find ways to have sustainable economy in all our communities and no just a boom and bust type of development like the pipeline. The 2nd Dehcho Means Business Conference is tentatively scheduled for October 4-5, 2011, in Fort Simpson.

**Tourism Survey:** Dehcho First Nations Government wants to encourage tourism. The first task is to develop a Tourism Survey Strategy Plan. Dehcho First Nations have a lot to offer the traveling public. Every one of our communities has unique opportunities to offer tourists. We must build on the capacity we have to welcome outsiders and engage and lecture them in learning about our people, culture and land. Eco-tourism, sightseeing tours, fishing, Dehcho trips, arts and crafts and much more could help make our communities economically viable.

### **The Nahanni Park Reserve: Co-management Plan Update**

Dehcho First Nations is negotiating a chapter on National Parks to clarify and strengthen the co-management arrangement between Dehcho First Nations and Parks Canada for Nahanni National Park Reserve and to set out provisions for any future parks in the Dehcho territory. In May, we met with Parks Canada CEO, Alan Latourelle, whom reaffirmed the commitment of Parks Canada to strengthen our existing agreements and to work towards an Impact Benefit Plan for Nahanni National Park reserve. Naha Dehe Dene Band is part of the side table team to ensure that the community has a substantive role in developing the Parks chapter and addressing the concerns and interests of the community. One of the

issues being developed in the Parks chapter is an on-the-land program, similar to the Watchmen program in Haida Gwaii. This would employ DFN and Naha Dehe Dene Band members to build and maintain camps within Nahanni National Park Reserve for the purposes of traditional use, safeguarding the lands, participating in community cultural programs, public education and visitor experience services. Other items being negotiated include economic, training, and employment opportunities, and programs and services associated with the Park. I want to remind everyone that traditional use and harvesting activities will continue throughout Nahanni National Park Reserve.

### **Housing Crisis in the Dehcho**

I do not need to tell anyone about the housing problems our people are facing. High rent and mortgages, arrears, property tax, housing repairs and a real lack of housing. To restore the dignity of our members, our Dehcho Government will develop new and innovative ways to provide shelter to our members in ghettos and cottage programs for those living off the land; the blending of traditional and modern ways of life. To enrich our language, culture, providing and developing a Dehcho Government Housing Program will strive to restore dignity and pride of our heritage.

### **Dehcho Leadership Program**

We have plenty of space in the Dehcho to develop our young population in our region. DFN should be developing a program for these students year round. Each year we have youth summer programs for youth to earn a salary. We have youth ecology camp and the Naxehcho (Elders) and Youth gathering where the opportunity exists to develop our bright young people reach their leadership potential. I believe in our youth and we need to develop their full potential. Therefore DFN beginning this year we will start develop a strategy plan for review and implementation. These bright young people need to excel in the right environment.

Following my election in June, 2009, it's been difficult planning my personal time to concentrate on my way of life, cultural activity and a vacation with my family. The difficulty could be disruption due to schedule or meeting. Therefore I recommend DFN develop a policy in regard to placing a high priority on language, culture and heritage by ensuring the month of August and September be designated as months to exercise and celebrate our way of life with our family and traditional Tribal group.

### **Conclusion**

In closing, we are faced with many problems, unemployment, lack of training, Education that hasn't changed since our residential school days, our language and culture is slowly being chipped away, poverty, low income and so on. We all have issues we want to improve on, change the status quo, change perhaps our position, change our mind or direction. We want to act in the best interest of our people.

Conditions have changed since we began the Dehcho Process. A big change happened last month with the majority Harper government being elected. Just to remind you, that when the Tlicho Agreement came before Parliament, the Conservatives voted unanimously against it. So we must be strong, double our efforts, work harder, lobby, create awareness and educate everyone we can.

The point is we face many challenges. The final outcome will not be easy, we have faced this since time immemorial, but how did we overcome it, by helping each other, supporting each other, by caring for each other and living for each other. The question more often asked is what if? yes, what if.



Just remember, I am with you. I feel your pain, anxiety, your compassion for your people, your land and who you are. We must not act in haste, we need to be cautious, decide in the best interest of those we cherish. I also share the joys of our successes and I want to experience with the you the celebration of having our own government.

Obviously we must know by now, there will be a territorial elections this fall that will require your attention, we need a united front with other Regional Governments to address the many issue only a Dene understands, therefore following our Annual Assembly, I plan on going to other Regional Assemblies to collect information and report perhaps before the election is called in October. The Regional Assembly date and location is provided in your calendar.

Mahsi Cho,

Samuel Gargan  
Grand Chief

### **Rationale**

In line with the budget cuts and budget constraints, on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the DFN Leadership directed a small Committee to review the DFN Organization and suggest a reorganization of the structure to achieve cost savings. The following has been prepared in response to this direction.

### **Introduction**

Dehcho First Nations was originally organized to provide a regional forum (Tribal Council) of Dene/Métis communities in the Dehcho. The DFN was originally registered as a Society in 1989 as a territorial Society with an extensive list of objectives (social, political, and economic). Over the twenty two years the DFN has reorganized internally a number of times responding to both the financial resources and program mandates were made available (See 2005 Draft Organizational Chart, Appendix A: 1999 Organizational Chart). In addition, Dehcho First Nations is now registered, federally, as an Association.

The organization has grown considerably as revenues increased and leadership decisions moved the region to establish the Dehcho Process.

DFN was able to generate surpluses by operating and administering regional programs, increasing the surplus funds of the First Nation. The DFN surplus funds reached a maximum of one million in 2008. Since then the surplus has been reducing with an annual operational deficit.

The Dehcho Process Negotiations funds projected a deficit of \$206,000.00 taking into account the leadership motions to apply the INAC Cash Grant Guidelines and to convene all meetings and negotiation sessions by video/teleconference. Recommendations have been prepared to reduce expenses for the Dehcho Process Negotiations team.

Without surplus funds being available means;

- The funds that are set aside to cover potential staff severance packages are no longer set aside.
- Funds necessary to operate Dehcho First Nations for the first two quarters of the fiscal year will not be available
- Funds to cash flow other programs will not be available (AAROM, ASETS)
- Funds will not be available to provide bridge funding to DFN members and the Land Use Planning Committee



The DFN Surplus fund provided a cash flow while the organization waited for approvals of audits, acceptance of Final Reports and receipt of holdbacks. Typically DFN receives the bulk of holdbacks in September/October of any fiscal year. In addition, INAC has begun holding back 30% of certain funds which requires greater internal cash flow to cover costs upfront.

The DFN Core Administration can no longer afford to operate outside of the Tribal Core budget.

**Revenue Reduction**

The Dehcho First Nations Executive Committee and Leadership have met in the past month to discuss the financial restrictions of the organization. The DFN Leadership has directed that a small group analyze the structure of Dehcho First Nations and consider reorganizing to reduce the expenses that can no longer be afforded.

In order to downsize but remain effective as a regional voice for the member Nations, significant changes in how and why the Dehcho First Nations operates will be required.

The reduction of Negotiations funds this year by 49% has impacted the administration fees for Dehcho First Nations by \$100,000.00. Federal financial policies have also forced the Dehcho First Nations to assume greater expenses under the umbrella of “administration fees.” Previous litigation, deficit budgeting and increased pay scales and employee benefits can no longer be afforded.

**Current Structure**

The DFN Leadership and Executive Committee directed a Committee to review the DFN organizations and consider restructuring the organization to achieve cost-savings (October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011).

Dehcho First Nations has enjoyed financial stability for a number of years and had created positions within the administration that facilitated the management of various regional programs as well as the internal political initiatives of the DFNs.

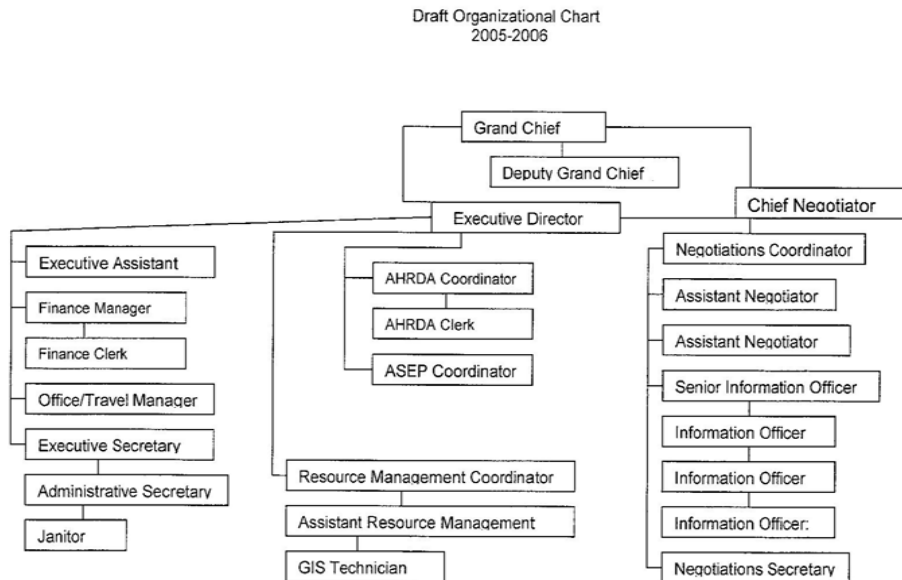
The Tribal Core Funding that is received from INAC is extremely limited, \$780,724.00 with 29% (\$227,398.74) of the total fund dedicated to the delivery of advisory services per the contribution agreement.

<b>ADVISORY FUNDING</b>	
Liidlil Kue First Nation	\$ 64,581.31
Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council	\$ 57,077.14
Katlodeeche First Nation	\$ 30,016.67
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	\$ 19,556.31
Ka'a gee Tu First Nation	\$ 2,956.19
Jean Marie River First Nation	\$ 7,049.37
Nahanni Butte Dene Band	\$ 5,684.98
Sambaa K'e Dene Band	\$ 5,684.98
West Point First Nation	\$ 2,956.19
Acho Dene Koe	\$ 31,835.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 227,398.74</b>

A total of **\$553,325.26** remains for all other purposes set by the DFN Leadership and outlined in the annual operating budget.

Currently, the Dehcho First Nations Tribal Core fund has committed wages and benefits for employees totaling **\$400,346.30**.

Remaining to cover all other operating costs is **\$152,978.96** when these operating expenses totaled \$ **688,474.25** in 2010/2011.



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Since the proposed 2006 Draft Organizational Chart a number of positions were created which have not been staffed for a number of years;

- Assistant Resource Management Coordinator: reduction of negotiations funds does not allow for this position to be staffed as Lands/Resources and Environmental specialists supporting Land Use Planning and the Dehcho Process are now charged to these funds.
- Executive Assistant: Tribal Core Fund. Last staffed in 2005
- GIS Technician: unfunded. Last staffed 2004
- Deputy Grand Chief: Tribal Core Fund. Last staffed 2003

A number of the DFN Core staff positions were created over time to handle the work load that resulted from managing the volume of travel and communications.

- Office/Travel Manager ( supporting programs and DFN leadership travel)
- Full time Receptionist
- Finance Clerk ( created three years ago due to volume of work)

*It is recommended that the Dehcho First Nations Executive Committee cancel these positions, included in the Dehcho First Nations position pay scale which will allow for a savings of wages and benefits.*

**REALIGNING PRIORITIES**

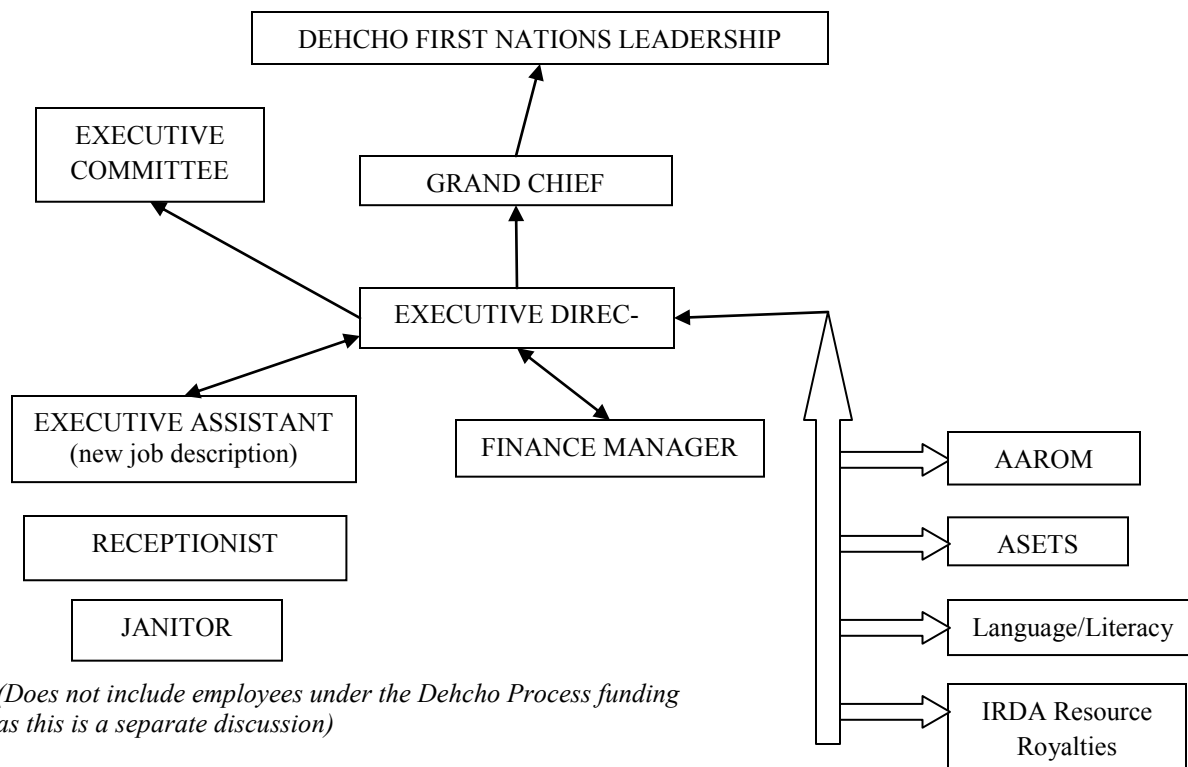
The main priority of Dehcho First Nations would be achieving Final Agreements with the Federal Government. To achieve this end, the focus of the DFN Tribal Core staff would be the development of a Dehcho Constitution, which will be required in the near future as negotiations progress. Until Final Agreements are in place, clearly defining jurisdictions, the Dehcho First Nations will have little impact on federal and territorial planning, policies and programs.

By realigning the priorities of the Tribal Core staff, the Dehcho First Nations will be able to support the Dehcho Process negotiations as reductions will be required within that budget.

The DFN Leadership could consider recommending a change in mandate for the organization to the Annual and or Special Assembly.

The Dehcho First Nations Association would be transformed into a Negotiations Secretariat, narrowing the priorities but supporting the Dehcho Process negotiations.

**New Organizational Structure**



Not included in the Dehcho First Nations organizational chart are those contracted services, such as office rental, bookkeeping etc. [ASEP program, Investment Management Board, Arctic Energy Alliance] where management and accountability for the program is not the responsibility of the Dehcho First Nations.

The reduction of Tribal Core employees would mean an annual commitment for wages (including Mandatory Employer Remittances) of **\$415,837.38** (a savings of \$93,000 from total wages in 2011).

The DFN Executive Committee could review the decision making protocols for the DFN leadership and recommend a process which would support decision making by video/teleconference, i.e., Each leadership topic would be dealt with per call, to reduce the length of calls, establishing quorum on a video/teleconference call, etc.

*Since the first report to the DFN Executive Committee September 15, 2011, cost-saving actions have been implemented to reduce the current year deficit.*

- *Cancellation of all lieu time pay outs*
- *Cancellation of standing Computer Technician's contract*
- *Janitorial position – incumbent was dismissed due to disciplinary action. Currently being staffed by casual employees at a lesser rate with reduced hours per week*
- *DFN Finance Clerk has been appointed to the new ASETS program position*
- *Restriction of personal use of internet access to reduce internet expense*
- *One cell phone service has been cancelled*
- *Programs will be charged for vehicle use*
- *Executive Secretary – incumbent was terminated due to disciplinary action and has not been advertised*
- *Reorganization of office space for increased rental potential*
- *A freeze on the purchase of all supplies and materials has been implemented*
- *The DFN Leadership have supported the implementation of the Federal Guidelines for the payment of cash grants*
- *DFN Leadership support for convening video/teleconference meetings rather than face-to-face, unless a face-to-face meeting is funded by funds other than Dehcho First Nations Tribal Core Funding*
- *Grand Chief Gargan now travels only when outside agencies and/or programs can afford the travel. (Travel to the Fort Simpson office is charged to Grand Chief Travel)*
- *Discontinued printing to color copier.*

### **DFN Master Trust Investment Management Board**

It has been proposed by the DFN Executive Director that the DFN Master Trust Investment Management Board consider the creation of a part time position in the regional office to support the investment management board meetings and administrative needs. This position would provide information and a central admin position for the DFN Master Trust.

The DFN Master Trust budget for the fiscal year 2011 – 2012 has been passed by the DFN Leadership which includes this part time position. This budget includes office rental expense of \$3,600.00 that would be available to DFN.

### **DFN Scholarships**

Dehcho First Nations has provided scholarships to its members since 1995. The scholarship fund has grown from \$5,000 to \$87,000 annually. Members pursuing their post-secondary education on a full-time basis are invited to apply for one of the 42 scholarships. The last fiscal year 2010-2011 the DFN Master Trust contributed \$27,874.51 towards the scholarships. Unfortunately, the amount that could be donated annually to the Fund is not known.

It is recommended that the DFN Leadership consider reducing the commitment for Annual Scholarships as the revenues that were once available to support this commitment has been reduced by 50%.

The Dehcho First Nations supports the ASETS program which will be continuing; this program offers support for training to employment for aboriginal residents of the Dehcho region.

### **DFN Executive Committee**

The size of the DFN Executive Committee could be reduced from six to three members which would result in a small savings (reduced Cash Grants, teleconference and travel expenses).

The benefits in reducing the size of the Executive Committee would be reduced cash grants, greater ease in scheduling Committee meetings, reduced travel costs. DFN Annual Operating Budget allocates \$30,000.00 annually towards the costs of the Executive Committee meeting and performing their responsibilities.

### **DFN Annual Audit Expense**

The Dehcho First Nations pays for an annual audit of the financial statements. The last five years the audit fees have been:

<b>Audit Fees</b>	
2007	\$ 20,500.00
2008	\$ 28,790.00
2009	\$ 24,500.00
2010	\$ 29,135.18
2011	\$ 27,090.00
2012	\$ 32,810.00

*It is recommended a Request for Proposals for the audit of the Dehcho First Nations accounts be advertised. It is a good business practice to review the costs, every five years or so, and it is may be possible to achieve savings through a competitive process.*

<b>CORE BUDGET: DFN OPERATING BUDGET 2010-2011</b>		
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INAC TRIBAL CORE		\$ 780,724.00
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**TOTAL REVENUES** \$ **780,724.00**

**PROJECTED EXPENSES**

Total Wages/Benefits		\$ <b>415,837.38</b>
Employer Pension	(to be determined)	
Employer Insurance	(to be determined)	
Audit		\$ 25,000.00
Adv/Promotion		
Executive Committee	8 mtgs teleconference	\$ 3,600.00
Property Tax		\$ 4,246.00
Employee Benefit	????	
Building Insurance		\$ 13,322.00
Heating Fuel	Based on Previous Year	\$ 8,500.00
Power	Based on Previous Year	\$ 16,000.00
Water/Sewer/Garbage	12 x \$165.42	\$ 1,985.04
DFN Vehicle Expense		\$ 3,070.80
<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>50% reduction</b>	<b>\$ 47,500.00</b>
Courier & postage		\$ 7,000.00
Leadership Video Conf	LDSHP Conf x 12 X 5K	\$ 60,000.00
Advisory Services		\$ 227,398.74
Telephone		\$ 19,000.00
Internet		\$ 1,500.00
Building Maintenance		\$ 5,000.00
Equipment User Fee		
Equipment Rental Fee		
Website Maintenance		\$ 10,800.00
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 869,759.96</b>
	<b>Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$ 89,036.00)</b>



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT



Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
<b>June 23, 2011 - Teleconference</b>			
<b>Motion #01</b>	<b>Motion #01 EXEC June 23, 2011</b> Move to recommend to the Leadership that there be an increase to the size of the Investment Management Board from three members to five, as per section 5.1 of the Master Trust Agreement which reads: “The Leadership shall, by way of a Dehcho First Nations Resolution appoint at least three but not greater than nine persons as members for the IMB the composition of which shall meet the following qualifications...” <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>	Executive Committee	Present to the 2011 Assembly.
<b>Motion #02</b>	<b>Motion #02 EXEC June 23, 2011</b> Move to recommend to the Leadership that the consideration for the appointments of the Investment Management Board position be deferred to the Fall Leadership Meeting 2011. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>	Executive Committee	Present to the 2011 Assembly.
<b>Motion #03</b>	<b>Motion #03 EXEC June 23, 2011</b> Move to recommend to the Leadership that there be a greater investment by the Investment Management Board in our Dehcho communities by way of conducting DFN business within the Dehcho territory. All meetings are to occur in one of the Dehcho communities. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>	Executive Committee	Present to the 2011 Assembly.

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<b>June 9 &amp; 10, 2011 - Fort Simpson, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #01</b>	<b>Motion #01 EXEC June 9, 2011</b> Move to approve the agenda as amended. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #02</b>	<b>Motion #02 EXEC June 9, 2011</b> Move to approve the previous minutes of April 12 & 13, 2011, as presented. <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Margaret Leishman, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #03</b>	<b>Motion #03 EXEC June 9, 2011</b> Move to authorize the Executive Director to conclude discussions to secure a five year commitment from the Arctic Energy Alliance of the transfer of one position to the Dehcho First Nations office payable by the Arctic Energy Alliance. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Margaret Leishman, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>	Executive Director	Implemented. Dean Green at the DFN office.
<b>Direction #01</b>	<b>Direction #01 EXEC June 9, 2011</b> The Executive Director works with the Investment Management Board to develop a position here at DFN to administer their directions as per their concern with lack of administration. DFN can cost share for this position to administer the IRDA Resource Royalties as well. A job description will be brought to the next Executive Committee meeting for review.	Executive Director	Will be implemented for next Executive Committee meeting.
<b>Direction #02</b>	<b>Direction #02 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> The Executive Director sends out a notice of amendments to the by-laws that will be discussed at the Assembly.	Executive Director	Still in Discussion.
<b>Motion #04</b>	<b>Motion #04 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> Move to approve Pehdhzeh Ki First Nation's budget for Dehcho First Nations Assembly for an estimated total of \$51,284.00 with final details of expenditures provided to Dehcho First Nations. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>	Executive Director, Finance Manager	Implemented

Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
<b>June 9 &amp; 10, 2011 - Fort Simpson, NT</b>			
<b>Direction #03</b>	<b>Direction #03 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> The Executive Secretary does a memo to Leadership notifying them that a Chief and an Elder will require appointment on the Executive Committee at the upcoming Assembly.	Executive Secretary	Implemented
<b>Motion #05</b>	<b>Motion #05 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> Move to approve a donation in the amount of \$5000 to Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council for the 2011 Dene National Assembly and provide in-kind services of DFN personnel that wish to attend. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>	Executive Director	Implemented
<b>Direction #04</b>	<b>Direction #04 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> The Executive Director grants a donation to Team NWT to attend the Native American Basketball Invitational Tournament providing that the team members agree to assist at the Assembly.	Executive Director	Implemented
<b>Direction #05</b>	<b>Direction #05 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> The Executive Director grants a donation to Amber Erasmus for the Canada Would Youth Exchange Program 2011 providing that she agrees to assist at the Assembly.	Executive Director	Implemented
<b>Motion #06</b>	<b>Motion #06 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> Move to recommend the approval of the March 31, 2011 Audit report to the Assembly. <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>		Will be presented to the Assembly for approval.
<b>Motion #07</b>	<b>Motion #07 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> Move to go in camera at 2:26 pm. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #08</b>	<b>Motion #08 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> Move to go out of camera at 2:40 pm. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #09</b>	<b>Motion #09 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> Move to approve the job description of the Regional Career Development Officer and the accompanying pay scale with 2.5% increments. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Fred Tesou Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>		Implemented

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<b>June 9 &amp; 10, 2011 - Fort Simpson, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #10</b>	<b>Motion #10 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> Move to approve the job description of the Human Resource Development Manager and the accompanying pay scale with 2.5% increments. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>		Implemented
<b>Motion #11</b>	<b>Motion #11 EXEC June 10, 2011</b> Move to remove the existing job descriptions of the AHRDA Coordinator and AHRDA Clerk from the administration and replace them with the approved Human Resource Development Manager and the Regional Career Development Officer job descriptions effective immediately. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		Implemented
<b>April 12-13, 2011 - Hay River, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #01</b>	<b>Motion #01 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> Move to approve the agenda as amended. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Margaret Leishman, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Direction #01</b>	<b>Direction #01 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> The Executive Secretary includes the Executive Committee on the mail distribution list for all the Grand Chief's correspondence.	Executive Secretary	Implemented
<b>Direction #02</b>	<b>Direction #02 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> The Dene Nation Leadership Meeting is scheduled the same week as the Leadership Think Tank Session. The Executive Director drafts a letter for the Grand Chief to the Leadership recommending that DFN work should be priority.	Executive Director	Implemented. Dene Nation rescheduled.
<b>Direction #03</b>	<b>Direction #03 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> The Grand Chief discusses with the Executive Director all travel plans before the request goes to the signing authorities for approval.	Grand Chief, Executive Director	Implemented
<b>Direction #04</b>	<b>Direction #04 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> The Executive Director and Bertha Norwegian analyze the IRDA guidelines to identify where there can be improvements.	Executive Director, Bertha Norwegian	Will be implemented
<b>Recomm. #01</b>	<b>Recommendation #01 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> The Executive Committee recommends to the Leadership to appoint a Chief to replace former Chief Isadore Simon on the Executive Committee as per the Execu-	Leadership	Former Chief Abner Cayen stepped down as Chief of WPFN. Appointment needs to be made at Assembly.

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<b>April 12-13, 2011 - Hay River, NT</b>			
<b>Direction #05</b>	<b>Direction #05 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> The Executive Secretary sends a notice to the Leadership notifying them that a new Executive Committee member requires appointment at the Spring Leadership Meeting.	Executive Secretary	Implemented
<b>Direction #06</b>	<b>Direction #06 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> The Executive Committee requests from the Leadership direction on moving the Dehcho Economic Corporation office to the DFN office.	Executive Committee	Implemented
<b>Motion #02</b>	<b>Motion #02 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> Move to approve the financial statements from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 as presented. Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large Carried		n/a
<b>Direction #07</b>	<b>Direction #07 EXEC April 12, 2011</b> The Executive Secretary looks into if DFN can apply for the Aboriginal Language Initiative funding for a regional Language project.	Executive Secretary	Proposal to be submitted.
<b>Direction #08</b>	<b>Direction #08 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> Include in the Executive Committee Report for the Spring Leadership Meeting that DFN does not have any donation funding available.	Executive Committee	Implemented
<b>Motion #03</b>	<b>Motion #03 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> Move to approve the previous minutes of February 1-3, 2011 as presented. Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large Carried		n/a
<b>Direction #09</b>	<b>Direction #09 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> Provide a list of all the boards and committees of DFN to the Leadership.	Administrative Secretary	Implemented
<b>Motion #04</b>	<b>Motion #04 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> Move to approve having an option to quarterly payouts of June 30, September 30, January 31 and March 31 of overtime hours and annual leave for the Grand Chief and the Executive Director. Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large Carried	Grand Chief, Executive Director, Office/Travel Manager	Will be implemented.

Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
<b>April 12-13, 2011 - Hay River, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #05</b>	<b>Motion #05 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> Move to approve the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) program daycare policy and procedures manual and daycare pay scales for the Dehcho region. <b>Moved by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>	AHRDA Coordinator	Implemented
<b>Direction #10</b>	<b>Direction #10 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> The Standing Personnel Committee that includes Ernest Cazon, Bertha Norwegian and the Executive Director, meet after the Spring Leadership Meeting to review the job descriptions and pay scales of the Community Career Development Officer, Regional Career Development Officer, and the Dehcho Human Resources Development Manager.	Executive Director, Ernest Cazon, Bertha Norwegian	Implemented
<b>Motion #06</b>	<b>Motion #06 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> Move to go in camera at 11:28 am. <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #07</b>	<b>Motion #07 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> Move to go out of camera at 12:17 pm. <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #09</b>	<b>Motion #09 EXEC April 13, 2011</b> Move to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 pm. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Margaret Leishman, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>February 1-3, 2011 - Fort Simpson, NT</b>			
<b>Direction #01</b>	<b>Direction #01 EXEC February 1, 2011</b> The Executive Secretary has copies of the Resource Royalties 2010/2011 briefing notes available for the Leaders at the Winter Leadership meeting.	Executive Secretary	Implemented
<b>Recomm #01</b>	<b>Recommendation #01 EXEC February 1, 2011</b> The Executive Committee recommends to the Leadership that they support the Resource Royalties Committee's recommendations for 2010/2011 IRDA (Resource Royalties) allocations as presented.	Executive Committee	Implemented

Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
<b>February 1-3, 2011 - Fort Simpson, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #01</b>	<b>Motion #01 EXEC February 2, 2011</b> Move to approve the agenda as amended. Moved: Ernest Cazon, Elder Seconded: Victor Constant, Member at Large Carried		n/a
<b>Motion #02</b>	<b>Motion #02 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> Move to approve the previous meeting minutes of December 2, 2010, as presented. Moved: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large Seconded: Margaret Leishman, Elder Carried		n/a
<b>Direction #02</b>	<b>Direction #02 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> The Executive Secretary writes a thorough report on Language for the Annual Assembly and request more funding for Literacy.	Executive Secretary	Complete for the Annual Assembly. More funding for Literacy was granted for 2011/12.
<b>Motion #03</b>	<b>Motion #03 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> Move to approve the financial statements from April 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 as presented. Moved: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large Seconded: Victor Constant, Member at Large Carried		n/a
<b>Direction #03</b>	<b>Direction #03 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> Dehcho First Nations grants the traveling expenses of two Dehcho Elders, to attend the Dene Elders Gathering held on the Hay River Reserve during March 17-18, 2011, as a donation to the Yamozha Kue Society.	Executive Secretary, Office/Travel Manager, Finance Clerk	Implemented
<b>Direction #04</b>	<b>Direction #04 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> The Executive Secretary writes a denial letter to the K'amba Carnival Committee for their donation request for the K'amba Carnival.	Executive Secretary	Implemented
<b>Direction #05</b>	<b>Direction #05 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> The Negotiations Secretary coordinate a Leadership teleconference scheduled for 1:30 pm on February 8, 2011, to discuss the Resource Royalties allocations for 2010/2011.	Negotiations Secretary	Implemented
<b>Motion #04</b>	<b>Motion #04 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> Move to go in camera at 11:46 am. Moved: Ernest Cazon, Elder Seconded: Isadore Simon, Chief Carried		n/a

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<b>February 1-3, 2011 - Fort Simpson, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #05</b>	<b>Motion #05 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> Move to go out of camera at 12:02 pm. <b>Moved: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded: Isadore Simon, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Recomm #02</b>	<b>Recommendation #02 EXEC February 3, 2010</b> The Executive Committee recommends to the Leadership that all of the members on all the boards and their terms be reviewed.	Executive Committee	Implemented
<b>Motion #07</b>	<b>Motion #07 EXEC February 3, 2011</b> Move to approve the requested leave of the Executive Director from March 14-25, 2011. Dora Tsetso will act in the absence of the Executive Director. <b>Moved: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>December 2, 2010 - Video Conference</b>			
<b>Motion #01</b>	<b>Motion #01 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> Move to accept the agenda as amended. <b>Moved: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #02</b>	<b>Motion #02 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> Move to accept the previous minutes of September 30-October 1, 2010 as amended. <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Direction #01</b>	<b>Direction #01 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> The location of the Assembly will be brought to the next Leadership Teleconference or the Winter Leadership meeting for discussion and direction. The Leaders will be provided with all the information on costs of the past assemblies.	Executive Committee	Assembly held at PKFN
<b>Direction #02</b>	<b>Direction #02 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> The Executive Director notifies Chief Tim Lennie of Pehdzeh Ki First Nation that the location of the 2011 Assembly will be brought to the Leaders for further discussion.	Executive Director	Assembly held at PKFN
<b>Motion #04</b>	<b>Motion #04 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> Move that the office be closed from December 20, 2010 – January 3, 2011 for Christmas Holidays. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		Implemented



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<b>December 2, 2010 - Video Conference</b>			
<b>Motion #05</b>	<b>Motion #05 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> Move to approve the financial statements from April 1 to November 30, 2010 as presented. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #06</b>	<b>Motion #06 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> Move to provide a Harvester Financial Assistance of \$20,000 with an allocation of \$5000 per affected community by the Edehzhie Litigation. <b>Moved by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Seconded by: Isadore Simon, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>	Executive Director	Implemented
<b>Motion #07</b>	<b>Motion #07 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> Move to go in camera at 3:50pm. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #08</b>	<b>Motion #08 EXEC December 2, 2010</b> Move to go in camera at 4:20pm. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>September 30-October 1, 2010 - Hay River, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #01</b>	<b>Motion #01 EXEC September 30, 2010</b> Move to accept the agenda as amended. <b>Moved: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #02</b>	<b>Motion #02 EXEC September 30, 2010</b> Move to accept the previous minutes of June 15, 2010 as presented. <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #03</b>	<b>Motion #03 EXEC September 30, 2010</b> Move to accept the financial statements from April 1 to August 31, 2010 as presented. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a

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<b>September 30-October 1, 2010 - Hay River, NT</b>			
<b>Recomm #01</b>	<b>Recommendation #01 EXEC September 30, 2010</b> The Executive Committee recommends to the Leadership there be a policy developed to reflect that there be no meetings or workshops scheduled during the months of August and September.	Grand Chief, Executive Committee	Still in Discussion.
<b>Direction #01</b>	<b>Direction #01 EXEC September 30, 2010</b> Advertise to communities a call for proposals for hosting the Assembly 2011 after the Fall Leadership Meeting.	Executive Director	Not Implemented
<b>Motion #05</b>	<b>Motion #05 EXEC September 30, 2010</b> Move that the repairs to the DFN building be granted to Mike Modeste for \$12,810.00 <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>	Office/Travel Manager	Implemented
<b>Motion #06</b>	<b>Motion #06 EXEC October 1, 2010</b> Move to amend the motor vehicle policy as presented and amend the Accident Prevention Program to remove “when using Dehcho First Nations vehicles, use seat belts and obey all laws of the road and no smoking in the Dehcho First Nations vehicles” to be replaced with “please refer to the policy for use of company vehicles”. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>	Office/Travel Manager	Implemented
<b>Direction #02</b>	<b>Direction #03 EXEC October 1, 2010</b> The Executive Secretary writes a denial letter to Deh Gah Gotie First Nation’s request for donation to host a workshop and comedy show.	Executive Secretary	Implemented
<b>Direction #03</b>	<b>Direction #04 EXEC October 1, 2010</b> The Executive Secretary writes a denial letter to Pehdzeh Ki First Nation’s request for donation for the Protected Areas Strategy area of interest, and offer to assist in looking for other funding sources.	Executive Secretary	The Executive Director identified funding available for PKFN.
<b>Motion #07</b>	<b>Motion #07 EXEC October 1, 2010</b> Move to authorize the trade in of the black Ford truck for a new 2010 Ford truck to a maximum of \$25,000. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>	Executive Director, Finance Manager	Implemented

Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
<b>September 30-October 1, 2010 - Hay River, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #08</b>	<b>Motion #08 EXEC October 1, 2010</b> Move to go in camera at 11:38 am. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #09</b>	<b>Motion #09 EXEC October 1, 2010</b> Move to go out of camera at 12:51 pm. <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #10</b>	<b>Motion #10 EXEC October 1, 2010</b> Move to adjourn meeting at 1:01 pm. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b>		n/a
<b>June 15, 2010 - Fort Simpson, NT</b>			
<b>Motion #01</b>	<b>Motion #01 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to accept the agenda as amended. <b>Moved: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #02</b>	<b>Motion #02 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to accept the previous minutes of March 18, 2010 as presented. <b>Moved by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Isadore Simon, Chief</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Recom. #01</b>	<b>Recommendation #01 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to recommend to the Assembly that they accept the 2009/10 Audited Report as presented. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b>		Implemented
<b>Motion #03</b>	<b>Motion #03 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to accept the financial statements from April 1 to June 10, 2010. <b>Moved by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Direction #01</b>	<b>Direction #01 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> The Executive Director and Bertha Norwegian will work on developing four different scenarios of advisory budgets to present to the Assembly for consideration at the time of the operational plan approval.	Executive Director, Bertha Norwegian	Implemented

Motion	Decision	Responsibility	Action
<b>June 15, 2010 - Fort Simpson, NT</b>			
<b>Recom. #02</b>	<b>Recommendation #02 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to recommend to the Assembly that they accept the draft 2010/2011 Operational Plan with revisions. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b>		Implemented
<b>Direction #02</b>	<b>Direction #02 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> To develop a comprehensive report on the allocations and profiling the businesses that has received the Interim Resource Development Agreement funding.	Bertha Norwegian, Dennis Nelner	Implemented
<b>Direction #03</b>	<b>Direction #03 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Advertise for members to sit on the IRDA Committee with a deadline of July 23, 2010.	Executive Director	Implemented
<b>Motion #04</b>	<b>Motion #04 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to accept the draft Accident Prevent Program of April 2010. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>	Office/Travel Manager	Implemented
<b>Direction #04</b>	<b>Direction #04 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> The Accident Prevention Program should be further developed to be inclusive of motor vehicle operations.	Office/Travel Manager	Implemented
<b>Motion #05</b>	<b>Motion #05 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to go in camera at 4:42 pm. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b> <b>Seconded by: Victor Constant, Member at Large</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #06</b>	<b>Motion #06 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to go out of camera at 5:50 pm. <b>Moved by: Fred Tesou, Chief</b> <b>Seconded by: Ernest Cazon, Elder</b> <b>Carried</b>		n/a
<b>Motion #08</b>	<b>Motion #08 EXEC June 15, 2010</b> Move to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm. <b>Moved by: Bertha Norwegian, Member at Large</b>		n/a



## Summary

Negotiations on traditional harvesting, governance issues, and other subjects to be included in an AiP, proceeded slowly but steadily over the past year, but Canada continues to refuse to negotiate anything related to the management of lands and resources pending the completion of the federal review of the MVRMA by John Pollard.

Negotiations were temporarily postponed between November, 2010 and February, 2011 while Canada reviewed the court filings concerning the impacts of the ADK comprehensive claim on SKDB and NBDB, and the legal proceedings launched by DFN in response to Canada's decision to open Edehzhie to mining and exploration. Negotiations resumed in February after it was decided that the legal proceedings would have no impact on AiP negotiations.

The draft Interim Land Use Plan will soon be submitted to the main table for negotiations on several very important items. The new draft Plan has been revised to reflect the demands of Canada and the GNWT and is very different from the Plan approved by the DFN in 2006.

## AiP Negotiations

### Background to AiP Negotiations

The Dehcho Process began in 1999 with negotiations on both a framework agreement and an interim measures agreement. In 2001, the DFN, Canada and the GNWT signed a framework agreement which sets out an agenda and timetable for negotiations towards an AiP and a final agreement.

The Framework Agreement says that the Dehcho Agreement (final agreement) will **not** replace Treaties 8 & 11, but will **“clarify and build upon the existing treaties”**.

Signing the Framework Agreement in 2001 did not change the Treaty relationship of the DFN with Canada. In fact, the Framework Agreement emphasizes that a Dehcho final agreement will recognize a Dehcho public government “based on Dene laws and customs, and other laws agreed to by the parties”, which will be the primary government for all residents of the Dehcho territory. Canada and the GNWT will continue to play a role in governing the Dehcho, but the Dehcho Government will be the primary government for the Dehcho.

Canada will only negotiate a Comprehensive Land Claim agreement with the Dehcho which is “comparable” to other agreements in the NWT. Under a “comparable” formula, the DFN would own between 34,000 and 70,000 square kilometres of the Dehcho Territory, depending upon how DFN interests are compared to other settlement areas and how many communities remain part of the Dehcho (the original offer was approximately 46,000 sq km, which was reduced to 39,000 sq km when ADK left the Dehcho and will be further reduced if KFN leaves). DFN would also participate in management of lands throughout the rest of the Dehcho territory through the Mackenzie Valley LWB and the MVEIRB and traditional harvesting rights of DFN members would be preserved on all Crown lands throughout the Dehcho territory.

The 2009 Assembly passed a resolution allowing AiP negotiations based on land selection and Canada's Comprehensive Claims policy to take place concurrently with negotiations to modify the draft land use plan, while stating that the highest priority for negotiations will remain the completion, approval and implementation of the Interim Land Use Plan.

AiP negotiations have progressed on chapters addressing harvesting rights, but have been very slow in other areas. Canada has so far not responded to the DFN proposal, tabled in September, 2009, for Dehcho Government jurisdiction over lands and resources. Likewise, Canada is not yet prepared to negotiate resource management issues, access by non-Dene to Dehcho lands, or expropriation. We have tabled a draft AiP chapter on the jurisdictions of the Dehcho Government on non-lands and resources issues.

### **Current AiP Negotiations**

#### **Certainty**

There would be no "extinguishment" of Treaty or Aboriginal rights or title in the Dehcho AiP or final agreement. However, Canada expects the DFN to agree that all the rights and jurisdiction which the Dehcho will exercise will be exhaustively (totally) set out in the Dehcho Agreement. For Canada, this Certainty and finality is essential.

Canada has proposed Certainty clauses based on the Tlicho model. If the Tlicho certainty model is used, the DFN would agree that if there are any Aboriginal or Treaty rights which are not set out in the final land claim and governance agreement, they will not be exercised. The agreement will be binding on all DFN members. This is known as the "non-assertion" model.

#### **Preamble and Recognition of Treaty 8 and Treaty 11**

The continuing significance of the original treaties can be referred to in the Preamble, or "whereas" clauses. We have prepared a draft Preamble which is based on the Dehcho Declaration of 1993. The draft Preamble has not yet been discussed at the negotiating table and Canada has not responded to it.

#### **Wildlife Harvesting and Trapping**

The Dehcho Agreement will recognize the right of all Dehcho Dene to hunt, fish, trap and gather plants throughout the entire traditional territory of the Dehcho First Nations, not only on selected lands. The draft AiP chapter on Wildlife Harvesting says:

- W.1.1 Dehcho Citizens have the right to Harvest all species of Wildlife, including Furbearers, throughout the area shown in the map attached as Appendix A at all times of the year.
- W.1.2 Dehcho Citizens have the exclusive right to harvest Furbearers in Dehcho Ndehe and Dehcho community lands at all times of the year. This right does not preclude others from harvesting Furbearers in Dehcho Ndehe or Dehcho community lands with the consent of the Dehcho Government.

The map which will be attached as Appendix A will show that harvesting rights continue throughout the entire Dehcho traditional territory, also known as "asserted territory". In addition, Dehcho Dene will have the exclusive right to trap on selected lands (Dehcho Ndehe).

As for jurisdiction over wildlife management and harvesting, the DFN have proposed that the Dehcho Government will have exclusive jurisdiction over wildlife on selected lands (Dehcho Ndehe). The GNWT (supported by Canada) suggests that it should have jurisdiction throughout the NWT, including the Dehcho. Their rationale is that since animals migrate, it is essential that a single central government manage wildlife throughout the NWT.

- W.1.5 Within Dehcho Ndehe the Dehcho Government retains the authority to manage and conserve Wildlife and will exercise that authority in a manner that is consistent with the Dehcho Agreement. On Dehcho community lands, local Dehcho community governments retain these authorities.<sup>1</sup>

### Migratory Birds

A draft chapter tabled by DFN negotiators would recognize Dehcho Dene migratory birds harvesting rights throughout the Settlement Area. It would also recognize that Canada retains authority to manage and protect migratory birds and their habitat, in consultation with the Dehcho Government.

Most issues relating to Migratory Birds have now been resolved. Two issues remain to be addressed:

1. Re: footnote 6: DFN concern is whether Dene harvesting rights in Alberta or Yukon under Treaty 11 would be affected by the Dehcho Agreement. We have proposed wording in draft General Provisions chapter on the territorial application of the Dehcho Agreement. Canada has not responded. In our view, we can address the possibility of provincial licenses for harvesting within the Alberta portions of Treaty 11 after Canada responds to proposed GP wording on the territorial application of the final agreement.
2. If no commercial harvest of migratory birds is allowed, what about small scale selling of meat or birds? We propose to address this issue on the understanding that Canada agrees that small scale, or incidental, sale of meat and parts of birds would be permitted.

### Harvesters' Compensation

This chapter would provide a “strict liability” regime for compensating harvesters who are negatively impacted by industrial development. In other NWT land claim agreements only trappers have access to the compensation provisions of this chapter. In the draft tabled by the DFN, all harvesters, including those who harvest berries and other plants, would have access to the streamlined compensation process.

The DFN proposal also provides for the establishment of a *Traditional Activities Advocate* who would assist harvesters in making compensation claims and issue annual reports on the state of harvesting and traditional activities in the Dehcho Settlement Area. The reports would identify threats and potential threats to harvesting activities and will make recommendations to Developers and the appropriate Governments for reducing, mitigating or eliminating such threats.

Canada and the GNWT continue to take the position that the range of harvesting activities covered by this chapter should be narrowed to cover trapping only. They oppose our proposal for a Traditional Activities Advocate, on the grounds that the Dehcho Government alone should represent harvesters.

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<sup>1</sup>GNWT prefers co-management throughout the Dehcho Settlement area.

## Land Ownership and Resource Management

The Dene versions of Treaties 8 and 11 say that the Dene agreed to share their lands and resources with non-Dene settlers, in exchange for assistance with health, education and housing. The original Dehcho Proposal would have produced an agreement based on “shared stewardship”, in which Canada and the DFN would jointly own and manage the entire Dehcho territory, rather than dividing it through land selection. Although it may not be ideal, land selection is seen by some Dene as an alternative means of sharing lands and resources, and is therefore consistent with the treaties.

Even in a land selection model there is no intention of surrendering or giving up a Dene role in managing lands and resources throughout the Dehcho traditional territory. Through land use planning and the Dehcho Resource Management Authority the Dehcho Dene would continue to participate in the management of lands and resources throughout the entire Dehcho traditional territory. The DFN have proposed a “stand alone” DCRMA, outside of the MVRMA, which would manage lands and resources throughout the Dehcho Territory.

Canada has proposed a Dehcho Resource Management Authority which would only give advice to boards and agencies. Under Canada’s proposal, the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act would apply throughout the Dehcho territory and the Dehcho Government would appoint a member to the Land and Water Board and to the Environmental Impact Review Board operating under that Act.

## Governance

In 2010, DFN tabled a lengthy chapter on Governance which outlines the structures and authorities of the Dehcho Government. It has been briefly and will be the subject of further discussion.

DFN negotiators require direction on the structure of the Dehcho Government (DG.1.3), particularly whether the Dehcho Government should have an equal number of representatives from all communities, or weighted representation, which would give larger communities more representatives than smaller communities, or an electoral district (riding) system in which regional government representatives are directly elected to represent their constituents.

## Community Governance

DFN negotiators have prepared a draft AiP chapter on the governance of community lands. In some ways it is similar to the Tlicho model, but in other ways is unique. For example, while Tlicho community governments are implemented through GNWT laws, the Dehcho proposal would recognize community governments through the Dehcho Agreement and through implementation legislation, not through ordinary territorial legislation. The draft chapter would also recognize the right of Dehcho communities to choose their leadership through traditional Dene customs rather than through elections.



## Jurisdiction Over Dehcho Ndehe

The lands which would be “selected” or retained by the Dehcho under a final agreement would be known as “Dehcho Ndehe”. The DFN have proposed that the Dehcho Government would have extensive powers over the lands and resources of Dehcho Ndehe.



### Jurisdiction Outside of Dehcho Ndehe - DCRMA

The DFN have proposed that the Dehcho Government and Canada would have shared management and administration of surface and subsurface lands and resources throughout the DFN traditional territory, called the Dehcho Settlement Area. This would include joint land use planning, environmental assessment, and regulatory approval. The management and administration of lands and resources within Dehcho Ndehe and off Dehcho Ndehe will be the responsibility of the Dehcho Resource Management Authority (DCRMA). The DCRMA would operate independently of the *MVRMA* and consolidate land use planning, permitting and environmental assessments in a single body.

For transboundary purposes, the functions of the DCRMA would be harmonized with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB), established under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

In 2009 the Minister of INAC agreed to give his negotiators instructions to explore the DFN proposal for a consolidated system of resource management based on the DCRMA model. However, Canada refused to begin any negotiations on a DCRMA until INAC completes an internal review of Neil McCrank's 2008 report on the NWT regulatory system and INAC completes internal discussions. McCrank was critical of the *MVRMA* and the complex system of multiple boards managing natural resources in the NWT. The DFN have expressed the same concerns, however the DFN have recommended establishing a stand-alone DCRMA to manage natural resources in the Dehcho while McCrank instead recommended consolidating resource management in an NWT-wide regime.

Early in 2010 the Minister of INAC announced that Canada will implement most of the McCrank recommendations and appointed John Pollard as chief federal negotiator to represent Canada in negotiations with First Nations and the GNWT. In our view, it is not in the interests of the DFN to be drawn into a new, parallel negotiating process addressing the management of natural resources in the Dehcho Territory. We recommend that any discussions with Canada on the regulatory regime should take place within the Dehcho Process.

### Expropriation

NWT land claim agreements include provisions allowing Canada and the GNWT to expropriate land owned by First Nations' governments if it is necessary for public purposes. First Nations are compensated when their land is expropriated.

In early 2010, DFN tabled a draft AiP chapter on Expropriation which would allow the Dehcho Government to expropriate Crown land in certain circumstances, in addition to recognizing the authority of Canada and the GNWT to expropriate in some circumstances. Federal negotiators have advised that their mandate does not allow them to agree to the Dehcho Government having power to expropriate Crown land under any circumstances.

Canada and the GNWT are only prepared to recognize the authority of the Dehcho Government to expropriate interests within Dehcho Ndehe which were granted by the Dehcho Government. DFN negotiators have agreed to remove Dehcho Government's power to expropriate Crown land and private lands from the draft AiP chapter, but suggested that these powers could be recognized in another chapter of the AiP.

Another significant issue to be addressed is Ex.2.7:

Ex.2.7 Where determined by the Dehcho Government, lands acquired by the Dehcho Government in exchange for expropriated lands will, whenever possible, be contiguous with Dehcho Ndehe.<sup>2</sup>

Canada probably will continue to object to a requirement for exchanged lands to be contiguous, unless DFN select single block of contiguous lands, like Tlicho. Canada also objects to the phrase “whenever possible”, as this bar is virtually impossible to meet.

### Education

The DFN position is that in Treaties 8 and 11 Canada promised to provide free education for Dehcho Dene so that they could have the opportunity to learn skills which would allow them to compete for jobs in the emerging economy. The Dehcho Proposal calls for multi-year block funding for health, education and housing in recognition of the commitments made in the Treaties.

The DFN have proposed that the Dehcho Government should have jurisdiction over the development and approval of curriculum, the setting of standards for graduation, and the hiring of school staff, including teachers. The GNWT initially agreed that the Dehcho Government would have jurisdiction in some areas, but they insisted on having jurisdiction over the “curriculum framework”.

Recently the GNWT changed their position. They now agree to recognize Dehcho jurisdiction over K-12 education, including over curriculum, including core curriculum. It should be noted that there is no guarantee that diplomas issued by a completely independent Dehcho high school would be recognized by post-secondary institutions outside of the Dehcho.

The DFN have also proposed multi year block funding.

### Parks

A technical working group was established last year to draft a Parks chapter for the AiP. The AiP will address the final status of the Park Reserve and clarify the rights and jurisdictions of the DFN and Canada with respect to managing the Park. Currently the Park Reserve is managed jointly by a Consensus Team.

Although they have representatives on both the Consensus Team and technical working group which are drafting the AiP chapter on Parks, NBDB has proposed that it should be a separate party and signatory to any agreement concerning the Park. No decision has been made on this matter.

<sup>2</sup>Consistent with Tlicho 20.4.1, although Canada notes that “it is important to note that this clause was acceptable in Tlicho because they selected one contiguous block of land, equal surface and subsurface. Also, the language in Tlicho is that the expropriating authority shall offer available lands that are adjacent to Tlicho lands. Key words here being ‘offer’ and ‘available’. Dehcho’s 2.6 does not have either of those, therefore limiting the possibility of finding suitable replacement lands.”

## Eligibility and Enrolment

Two key issues are currently under discussion:

1. DFN have tabled a draft AiP chapter which would ensure that all Dehcho Dene, including all “non-status” Dene and Metis who are descendants of Dehcho Dene, will be eligible to be enrolled as Dehcho Citizens and vote in the ratification vote on the tentative final agreement. This chapter would also provide for appeals in cases where applications are rejected.

Canada has proposed to produce a Preliminary Voters List by using band membership lists, and then have more complete enrolment lists produced based on those initial lists. DFN negotiators have rejected Canada’s proposal and instead propose that all eligible persons, including Dene, go through the process of applying for enrolment.

2. Canada has proposed that persons who are members of DFN “bands” should be entitled to be enrolled as Dehcho Citizens, regardless of whether they have any Dene ancestry and without the need to apply in a community acceptance process. This proposal would mainly benefit non-Dene women who acquired *Indian Act* status as “Indians” prior to the 1985 amendments to the *Indian Act*. In response, DFN proposed that all spouses of Dehcho Dene, whether “status” or “non-status”, should be eligible for enrolment as Citizens.

Canada has now proposed that only those women who acquired status prior to 1985 and who remain married to the spouses would be eligible for enrolment as Citizens. In our view this could still unfairly exclude some persons who married non-status Dene and therefore never acquired status.

## Tree Harvesting

The GNWT tabled a draft which has been discussed by both the LTC and the main table. Under the draft chapter the Dehcho Government would own trees on Dehcho Ndehe and would have the right to harvest trees for personal and subsistence use throughout the Settlement Area outside of Dehcho Ndehe.

Canada and the GNWT oppose setting out any commercial harvesting rights in the Dehcho Agreement. If any commercial tree harvesting rights are protected they will be addressed in a separate chapter.

We are also awaiting feedback and direction from the DFN leadership as to what further concerns should be expressed from our side.

## Plant Harvesting

Same as Tree Harvesting.

## Dispute Resolution

The GNWT tabled a draft Dispute Resolution chapter in 2009, which has now been revised by the GNWT following their internal review of that discussion. The new draft is longer, more complex. Only the parties to the final agreement (Canada, the GNWT and the DFN) would have access to the dispute resolution process. Individual DFN members would not be able to use the mediation and arbitration provisions.

## Ratification

This chapter is substantially complete.

## Economic Measures

The GNWT tabled a draft chapter which does not include any provisions relating to federal support. We are awaiting Canada's contribution to this chapter.

## Language, Culture and Heritage

We have tabled a chapter last year setting out the powers and responsibilities of the Dehcho Government, Canada and the GNWT regarding the protection and promotion of Dene Zhatie and the preservation of cultural and heritage resources. The chapter is undergoing internal work before it will be tabled again.

## Access

The draft chapter on access to Dehcho Ndehe by persons who are not Dehcho Citizens was drafted by federal lawyers and more than 70 footnotes were added to indicate DFN issues and concerns to be addressed by the main table.

Under other comprehensive land claims agreements Canada has the jurisdiction to enact legislation governing access by non-Natives to First Nations' settlement lands (selected lands), after consulting with the affected First Nations government. We have proposed that the Dehcho Government have exclusive authority to legislate terms and conditions for non-Dene access to Dehcho Ndehe, after consulting with Canada.

This chapter was discussed briefly at the December, 2009 session in Edmonton, but has not yet been the subject of any negotiations. We are awaiting federal feedback on our proposals.

## Land Use Plan

In April, 2007 the DFN and Canada agreed to a new work plan for the LUPC to revise the Plan approved by DFN in 2006. The LUPC is now completing significant changes to the Plan approved by the DFN in 2006. At this point there is still no assurance that the Interim Land Use Plan will be implemented by Canada after it is completed. In fact, Canada continues to say that they will not implement the Plan until the DFN approve an AiP based on land selection.

The GNWT position is more extreme. In 2009, after seven years of saying nothing on this issue, the GNWT informed the DFN that they would not approve any land use plan unless the DFN agree that at least 30% of any "Dehcho settlement lands" selected through the Dehcho Process are selected from areas zoned as Conservation Zones in the land use plan. The GNWT also wants significant amendments to the IMA as a condition of approving the Plan.

The Planning Committee continues to work on very significant revisions to the Interim Land Use Plan, but their work is almost complete. Most of the revisions have been proposed by Canada and the GNWT to permit industrial activity in conservation zones, change "special management zones" into "special development zones" which permit industrial activity, and generally make the Dehcho more open to

development than it would be under the Plan approved in 2006.

Issues which cannot be resolved by the Committee will soon be brought to the Main Table for negotiation. The LUPC have indicated that they will soon be sending the draft Interim Plan to the Main Table with several very important issues still to be resolved by negotiators.

### **ADK**

In July 2008, Canada, the Acho Dene Koe First Nation and the GNWT signed a framework agreement to enter into comprehensive land claim negotiations outside of the Dehcho Process.

SKDB and NBDB have attempted to negotiate a boundary agreement with ADK, and sought consultations with Canada before the ADK process proceeds to the signing of an AiP. The attempt at negotiations stalled because of ADK intransigence and Canada's refusal to consult prior to the signing of an AiP. SKDB and NBDB have taken legal action seeking an order requiring Canada to consult with them before signing an AiP.

### **Edehzhie**

The DFN entered into the PAS in the 1990s on the understanding that it would lead to the permanent protection of at least part of the Edehzhie. Since 2002 an Order-in-Council had protected Edehzhie from mineral staking and exploration through a withdrawal of the subsurface. The OiC was renewed in 2007 and renewed again in 2008.



In a meeting with the Minister of INAC in May, 2010, the DFN were assured that the interim withdrawal would be extended to at least October, 2012. However, on October 28, 2010 Canada allowed the subsurface withdrawal to expire, leaving the entire Edehzhie open to mineral staking, exploration and mining. The DFN were not consulted.

After Canada failed to respond to letters asking for protection to be continued, the DFN launched an application for judicial review in November, 2010. The application asks the court to rule that Canada broke its agreement with DFN when it unilaterally terminated subsurface protection and opened Edehzhie to mining.

The litigation has no impact on Dehcho Process negotiations, which have now resumed.

### **Next Steps**

During the summer the LTC will continue to work and hold meetings. Negotiation sessions will resume in September.



The position of the Resource Management Coordinator is to support and assist Dehcho communities in lands and resources that affect their traditional areas.

Within Dehcho traditional lands it has been a very busy year with development, permits, protected areas, environment assessments, public hearings, land use permits, water permits, research permits, lease applications, Wildlife Act, Tourism Act, Species at Risk Act, caribou committee, and other related issues.

**Development:**

Within Dehcho First Nations traditional lands there are current activities and proposed activities taking place.

**Canadian Zinc** is in the process of moving forward. They have signed IBA with the two closest impacted communities Nahanni Butte and Liidlii Kue. June 22 to 24 there was Mackenzie Valley Environment Impact Review Board hearings in Fort Simpson and Nahanni Butte. The next process is with Mackenzie Valley Water Board hearings which the dates have not been set.

**Cantung Mine** is operating near the Yukon boarder. There is concern regarding their tailings pond for it is beyond the predicted life span. Joe Acorn will be doing research on the tailings pond and find out what the company plans are on addressing this potential dangerous situation.

**Selwyn** is a mine that is operating in the Yukon which borders on the Sahtu and Dehcho lands. There is road that is being proposed to run through the Dehcho. Selwyn met with leaders from Liidlii Kue, Nahanni Butte, Fort Simpson Metis and Dehcho Executive on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Dehcho boardroom. Selwyn will be drafting a plan and submit it to Dehcho. Further meetings will take place.

**Tamerlane** is located at the old Pine Point location and is currently in the regulatory process.

**Paramount** is located in Cameron Hills. They have been operating for a number of years and the concern is the use of frac'ing which is a way of extracting gas.

**Mackenzie Gas Project** this project has been fairly quiet. It is up to the proponents to make a decision to move forward. When the decision is made we will have an influx of correspondence to deal with.

**Mackenzie Highway Extension** with the recent federal budget approval it has funding for the northern portion Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk to move forward. It will start the process where there will be consultation and correspondence to deal with.

### **Protected Areas:**

**Edehzhie**—There has not been too much activity on this file as it currently in the courts regarding sub-surface rights.

**Buffalo Lakes**—This protected area is being spearheaded by Katlodeeche First Nations with support from other First Nation organizations surrounding the area.

**Ka'a'gee Tu** is currently looking at areas within their traditional lands to protect.

**Sambaa K'e** is starting the process of selecting lands they would like to protect through the Protected Area Strategy.

**Jean Marie River First Nation** is sponsored by Industry Investment Tourism to protect Lue Tue Sulai (five Lakes) within their traditional lands.

**Pehdzeh Ki** is currently selecting lands to protect.

### **Other:**

**Caribou**—There are two committees that the Dehcho are involved with the Dehcho Boreal Caribou which involves members of Dehcho. There is the barren land caribou committee which is with the Tli Cho, Sahtu, Gwich'in, Inuvialuit, and Nunavut. Recently Dehcho prepared a document on Traditional Knowledge Assessment of Boreal Caribou in the Dehcho Region with the help of Peter Redvers.



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The Eco Cultural Celebrations Camp Organizing Committee came together and mobilized their collective energy to help create a high quality centennial celebration event that blended science and traditional knowledge as well as visitor and youth audiences; the contributions of all members are appreciated. In turn, the committee realizes that this project would not have been possible without the significant and generous support of many individuals and organizations.

We appreciate the Nahʔą Dehé Consensus Team for their foresight to support youth engagement and cultural visitor programming at Nahanni National Park Reserve, Nahʔą Dehé.

We acknowledge the efforts of the Nahʔą Dehé Dene Band Chief, Fred Tesou and Council and staff, in partnering with Parks Canada to make this camp a reality. In particular, Samantha Konisenta played an invaluable role in coordination of events. The support and cultural staff, including Celine Betsaka, Denise Konisenta, Sandra Edda, Andrew Bertrand and George Tsetso, provided food & shelter and shared many valuable skills & lessons on Dene culture. Herb Norwegian also shared his expertise and traditional knowledge during the planning process for the cultural components of the camp.

We recognize the leadership and guidance of the Nahanni National Park Reserve Associate Superintendent, Eric Betsaka, as well as the Visitor Experience Manager Nina Squires and Resource Conservation Manager Steve Catto, for supporting their staff's involvement in the camp. We appreciate the contributions of the Nahanni National Park Reserve staff; specifically we applaud Tonya Makletzoff for her determination to coordinate, facilitate, and collaborate to see the project through from beginning to completion. We commend Doug Tate who provided expertise and dedicated his time throughout the duration of the project in the planning, implementation and reporting stages. We also honor Gerald Antoine for his cultural expertise during planning, and providing many heritage presentations. We acknowledge the assistance from Ashley Okrainec, who graciously extended her support during a challenging process of logistical preparation and curriculum resource material production. Summer students Jordan Snider and Logan McKay were key team players during the implementation stage.

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## **Executive Summary**

Fifteen youth, from across the Dehcho region, gathered in early July at Rabbitkettle Lake located in the Nahanni National Park Reserve, Nahʔą Dehé, for one week of science, safety and cultural instruction. The camp was a great example of partnering between Nahʔą Dehé /Nahanni Butte Dene Band and Nahanni National Park Reserve, with funding from Dehcho First Nations (DFN), Aboriginal Aquatic Resources and Oceans Management (AAROM), and Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). Another aim of the camp was to enhance visitors understanding of the local Dene culture still practiced within the park.

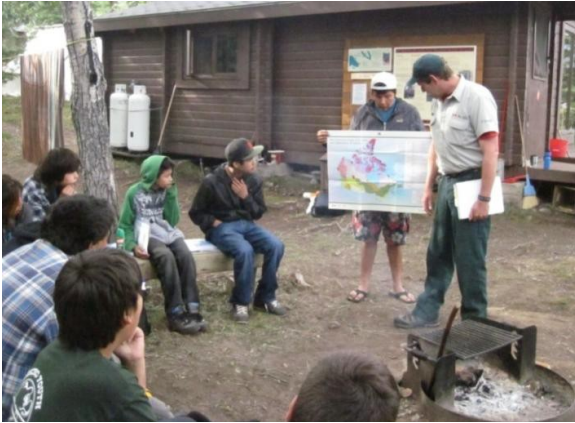
Local Dene elders taught traditional ecological knowledge and wilderness survival skills, while park staff and an AAROM representative, Bruce Townsend, delivered the science and safety modules. There was no shortage of activity during free time either, as students took full advantage of the clear, cool mountain lake for swimming, canoeing, or exploring with masks & snorkels.

Cultural components focused on familiarizing the youth with the Dene philosophy on how the people traditionally took care of the land and continue to maintain these principles. This was taught through stories of the area, and practicing cultural skills. Science modules included terrestrial and aquatic ecology, monitoring techniques, parks management approaches, stewardship principles, and use of GPS, maps & compass. Safety aspects included bear, boat and water safety, and safe travel on the land.

The Eco-Cultural Celebrations camp was a success and an exceptional experience for the youth, who gained knowledge and experience in science and culture, along with earning a high school credit. Furthermore, it was a unique opportunity for visitors to engage with Dene stewards of the land and connect with the youth of the Dehcho.

### **Youth Participants in the Eco Cultural Celebrations Camp**





The 2011 Eco Cultural Celebrations camp has been a great learning opportunity for both students and staff at Parks and in Nahanni Butte. This project was a success in that it brought to light environmental educational experiences for both visitors and youth during our key Nahanni National Parks Centennial celebration year. Through the guidance of the Nah?ą Dehé Consensus Team, a key objective of sharing the Dene protocols of stewardship for the land with youth and visitors has been accomplished. The success of this project was due to the partnering arrangement between Nahanni Butte and Parks Canada as well as the financial support from the above noted agencies and departments. It is our hope that similar youth engagement projects can be implemented within Nahanni National Park Reserve and that the 2011 Eco Cultural Celebrations camp can serve as a valuable example for potential opportunities of youth engagement and cultural interpretation with visitors in the future.





## Introduction

The Dehcho First Nations (DFN) is currently administering a multi-year *Collaborative Management* (CM) program under the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) program via a funding agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The proposal was submitted in May, 2010 and the agreement was sent by DFO to the DFN for signature in August.

**This is the final reimbursement report for the DFN AAROM and is for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 and reflects cost of cumulative activities from its inception to fiscal year end (\$400 000.00).**

The CM program for 2010 – 2011 is now complete with a lot of travel and interaction with the communities which has been very helpful in building working relationships with the First Nation leadership and personnel, as well as providing the function of setting up the community based research and monitoring programs and hands-on training of field personnel. The Dehcho AAROM Coordinator is working closely with the DFO Western Arctic Area office to harmonize the AAROM and AFS programs. The Dehcho AAROM has to date administered five out of five of the AFS projects in the Dehcho region plus a recent contract with an educational environmental consultant to develop science curriculum in the Dehcho. We have also applied for and received 50 K from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC); 20 K for running a CABiN Stream Assessment training course, which was completed in August and 30 K for holding strategic planning meetings in six of our communities. We also received funding from INAC, Northern Contaminants program and a sample analysis commitment from Environment Canada (EC) to reassess mercury levels in fish from three Dehcho lakes used by community harvesters.

The Dehcho AAROM program continues to take form and expand in a healthy sustainable manner with increasing numbers of partnerships being developed. We continue to receive excellent acceptance and support from the Grand Chief, and First Nation community chiefs and administration. We are building a good reputation with existing and potential partners.

Two collaborative management initiatives stand out this year and we will be continuing this work in the new year.

- Participation in the broad research and management program being developed by the Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation with partnerships with INAC, DFO and EC to determine effects of oil and gas development in the Cameron Hills which are in the Kakisa River watershed.
- The Katlodeeche First Nations wants to be better represented in the management of Great Slave Lake Fisheries, particularly the commercial fishery and increase member participation in the fishery.

**Results to Date:** (Also see Appendix 5 deliverables).

### **Collaborative Management and Program Administration:**

The Dehcho First Nations (DFN) has continued to effectively administer the Dehcho AAROM program and expects to be classified as an organization capable of administering a multi-year CM program with funding delivered up-front for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Funding delays have at times been disruptive to the smooth functioning of our program this year and we are looking forward to the new streamlined program for proposals and report-

Since June, 2010, the Dehcho AAROM Coordinator has the assistance of a qualified and experienced Technical Advisor/Biologist who has greatly improved our community project delivery and has freed up the Coordinator's time to deal with running the over-all program.

The delivery of a CM program is progressing strongly. We are finding success in collaborating with new partners. Partnering is becoming easier as other government departments and NGO's recognize our record of good management of activities and projects and our good relationships with our member Aboriginal organizations. However, we are finding it takes time and patience to find a fit in the mold of other government departments which have pretty specific objectives of their own.

### **Community-based Monitoring and Scientific Research**

- On the job training completed in eight communities.
- Community monitors attended a week long Marine Emergency Duty and Small Vessel Operators Proficiency Course instructed by Aurora College in Fort Simpson.
- Nine community research and monitoring projects were conducted by the Dehcho FN's. These projects are now complete.
  - ◊ 5 AFS projects administered
  - ◊ 4 AAROM projects administered

### **Community outreach, stewardship & awareness activities**

- The regional "Youth Ecology Camp" was a success. The Jean Marie First Nation hosted an excellent camp with good youth participation at Ekali Lake. The original site on the Mackenzie River at Trout River was inaccessible due to extremely low water levels on the River. We and our partners received very positive press coverage on the camp.
- The Dehcho AAROM participated in "Rivers to Oceans" day once again with a steady stream of students from Hay River and other community schools participating. (~300 students)
- The Dehcho AAROM participated in a Youth and Elder Forum at Sandy Creek prior to the Annual General Assembly which was hosted by the Katlodeeche First Nation this year.

**DETAIL OF WORK OR ACTIVITIES COMPLETED TO DATE (Itemized by project category)**

The Activity consists of the activities carried out by the Organization and identified below and itemized by category of activity.

Description of Activities	What will the Outcome(s) of the activity be by the end of the project?	Start date End date	Lead (Position Title)	Planned Expenditures
<b>DFO Major Activity: Aquatic Resource Management &amp; Stewardship</b>				
<b>Sub-Activity: Collaborative Management and Program Administration</b>				
<p><b>Sub-sub-activities:</b>                      Develop Five year multi-year AAROM CM proposal</p> <p>Strategic planning session with each of six communities (INAC-CIMP partner co-funded)</p> <p>Informal work-planning with the administration and staff of each community First Nation or Métis organization (travel budget</p> <p>TK planning</p> <p>Work-planning with the administration and staff of each community First Nation or Métis organization. These informal meetings are integral in developing our working relationship with member First Nations.</p> <p>Integrate the Dehcho AAROM into resource mgmt. structures which already exist in some of the member communities.</p> <p>Maintaining financial records and preparation of financial reports, budgets and audits.</p> <p>Identify additional funding opportunities to support the work of communities</p>	<p><b>Outcomes:</b>                      Five year multi-year AAROM CM proposal (year 1)                      Stakeholders and government are better informed on DFN needs.</p> <p>Increased ability for decision making and strategic planning</p> <p>Develop standard protocols; Sci &amp; TK</p> <p>Acquire required equipment for community projects</p> <p>Increased communication with the Dehcho leadership by speaking at leadership meetings and discussing the AAROM program with the Chiefs and councilors at the community level.</p> <p>Regional coordination and planning around aquatic resource issues</p> <p>Increased capacity and support for community research and training</p>	<p>April 1,2010                      March 31, 2011</p>	<p>AAROM Coordinator &amp; Tech. Advisor &amp; consultant Admin Staff</p>	<p><b>Coordinator, Biologist Salary: \$148,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Overhead:</b> \$12,000</p> <p><b>Audit Expense:</b> \$1,000.00</p> <p><b>Admin Services:</b> \$24,000.00</p> <p><b>Travel &amp; Meeting Expenses:</b> \$20,000.00</p> <p><b>Advisory Board Meetings:</b> \$35,000.00</p> <p><b>Rent:</b> \$7,000.00</p> <p><b>Sub-total \$247,000.00</b></p>

<p><b>Deliverables/Outputs:</b></p> <p>Multi-year proposal to DFO (2011 – 2012)</p> <p>Six community plans; strategic plan for program</p> <p>Nine community projects planned</p> <p>Incorp. TK into AAROM projects</p> <p>Tech. Advisor position staffed; P Y of Aboriginal employment</p> <p>AAROM CM program administered</p> <p>Two Technical Board meetings</p>	<p><b>Outcomes to date listed in blue below:</b></p> <p>Planning completed</p> <p>Six community plans developed with the communities</p> <p>Eleven community projects completed</p> <p>TK incorporated into R&amp;M projects</p> <p>Aboriginal Technical Advisor hired June 2, 2010</p> <p>CM program is progressing in each community</p> <p>1 meeting</p>	<p>Progress to year end, 2011</p>		
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**Sub-Activity: Community-based monitoring and Scientific Research**

<p><b>Sub-sub-activity:</b></p> <p>Develop a community-based monitoring program in each of 9 Dehcho communities.</p> <p>Build working relationship between AAROM staff and the FN leadership and administrations.</p> <p>Capacity building and training of community members as environmental monitors, qualified vessel operators, and watershed stewards.</p> <p>Illuminate developing trends in the environment, whether these be the result of increasing or decreasing contaminant loads, changes in water temperature, changes in stream health, changes in harvest levels etc.</p>	<p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <p>Eleven Contracts through First Nations for community monitors</p> <p>43 community visits, meetings, training sessions, activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On the job training for all 11 projects</li> <li>- CABiN stream assess. Course</li> <li>- Med 3 &amp; SVOPC boat course</li> </ul> <p>Community based monitoring program developing in all communities.</p> <p>Data collected on temperature, water chemistry, harvest activities etc collected</p> <p>One CABiN assessment conducted (Axe-handle Creek)</p>			<p><b>Sub-total</b> <b>\$105,000.00</b></p>
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<p>Organize training opportunities to increase member community capacity to become involved in AAROM.</p> <p>Work with Aurora College to organize courses in environmental monitoring, boat operator proficiency and safety etc.</p> <p>Develop community fishery and aquatic ecosystem monitoring projects and other projects will be organized, funded or partnered as mentioned above.</p> <p>Collaboration with new partners. In the next few years the actual project costs will be totally bourn by partnered funding. Our AAROM role will be one of coordination and organization of the program.</p> <p>(At this time 5 community projects are funded through ASF and four through the AAROM program.(95 K budget item))</p> <p><u>Organize and leverage funding for training</u> Provide training opportunities to increase member community capacity to become involved in AAROM and other aquatic projects.</p> <p>Work with Aurora College to organize courses in environmental monitoring, boat operator proficiency and safety etc.</p> <p>College certificate; EMTP, SVOPC, Med 3, First Aid &amp; CPR, computer courses.</p> <p><b>Deliverable/Output:</b> Standard protocol developed</p> <p>Projects properly equipped</p> <p>Monitors hired; Ab. employment</p> <p>Monitors trained</p> <p>Nine community-based monitoring projects completed</p>	<p>provided seasonal training and employment and direct participation in the protection of the watershed. Coordinated and directed AFS activities in the Dehcho</p> <p>Delivered Boat operator proficiency course</p> <p>Involvement with the aquatic portion of this K'a'agee Tu FN; INAC project regarding "Oil and Gas" production in the area Established Fishery working group with Katlodeeche FN.</p> <p>Support and collaborate with FN Resource Mgmt. Boards Working with FN leadership and admin.</p> <p>Participating in the Great Slave Lake (inconnu stock research and administering AFS contracts to participating First Nation groups)</p> <p>Administered 5 AFS projects</p> <p>Training funding leveraged through GNWT, ITI</p> <p>As above</p> <p>Project protocols developed for 11 FN projects</p> <p>11 projects equipped with all required equipment</p> <p>16 Aboriginal monitors hired by contracted FN's</p> <p>16 monitors trained – courses and on-the-job</p> <p>11 project completed;</p>			
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Project report	Final AAROM report submitted to DFO			
Strong working relationships built with member communities	AAROM business was reported at the Dehcho Annual General assembly (commercial fishing and mercury concerns highlighted) Strong working relationships have been built with 9 out of 9 FN's to date			

**Sub-Activity: Community outreach, stewardship & awareness activities**

<b>Sub-sub-activities:</b>	<b>Outcomes:</b>	April 1 to March 31, 2011	Coordinator and Tech. Advisor	Travel & Meeting Expenses: \$38,000
Provide co-support for youth conferences, forums etc.				Overhead: <b>\$10,000</b>
1. Regional Youth and Elder Ecology Camp	Regional ecology camp at Ekali Lake			<b>Sub-total</b> <b>\$48,000</b>
Participation Rivers to Oceans Day event with Hay River schools	~ 300 students participated in aquatic demonstrations			
Deh Gah Gotie FN science and culture camp	Didn't occur			
Participation of two harvesters in "Water Gathering" in Sask. With Grand Chief	Dehcho participation cancelled at last minute			
Deliver two community science and culture camps	Sandy Creek session with youth and elders. Unable to attend Jean Marie River camp due to involvement with mercury sampling project			
Update webpage on a regular basis	accomplished			
Logo contest and development of logo	Ongoing accomplished			
Communicate with member FN's on a regular basis by phone, e-mail and in person visits	Increased interest of youth in environmental stewardship and resource mgmt. encouraging some of them to pursue post secondary education in these disciplines.  Increased level of awareness of Dehcho communities of their roles and responsibilities concerning sustainable natural resource management.  Member communities are taking on a stronger stewardship and management role.			



<p><b>Deliverables/Outputs:</b></p> <p>Twelve youth mentored in aquatic stewardship, etc</p> <p>350 school students thru displays and activities</p> <p>20 youth educated in aquatic stewardship, etc.</p> <p>Concerns about water issues expressed at a national conference</p> <p>20 youth mentored</p>	<p>Eight youth mentored in aquatic stewardship during weeklong culture and ecology camp</p> <p>300 students thru AAROM displays and activities at DFO "Rivers to Oceans Days"</p> <p>6 youth participated in Jean Marie winter project; 1 youth hired as monitor</p> <p>Participation at the "Keepers of the Water" conference cancelled due to lack of partner funding.</p> <p>30 youth mentored at Sandy Creek Camp</p>			
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***Dehcho First Nations Leadership  
Awards \$81,000  
to 37 Scholarship Recipients***

*Leadership accepted the recommendations of the  
Scholarship Committee and awarded the following scholarships:*

**\$12,000 MULTI-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP**

*Phoebe Nahanni Memorial Scholarship – Sciences*

- **CHRISTINA NIZIOL** Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Masters in Nursing – Nurse Practitioner at the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

**\$2,000 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP & PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Mary Cazon Memorial Scholarship*

– *Environmental Protection or Land Use Planning*

- **JARRETT HARDISTY** Liidlii Kue First Nation

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science at the University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB

- **LAURIE FITCHER** Fort Simpson Metis Local (Conditional Approval)

Diploma of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at Pacific Rim College, Victoria, BC

*Mitch Landry Memorial Scholarship*

– *Environmental & Conservations or Land Use Planning*

- **SHELBY NADLI** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation

Environment & Natural Resource Access at Aurora College, Fort Smith, NT

- **BRENDAN TSETSO** Liidlii Kue First Nation

Environment & Natural Resources Technology at Aurora College, Fort Smith, NT

*Albertine Rodh Memorial Scholarship*

– *Native Studies, Aboriginal Leadership/Political Science*

- **AMANDA BRADBURY** Fort Simpson Métis Local

Bachelor of Science in Nursing at University of Victoria through Aurora College, Yellowknife, NT

- **AGNES BONNETROUGE** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation

Aboriginal University Bridging Program at Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC

*Nursing Scholarship*

- **MORLY MOSES** Liidlii Kue First Nation

Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Aurora College, Yellowknife, NT

- **MIKHAELA ANTOINE** Liidlii Kue First Nation

Practical Nurse Diploma Program at Northern Lakes College, Grande Prairie, AB

*Social Work Scholarship*

- **BIANCA KOTCHEA** Acho Dene Koe First Nation

Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Regina, Regina, SK

- **ELIZABETH SUNRISE** Katlodeeche First Nation (Conditional Approval)

Bachelor of Human Sciences at Rocky Mountain College, Calgary, AB

- **BRITNEY NADLI** Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band

Social Work Diploma Program at Aurora College, Yellowknife, NT

### *Indigenous Arts Scholarship*

- **JOSH ELLEZE** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation  
Indigenous Independent Digital Filmmaking at Capilano University, Vancouver, BC
- **SHAWNA MCLEOD** Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band  
Professional Photography Diploma Program at Western Academy of Photography, Victoria, BC
- **DANNA PAYNE** Sambaa K'e First Nation  
Visual Arts Certificate Program at Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie, AB
- **JONATHAN ANTOINE** Pehdzeh Ki First Nation  
Motion Picture Arts Degree Program at Capilano University, Vancouver, BC

### *Business Scholarship*

- **Rosalie Martel** Katlodeeche First Nation  
Bachelor of Commerce Management at Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie, AB
- **Paulette Martel** Katlodeeche First Nation  
Business Administration Certificate Program at Aurora College, Fort Smith, NT
- **Roslyn Nadli** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation  
Business Administration Diploma Program at Northern Institute of Technology, Edmonton, AB
- **Lynnette Sabourin** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation  
Business Administration Diploma Program at Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie, AB
- **MELINDA LENOIR** Liidlii Kue First Nation  
Bachelor of Commerce at Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie, AB
- **Shermayn Menicoche** Liidlii Kue First Nation  
Bachelor of Management at University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB

### *General Studies Scholarship*

- **ASHLEY ARYCHUK** Fort Providence Métis  
Chef Training at George Brown College, Toronto, ON
- **Patricia Bou vier** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation  
Career & College Preparation at Northern Lights College, Dawson Creek, BC
- **Leanna Cazon** Liidlii Kue First Nation  
Academic Upgrading & Early Childhood Education at Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie, AB
- **Nicole Perron** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation  
Arts One at Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- **Veronica Speers** Deh Gah Gotie Dene Band  
Medical Laboratory Technician at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Edmonton, AB
- **Jennifer Thistle** Fort Simpson Metis Local  
EcoTourism & Outdoor Leadership at Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB
- **Megan Antoine** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation – (Conditional Approval)  
Bridging Program at Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- **Corey Nahanni** Liidlii Kue First Nation – (Conditional Approval)  
College/University Preparation at Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB
- **Rance Larson** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation – (Conditional Approval)  
Welding Level C Certificate at Camosun College, Victoria, BC
- **KRISTY TANCHE** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation – (Conditional Approval)  
Indigenous Preparation Program at Camosun College, Victoria, BC
- **BEN VANDELL** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation – (Conditional Approval)  
Welding Level C Certificate at Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC
- **ASHLEY OKRAINC** Fort Simpson Metis Local – (Conditional Approval)  
Bachelor of Science in Biology at Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC

**\$1,000 SHORT-TERM SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Short-Term Scholarship*

- **TOMMY GARGAN** Deh Gah Gotie First Nation  
Pre-Employment Welding at Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie, AB
- **GENEVIEVE PIERCEY** Liidlii Kue First Nation  
Early Childhood Education (Distance) at Aurora College, Fort Smith, NT
- **HAYLEY ARYCHUK** Fort Providence Metis Local  
College Preparation Program at Camosun College, Victoria, BC

*Congratulations to the Scholarship Recipients  
and best of luck in your studies!*

**Dehcho First Nations would like to acknowledge  
and thank the DFN Scholarship Committee for their  
commitment to the students of the Dehcho.  
Thank you to Members at Large: Gladys Norwegian,  
Betty Hardisty and Violet Jumbo**



**Language Program 2010-2011**

Dehcho First Nations received Language funding from Education, Cultural and Employment, GNWT. Dehcho First Nations administration held the contribution agreement and distributed funds to the ten member organizations. The community allocations are determined by formula (population percentage) per community of the 1996 census.

For fiscal year 2010-2011, Dehcho First Nations received \$224,500.00 for the Dehcho region. Allocations of the funding are as follows:

**Community Projects:**

Acho Dene Koe	\$24,715.50
Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council	\$40,206.22
Jean Marie River First Nation	\$9,224.75
Ka'a'gee Tue First Nation	\$23,307.25
Katlodeeche First Nation	\$7,112.38
Liidlii Kue First Nation	\$44,431.00
Nahanni Butte Dene Band	\$9,224.75
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	\$17,674.25
Sambaa K'e Dene Band	\$8,520.62
West Point First Nation	\$6,408.25

**Administration Costs:**

Coordinator's Salary & Benefits	\$28,500.00
Office Expenses	\$5,175.00

**TOTAL      \$224,500.00**

The purpose for this funding was to assist in the preservation and revitalization of the South Slavey language in the Dehcho region through various programs and activities.

To summarize a couple of the activities done by the member communities:

Jean Marie River First Nation issued language bonuses to their staffs that speak the language, issued honorariums to elders that participated in meetings, and held traditional and cultural activities involving the youth and elders. Sewing classes were held that worked in conjunction with the Brighter Futures program.

West Point First Nation hosted a Youth Workshop in which the youth were taught basic Dene language and words, storytelling, rabbit snaring, bannock making, dream catcher making, bead work, mitten making, and the use of moose hide.

## **Literacy Program 2010-2011**

The community allocations are determined on a “first come, first serve” basis.

For fiscal year 2010-2011, Dehcho First Nations received \$30,000.00 for the Dehcho region. Allocations of the funding are as follows:

<b>Community Projects:</b>	
Acho Dene Koe	\$4,560.00
Deh Gah Got’ie Dene Council	\$7,920.00
Liidlil Kue First Nations	\$6,560.00
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	\$10,000.00
<b>Administration Costs:</b>	
Telephone, fax, supplies, etc.	\$960.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,000.00</u></b>

The purpose for this funding was to assist in promoting, enhancing and revitalizing the South Slavey language in the Dehcho region.

To summarize a couple of the activities done by the member communities:

Deh Gah Got’ie Dene Council interviewed elders in the community to keep their stories on record, and are developing resource materials to help teach the language. Developing a Zhahti Kue Topical dictionary is currently on hold until the community workshop.

Pehdzeh Ki First Nation held a culture camp at Willow River in which elders, youth and members of the community were involved with moose hide making, dry fish and dry meat making, storytelling, sewing and beaver pelt fixing, and preparing fish, rabbit, beaver and chicken. The youth will be developing a book with the stories that they collected from the elders. PKFN also sponsored a team to participate in the hand games tournament held in Tulita.

For more information on the Language or Literacy Program, please contact the Dehcho First Nations at 1-866-995-3748 or by email at [dcfn@dehcho.org](mailto:dcfn@dehcho.org).



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## **Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting**

June 10, 2011

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 financial statements are considered by management to present fairly the First Nation's financial position and results of operation.

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  
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DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS



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## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**To the Members  
DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS  
DEHCHO Region, Northwest Territories**

I have examined the Statement of Financial Position of the DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS as at March 31, 2011, the Statements of Operations and Surplus for the year then ended. These financial statements have been prepared on a non-consolidated basis for government funding reporting purposes, with the unanimous consent of Council, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles using differential reporting options available to non-publicly accountable enterprises, as described in Note 2 to the financial statements. 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 paragraphs, 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.

The First Nation has investments in entities beneficially owned for the Members of the First Nation as set out in Notes 2 and 4, carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Financial statements for the entities are available to the First Nation, and are monitored separately, hence these financial statements are not prepared on a consolidated or equity basis.

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, 2011, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada.

June 10, 2011  
Yellowknife, N.W.T



**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

**DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**MARCH 31, 2011**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 976,376	\$ 1,164,158
Accounts Receivable (Note 3)	1,434,027	1,539,185
Trust Fund Assets (Notes 2h and 4)	16,583,287	15,356,410
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>18,993,690</b>	<b>18,059,753</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,335,572	1,318,173
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	227,608	368,545
	<u>1,563,180</u>	<u>1,686,718</u>
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	<b>17,430,510</b>	<b>16,373,035</b>
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>		
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 2e)	1	1
Prepaid expenses	27,350	14,300
	<u>27,351</u>	<u>14,301</u>
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 17,457,861</b>	<b>\$ 16,387,336</b>

See accompanying notes and schedules to the financial statements.

Approved on behalf of Dehcho First Nations:

  
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 Grand Chief  
  
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 Executive Director

**DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AND RESERVE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2011**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>GENERAL OPERATING SURPLUS:</b>		
Balance, Opening	\$ 1,030,925	\$ 1,104,004
<u>Excess revenue(expenditures) for the year</u>	<u>1,070,525</u>	<u>1,906,395</u>
	2,101,450	3,010,339
<u>Transfer from (to) Reserve</u>	<u>(1,226,876)</u>	<u>(1,979,473)</u>
<b><u>Balance, Closing</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 874,574</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,030,925</u></b>

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>TRUST FUND RESERVE:</b>		
Balance, Opening	\$15,356,411	\$13,376,938
<u>Transfer from (to) Operating Surplus</u>	<u>1,226,876</u>	<u>1,979,473</u>
<b><u>Balance, Closing</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,583,287</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,356,411</u></b>

<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED SURPLUS:</b>		
<b><u>Balance, Closing</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 17,457,861</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 16,387,336</u></b>

**DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2011**

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 4,182,730	\$ 4,271,516
Human Resources Development Canada	1,706,686	1,632,342
Government of the NWT	461,538	438,085
Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans Canada	631,000	649,001
Imperial Oil	156,750	-
Other revenue	144,267	193,934
Travel and expense recoveries	234,023	331,620
Transfer from (to) deferred revenue	56,964	808,465
	<b>7,573,958</b>	<b>8,324,963</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Transfers to First Nations (Note 6)	1,715,291	2,000,400
Major AHRDA costs (Note 7 & Schedule 5)	437,180	163,326
Wages, benefits and other staff costs	1,365,591	1,161,304
Service contracts & subcontractors	1,941,367	2,893,067
Travel	884,490	786,927
Cash grants	257,950	291,216
Legal & other professional fees	548,275	365,936
Dehcho Economic Corporation	-	10,000
Office supplies	121,998	152,037
Office expenses	66,425	55,294
Bad debts	( 23,185)	( 592)
Sound and translation	67,940	73,778
Miscellaneous	15,978	8,927
Rent	30,806	30,133
Equipment purchases	34,533	88,693
Telephone	32,712	40,745
Advertising & promotion	31,925	32,105
Donations	1,100	4,740
Childcare	2,175	2,525
Utilities	25,150	26,697
Scholarships	64,000	64,500
Repairs and maintenance	70,274	22,850
Admin Fees	( 64)	( 2,367)
Capital Expenditures	55,189	24,999
Pheobe Nahanni Scholarship	8,000	10,000
Program funds returned	6,000	90,798
	<b>7,761,100</b>	<b>8,398,040</b>
<b>OPERATING DEFICIT BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEM</b>	<b>( 187,142)</b>	<b>( 77,076)</b>
<b>EXTRAORDINARY ITEM</b>		
Trust income (net)	1,257,667	1,979,474
	<b>1,257,667</b>	<b>1,979,474</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 1,070,525</b>	<b>\$ 1,906,395</b>

# DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2011

### 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 12 member community governments (10 First Nations and 2 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 Dehcho First Nations is a government, it applies the accounting principals for governments as set out in the CICA Public Sector Accounting Handbook (PSA Handbook). The CICA Financial Reporting by First Nations Study Group discussed, researched and consulted on the appropriate GAAP for First Nations. The *Financial Reporting by First Nations Report* has been published. This report recommends that First Nations adopt full accrual accounting and the Common Government Reporting Model as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board.

#### b) Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

The First Nation has investments in the following entities beneficially owned for the Members of the First Nation, carried at the lower of cost or estimated net realizable value:

	<u>Beneficial Ownership</u>
Settlement Agreement Trust Fund	100%
Dehcho Economic Corporation	100%
Dehcho Futures Society	100%

Financial statements for the entities are available to the First Nation hence these financial statements are not prepared on a consolidated or equity basis. These non-consolidated financial statements are prepared primarily for government funding reporting purposes, and are not in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, as they are non-consolidated. These financial statements are not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified users or for any other purpose.

**DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS**

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**NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)**

**c) 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.

**d) Inventory**

Inventory of materials and general supplies is considered a cost of operations and is not recorded on the balance sheet.

**e) Tangible Capital Assets**

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life as follows:

	<u>YEARS</u>
Land Improvements	15-20
Buildings	25-50
Furniture and equipment	5-20
Vehicles	3-20

Capital Assets have been fully amortized and are carried at a nominal value of \$1. Capital Assets less than \$50,000 are recorded as expenditures in the year of acquisition. Insured values at March 31, 2011 are as follows:

Office building	\$ 765,600
Office contents	<u>224,400</u>
	<u>\$ 990,000</u>

**f) Government and Funding Agency Transfers and Contract Surplus (Deficit)**

Government and other Funding Agency transfers are the transfer of monetary assets from a funding agency for which the funding agency making the transfer does not:

- receive any goods or services directly in return;
- expect to be repaid in future; or
- expect a direct financial return.

## DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

- f) **Government and Funding Agency Transfers and Contract Surplus (Deficit) (cont.)**  
Operating transfers are recognized as revenue in the period in which the events giving rise to the transaction occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be determined.

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.

- g) **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.

- h) **Financial Instruments and Investment Risks**

The First Nations' financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, trust fund assets, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, and deferred revenues. With the exception of trust fund assets, it is management's opinion that the First Nations is not exposed to significant interest, or credit risks arising from these instruments.

The First Nation is exposed to credit risk arising from the possibility that a downturn (i.e. recession or depression) in the United States and/or world economy may result in significant investment losses. The professional trust fund investment managers regularly monitor the situation and design an investment portfolio mindful of these risks and implications for return on investments. Unless otherwise noted, the fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying value.

- i) **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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**NOTE 3      ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	2011	2010
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 391,707	\$ 503,066
Human Resources Development Canada	610,774	406,593
Dept. Of Fisheries & Oceans	74,800	210,134
Canadian Wildlife Services	64,186	-
Settlement Agreement Trust Fund	36,508	37,610
Goods & Services Tax	85,736	83,736
Imperial Oil	40,675	25,000
Other	172,901	316,306
Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	( 43,260)	( 43,260)
	<b>\$1,434,027</b>	<b>\$1,539,185</b>

**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, 2010. 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 2011 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, 2011. 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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**NOTE 5 DEFERRED REVENUE**

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

	2011	2010
Band Employee Benefits	\$ 63,753	\$ 38,521
IRDA Resource Royalties	83,071	216,780
Joint Panel Review	10,641	-
<b>Total DIAND</b>	<b>157,465</b>	<b>255,301</b>
<b>HRDC</b>	<b>70,143</b>	<b>113,244</b>
	<b>\$227,608</b>	<b>\$368,545</b>

**NOTE 6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

In addition to the entities outlined in Note 2(b), Dehcho First Nations is related in terms of common membership to all Local First Nations and Metis Locals and enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of operations at normal trade terms. The following transactions were recorded with related parties:

	2011	2010
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Settlement Agreement Trust Fund Recoveries	\$ 30,790	\$ 40,237
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Acho Dene Council	\$ 44,260	\$ 116,902
Dehcho Economic Corporation	-	10,000
Deh Gah Gotie Dene Council	490,643	540,009
Fort Providence Metis Local	-	-
Fort Simpson Metis Local	5,564	19,011
Jean Marie River First Nation	74,023	162,772
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation	55,776	61,701
Katlodeeche First Nation	385,199	255,789
Liidlil Kue First Nation	433,505	499,342
Nahanni Butte Dene Band	23,122	92,584
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	101,407	121,253
Sambaa K'e Band Council	69,896	94,640
Settlement Agreement Trust Fund	-	-
West Point First Nation	31,896	36,397
	<b>\$1,715,291</b>	<b>\$2,010,400</b>

**DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS**  
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**NOTE 7      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.

**NOTE 8      COMMITMENTS**

In the course of normal operations the First Nations has entered into various multi-year contracts.

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## **AUDITOR'S DERIVATIVE REPORT**

To Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
4920 - 52 Street  
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories  
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I have audited the financial statements of the DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS as at March 31, 2011, and for the year then ended, and reported on May 30, 2011.

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.

June 10, 2011  
Yellowknife, N.W.T

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June 10, 2011

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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:

1. INAC Revenues per Financial Statements	\$ 4,182,730
Reconciling items – Settlement Agreement	-
INAC Revenues per Funding Confirmation	\$ 4,182,730
2. Amounts due from INAC - current year	\$ 349,526
Amounts due from INAC - prior year	42,181
Amounts due from INAC - TOTAL per Note 3	\$ 391,707
Amounts due to INAC	0

3. Detailed explanation of the discrepancies between the amounts stated in the agreement and the amounts in the financial statements -- None.

4. Reference of the correspondent page of the Financial Statements - Schedules 2, 3 & 4.

5. For Block Funded or Core Funded Services, details regarding transfers of INAC funding between Block Funded or Core Funded services -- None.

6. Other adjustments -- None.

Yours truly,  
ROBERT STEWART CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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

## SCHEDULE OF CONSOLIDATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011

	Code (Schedule 2)	DIAND #1 (Schedule 3)	DIAND #2 (Schedule 4)	AHRDA (Schedule 5)	GNWT (Schedule 6)	Other (Schedule 7)	Total
<b>REVENUES:</b>							
4020 DIAND	\$625,721	\$2,081,237	\$1,275,772	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,182,730
4021 DIAND - Other Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4030 GNWT	3,500	0	0	0	441,810	16,428	481,538
4040 HRDC	0	0	8,225	708,157	0	992,304	1,708,686
4050 Other	6,155	156,750	10,303	0	0	101,657	274,865
4060 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans	0	0	0	0	0	631,000	631,000
4080 DFN Master Trust	1,257,667	0	0	0	0	0	1,257,667
4100 Donations	550	0	0	0	4,750	0	5,300
4110 Wage Recoveries	45,814	1,795	0	0	0	80,437	127,846
4120 Travel Recoveries	18,569	1,105	0	0	0	0	19,674
4130 Recoveries	153,672	691	8,700	5,183	0	800	169,046
4150 Rental Income	22,720	0	0	0	0	0	22,720
4200 Sales	5,375	0	0	0	0	0	5,375
4240 Employee Contributions	17,572	13,481	0	3,644	0	3,363	38,060
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers	-25,232	-10,641	133,709	-44,395	5,074	-1,551	56,964
4480 Admin Fees	426,831	0	0	0	0	0	426,831
4490 Program Funds Returned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>2,758,715</b>	<b>2,244,417</b>	<b>1,438,709</b>	<b>670,589</b>	<b>451,434</b>	<b>1,824,438</b>	<b>9,388,303</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>							
5017 ASETS Program Expenses						358,378	358,378
5018 General Administration transfer				10,706		3,150	13,856
5020 CRF Employment Labour Market				23,297		0	23,297
5021 CRF Small Urban Initiatives				2,126			2,126
5022 CRF First Nations Child Care				22,336		0	22,336
5025 CRF Capacity				4,773			4,773
5031 EI Employment Benefits and Support				7,830			7,830
5032 EI Small Urban Program				6,628			6,628
5410 Wages & Benefits	602,383	476,876	10,868	91,437	28,435	229,174	1,439,172
5450 Casual Wages	13,340	1,937	0	0	400	0	15,677
5610 Accounting & Legal	28,032	265,971	4,440	0	0	231,258	529,701
5615 Advertising & Promotions	14,681	15,614	0	0	880	750	31,925
5616 Equipment Rental	1,418	0	0	0	1,345	450	3,212
5620 Bad Debts	-23,185	0	0	0	0	0	-23,185
5625 Cash Grants	44,175	96,634	50,316	0	54,375	12,450	257,950
5630 GST Unrecovered (Recovery)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5634 Professional Services	0	2,880	0	15,695	0	0	18,575
5635 Subcontractors	70,629	550,508	87,887	804	26,697	177,516	914,018
5636 Sound & Translation	6,330	39,289	9,522	0	5,150	7,650	67,940
5640 Courier & Postage	8,377	235	0	0	0	1,221	9,833
5661 Capital Expenditures	44,174	11,015	0	0	0	0	55,189
5685 Insurance	17,720	0	0	0	0	0	17,720
5690 Interest & Bank Charges	3,814	47	0	97	22	220	4,201
5695 Licences, Regist & Membership	7,920	4,485	5,011	0	120	10,085	27,621
5700 Materials	55,188	15,248	1,224	0	2,910	47,429	121,998
5705 Equipment Purchases	0	0	0	0	0	9,980	9,980
5706 Equipment User Fees	23,036	0	0	0	0	0	23,036
5710 Janitorial Supplies	1,109	0	0	0	0	0	1,109
5720 Property Taxes	4,247	0	0	0	0	0	4,247
5740 Miscellaneous	1,475	0	0	305	800	12,459	15,039
5741 Donation	1,100	0	0	0	0	0	1,100
5760 Rent	9,523	12,681	675	0	0	7,928	30,806
5765 Repair & Maintenance	59,204	3,870	0	0	0	7,200	70,274
5771 Scholarships	72,000	0	0	0	0	0	72,000
5780 Telephone	21,135	1,958	0	0	6,200	3,115	32,408
5785 Travel - Air	41,811	157,890	13,717	0	9,703	48,354	269,465
5786 Travel - Accommodation	40,844	123,684	19,085	0	7,782	15,516	206,910
5787 Travel - Mileage	38,685	89,072	20,131	107	15,715	23,798	188,506
5788 Travel - Per Diem	37,318	127,442	17,902	0	22,097	19,150	223,909
5789 Childcare	350	700	400	0	725	0	2,175
5790 Power	15,947	0	0	0	0	0	15,947
5791 Heating Fuel	7,350	0	0	0	0	0	7,350
5792 Water & Sewer	1,853	0	0	0	0	0	1,853
5794 Admin Fees	2,116	170,329	175,160	0	17,405	61,757	428,767
5805 Revenues Returned	3,500	0	0	0	2,500	0	6,000
5810 Res. Royalty Service Contracts	0	0	992,409	0	0	34,940	1,027,349
5855 Transfers between programs	-20,000	0	0	0	5,000	15,000	0
5960 Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5970 Wage Replacements/Recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	35,489	35,489
5971 Li'di Kue First Nation	64,581	0	0	156,938	50,991	160,995	433,505
5972 Deh Gah Gote Dene Council	57,040	0	0	96,700	48,126	288,775	490,641
5973 Kallodeecha First Nation	30,018	72,195	15,000	123,987	23,307	120,693	385,199
5974 Pehdzah K' First Nation	24,465	0	13,023	27,429	27,674	8,815	101,407
5975 Kaageo Tu First Nation	2,956	0	0	14,578	7,112	31,130	55,776
5976 JMR First Nation	7,049	0	0	6,587	31,905	28,501	74,023
5977 Nahanni Butte Dene Council	2,033	0	0	3,812	9,225	8,053	23,122
5979 Ft Simpson Metis Local	0	0	0	5,584	0	0	5,584
5980 Ft Providence Metis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5981 Samba Ke First Nation	0	0	0	28,045	8,521	33,330	69,896
5982 West Point First Nation	0	4,729	0	5,844	6,408	14,915	31,896
5983 Acho Dene Koe	0	0	0	14,984	29,278	0	44,260
5984 Ft Liard Metis Nation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,445,736</b>	<b>2,244,278</b>	<b>1,438,748</b>	<b>670,589</b>	<b>460,806</b>	<b>2,067,620</b>	<b>8,315,778</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)</b>							
	<b>\$1,312,979</b>	<b>\$139</b>	<b>-\$39</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$628</b>	<b>-\$243,182</b>	<b>\$1,070,525</b>

DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS  
SCHEDULE OF CORE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
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SCHEDULE 2

	Core (FTP)	General Fund	Band Employee Benefits (FTP)	Executive Committee	Fall Leadership	Winter Leadership	Spring Leadership	Grand Chief Travel	DFN Master Trust	Advisory	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES:</b>											
4020 DIAND	\$780,724		\$44,997								\$825,721
4021 DIAND - Other Revenues											0
4030 GNWT		\$3,500									3,500
4040 HRDC		0									0
4050 Other	1,335	2,320				\$2,500					6,155
4060 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans											0
4070 Aboriginal Futures											0
4080 DFN Master Trust									\$1,257,667		1,257,667
4100 Donations	550										550
4110 Wage Recoveries	39,214	6,400									45,614
4120 Travel Recoveries	53	18,517									18,569
4130 Recoveries	32,629	119,111									153,672
4150 Rental Income	5,000	17,720						\$1,932			22,720
4200 Sales		5,375									5,375
4220 Program Internal Transfers											0
4240 Employee Contributions			17,572								17,572
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers			-25,232								-25,232
4440 Interest Revenue											0
4480 Admn Fees	385,931	40,900									426,831
4490 Program Funds Returned											0
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,245,436</b>	<b>213,843</b>	<b>37,338</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,257,667</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,758,715</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>											
5410 Wages & Benefits	563,025	2,896	36,463								602,383
5450 Casual Wages		5,340	8,000								13,340
5610 Accounting & Legal	27,832	200									28,032
5615 Advertising & Promotions	13,801	880									14,681
5616 Equipment Rental	495			750			173				1,418
5620 Bad Debts	-6,721	-16,464									-23,185
5625 Cash Grants	4,650	16,175		15,375		6,175	1,800				44,175
5630 GST Unrecovered (Recovery)											0
5634 Professional Services											0
5635 Subcontractors	55,929	13,500		1,200							70,629
5636 Sound & Translation						6,330					6,330
5640 Courier & Postage	6,597	1,780									8,377
5661 Capital Expenditures	40,348							3,826			44,174
5685 Insurance	17,720										17,720
5690 Interest & Bank Charges	3,799	15									3,814
5695 Licences, Regist & Membership	3,987	3,783									7,920
5700 Materials	31,329	23,677					150				55,186
5705 Equipment Purchases					180						0
5706 Equipment User Fee	23,036										23,036
5710 Janitorial Supplies	1,109										1,109
5720 Property Taxes	4,247										4,247
5740 Miscellaneous	-569	2,044									1,475
5741 Donation	1,100										1,100
5760 Rent	8,523			550	450						9,523
5765 Repair & Maintenance	57,387	1,817									59,204
5770 Vehicle Payment											0
5771 Scholarships	72,000										72,000
5780 Telephone & Internet	19,875	1,260									21,135
5785 Travel - Air	4,382	31,525		1,062	2,034			2,808			41,811
5786 Travel - Accommodation	7,995	21,513		3,003	650			7,683			40,844
5787 Travel - Mileage	14,210	15,147		2,058	1,398			5,871			38,685
5788 Travel - Per Diem	7,324	15,658		5,345				6,100			37,318
5789 Childcare					200		2,891	150			350
5790 Power	15,947										15,947
5791 Heating Fuel	7,350										7,350
5792 Water & Sewer	1,853										1,853
5794 Admin Fees	1,098		875	143							2,116
5800 Loss in Trust Fund											0
5805 Revenues Returned		3,500									3,500
5950 Transfers between programs	241,841			-30,000	-5,000	-10,000	-5,000	-25,000		-186,841	-20,000
5980 Economic Development											0
5970 Wage Replacements/Recoven											0
5971 Lndi Kua First Nation										64,581	64,581
5972 Deh Gah Gotie Dene Council										57,040	57,040
5973 Katlodeeche First Nation										30,016	30,016
5974 Pehdzeh Ki First Nation		1,300								23,165	24,465
5975 Kaagee Tu First Nation										2,956	2,956
5976 JMR First Nation										7,049	7,049
5977 Nahanni Butte Dene Council										2,033	2,033
5979 Ft Simpson Metis Local											0
5980 Ft Providence Metis											0
5981 Samba Ka First Nation											0
5982 West Point First Nation											0
5983 Acho Dene Koe											0
5984 Ft Liard Metis Nation											0
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,256,839</b>	<b>148,205</b>	<b>37,338</b>	<b>-513</b>	<b>-88</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,445,736</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)</b>	<b>-\$11,403</b>	<b>\$65,638</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$513</b>	<b>\$88</b>	<b>-\$5</b>	<b>-\$14</b>	<b>\$494</b>	<b>\$1,257,667</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,312,979</b>

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SCHEDULE 3

SCHEDULE OF DIAND CONTRIBUTION REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011

	Gathering Strength 1 CFA#04 (Contr.)	Negotiations Preparedness (Contr.)	Deh Cho Process Claims (Contr.)	Access & Benefits Negotiations (Contr.)	WPFN Elections (Contr.)	Joint Panel Review (Contr.)	PK Co Management (Contr.)	Regional Inter- Governmental (Contr.)	Self Governmental (Contr.)	PK Government (Contr.)	NWT Surface Rights (Contr.)	NWT Regional Contaminant (Contr.)	NWT PAS Steering (Contr.)	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES:</b>														
4020 DIAND														
4021 DIAND - Other Revenues	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$191,043	\$156,750	\$4,729	\$73,003	\$69,878	\$50,000	\$500,000	\$17,500	\$2,533	\$13,800	\$2,001	\$2,081,237
4030 GHNT														0
4040 HRDC														0
4050 Other				156,750										156,750
4060 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans														0
4070 Aboriginal Futures														0
4100 Donations														0
4110 Wage Recoveries	426		1,369											1,795
4120 Travel Recoveries		1,052	63											1,105
4130 Recoveries		514		177										691
4150 Rental Income														0
4200 Sales														0
4220 Program Internal Transfers														0
4240 Employee Contributions	3,908	9,575												13,483
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers														-10,641
4440 Interest Revenue														0
4460 Admin Fees														0
4490 Program Funds Returned														0
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>404,331</b>	<b>611,141</b>	<b>192,485</b>	<b>313,677</b>	<b>4,729</b>	<b>62,362</b>	<b>69,878</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>2,533</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>2,244,417</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>														
5410 Wages & Benefits	168,884	143,781	48,058				11,464		97,725			9,004		476,976
5450 Casual Wages	250		900						797					1,937
5610 Accounting & Legal		128,692		27,685		4,150			105,444					265,971
5615 Advertising, Promotions & I	4,848	3,771	4,038						2,958					15,614
5618 Equipment Rental														0
5620 Bad Debts														0
5625 Cash Grants	21,125	17,475	12,434	18,100		1,900		7,150	19,850	900				90,634
5630 GST Unrecovered														0
5634 Professional Services	2,880													2,880
5635 Subcontractors	51,247	101,214	59,484	148,434		23,063	38,093	2,625	121,143	7,504			700	559,058
5638 Sound & Translation	5,639	9,595		15,216		1,600			7,039					39,299
5640 Courier & Postage				110			65		60					235
5661 Capital Expenditures		11,015												11,015
5665 Insurance														0
5690 Interest & Bank Charges			17				31							47
5695 Licenses, Regist. & Membership				4,455										4,455
5700 Materials	2,624	4,112	5,065	1,598				14	1,638					15,248
5705 Equipment Purchases														0
5709 Equipment User Fee	0													0
5710 Janitorial Supplies														0
5720 Property Taxes														0
5740 Miscellaneous														0
5760 Rent	3,445	2,845	300	2,781				225	3,285					12,681
5765 Repair & Maintenance	1,600								2,270					3,870
5770 Vehicle Payment														0
5771 Scholarships														0
5780 Telephone & internet				31					1,028					1,059
5765 Travel - Air	4,479	54,731	28,012	39,365		5,653	7,094	7,832	5,493	2,400	432	607	779	157,880
5780 Travel - Accommodation	24,944	42,333	8,529	12,510		5,100	436	3,982	23,568	2,300	1,324	693		123,804
5787 Travel - Message	12,114	15,192	11,569	14,475		5,539	3,809	14,972	8,035	144		1,208		68,072
5765 Travel - Per Diem	23,774	34,405	3,697	30,886		4,939	8,522	5,232	9,845	4,253	738	629	222	127,442
5780 Childcare		200					100	400						700
5790 Power														0
5791 Heating Fuel														0
5792 Water & Sewer														0
5794 Admin Fees	-40,000	42,000	19,104			9,622	95	7,500	50,047			1,900	281	170,329
5800 Loss on Trust Fund														0
5806 Revenues Returned														0
5810 Res. Royalty Service Contracts														0
5850 Transfers between programs														0
5900 Economic Development														0
5982 Meta Research														0
5970 Wage Replacements/Recoveries														0
5971 Lixli Kuo First Nation														0
5972 Deh Cho Gwich'in Council														0
5973 Kacodochie First Nation	36,007								36,008					72,195
5974 Pehdzeh Ki First Nation														0
5975 Koozebu Tu First Nation														0
5976 JMR First Nation														0
5977 Nahanni Butte Dene Council														0
5979 Ft Simpson Metis Local														0
5980 Ft Providence Metis														0
5981 Sambaa Ke First Nation														0
5982 West Point First Nation					4,729									4,729
5983 Acho Dene Koe														0
5984 Ft Liard Metis Nation														0
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>404,331</b>	<b>611,140</b>	<b>192,422</b>	<b>313,677</b>	<b>4,729</b>	<b>62,362</b>	<b>69,808</b>	<b>49,912</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>13,941</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>2,244,779</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)</b>														
	\$0	\$1	\$43	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70	\$88	\$0	\$0	\$40	-\$141	\$39	\$138

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SCHEDULE 4

SCHEDULE OF DIAND CONTRIBUTION REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES (cont.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011

	IRDA Oil & Gas Project (Cont.)	IRDA Resource Royalties (FTP)	Youth Summer Employment (Contr.)	NWT Devotion (Contr.)	NCP Cultural Review (Contr.)	NCP Mercury Study (Contr.)	IRMA Resource Pressure (Contr.)	CIMP Kakisa (Contr.)	CIMP Community (Contr.)	CIMP Audit Committee (Contr.)	AFOA Vancouver (Contr.)	AFOA BMP (Contr.)	Band Managers Meeting (Contr.)	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES:</b>														
4020 DIAND	\$150,000	\$1,000,000		\$20,000	\$1,812	\$6,250	\$25,815	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$1,332	\$5,000	\$13,482	\$2,281	\$1,275,772
4021 DIAND - Other Revenues														0
4030 GNWT														0
4040 HRDC														8,225
4050 Other		10,303	8,225											10,303
4060 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans														0
4070 Aboriginal Futures														0
4100 Donations														0
4110 Wage Recoveries														0
4120 Travel Recoveries														0
4130 Recoveries		8,700											0	8,700
4150 Rental Incomes														0
4200 Sales														0
4220 Program Internal Transfers														0
4240 Employee Contributions														0
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers		133,709												133,709
4440 Interest Revenue														0
4480 Admin Fees														0
4490 Program Funds Returned														0
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>160,303</b>	<b>1,142,409</b>	<b>8,225</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>25,815</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>13,482</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>1,438,709</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>														
5410 Wages & Benefits		2,597	8,270											10,868
5450 Casual Wages														0
5610 Accounting & Legal				4,440										4,440
5615 Advertising & Promotions														0
5618 Equipment Rental														0
5620 Bad Debts														0
5625 Cash Grants		48,316						1,200	2,800					50,316
5630 GST Unrecovered														0
5634 Professional Services														0
5635 Subcontractors		51,845		9,204				11,286	15,442					87,887
5636 Sound & Translation		9,522												9,522
5640 Courier & Postage														0
5661 Capital Expenditures														0
5685 Insurance														0
5690 Interest & Bank Charges														0
5695 Licences, Regist & Member											1,467	3,544		5,011
5700 Materials		222		679				323						1,224
5705 Equipment Purchases														0
5706 Equipment User Fee														0
5710 Janitorial Supplies														0
5720 Property Taxes														0
5740 Miscellaneous														0
5760 Rent				175					500					675
5765 Repair & Maintenance														0
5770 Vehicle Payment														0
5771 Scholarships														0
5780 Telephone & Internet														0
5785 Travel - Air		4,166		3,280		0				525	2,108	2,873	984	13,717
5786 Travel - Accommodation		12,685		1,009	596	0			1,983	313	438	1,502	580	19,885
5787 Travel - Mésage		7,115		680	722	0		4,463	3,607		471	3,014	57	20,131
5788 Travel - Per Diem		10,859	0	443	464	0		726	2,974	252	516	1,223	443	17,902
5789 Childcare												400		400
5790 Power														0
5791 Heating Fuel														0
5792 Water & Sewer														0
5794 Admin Fees		15,000	150,000				3,842	2,000	2,812	174		1,125	207	175,160
5800 Loss in Trust Fund														0
5805 Revenues Returned														0
5810 Res. Royalty Service Contracts			992,409											992,409
5950 Transfers between programs														0
5960 Economic Development														0
5970 Wage Replacements/Recoveries														0
5971 L'Indi Kuo First Nation														0
5972 Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council														0
5973 Kat'odeeche First Nation														0
5974 Pehdzeh Ki First Nation						6,250	8,773							15,000
5975 Kaagee Tu First Nation														13,023
5976 JHR First Nation														0
5977 Nahanni Butte Dene Council														0
5979 Ft Simpson Metis Local														0
5980 Ft Providence Metis														0
5981 Sambaa K'o First Nation														0
5982 West Point First Nation														0
5983 Atho Dene Koe														0
5984 Ft Liard Metis Nation														0
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>160,327</b>	<b>1,142,409</b>	<b>8,270</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>25,815</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>30,098</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>13,482</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>1,438,748</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)</b>	<b>-\$23</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$45</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$98</b>	<b>\$68</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>-\$30</b>



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SCHEDULE 5

SCHEDULE OF ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011

	Capacity Project	Child Care Project	General Administration	Labour Market	Small Urban Initiatives	Youth Program	EI Benefits & Support	EI General Administration	EI Persons With Disabilities	EI Small Urban Initiatives	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES:</b>											
4020 DIAND											\$0
4021 DIAND - Other Revenues											0
4030 GNWT											0
4040 HRDC	\$11,237	\$170,852	\$80,004	\$240,028	\$12,140	\$25,399	\$132,387	\$25,725	\$8,759	\$8,628	706,157
4050 Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4060 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans	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
4100 Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4110 Wage Recoveries											0
4120 Travel Recoveries											0
4130 Recoveries	0	0	5,060	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,183
4150 Rental Incomes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4200 Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4220 Program Internal Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4240 Employee Contributions	0	0	3,644	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,644
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers	-6,464	6,507	-3,064	-21,319	-10,014	-1,052	0	-1,330	-8,759	0	-44,395
4440 Interest Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4460 Admin Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4490 Program Funds Returned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>177,359</b>	<b>74,643</b>	<b>224,832</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>23,447</b>	<b>132,387</b>	<b>24,395</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,628</b>	<b>670,589</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>											
5018 General Administration transfe	0	0	6,562	4,124	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,708
5020 CRF Employment Labour Mar	0	4,171	0	12,068	0	0	6,159	0	0	0	23,297
5021 CRF Small Urban Initiatives	0	0	0	0	2,128	0	0	0	0	0	2,128
5022 CRF First Nations Child Care	0	22,338	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,338
5023 CRF Youth Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5024 CRF Persons with Disabilities											0
5025 CRF Capacity	4,773	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,773
5030 EI Program Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5031 EI Employment Benefits and S	0	0	0	0	0	7,830	0	0	0	0	7,830
5032 EI Small Urban Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,628	0	6,628
5034 EI Persons with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5410 Wages & Benefits	0	0	67,913	0	0	0	0	23,524	0	0	91,437
5450 Casual Wages											0
5010 Accounting & Legal											0
5615 Advertising & Promotions											0
5616 Equipment Rental											0
5620 Bad Debts											0
5025 Cash Grants											0
5630 Cash Short/Over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5634 Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	15,695	0	0	0	0	15,695
5635 Subcontractors	0	0	0	0	0	0	804	0	0	0	804
5636 Sound & Translation											0
5640 Courier & Postage											0
5661 Capital Expenditures											0
5685 Insurance											0
5690 Interest & Bank Charges	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
5695 Licences, Regist & Membersh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5700 Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5705 Equipment Purchases											0
5706 Equipment User Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5710 Janitorial Supplies											0
5720 Property Taxes											0
5740 Miscellaneous	0	0	52	0	0	0	186	67	0	0	305
5760 Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5765 Repair & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5770 Vehicle Payment											0
5771 Scholarships	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5780 Telephone											0
5785 Travel - Air	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5786 Travel - Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5787 Travel - Mileage	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	107
5788 Travel - Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5799 Childcare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5790 Power											0
5791 Heating Fuel											0
5792 Water & Sower											0
5794 Admin Fees											0
5800 Loss in Trust Fund											0
5805 Revenues Returned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5850 Transfers between programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5900 Economic Development											0
5971 Luldi Kue First Nation	0	60,750	0	58,604	0	6,050	31,535	0	0	0	156,939
5972 Deh Gah Goua Dene Council	0	0	0	55,209	0	11,784	29,708	0	0	0	96,700
5973 Kadiosche First Nation	0	88,694	0	21,503	0	2,220	11,571	0	0	0	123,987
5974 Pehtzeh Ki First Nation	0	0	0	17,746	0	1,880	7,603	0	0	0	27,229
5975 Kaagee Tu First Nation	0	0	0	8,882	0	917	4,779	0	0	0	14,578
5976 JMR First Nation	0	0	0	6,567	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,567
5977 Nahanni Butte Dene Council	0	0	0	3,812	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,812
5979 Ft Simpson Metis Local	0	0	0	5,044	0	521	0	0	0	0	5,564
5880 Ft Providence Metis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5981 Sambaa Ke First Nation	0	0	0	17,692	0	0	10,353	0	0	0	28,045
5982 West Point First Nation	0	0	0	4,475	0	0	1,369	0	0	0	5,844
5983 Acho Dene Koe	0	1,407	0	8,102	0	75	5,400	0	0	0	14,984
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>177,358</b>	<b>74,643</b>	<b>224,832</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>23,447</b>	<b>132,387</b>	<b>24,395</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,628</b>	<b>670,589</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)</b>											
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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SCHEDULE 8

SCHEDULE OF GNWT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011

	Aboriginal Intergov. Metings	Aboriginal Language	Annual Assembly	Youth Ecology Centre	Elders & Youth	Language CA201112	Language Literacy	Northern Leaders	Species & Risk	Treaty/IT	Wildlife Workshop	Wildlife Act Elders Workshop	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES:</b>													
4020 DIAND													\$0
4021 DIAND - Other Revenues													0
4030 GNWT	\$51,000	\$5,353	\$9,950	\$8,771	\$18,000	\$224,500	\$30,000	\$48,000	\$10,082	\$22,500	\$10,008	\$3,450	441,810
4040 HRDC													0
4050 Other													0
4060 Dept of Fisheries & Oceans													0
4070 Aboriginal Futures													0
4100 Donations					4,750								4,750
4110 Wage Recoveries													0
4120 Travel Recoveries													0
4130 Recoveries													0
4150 Rental Income													0
4200 Sales													0
4220 Program Internal Transfers													0
4240 Employee Contributions													0
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers													0
4440 Interest revenue				\$5,074									5,074
4480 Admn Fees													0
4490 Program Funds Returned													0
Total revenues	\$51,000	\$5,353	\$9,950	\$13,845	\$22,750	\$224,500	\$30,000	\$48,000	\$10,082	\$22,500	\$10,008	\$3,450	451,434
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>													
5410 Wages & Benefits			0			28,435							28,435
5450 Casual Wages					400								400
5610 Accounting & Legal													0
5615 Advertising & Promotions				880									880
5616 Equipment Rental			05		1,250								1,345
5620 Bad Debts													0
5625 Cash Grants			24,950		15,500			7,075	4,650			2,200	54,375
5630 Cash Short/Over													0
5634 Professional Services													0
5635 Subcontractors				2,666				11,531		12,500			26,697
5636 Sound & Translation										5,150			5,150
5640 Courier & Postage													0
5651 Capital Expenditures													0
5685 Insurance													0
5690 Interest & Bank Charges			22										22
5695 Licences, Regist & Membership					120								120
5700 Materials			1,988	298	627								2,910
5705 Equipment Purchases													0
5710 Janitorial Supplies													0
5720 Property Taxes													0
5740 Miscellaneous												600	600
5760 Rent													0
5765 Repair & Maintenance													0
5770 Vehicle Payment													0
5771 Scholarships													0
5790 Telephone													0
5785 Travel - Air	385			625	2,425	5,240	960	3,290		631	2,347		6,200
5786 Travel - Accommodation	694		875	696	350			1,205	1,441	450	2,070		9,703
5787 Travel - Mileage	875	1,447	1,200	467	365			7,011	1,545	1,080	1,705		7,782
5788 Travel - Per Diem	1,385	3,840	0	525	1,350			8,080	1,645	2,714	2,557		15,715
5789 Childcare			463		263								22,097
5790 Power													725
5791 Heating Fuel													0
5792 Water & Sewer													0
5794 Admn Fees	7,650							7,200	800		1,305	450	17,405
5800 Loss in Trust Fund													0
5805 Revenues Returned										2,500			2,500
5955 Transfers between programs	40,000		-20,000	-15,000									5,000
5960 Economic Development													0
5971 Liik Kue First Nation						44,431	6,560						50,991
5972 Doh Gah Gohle Dene Council						40,208	7,020						48,126
5973 Katoodeeche First Nation						23,307							23,307
5974 Pehdseh Ki First Nation						17,674	10,000						27,674
5975 Koagee Tu First Nation						7,112							7,112
5976 JMR First Nation				22,681		9,225							31,905
5977 Nahanni Butte Dene Council						9,225							9,225
5979 Ft Simpson Metis Local													0
5980 Ft Providence Metis													0
5981 Sarnbaa Ke First Nation						8,521							8,521
5982 West Point First Nation						6,408							6,408
5983 Acho Dene Koe						24,716	4,560						29,276
5984 Ft Liard Metis Local													0
Total expenditures	\$0,989	\$5,287	\$9,592	\$13,835	\$22,870	\$224,499	\$30,000	\$45,392	\$10,082	\$25,025	\$9,984	\$3,450	450,606
<b>EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)</b>													
	\$11	\$68	\$358	\$9	\$80	\$1	\$0	\$2,608	\$0	-\$2,525	\$21	\$0	\$628

**DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS**  
**SCHEDULE OF OTHER REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011**

SCHEDULE 7

	AAROM Project	ASEP Wages	ASETS	ASTSIF	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy	Arctic Gas Symposium	TK Woodland Caribou	Treaty Conference 2010	Edehzhie	Litigation	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES:</b>											
4020 DIAND											\$0
4021 DIAND - Other Revenues											0
4030 GNWT											16,428
4040 HRDC			774,748	217,556		16,428					992,304
4050 Other	\$1,980		61								101,657
4080 Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans	400,000				231,000		64,188	335,450			631,000
4070 Aboriginal Futures											0
4100 Donations											0
4110 Wage Recoveries		\$80,437									80,437
4120 Travel Recoveries			0								0
4130 Recoveries	\$800										800
4150 Rental Income											0
4200 Sales											0
4220 Program Internal Transfers											0
4240 Employee Contributions			3,363								3,363
4250 Deferred Revenue Transfers			0	-1,551							-1,551
4440 Interest Revenue											0
4480 Admin Fees											0
4490 Program Funds Returned											0
Total revenues	402,760	80,437	778,172	216,005	231,000	16,428	64,188	0	35,450	0	1,824,438
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>											
5017 ASETS Program expenses			358,378								358,378
5018 CRF General Administration				3,150							3,150
5020 CRF Employment Labour Marke											0
5022 CRF First Nations Child Care											0
5410 Wages & Benefits	73,428	77,553	73,777					4,416			229,174
5450 Casual Wages											0
5810 Accounting & Legal	2,000		24,640	3,000							231,258
5815 Advertising & Promotions	750							75,262		126,356	750
5816 Equipment Rental									450		450
5620 Bad Debts											0
5625 Cash Grants	3,600										12,450
5630 GST Unrecovered							8,100	750			0
5634 Professional Services											0
5635 Subcontractors	109,272				11,088		33,455	23,130	572		177,515
5638 Sound & Translation							1,950	3,300	2,400		7,650
5640 Courier & Postage	1,191				30						1,221
5681 Capital Expenditures											0
5685 Insurance											0
5690 Interest & Bank Charges	13		208								220
5695 Licences, Regist & Membership						9,470		615			10,085
5700 Materials	24,929		19		21,518						47,429
5705 Equipment Purchases	9,980						299		664		9,980
5708 Equipment User Fee											0
5710 Janitorial Supplies											0
5720 Property Taxes											0
5740 Miscellaneous	12,302		157								12,459
5780 Rent	6,951										7,926
5785 Repair & Maintenance	183				7,017		300	675			7,200
5770 Vehicle Payment											0
5771 Scholarships											0
5780 Telephone & Internet	2,988		127								3,115
5785 Travel - Air		698	4,563			4,000	8,072	11,177	12,750		48,354
5786 Travel - Accommodation			3,867			2,958	1,547	1,924	380		15,518
5787 Travel - Meaage	14,157		819			0	918	873	7,029		23,786
5788 Travel - Per Diem	7,880		2,126			0	673	1,752	6,719		19,150
5789 Childcare											0
5790 Power											0
5791 Heating Fuel											0
5792 Water & Sewer											0
5794 Admin Fees	1,825		20,260		21,800		8,872				61,757
5800 Loss in Trust Fund											0
5805 Revenues Returned											0
5810 Service Contracts	2,200				32,740						34,940
5950 Transfers between programs	15,000										15,000
5980 Economic Development											0
5970 Wage Replacements/Recoveries	35,489										35,489
5971 LxG Kue First Nation			132,839		28,156						160,995
5972 Duh Gah Goto Dene Council			78,921	209,855							288,775
5973 Katodeeche First Nation	9,000		67,500		44,193						120,693
5974 Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	8,815										8,815
5975 Kaagee Tu First Nation					31,130						31,130
5976 JMR First Nation	28,501										28,501
5977 Nahanni Butte Dene Council	8,053										8,053
5979 Ft Simpson Metis Local											0
5980 Ft Providence Metis											0
5981 Samba Ke First Nation					33,330						33,330
5982 West Point First Nation	14,915										14,915
5983 Acho Dene Koe											0
5984 Ft Lard Metis											0
Total expenditures	402,384	78,251	778,172	216,005	231,000	16,428	64,188	119,458	35,380	126,356	2,067,820
<b>EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)</b>											
	\$376	\$2,186	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$119,458	\$70	-\$126,356	-\$243,182

SCHEDULE 8

DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS

SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE COSTS, OTHER REMUNERATION AND TRAVEL

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Approved Salary Range</u> \$	<u>Per Diems/Other Remuneration</u> \$	<u>Travel</u> \$
<b>ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS:</b>				
Sam Gargan	Grand Chief	94,813	15,460	16,299
Margaret Leishman	Executive/Leadership		622	2,992
Victor Constant	Executive/Leadership		443	2,325
Fred Tesou	Executive/Leadership		304	3,691
Ernest Cazon	Executive/Leadership		289	2,475
Isadore Simon	Executive/Leadership		295	1,485
Bertha Norwegian	Executive/Leadership		529	4,125

**UNELECTED SENIOR OFFICIALS:**

Ria Letcher	Executive Director	88,150	4,541	1,082
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SCHEDULE 9

DEH CHO FIRST NATION

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FUNDING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011

INAC

<u>Name</u>	<u>Federal Funding Received</u>	<u>Unexpended Funding Beginning</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Total Funding Available</u>	<u>Funding Expended</u>	<u>Unexpended Funding End of Year</u>
Tribal Council (Band Support)	\$780,724	\$0	\$0	\$780,724	\$780,724	\$0
Economic Development	1,000,000	216,780	0	1,216,780	1,133,709	83,071
Other	2,402,006	38,521	0	2,440,527	2,366,133	74,394
	<u>\$4,182,730</u>	<u>\$255,301</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,438,031</u>	<u>\$4,280,566</u>	<u>\$157,465</u>

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