

**DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS  
Spring Leadership Meeting  
Fort Liard, Denendeh — 97 MAY 26–30**

***DCFN LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION 97MAY29–#13***

**Re. "Consultation" with Leadership on Deh Cho Land Use**

**WHEREAS** federal and NWT administrators delegated responsibility for approving use of lands, waters, and renewable and nonrenewable resources within the Deh Cho territory have imposed on the DCFN Leadership "consultation" processes without the participation, agreement, approval, and consent of the DCFN Leadership in the development of these processes,

**AND WHEREAS** the DCFN Leadership finds these "consultation" processes unsatisfactory, disrespectful of the First Peoples–Crown relationship, and contrary to the spirit of Treaties —

**THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern ourselves,** the DCFN Leadership directs the new DIAND Minister to authorise and fund a comprehensive review of "consultation" with aboriginal governments, to develop with the direct participation of aboriginal Leaders mutually satisfactory processes that respect the First Peoples–Crown relationship;

**AND THEREFORE,** the DCFN Leadership resolves to withhold their responses to federal and NWT requests for "consultation" on use of Deh Cho lands, waters, or resources until this review is completed to the satisfaction of the Leadership;

**AND THEREFORE,** the DCFN Leadership notifies federal and NWT officials that the withholding of Leaders' response to such "consultation" requests is equivalent to a refusal to approve each request: it is not to be taken as approval because of non-participation.

**MOVED BY**  
**SECONDED BY**

Chief Lloyd Chicot, Kààgee Tú First Nation  
Elder Mitch Landry, Deh Gáh Góttie First Nation

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

