

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

DCFN LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION 97MAY29-#20

Re. Accountability that Respects Traditional Deh Cho Values

WHEREAS the Deh Cho First Nations receives funding under a contribution agreement with the Crown, which is administered by the DIAND Minister,

AND WHEREAS the DCFN Leadership is committed to full and open disclosure to account to Deh Cho First Nations members for spending funds received to carry out members' direction,

AND WHEREAS the DCFN Leadership has not participated in, agreed to, approved, or consent to the accountability framework that DIAND has imposed,

AND WHEREAS DIAND is seeking to impose on the DCFN Leadership an accountability framework that reflects structures, procedures, and policies more familiar and suited to non-Dene administrators than to our peoples' cultures, through a process that does not respect due process,

AND WHEREAS the DCFN Leadership wish to develop an accountability framework to both our members and the Crown that reflects and respects traditional Deh Cho values —

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern ourselves, the DCFN Leadership directs the new DIAND Minister to

- (1) stop imposing on the Leaders of aboriginal governments accountability measures that are more familiar to non-aboriginal administrators than to our peoples' cultures,
- (2) approve the development by Deh Cho First Nations of accountability to our members and to the Crown that respects traditional Deh Cho values,
- (3) authorise funding for this process, and
- (4) recognise the authority of the accountability framework developed through this process.

AND THEREFORE, the DCFN Leadership requests the Auditor General to monitor the DIAND Minister's compliance with this Resolution, which is consistent with reports by the Auditor General's Office.

MOVED BY
SECONDED BY

Chief Dennis Deneron, Sambaa Ke First Nation
Elder Charlie Hope, Fort Liard Métis Nation



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

