# A Model for Dehcho Community Government

#### **Voting Principle**

- Participation of all Dehcho Citizens and all Dehcho residents who are eligible voters.
- A guarantee that half of the Councillors of the Community Government will always be Dehcho Citizens.

## **Voting Criteria**

- All Dehcho Citizens who have reached the age of 18 by the day of election have the right to vote for the Grand Chief and the Dehcho Citizen Reps for their home community.
- All Dehcho Citizens who are resident in a Dehcho Community and are 18 years of age by the day of the election have the right to vote for the Dehcho Public Representative for their home community.
- All non citizens who have been resident in the Dehcho Settlement Area for five years and have reached the age of 18 by election day, have the right to vote for the Grand Chief, the Dehcho Citizen Rep and the Public Rep for their home community.
- Any Community may have an Elders Advisory Council and define its role in community governance.
- Where a Community empowers the Elders Council to appoint one Elder to the Community Council, the Elders shall meet the day before the election to make that appointment.
- The Elder appointed may be a Dehcho Citizen or a non Dehcho citizen resident who is an eligible voter and a member of the Elders Council.
- At least one Community Assembly will be held annually in which all residents of the Community have the opportunity to participate.
- Either the Community Assembly or the Community Council may decide to have a referendum on a particular issue in which all resident voters may vote.



#### **Dehcho Government Council**

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#### 12 members + Grand Chief



# Dehcho Government Assembly Model 2

#### **Voting Principle**

- Full participation of all Dehcho Citizens and all Dehcho residents who are eligible voters
- A guarantee representation for Dehcho Residents to maintain a balanced representation between Dehcho Citizens and all Dehcho Residents.
- 2 Representatives elected from each community.

### **Voting Criteria**

- All Dehcho Citizens who have reached the age of 18 prior to the day of election have the right to vote for the Grand Chief and for the Dehcho Citizen Reps from their home community
- All Dehcho Citizens who are resident in the Dehcho Settlement Area and are 18 years of age the day prior to the election have the right to vote for the Dehcho Public Representative from their home community.
- All non citizens who have been resident in the Dehcho Settlement Area for five years and have reached age of 18 have the right to vote for the Grand Chief and the Dehcho Citizen Rep and the Public Rep from their home community.



## **Dehcho Community Government Council Voting**

### **Voting Principle**

- Participation of all resident Dehcho and all Dehcho residents who are eligible voters.
- A guarantee that half of the Councilors of the Community Government will always be Dehcho Citizens.

### **Voting Criteria**

- All Dehcho Citizens and non-citizens who have reached the age of 18 by the day of the election, and are residents have the right to vote for the chief, the Dehcho Citizen Representatives and the Public Representatives for their home community.
- Any residency requirement in the community to be eligible to vote is yet to be determined.

#### **Candidate Eligibility**

- Any eligible voter resident in a Community may run in an election to be a Public Representative of the Community.
- Any Dehcho Citizen eligible to vote and is resident in a Community may run in an election to be a Dehcho Citizen Representative or Public Representative or Chief of that Community.

#### Representatives

- Each person elected to the Dehcho Government Council who is a Dehcho Citizens shall be able to participate in all debates and decisions in any matter that comes before the Council.
- Any person elected to the Dehcho Government Council who is not a Dehcho Citizen, is not a member of the Aboriginal Assembly and cannot participate in any debate, committee, or vote that deals with a Section 35 matter.
- The Grand Chief has the right to participate in all debates and decisions on any matter that comes before the Dehcho Government Council or the Aboriginal Assembly.