

To be added to the Interpretation Chapter

1. Unless the context requires otherwise, in the Dehcho Agreement:

- a) “will” denotes an obligation that, unless the Dehcho Agreement provides to the contrary, must be carried out as soon as practicable after the Effective Date or the event that gives rise to the obligation;
- b) “including” means “including, but not limited to”; and
- c) the use of the singular includes the plural, and the use of the plural includes the singular.

2. In the Dehcho Agreement:

- a) headings and subheadings are for convenience only, do not form a part of the Dehcho Agreement and in no way define, limit, alter or enlarge the scope or meaning of any provision of the Dehcho Agreement;
- b) except where the full citation is used, a reference to a statute or a regulation includes every amendment to it, any laws enacted in substitution of it or in replacement of it and every regulation made under that statute; and
- c) where a word is defined in the Dehcho Agreement or described in (1 above), other parts of speech and grammatical forms of the same word have corresponding meanings.

3. The Dehcho Agreement is not intended to bind other territories, other than the Northwest Territories, or provinces on matters within their jurisdiction without their consent.
4. For greater certainty, the Parties acknowledge that the *Official Languages Act* (Canada) applies to the Dehcho Agreement, including the execution of the Dehcho Agreement.
5. Where the Dehcho Agreement refers to a federal or territorial law, or a provision thereof, that is repealed after the Effective Date for which there is no successor legislation, the Dehcho Agreement shall be read without reference to that federal or territorial law or provision thereof.
6. The Dehcho Agreement shall be construed according to the *Interpretation Act* (Canada), with any modifications that the circumstances require.
7. References to the *Constitution Act 1867* and the *Constitution Act 1982* include amendments.
8. “May” is to be construed as permissive, but the use of the words “may not” denotes a negative connotation.

9. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, an agreement, plan, guideline or other document made by a Party or Parties that is referred to in or contemplated by the Dehcho Agreement, including an agreement that is reached as a result of negotiations that are required or permitted by the Dehcho Agreement,
 - a) is not part of the Dehcho Agreement,
 - b) is not a treaty or land claim agreement within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*; or
 - c) does not recognize or affirm aboriginal or treaty rights, within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
10. Schedules and Appendices to the Dehcho Agreement form part of the Dehcho Agreement, and all of the Dehcho Agreement will be read together and interpreted as one agreement.
11. Defined words will be capitalized in the text of the Dehcho Agreement.