



November 29-December 1, 2016

Dehcho First Nations

Special Leadership Meeting



PASSED BY MOTION #3 - WINTER LEADERSHIP - 21FEB17



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Present:

Chief Peter Marcellais	Elder Jayne Konisenta
Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge	Elder Sam Gargan
Chief Gladys Norwegian	Elder Stanley Sanguetz
Chief David Moses	Elder Tim Lennie / Gabe Hardisty
Chief Lloyd Chicot	Elder Fred Simba
Chief Gerry Antoine	Elder Rita Cli Elder Ernest Cazon
President Danny Peterson	Elder Marie Lafferty
James Christie	Elder John McLeod
Grand Chief Herb Norwegian	

Absent:

Chief Becky Cayen/Elder Chief Dolphus Jumbo/Elder
LKFN Elder Jonas Antoine

Staff:

Alison de Pelham Leona Tanche
Greg Nyuli

Opening Prayer Song

Greg provided overview of the agenda:

- Land Quantum: Confirmation of bottom line
- Community Lands: Community, municipal and traditional lands
- Land Identification Process
- Land Use Planning Schedule
- Terminology Workshop
- Negotiation Finances

MOTION #1 SPECIAL LEADERSHIP 29NOV16

Moved that the DFN leadership accept the agenda as presented.

Moved by Chief Peter Marcellais

Seconded by James Christie, Proxy

CARRIED

Joachim Bonnetrouge asked if the Ministerial Special Representative (MSR) is on the agenda. Herb replied she is almost done, needs to do one more session with Wrigley. January 10 for leadership meeting proposed with Anne Marie Doyle. Anne Marie mandate has been extended. Translation for the AiP should have been done. Greg added if we wanted to do that; should have been said in our meeting with her.

Rita added to discussion, attended MSR meeting here, LKFN are the biggest First Nation and not many attended. The ones that did, tried to participate and update her. She still needs to meet with one community. DFN needs to be vocal on how GNWT is doing things. Would like to know what happened in previous negotiation session.

Chief Lloyd Chicot talked about the Interim Measures Agreement (IMA) and Agreement in Principle (AiP), in regards to assimilation, Indian Act, etc. There are bigger things beyond that, assimilated to the community. We can't be negotiating on those things, we are starting from the ground up. Listening to leaders, community members and elders, where are we are supposed to be. We can't lose any of our area now. We can't cut it up or we will lose what we have been doing for the last number of years.

Land quantum will be different in each community. The larger communities are going to have difficulty moving those issues forward and the smaller communities will be moving forward. Where does each community fit into the process?

Heard a couple of things, update on negotiation session and hear from communities about the Ministerial Special Representative (MSR) visits for the communities.

Chief Antoine indicated he attended Treaty 1-11 meeting. The Chair indicated we will add the update from Grand Chief on the Negotiation Session then go around on the Ministerial Special Representatives (MSR) visits.

Grand Chief provided update on last Negotiation Session, held November 15 in Fort Simpson. Decision made for the Grand Chief to act as Chief Negotiator, three community reps to sit at the table with us. First thing we wanted to do is have the Ministerial Special Representative (MSR) hear the discussion at the table. A lot of issues in the chapters, something like fifty chapters. Some are done and some need more direction and decisions. Talked on the Parks Chapter.

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Leadership moved to approve summaries of: January 10-11, 2017; November 29-December 1, 2016; November 22, 2016 and October 25-27, 2016. Moved by Karen Felker. Seconded by Marie Lafferty.

CARRIED with 2 Abstentions: Chiefs Gerry Antoine/Joachim Bonnetrouge

A few years ago, Nahanni was expanded seven times its original size. Now have a Consensus Team in place for that.

Discussion on quantum, pressure was put on the federal negotiators. This has to be bilateral. Took a strong position on the decisions made over the years, assembly said DFN should be looking at 80,000 sq. km. This is not news to the governments. They knew this from the start. Put this on hold for the time being, Ministerial Special Representative (MSR) is putting together a report. Her mandate was to end in March but has been extended. She also sits on the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) and they also provide an update to the main table. There are four outstanding issues. Forestry to be removed in the Interim Measures Agreement but will impact this. Edehzhie was an issue.

Chief Norwegian was not at the last leadership meeting, didn't participate in the last tele-conference, people that sat in on behalf of myself, informed me of the different topics they spoke on. At the fall leadership meeting, not happy with the Chief Negotiator and DFN let him go. We decided that the Grand Chief will be the interim Chief Negotiator. This meeting was supposed to talk about how to move forward after we let the Chief Negotiator go. Negotiation session took place November 15, didn't follow on what Herb reported on. From where Garth left off, how did we prepare for the Grand Chief for this meeting? How did we come to another step? Another agreement? To get there, how did we come to the best possible outcome because we have not met since the fall? Teleconference came after the November 15. Sent an email saying this was quite confusing but no response.

Chief Norwegian asked if there was direction given to go to ahead with the Negotiation Session. The Chair replied that it was set up to three months ahead of time. Chief Norwegian asked what efforts were made. Where did we end up? How close did we get? Grand Chief replied good questions. Momentum didn't stop, good energy. Every time DFN meet with the governments, we move in small steps, we are making headway. 60% of the negotiations are details.

Recognize Chief Becky Cayen and James Cayen. Chief Dolphus Jumbo and his elder not in yet.

Break

Tim Lennie brought up Negotiation Session, was asked to represent PKFN at that table. Not sure if leaders are clear what happened at the Fall Leadership. There was a request by the leadership to give each community organization \$100,000 and what I understood that the Chiefs would return to their organizations, establish a communications working group in the community to help people understand the AiP. Chief asked me to assist him on providing information to the community. We do not spend money until we have the money. Need Terms of reference developed. That is where the \$100,000 came in. Dehcho, directly told Canada and GNWT put \$100,000 to help them with the understanding of AiP.

Why are we doing their portion? Not sure if our budget is clear, what is it used for?

Government is not changing their policy. In regards to quantum, because of movement in leadership to look at different options on bilateral agreement in regards to stewardship. Canada dismissed that. On the Land Use Planning, if you look at quantum, if you have surface and subsurface rights to use some of that quantum for protection. Question to both governments, since they are working on the Land Use Planning together on conservation, tried to get the idea, define what conservation is, for me, it is to protect, preserve. It is not that, government have their own definition. Use surface rights for your own protected area. Why did we go through this process on protection and conservation? This was dealt with. Protected Areas Strategy will be re-established.

Have concerns in regards to the Interim Measures Agreement (IMA), governance and finance. Most of these agreements, Agreement in Principle (AiP), and Land Use Planning have footnotes on where Canada and GNWT have issues. Those have to be looked at.

James Christie added Fred Talen indicated it is their desire to do land and for the Dehcho for the geographical area, example was he couldn't see the Dehcho claiming the mountain tops.

Ernest Cazon added watch what you say and how you say it. Words like "and" or "or" could be used differently and argue about it. Get young people involved, we see Chiefs and Elders around the table but not the youth and we say we are doing this for the young people but they are not at the table.

Lunch Break

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Absent:

Chief Becky Cayen/Elder LKFN Elder Jonas Antoine	Chief Dolphus Jumbo/Elder
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Staff:

Alison de Pelham	Leona Tanche
Greg Nyuli	

The Chair provided update from morning session.

MSR Update

Chief Gladys Norwegian provided update on the Ministerial Special Representative (MSR) visit. Worked on a presentation and didn't happen. Wanted to meet with the community before her arrival but didn't work out.

Chief Peter Marcellais added with regards to the Ministerial Special Representative (MSR), map tenure, whatever happens on that land, goes to the Dehcho region.

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge indicated Anne Marie didn't want any notes on the meeting, met with her about one hour.

Sam Gargan added DFN have a lot of power from the local communities. Squatters in our land, challenge the squatters. Certain chapters still not on the table. No commitment or voice on oil and gas development and that is missing from the table. There are a lot of mistakes made but we aren't doing anything to correct it.

Chris Reid added to the discussion. Paper in your package, Dehcho Ndehe paper. Paper hasn't changed since 2006. There is a small plain English guide, the AiP is a big document but the big things are missing, lands and resources.

They said they can't talk about it because of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA) and then Devolution then bilateral discussion. It was take it or leave it, if you remember that, you won that.

DFN Negotiators told the table they are starting to negotiate these items now. All others are included in the Agreement in Principle (AiP) already. The last session in Ft. Providence was the first one we had in two years. The one we had a few weeks ago, finally moving forward, confirmed this with other team members, its finally moving.

Everyone else negotiating with Canada in regards to their claims, they are trying to get this with DFN and we are telling them, other land claimant groups negotiated directly with Canada.

Break

Grand Chief indicated DFN set up a working group on Land Quantum.

Discussion

Chief Lloyd Chicot started off with the Ministerial Special Representative (MSR), it would be good to know what we are talking about. If there are other things extended for a few months, need to revisit that. Our community is doing a lot of work, had this for a number of years, started with the Land use Planning, mapping from Dene Nation, back in 1975. Want more data for that. A lot of the women were in the community, a lot of the men were out on the land or in other communities. If you move to a different community, you go with the community you moved into. It is their land.

Trying to put detail to some mysteries to things done back then. Trying to make the land quantum stronger, Beaver Lake, Tathlina, Kakisa, not just one place. People move around. There are bits and pieces around certain parts of lands and they don't want to talk about it. They want us to carve big pieces of the lands all over the place.

Stanley Sanguetz added GNWT want DFN to agree on the Expropriation Clause, to take gravel and not compensate us for that.

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge added land withdrawals need to be looked at, those are land protection mechanisms in place for us. We are reminded, over land and resources, if we stick together, we will have veto over how the government proceeds.

Another statement DFN could make to the world and Canada is the Comprehensive Land Claim Policy is not going to work for us. We need to go beyond that. The other question DFN needs to answer is, how much are we prepared to live with? Don't be shy to start listing what we need land for. Harvesters need something included in the agreement.

They are the ones that will be out there looking after the land and our government needs to encourage them to continue on the land.

With the amount of resource royalties, we should have had about thirty bed and breakfasts in place but it didn't happen. Money was spent in other areas. Everyone will be working and these are the basic things DFN need to check. We have to learn from each other. There are different areas DFN could start working on. Still need to do some lobbying in Ottawa. Set up a good group of leaders that could attend the AFN Assembly, there will be a draft resolution presented at the AFN. DFN set a target date for ourselves.

Elder Gabe Hardisty stated the Dene never signed Treaty with the territorial government. If there isn't enough land, people are going to fight over the land, this will happen in the long run.

Chief Gladys Norwegian indicated she did a power point presentation from their community. As soon as DFN agreed to the 21 Common Ground Principles, DFN agreed to negotiate. Lead to believe they are our Elders words, they are principles that were agreed upon by our people; that stage is called Exploration.

We added a couple of stages which is the Framework Agreement and Interim Measures Agreement. DFN got derailed in those two areas. It is telling people what negotiations is about, who is involved and what does Treaty mean? There are two different types of Treaty, one version is the written Treaty and the other one is the oral Treaty. This has been talked about forever. Been a chief for a year and a half, different things happening but doesn't feel like we are moving forward.

Thought this special leadership was to be on negotiations and looks like it is not going that way. The elders are saying about the land and to protect it and that is not the discussion. It shouldn't even be a discussion yet we are still there and we don't know what is going on.

Chris Reid added there were no negotiations for the past year. DFN has a strategy and good sense. Everyone needs to be involved. That is why we came to you with this suggestion where the Grand Chief and a small working group will work with you in your communities. What is the Dehcho territory going to look like? You asked on the Treaty, if you ask the Government of Canada on the Treaty, they look at their version which is the written Treaty. They do not recognize the Dene version on that.

The big issue is the role of the GNWT at the negotiating table. If you say you are not negotiating with the GNWT, will feds leave? They will walk out of the room. If you don't get scared, you take them to court. They cannot walk away. Politically, morally, you are on solid ground. If you are not going to push the arguments, they will keep GNWT at the table.

The question on what is a Treaty? DFN is negotiating that, the existing Treaty will never be agreed upon. You negotiate a new agreement but doesn't replace the one we have.

What areas are you going to retain for yourself? You need to know you protected a lot of land through PAS, Land Use Plan and land withdrawals. High economical potential areas are where DFN want to choose. That is the option you have, you did your land protection first and everyone else did it after.

Closing Prayer – Greg Nyuli

November 30, 2016
Day Two - Morning Session

Present:

Chief Peter Marcellais	Elder Jayne Konisenta	
Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge	Elder Sam Gargan	
Chief Gladys Norwegian	Elder Stanley Sanguéz	
Chief David Moses	Elder Tim Lennie / Gabe Hardisty	
Chief Lloyd Chicot	Elder Fred Simba	
Chief Gerry Antoine	Elder Rita Cli	Elder Ernest Cazon
Chief Becky Cayen	Elder James Cayen	
Chief Dolphus Jumbo	Elder Arthur Jumbo	
President Danny Peterson	Elder Marie Lafferty	
James Christie	Elder John McLeod	
Grand Chief Herb Norwegian		

Staff:

Alison de Pelham	Greg Nyuli
Leona Tanche	Violet Jumbo

Opening Prayer – Elder Sam Gargan

Chair provided update of yesterday's session.

Chief Peter Marcellais had issues with map that he had. Grand Chief wanted to meet but it was not confirmed. Would like a resolution drafted on their access road.

Mark Pocklington added they met with MSR last week. Clarissa Richardson was involved years ago, with the land tenure map. Issues still need addressing in regards to traditional land use and overlaps. Which are community lands and traditional lands so when development comes along, road is built, need to know who to deal. These things need to be identified.

Once the Mine is opened up, there will be a lot of employment. Nahanni Butte's population is not that big so we will hire outsiders. It is becoming complicated, we are dealing with DFN, GNWT, feds, Canadian Zinc Mine.

Chief Gladys Norwegian added agenda is very open ended. Everyone is fragmented and going on their own. There is a lot of issues around the table that DFN are not unified. I don't know if I want this done at this meeting, it is supposed to be for negotiations.

Chief Norwegian did not think it appropriate to discuss community issues as meeting was to deal with negotiations.

Chief Dolphus Jumbo talked about sharing lands. He asked how much land we are dividing among each other. Do we have enough land to divide up in three ways? Wouldn't it be better to have shared lands, stewardship, surface rights for treaty rights of using the land? He felt stuck between policies and regulations.

Land selection is the only way to go now. Shared stewardship, we could go along that line.

Elder James Cayen asked if there was a workshop done before. Maybe DFN should have a workshop so people like me know what the land quantum looks like.

The Chair replied DFN did four scenarios with Petr Cizek based on two different criteria.

Chief Gerry Antoine added in regards to the MSR, views were expressed. Providing background on Dehcho Process. Would like to do a report from the Treaty Conference. Reference made to a court case on aboriginal rights existing.

Break

Chief Lloyd Chicot added to look at the area protected and all areas. It is hard to put a number on it at the regional level. Don't know what the percentage that was started off with during Dene Nation days. We are not looking at it as a dollar figure but more as survival of our culture and identity. There are certain percentage of protected lands, some protected at the community level and aren't part of the Land Use Plan. It is hard.

The Chair provided background on the maps with and without protected areas, land withdrawals and Nahanni National Park Reserve and percentage amount of lands included.

Chief Chicot added we usually have someone do this work. We looked at municipal boundaries then we went to the junction and the scenario we looked at was selecting community lands. We are not originally from Kakisa, we are originally from Tathlina. Outside of that would be another area for shared stewardship and outside of that is another area to share with the GNWT and Canada. MSR was appointed by Canada and GNWT. They pulled everything apart. Kakisa had things laid out in our minds and that was pulled apart.

Majority of communities are in a relationship with the GNWT and things were given to us. We already did things that were negotiated at the table. Are we negotiating something that is already in place? GNWT say they give us so much funding, why ask for more?

Elder Gabe Hardisty provided background on treaty issues in the 70s and 80s.

Chief David Moses stated GNWT is imposing land taxes on our people. As well, they are saying Dene don't own any land, GNWT lands administration said this. Our lands are mapped out as IBA lands, Pehdzeh Ki is not municipal land and we are taxed. Not afraid to take the government to court, finding enough evidence on them. They took over our lands, we still have rights to those lands. Under Treaty issues, we could take them to court. We say, "Pehdzeh Ki Ndeh", our land. GNWT doesn't own land, they are immigrants to me. DFN is not going to have anything to do with taking them to court, it will be us.

Tim Lennie added every community is responsible for your information put in the Land Use Plan. Don't get anything out of gravel, etc. We have been doing work for the government for nothing. We didn't get a cut.

Lunch break

Discussion taking place on maps with areas for selection. Maps up to 65,000 sq. km, surface and sub-surface. Leadership said we need at least 50,000 sq. km.

Proxy Stanley Sanguetz added the Land Use Plan is the biggest thing we have.

Chris replied Grand Chief gave good background on why we want a DCRMA. They are trying to restore land claimant groups back on, with Gwich'in and Sahtu. Dehcho is not okay with this. MVRMA to be included in whole Dehcho region. Dehcho position has never changed.

Chris added the MVRMA could be a deal breaker, fundamental to the Dehcho.

Stanley added using the law against us. Anne Marie will get the two governments a new mandate if needed.

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge added there is a lot to consider, very serious issues. Any government you go to, you have to negotiate. We put the Land Use Plan at the forefront, governments haven't approved it. DCRMA would slide under that. Preparation for the next session has to be critical. Key elements and points that have to be brought to the table.

Elder Rita Cli added she spoke on the resolution from 2014. Elders told us not to take a loan. Now we are being short changed by the government. GNWT offer us – land quantum offer. It is our land. How dare they offer!

Land Use Plan be the forefront that is what the Elders said, it is driven by Dehcho people. The Land Use Plan is the guiding force.

Let Peter Marcellais know his parents helped out with the Land Use Plan, also the original Land Use Plan was the driving force.

Chief Lloyd Chicot spoke on land. We are not owners of the land, we are entering stewardship, shared lands. People are getting mixed up. Why give out lands when we keep them? Could come up with a map, put resources and non-renewable resources and give this to the Negotiating Team. It will be from my community. Some people don't know what we are talking about, it is engaging with the GNWT.

Chief Gladys Norwegian asked about Tlich Agreement – we would agree to certain land, surface and sub-surface to back up the IMA? Chris replied MVRMA shouldn't apply to any Dehcho lands. Chris asked Chief Gladys Norwegian where JMR lands will be. Gladys replied it was done in the Land Use Plan. Chris replied no, those are lands you wanted to protect. What lands must the Dehcho own? That is different than the Land Use Plan. This is next logical step. We are talking ownership of land. Gladys replied Lloyd is saying we are managing it. Chris added you could have shared stewardship. You will own and manage land, community lands and 50,000 sq. km is Dehcho Ndehe, you could own together.

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge agreed to spend more time together to see if that value is still intact.

Chief Gerry Antoine read out resolution 1, 2014 Annual Assembly. Chris replied it was used for a larger land quantum.

Grand Chief Herb Norwegian added the federal government saw our movement as a big item.

Chief David Moses added we would like to keep the same team members together.

Closing Prayer – Chief Dolphus Jumbo

December 1, 2016

Present:

Chief Lloyd Chicot	Elder Fred Simba	
Chief David Moses	Elder Tim Lennie	
Chief Gladys Norwegian	Elder Stanley Sanguéz	
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Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge	Elder Sam Gargan	
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Grand Chief Herb Norwegian		

Staff:

Alison de Pelham Greg Nyuli
Leona Tanche

Opening Prayer – Elizabeth Hardisty

Chief Negotiator

Discussion around the Negotiating Team and present members. Executive Director indicated Patrick submitted his resignation so DFN haven't discussed advertising for this position yet. Chiefs in agreement to keep the team together as it is right now.

Gerry brought up resolutions striking up Negotiations Team, mandate and agreements put in place to date.

Chief Marcellais thought this meeting was to replace the Chief Negotiator. From Nahanni Butte's view, we should have at least two negotiators, one from north and one from south, differences on both sides. Elder Rita Cli supports the team that we have now. Add some youth on there. Leaders were put in here from your communities.

MOTION #2 2016 SPECIAL LEADERSHIP

Moved that the DFN Leadership hereby re-affirm and support the existing make-up of the DFN Negotiations Team.

Moved by Danny Peterson, President

Seconded by Chief David Moses

MOTION CARRIED with One Abstention (Chief Gladys Norwegian)

Resolution #1

Whereas, the Dehcho Process is now engaged in the critical phase of negotiations on ownership and management of lands and resources; and

Whereas previous mapping projects have identified lands which need to be protected and conserved; and

Whereas it is critical that we now identify the lands which we may own and govern as Dehcho Ndehe, in addition to the lands which will be our Community Lands;

Therefore be it resolved that the DFN negotiating team will conduct a series of community meetings for the purposes of mapping Dehcho Ndehe and Community Lands

Be it further resolved that all attempts will be made to combine the Dehcho draft Land Use Plan consultation at the same time.

Moved by Marie Lafferty, Elder. Seconded by Chief Lloyd Chicot.

Carried with 5 Abstentions.

Executive Director spoke on the Negotiations Funding to date. Need clarity around the January meeting, Anne Marie is to pay for this one.

Recommend to the leaders, consider allocating from the surplus of \$200,000 to the Dehcho Process to cover expenses to the end of March. If that does not happen, we will lay people off.

MOTION #2 2016 SPECIAL LEADERSHIP

Moved that the DFN Leadership agree to allocate \$200,000 from the DFN surplus to Dehcho Process to cover expenses to the end of March 2017.

Moved by Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge

Seconded by Chief Dolphus Jumbo

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Director updated on proposals received from each community. Some communities have already received their money. LKFN has issues to this as their membership is the largest in the area. We have to take back the money from certain communities if we make a change at this meeting.

Chief Antoine added it should have been \$50,000 downloaded then the rest would be based on population. When we make a decision, we have to do a follow up with this decision. Second point my council made is the money that came from the royalties, from businesses not reporting on their final.

Chief Gladys Norwegian asked for a vote. Some communities already got their allocation. We can't take it back. Those are the kinds of things you need to have when you come to the table. It happened. I don't know if I want to undo it.

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge added in the West Point meeting, it wasn't thought thoroughly. DGGFN has been in the deficit for the past seven years. It was under those conditions I said to go ahead. When LKFN said they had concerns, I too had concerns. There was a solution we could consider \$50,000 plus the population. If not leave the \$100,000 as is.

Executive Director replied Chief Joachim indicated to leave the resolution as is, we could take \$500,000 from royalties to top off DGG and LKFN which would be a half million.

Chief David Moses had issues with this funding with the smaller communities. Smaller communities seems like they don't have a say.

Executive Director replied smaller communities have challenges and the bigger community doesn't. Top up LKFN \$260,000 because of their size of the membership. \$1,460,000 of deferred Royalties. It is not forcing the First Nation could use it. As long as DFN get year-end reporting, it could carry to the new fiscal year.

Chief Norwegian suggested the \$100,000 stay the same, three communities get topped up to include Pehdzeh Ki First Nation.

<p>MOTION #3 2016 SPECIAL LEADERSHIP Moved that the DFN Leadership agree to top up the communities as follows: \$182,160 to Liidlil Kue First Nation \$151, 800 to Ft. Providence \$50,600 to Pehdzeh Ki First Nation \$10,120 to Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation \$10, 120 to West Point First Nation \$20,240 to Nahanni Butte Dene Band \$15,180 to Sambaa K'e First Nation \$20,240 to Jean Marie River First Nation \$20,240 to Ft. Simpson Metis Local \$25,300 to Ft. Providence Metis Council Moved by Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge Seconded by President Danny Peterson MOTION CARRIED</p>

Discussion:

Elder Rita Cli indicated when we talk about funding causes us problems. Executive recommend to the leadership and that is how it should be done. When we allocate money, we should put the large amount in place. In the future, it wouldn't take up our time and cause friction. The reason we are tapping into our surplus, government has been short changing us and it is now official they will be giving out extra money to First Nations. There is extra money coming from the feds also.

Chief Gerry Antoine added he would like to reiterate the decision made on the allocation, two things noted. Recommend that the extra money be allocated to all the communities based on the percentages. When we do something, we have to look back at the decisions made on those things.

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge wanted to move the motion on the bigger allocation. Executive Director added everyone will get a top up. \$506,000 extra to address the bigger community needs.

Chief Chicot replied when you talk about money, government is looking for something to bring to the table. It is a good discussion you are having.

Elder Jayne Konisenta indicated they met with Grand Chief and was asked to present this resolution for acceptance.

RE: Prairie Creek All Season Road

Whereas Canadian Zinc Corporation has applied for a permit to build a 184 km all season access road from the Liard Highway to Prairie Creek Mine; and

Whereas the permit application is currently before the MVEIRB; and

Whereas the all season road would cross lands which are currently withdrawn from disposition under the 2003 Interim Land Withdrawals agreement between Canada and DFN; and

Whereas Nahanni Butte Dene Band supports the permit application;

Therefore be it resolved that the DFN will consider not opposing the permit application and will facilitate any necessary amendment to the land withdrawals to accommodate the permit.

Closing Prayer – Elder Jayne Konisenta