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Dehcho First Nations

Leadership Conference Call



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Present:

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge
Chief Becky Cayen
Chief Dolphus Jumbo
Chief Gladys Norwegian
Chief David Moses
Sub-Chief Kele Antoine
President Daniel Peterson
Proxy James Christie
Grand Chief Herb Norwegian

Elder Daniel Squirrel
Elder James Cayen
Elder Arthur Jumbo
Elder Yvonne Norwegian
Elder Gabe Hardisty
Elder Rita Cli
Elder Marie Lafferty
Elder John McLeod

Absent:

Chief Peter Marcellais & Elder
Chief Lloyd Chicot & Elder

Staff:

Alison de Pelham, Executive Director

On line: Chris Reid, Legal Counsel

Opening Prayer – Grand Chief Herb Norwegian

Agenda: Update on Meeting to Ottawa, RE: MSR Report Released.

Grand Chief indicated they met for half an hour then a bell rang, right in the middle of our meeting, the Minister and Michael McLeod had to go vote. We stayed in the meeting with Premier McLeod and that was it. Notes have been sent out from this meeting.

Also received a letter from Minister and Premier indicating they will send that to us. They read their position out to us and reminded them we were there to listen to what they had to say and we have to report back to leaders.

Executive Director will give highlight of meeting. They were renewing their mandates, old approaches haven't worked. Both Minister and Premier emphasized they want these deals in the north wrapped by the end of their term, making it clear that Minister Bennett has two more years in her term and Bob McLeod has two years and eight months. They will resolve the issue of GNWT being involved at the table. It is a tripartite negotiation.

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They kept mentioning more than one offer. They made that very clear they would work together to put these offers together and we would be able to take these forward to our assembly in June. Minister mentioned a management regime with the NWT also including a Dehcho component. Executive Director asked if it was the Dehcho Resource Management Authority. Mr. Bohnet said a Dehcho Land and Water Board similar to Tlicho.

Elder Cli raised the importance of Treaty 11, Land Use Plan. They indicated it would be part of the offers made to the Dehcho. Those are the most significant comments.

Grand Chief Herb Norwegian replied this was a briefing. Leadership have to sit down and provide comments on this letter. We will have Chris provide comments.

Recorder cut off.

Certified by:

Herb Norwegian, Grand Chief

Date

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