



# DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

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**Dehcho Annual Assembly  
July 24-27, 2018  
Wrigley, NT**

**Resolution # 05**

## RE: GNWT Land Lease Fees

Moved by:

**Gabe Hardisty, Elder  
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation**

Seconded by:

**Chief Xavier Canadien  
Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation**

**CARRIED with One (1) Abstention  
Marie Lafferty, Elder**

**Certified copy of Resolution made  
in Wrigley, NT on July 27, 2018**

**Gladys Norwegian  
Grand Chief**

**WHEREAS**, the Dene and Metis people have lived on our lands since time immemorial, since we were placed here by the Creator; and

**WHEREAS** we agreed in 1921 to Treaty 11, to share our land with settlers, but we have never sold or surrendered any of our lands; and

**WHEREAS** the GNWT claims that it has the authority to charge lease fees to Dene and Metis people for land which has always been ours; and

**WHEREAS** the GNWT now wants to impose huge and totally unjustified increases in their lease fees; and

**WHEREAS** the GNWT's policy and actions have become a major irritant and stumbling block in the Dehcho Process at a time when we are attempting to resolve complex issues around ownership and use of our lands,

**WHEREAS**, Dehcho First Nations haven't signed on to the Devolution Agreement

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The DFN rejects the GNWT's lease fees and calls on the GNWT to immediately rescind the fee increases; and

2. The DFN will fully support any member who is threatened with legal action or eviction over unpaid lease fees or land taxes that are not agreed to in a Final Agreement and will call upon the GNWT to immediately declare that no one will be evicted from their home or traditional land use areas; and

3. If the GNWT does not rescind the fee increases, the DFN will assist communities to organize a collective fee strike.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Dehcho First Nations seek Legal opinions on options.