



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

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Dehcho Annual Assembly
June 27-29, 2022
Fort Simpson, NT

Resolution # 01

RE: Approval of Audited Financial Statements
YE April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

Moved by:

Darlene Sibbeston, President
Fort Simpson Metis Local

Seconded by:

Ernest McPherson, delegate
Liidlil Kue First Nation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Stanley Sanguéz,
Interim Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Auditor has presented and reviewed the financial statements with the Annual General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor has provided the Annual General Assembly with satisfactory explanations to all queries; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Auditing Standards requires approval of audited financial statements by the Annual General Assembly prior to the Auditor's completion of his audit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Annual General Assembly approved the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2022 of the Dehcho First Nations Association.



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Resolution # 02

Moved by:

Terry Sapp, Proxy
Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation

Seconded by:

William Alger, delegate
Liidlil Kue First Nation

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Stanley Sanguez,
Interim Grand Chief

RE: Nahanni Agreement

WHEREAS, the Nah?ą Dehé is part of the Dehcho Territory, and it is the homeland of the Nah?ą Dehé Dene. The lands, waters and resources of the Nah?ą Dehé have sustained generations of Dehcho Dene; and

In 1976, Canada established the Nahanni National Park Reserve. It was expanded with the support of the Dehcho First Nations in 2009 to protect the entire watershed as one of the world's greatest natural and cultural treasures;

WHEREAS, Safeguarding the ecological and cultural integrity of Nah?ą Dehé and sustaining the *nahe náhodhe* of the Dehcho Dene for present and future generations is a shared responsibility between Canada and the Dehcho First Nations;

Canada, the Dehcho First Nations, and the Nah?ą Dehé Dene Band have now negotiated a Nahanni Agreement to describe how they will each agree to work together as three parties to safeguard Nah?ą Dehé, and to cooperate in the planning, operation and management of the Nahanni National Park Reserve on the basis of a renewed nation-to-nation relationship; and

The Dehcho Annual Assembly has reviewed and considered the terms of the draft Nahanni Agreement and has concluded that it is the

Moved by:



Terry Sapp, Proxy
Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation


Seconded by:



William Alger, delegate
Liidlil Kue First Nation

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Interim Grand Chief

interest of the Dehcho First Nations to finalize the Agreement on those terms.

WHEREAS, the peace Treaties of 1899 and 1921 with the non-Dene recognize the inherent political rights and powers of the Dehcho First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

1. Approves the terms of the draft Nahanni Agreement;
2. Directs the Dehcho First Nations to do such things as are necessary to conclude a final Nahanni Agreement with Canada and the Nahʔą Dehé Dene Band;
3. Authorizes and directs the DFN Grand Chief to sign the final Nahanni Agreement on behalf of the Dehcho First Nations;
4. Authorizes the Dehcho First Nations to do such things as may be necessary to implement the Nahanni Agreement once it is made effective.



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Resolution # 03

Moved by:

Terry Sapp, proxy,
Deh Gah Gotie First Nation

Seconded by:

Nathan McPherson, delegate,
Łııdlıı Kúé First Nation

1 opposed
Carried

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Herb Norwegian,
Grand Chief

RE: Housing for the Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Dehcho First Nations Grand Chief has a need for living accommodations while serving their 4-year term,

WHEREAS, Dehcho First Nations Grand Chief may be a member of a community other than Łııdlıı Kúé. However, the Grand Chief must reside in Łııdlıı Kúé,

WHEREAS, The Dehcho First Nations will commit to providing a housing allowance to assist with subsidizing market rental costs, or provide a house for the Grand Chief to live (suitable to their family's needs).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Dehcho First Nations undertake the steps required to address the lack of housing for the Grand Chief.



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Resolution # 04

Moved by:

Kele Antoine, Chief,
Łııdlıı Kúę First Nation

Seconded by:

Nolene Hardisty, Chief,
Tthets'éhk'édélı First Nation

Carried unanimously

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Herb Norwegian,
Grand Chief

RE: Tar Sands and Dehcho Water Protection

WHEREAS, the Dene people have lived and survived in the Dehcho for millennia, as stewards of the land, water, and environment,

WHEREAS, Alberta oil sands tailings ponds and contaminant releases from neighboring developments threaten the Dehcho's ecological values and resources of the people living in the Dehcho,

WHEREAS, the Dene of the Dehcho want to stop oil sands contamination from entering Dehcho waters and traditional lands,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 2022 Annual Dehcho Assembly present a mitigation strategy to prevent, reduce, and monitor the contamination entering the Dehcho. The mitigation strategy will be presented at the 2023 Annual Dehcho Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Dehcho First Nations will take the necessary steps to prevent tar sand tailings from being distributed into Dehcho waters and traditional lands.



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Resolution # 05

Moved by:

Tyra Moses, delegate,
Łııdlıı Kúę First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jumbo, Chief,
Sambaa K'e First Nation

Carried unanimously

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Herb Norwegian,
Grand Chief

RE: Dehcho Process Communication

WHEREAS, Dehcho Process negotiations on lands and resources are currently suspended while we negotiate.

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to improve communication between the Dehcho negotiating team and Dehcho citizens and provide opportunities for Dehcho citizens and leaders to observe and participate in negotiations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1. The Dehcho negotiations team will work with the Grand Chief and Leadership to continue developing and implementing a strategy for improving dialogue and communication between the grassroots membership of DFN and the negotiations team; and
2. The negotiating team will use best efforts to arrange both in-person and virtual community information sessions for all Dehcho communities, to provide opportunities for dialogue and communication regarding the priorities of Dehcho communities and the progress of negotiations.



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Resolution # 06

Moved by:



William Alger, delegate,
Łııdlıı Kúé First Nation

Seconded by:



Jason Horesay, delegate,
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Carried unanimously

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Herb Norwegian,
Grand Chief

RE: Support for Dehcho Indigenous Protected Areas

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Dene entered into Treaty 11 with the British Crown in 1899 and 1921 and are keepers of the land, waters and wildlife given to them by the Creator and are responsible for upholding Dene Laws and the directions of the Elders to protect them; and

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Dene have been working for a millenia to protect their most important cultural, spiritual and ecologically rich lands to preserve the Dehcho Dene culture, language and way of life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Sambaa K'e First Nation, Tthets'éhk'édélı First Nation, Ka'a'gee Tú First Nation, and K'átł'odeeche First Nation advanced their respective lands for protection through the Protected Areas Strategy (Sambaa K'e, Ka'a'gee Tú, Łue Túé Sıłáı and Ejié Túé Ndáde Candidate Protected Areas (CPAs), respectively to step 5 (Candidate Protected Areas) before the program was cancelled in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the four CPAs have been integrated into the Dehcho Land Use Plan zoning without change since the June 2006 version approved by the Dehcho First Nations Assembly and most lands in these CPAs are currently protected under the Dehcho First Nations Interim Land Withdrawal; and

Moved by:



**William Alger, delegate,
Łııdlıı Kúé First Nation**

Seconded by:



**Jason Horesay, delegate,
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation**

Carried unanimously

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Carried unanimously



**Herb Norwegian,
Grand Chief**

WHEREAS, the Dehcho First Nations, Sambaa K'e First Nation, Tthets'éhk'édélı First Nation, Ka'a'gee Tú First Nation, and K'átł'odeeche First Nation have recently received funds from Environment and Climate Change Canada to carry out the necessary activities to fully protect these Candidate Protected Areas over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Dene believe their lands and protected areas must be indigenous-led and managed in accordance with their Dene Laws, values, principles and priorities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 2022 Annual Dehcho Assembly:

1. Supports designating the Sambaa K'e, Ka'a'gee Tu, Łue Túé Sıłáı, Ejí Túé Ndáde CPA, pending final boundary decisions for each area, and
2. Supports the Dehcho First Nations, Sambaa K'e First Nation, Tthets'éhk'édélı First Nation, Ka'a'gee Tú First Nation, and K'átł'odeeche First Nation collaborating with conservation partners to conclude the work necessary to achieve permanent protection of these areas in the next four years.