



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

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Spring Leadership Meeting
April 18-20, 2011
Hay River Reserve, NT

Resolution #01

RE: Dehcho Access & Benefits Agreement

Moved by:


Chief Jim Antoine
Lidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:


President Marie Lafferty
Ft. Simpson Métis Local

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Samuel Gargan
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Access & Benefits Team have been developing an Access & Benefits Agreement to receive benefits from the Mackenzie Gas Project; and

WHEREAS, the Access & Benefits Team have been developing a Dehcho Agreement since Spring of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the principle of a draft Access & Benefits Agreement have been communicated and shared with each Dehcho Community; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to further communicate the entirety of the Agreement as it nears completion; and

WHEREAS, the DFN requires a mandate to commence a process to ratify the Access & Benefits Agreement conditional upon a more reasonable total value commitment from Imperial Oil;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DFN Leadership directs the Access & Benefits Team to:

1. Complete work cooperatively with the Dehcho Process Negotiations Team to ensure that there are consistencies between Agreements; and
2. Communicate the elements of the Agreement with communities that are required for ratification, including a tour by the MGP Negotiating Team that includes Imperial Oil to all Dehcho communities prior to the 2011 Annual Assembly.
3. Seek additional resources from Imperial Oil and INAC to further the work and support the ratification processes in the Dehcho communities; and
4. Results of work and community meetings to be reported to the 2011 Dehcho Annual Assembly.



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Resolution #02

Moved by:


Chief Dolphus Jumbo
Sambaa K'e Dene Band

Seconded by:


Chief Tim Lennie
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

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Grand Chief

**RE: Mackenzie Gas Project Access
Negotiations**

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Process is continuing towards an Agreement-in-Principle on ownership and jurisdiction over lands and resources; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #1 adopted at the 2001 Special Assembly in Wrigley states:

WHEREAS it is important that any major development, including a pipeline, respect and comply with First Nations' jurisdiction over our land and be consistent with the Dehcho Process,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Canada and the Oil and Gas Industry must recognize that Dehcho First Nations have jurisdiction over our lands and the terms and conditions for approval of any major development, including a pipeline crossing the Dehcho homeland, must be negotiated through the Dehcho Process; and
2. The DFN will consider supporting construction of a pipeline when the following conditions have been reasonably met:
 - (a) Resource Revenue Sharing. Agreement must be reached between Canada and the DFN on the provision of sharing of revenues from oil/gas reserves in the Dehcho

WHEREAS, negotiations are ongoing between Imperial Oil and representatives of the DFN on an agreement which would give Canada and Imperial Oil clear, unfettered use of Dehcho lands for the MGP; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to ensure that any agreement to give Canada and Imperial Oil unfettered use and jurisdiction over Dehcho lands and resources does not prejudice our position in the Dehcho Process negotiations on jurisdiction and ownership of our lands and resources,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Negotiations on an Access & Benefits Agreement will proceed towards completion of a draft Agreement on Access & Benefits;
2. The Dehcho Process Negotiating Team will review the draft Agreement on Access and advise the Leadership on how the proposed agreement could impact on Dehcho position in negotiations on lands and resources;
3. The Dehcho Process Negotiating Team will retain an independent consultant to review the economic and business merits of the proposed access agreement; and
4. Any agreement on Access and Benefits will be submitted to an Assembly for ratification only after the Leadership is satisfied that the conditions set out in the 2001 Wrigley resolution have been met and impacts on the Dehcho Process have been fully considered.



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Resolution #03

Moved by:


A/Chief Stanley Sanguéz
Jean Marie River First Nation

**RE: Nahanni Butte representatives on
NNPR Nah'a Dehe Consensus Team**

WHEREAS, Canada and the DFN signed an Interim Park Management Arrangement for Nahanni National Park Reserve in 2003; and


Seconded by:


Elder Pat Martel
Katlodeeche First Nation

WHEREAS, the Interim Park Management Arrangement provides for the Nah'a Dehe Consensus Team for the co-management of Nahanni National Park Reserve; and

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WHEREAS, the Consensus Team is comprised of three appointees of Parks Canada and four appointees of the Dehcho First Nations, of which two will be from Nahanni Butte Dene Band;

WHEREAS, the Agreement does not specify that Nahanni Butte Dene Band will appoint its own representatives to the Consensus Team and the Nahanni Butte Dene Band request that DFN Leadership recognize this right;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DFN Leadership affirm our support for Nahanni Butte Dene Band to appoint its own representatives to the Consensus Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Nahanni Butte Dene Band will continue to take a leading role in the management and protection of the Park Reserve through the Nah'a Dehe Consensus Team.



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Resolution #04

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Chief Stanley Sanguéz
Jean Marie River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dolphus Jumbo
Sambaa K'e Dene Band

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Grand Chief

RE: Dehcho Process

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Process is continuing towards an Agreement-in-Principle on land and self-government; and

WHEREAS, the DFN negotiators have drafted a proposed AiP chapter on community governance which has been reviewed by the Leadership,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DFN Leadership authorizes and instructs its negotiators to table the draft AiP chapter on Community Governments



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Resolution #05

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Chief Tim Lennie
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Seconded by:

Elder Barb Sloat
Ft. Simpson Métis Local

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Grand Chief

RE: Funding Proposals

WHEREAS, Canada requested funding proposals to be submitted for multi-year funding for fiscal years 2011-2013; and

WHEREAS, leaders did not have the opportunity to review submissions prior to Canada's deadline; and

WHEREAS, DFN leadership provided conditional agreement and the right of revision at the Leadership Think Tank Meeting, May 24-27, 2011.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DFN Leadership approve the funding proposals that have been submitted for Negotiation Preparedness, Gathering Strength and Self Government.



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Resolution #06

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Chief Roy Fabian
Katlochee First Nation

Seconded by:

Elder Barb Sloat
Ft. Simpson Métis Local

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Grand Chief

RE: Property Taxation

WHEREAS, many Dehcho members have had their homes and property taxed by the GNWT; and

WHEREAS, some of those homes are on lands designated as "lands for Indian housing" on which Canada contributes a payment in lieu of taxes; and

WHEREAS, some lands have been transferred by government to Commissioners lands without full knowledge and consent of the affected Dehcho members; and

WHEREAS, as a portion of property taxes is assessed for education, which is a treaty right

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, by resolution, the DFN requests a suspension of any further property taxes being levied on Dehcho members until the completion of the Dehcho Process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, DFN review and document the arrears of some members to determine if there is enough data to request a judicial review.



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Resolution #07

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Jean Marie River First Nation

Seconded by:


Chief Roy Fabian
Katlocheeche First Nation

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RE: MGP Impact Fund

WHEREAS, the National Energy Board has approved the Mackenzie Gas Project; and

WHEREAS, DFN communities have already experienced significant impacts related to preparation for the MGP and will continue to experience significant impacts in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, the DFN have completed and submitted an Investment Plan detailing how the Dehcho portion of the Impact Fund will be used,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DFN call on Canada to immediately release the Dehcho portion of the Impact Fund to the DFN.



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Resolution #08

Moved by:

Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge
Dehgh Gotie Dene Band

Seconded by:

Chief Dolphus Jumbo
Sambaa K'e Dene Band

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RE: Tax Exemption

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Dene agreed in Treaties 11 and 8 to share our land with settlers in exchange for certain promises made by Canada; and

WHEREAS, Canada promised that Dene would not be required to pay taxes in order to receive programs and services and that our people would always be exempt from taxation; and

WHEREAS, despite these promises Canada and the GNWT continue to demand that our people pay both income taxes and property taxes, in addition to school fees,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. DFN legal counsel will be instructed to prepare a legal opinion on the merits, costs, and risks of bringing a court action seeking immunity from taxation; and
2. The Grand Chief will work with DFN staff to seek funding to pay for the legal opinion.