

**DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FORT SIMPSON, DENENDEH  
MARCH 29 – APRIL 8, 1982**

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Opening Prayer

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- Workshop
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- Workshop
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DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FORT SIMPSON, NWT  
APRIL 2, 1982

RE: Plebiscite Vote

After intensive discussions about the Plebiscite vote to be held on April 14, the Chiefs and delegates of the Fort Simpson National Assembly hereby resolve as follows:

1. To encourage the people in our communities to vote YES on April 14
2. That the Dene will negotiate for a boarder which honours the boundaries set out in the Treaties and the traditional hunting, trapping and fishing areas of the Dene.

MOVED BY: Mike Beaulieu

SECONDED BY: Joe Migwi

FOR:

AGAINST: 3 – Fort Smith Chief

ABSTENTIONS: 3

MOTION CARRIED.

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FORT SIMPSON, NWT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1982

RE: Dene/Metis Trappers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive of the Dene Nation, working together with the Executive of the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories, meet with the responsible representatives of the Territorial Government and Federal Government as soon as possible and secure the agreement of both Governments not to collect back taxes from Dene/Metis trappers, not to impose penalties for failure to report trapping income, and to provide funds immediately for the services of a tax consultant to assist and educate Dene/Metis trappers in reporting their earnings and expenses for income tax purposes in the immediate future.

MOVED BY: Bob Stevenson

SECONDED BY: Henry Hardisty

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FORT SIMPSON, NWT  
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1982

RE: Eligibility to Participate in the Settlement

Some comments that could be presented to the leadership for discussion.

1. Those who would be eligible to participate in the settlement.
  - a) Must be of Dene Ancestry and one of the 5 linguistic groups (chipewyan, slavey, cree, loucheux, or dogrib) (must be able to trace his or her ancestry to the Dene who was resident in traditional Dene land – including the N.W.T., B.C., Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba before January 1, 1921) and:
  - b) (Children adopted by custom or law)
  - c) Ordinarily resident of the N.W.T.;
  - d) Born to Dene descendant (male or female);
  - e) Must enroll with an enrollment committee.
2. Persons who cannot meet the tests set out in 1 or 2 can be enrolled if accepted as a Dene entitled to be enrolled by a local enrollment committee.
3. Enrollment Committee
  - a) Each Dene Community will establish an enrollment committee for the purpose of preparing lists and enrolling all persons whom it believes meet the eligibility criteria. These lists will be sent to a central enrollment authority to be established by the Dene Nation/Metis Association.
  - b) Communities should make lists of people in each community that arrived after 1921.
4. Central Enrollment Board

The Dene Nation will establish a Central Enrollment Board which could include Government representatives whose tasks would include:

  - a) Maintaining a central enrollment list.
  - b) Hearing appeals from people who believe a community enrollment committee has unfairly refused to register them. The Board will have the power to override the decision of the community enrollment board. Persons unhappy with the decision of the central enrollment board can take their appeal to the courts.

5. Persons enrolled in other settlements

Any person is enrolled as a beneficiary in any other settlement in another part of Canada (or the U.S.) cannot be enrolled under the Dene settlement.

Amendment: This position will be taken back to communities for consultation then will be brought before the joint general assembly for final approval.

MOVED BY: Chief Joe Migwi, Fort Rae, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Paul Wright, Fort Norman, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST: 1

ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Gerry Antoine, National Committee Member Mackenzie Liard Region)

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FORT SIMPSON, NWT  
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1982

RE: Recognition of the Young People

WHEREAS, at the Fort Fitzgerald Dene Nation Assembly, we the people gave recognition to the young people, and whereas, at this time in our lives, we are faced with large scale development, that will determine our future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Slave region gave recognition and support to the young people to get involved in decision making at all levels of the Dene Government.

THIS MOTION, to be presented at opening of Dene National Assembly in Fort Simpson by the National Committee.

MOVED BY: Gabe Haristy, Wrigley, NWT

SECONDED BY: John Blake, Fort McPherson, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FORT SIMPSON, NWT  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982

RE: Acceptance of Annual Report and Financial Statements

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Dene National Assembly accept the annual report and financial statements for the Dene Nation as presented by the Executive.

MOVED BY: Chief Raymond Simon, Fort Resolution, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Jim Thomas, Fort Providence, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FORT SIMPSON, NWT  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982

RE: Dehcho Gondee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the present spelling of the name of the Society know as DEHCHO GONDE, be amended to read "Dehcho Gondee."

MOTION BY: Baptiste Cazon, Fort Simpson, NWT

SECONDED BY: Raymond Simon, Fort Resolution, NWT

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FORT SIMPSON, NWT  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982

RE: Community Representatives

BE IT RESOLVED, that the subscribers recognize all those delegates present at this Assembly as "community representatives" for the purpose of this meeting.

MOVED BY: Herb Norwegian

SECONDED BY: Ethel Liske

CARRIED: Herb Norwegian  
Roy Erasmus  
Ethel Liske  
Ernie Lennie

ABSENT: Bob Stevenson

FOR:  
AGAINST:  
ABSTENTIONS:

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TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982

RE: Native Broadcast Communications Society

LET IT BE MOVED, that the funding proposal for consultation and development of a native broadcast communications service for descendants of the Dene now before this Assembly be adopted as presented.

MOVED BY: Cec McCauley

SECONDED BY: George Blondin

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
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TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982

RE: Native Communications Society (NCS)

WHEREAS, there is already a native communications society formed—the Native Communications Society of the N.W.T. (NCS)

AND WHEREAS, communications is important;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

- 1) the Governors of Dehcho Gonde are hereby directed to work with the Executive of NCS towards forming one native communications society; and
- 2) the founding meeting for the native communications society formed be held in conjunction with the Annual National Assembly of the Dene Nation for 1982.

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

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RE: Fire Management Program Committee

Delegates to the Dene National Assembly support the existing N.W.T. Fire Management Program Committee both in its make up of members and the financing of the committee to the same degree as exists considering inflation.

Further, this assembly fully supports the terms of reference agreed on by the Federal Government and the Dene/Metis and the work of the committee.

MOVED BY: Mike Beaulieu

SECONDED BY: Gabe Hardisty

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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RE: Joint Assessment Committee

WHEREAS, the Norman Wells decision has resulted in a total of \$10.5 million to be paid out for education and training between now and 1987;

WHEREAS, the major decisions regarding how these funds are going to be used will be made by a Joint Needs Assessment Committee prior to June 30, 1982;

WHEREAS, the Dene Nation/Metis Association are entitled to appoint six regional representatives to the Joint Assessment Committee on the following basis;

- South Slave Region – 1
- North Slave Region – 1
- Mackenzie/Liard Region – 2
- Delta Region – 1
- Great Bear Region – 1

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that each region officially inform Elise Cassaway (Training Director, Dene Nation) who their representatives is prior to April 14, 1982; and

If a Region is not able to reach agreement on who their representative is, that the region will remain unrepresented on the Committee until an agreement is reached; and

that Dene Chiefs and Councils work with locals of the Metis Association in their regions in selecting their representatives; and

that the present interim committee stay in place until the above regional representatives are selected to the satisfaction of all the different interests within the Descendants of the Dene.

MOTION MOVED BY: Richard Hardisty (Fort Simpson)

MOTION SECONDED BY: Raymond Simon (Fort Resolution)

Motion #82/83-011 CONTINUED

FOR:  
AGAINST:  
ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
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TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982

RE: Native Court Workers Association

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene National Assembly support the N.W.T. Native Court Workers Association in providing courtworker services to the people of Denendeh.

MOVED BY: Chief Cec McCauley (Inuvik)

SECONDED BY: Chief Jim Antoine (Fort Simpson)

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
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RE: Norman Wells Pipeline Mackenzie/Liard Region

WHEREAS, the region within Denendeh that will feel the most impact from the proposed Norman Wells Pipeline will be the Mackenzie/Liard Region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mackenzie/Liard Region should have most of the involvement with the training programs; and

FURTHERMORE, that the Needs Assessment Committee Headquarters should be somewhere within the Mackenzie/Liard Region. To be chosen by the communities within the Mackenzie/Liard Region.

MOVED BY: Eric Menicoche

SECONDED BY: Baptiste Cazon

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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RE: 1982-83 Dene National Assembly be held in Fort McPherson

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1982-83 Dene National Assembly be held in Fort McPherson.

MOVED BY: Chief Johnny Charlie (Fort McPherson)

SECONDED BY: Gabe Hardisty (Fort Wrigley)

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
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RE: 1981/82 Norman Wells Community and Social Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation pay out the sum of \$110,000.00 to Dene Councils and Metis Locals jointly where applicable from the 1981/82 Norman Wells Community and Social Development funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds be paid out on a per capita basis to Dene Councils and Metis Locals following the signing of contracts based on the requirements of the Contribution Agreements under which the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs makes these funds available;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these contracts with Dene Councils and Metis Locals including the pay out of funds, be concluded by April 10, 1982.

MOVED BY: Chief Johnny Charlie (Fort McPherson)

SECONDED BY: Chief Joe Migwi (Fort Rae)

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
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RE: Dene Council and Metis Local

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation pay out the sum of \$150,000.00 to Dene Councils and Metis Locals where applicable from the 1981/82 Norman Wells Planning funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds be paid out on a per capita basis to Dene Councils and Metis Locals following the signing of contracts based on the requirements of the Contribution Agreements under which the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs makes these funds available;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these contracts with Dene Councils and Metis Locals including the pay out of funds, be concluded by April 10, 1982.

MOVED BY: Chief Cece McCauley (Inuvik)

SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Charlie (Fort McPherson)

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

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RE: Norman Wells Pipeline

WHEREAS, the Dene have repeatedly made it clear that we have not yet taken a final position on the Norman Wells Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, there maybe confusion on the actual position the Dene are taking on the Norman Wells Pipeline;

THEREFORE BE IT REOSLVED, that the Dene will not take a final position on the proposed pipeline unless:

1. environmental safe
2. settlement of Dene Rights
3. strong monitoring board

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to the fact that Mackenzie/Liard and Great Bear Region will bear the heaviest impact that they will receive additional say in the Norman Wells Funds.

MOVED BY: Lorayne Menicoche

SECONDED BY: Jim Antoine

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
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RE: Simultaneous Translations

WHEREAS, time is very valuable at National Assemblies, Board Meetings and National Committee Meetings; and

WHEREAS, there is a lot of time being wasted while waiting for translation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation immediately begin making provisions to have simultaneous translation present at all meetings beginning with the 1982/83 Dene Nation Annual General Assembly.

MOVED BY: Roy Erasmus (delegate from Yellowknife)

SECONDED BY: Chief Cec McCauley (Inuvik)

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY