

**DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FORT MCPHERSON, DENENDEH
AUGUST 25 – 31, 1982**

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DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FORT MCPHERSON, NWT
AUGUST 25-31, 1982

RE: Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative agenda to this Assembly be amended as follows:

to inset as number 5, the item "Community Concerns" and move the present items numbers 5, 6, and 7 one number down the list.

MOVED BY: Frank T'Seleie of Fort Good Hope

SECONDED BY: Chief James Antoine, Fort Simpson

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1982 BY: President Georges Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FORT MCPHERSON, NWT
AUGUST 25-31, 1982

RE: Amended Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that the item on the tentative agenda called "Negotiation Report and Mandate" including sub-items "Eligibility", "Land and Resources", "Norman Wells", "Denendeh" and "Canadian Constitutional Process" be moved from its present position to item number 2 (c).

MOVED BY: Florence Catholique, Snowdrift

SECONDED BY: Lloyd Cardinal, Fort Resolution

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOVED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1982 BY: President Georges Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FORT MCPHERSON, NWT
AUGUST 25, 31, 1982

RE: Final Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative agenda for this Assembly with amendments made by previous motions today, be adopted.

MOVED BY: Lorayne Menicoche, Fort Simpson

SECONDED BY: Chief Pat Martel, Hay River

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION IS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1982 BY: President Georges Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FORT MCPHERSON, NWT
AUGUST 25-31, 1982

RE: Dene/Metis One Organizations

BECAUSE, there is a demand by the members of the Dene Nation and Metis Association to consider the formation of a single organization to replace the Dene Nation and Metis Association;

AND BECAUSE, the issue is too important to be dealt with by the two executives;

AND BECAUSE, it would be easier and less expensive to meet in Fort McPherson than in Inuvik;

AND BECAUSE, it was the Chief of Fort McPherson who moved a motion in Fort Simpson that the Dene Nation and Metis Association re-form into a single organization;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief of the Fort McPherson Band invite the delegates of the Metis Association who are meeting in Inuvik to come to Fort McPherson for a day to discuss the formation of a single organization;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation pay for transportation and related expenses which the Metis Association delegates will incur in traveling to and from Fort McPherson;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Metis Association delegates be invited to come on Friday, August 27 or Saturday, August 28, 1982;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegation of this Assembly be sent to the Metis Association in Inuvik immediately, to personally deliver this Assembly's invitation to them to attend our Assembly to discuss the formation of a single organization.

MOVED BY: Chief Cec McCauley, Inuvik

SECONDED BY: Chief Harry Deneron, Fort Liard

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED ON September 21, 1982 BY: President Georges Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FORT MCPHERSON, NWT
AUGUST 25-31, 1982

RE: By-Laws

After proper notice was provided to members as required by the by-laws of the Dene Nation it was RESOLVED AS AN EXTRADORDINARY RESOLUTION THAT:

Article 2 of the By—laws of the Dene Nation be amended as follows:

Section 4

Strike out section 4 and substitute the following:

“Each active member as selected in Section 3 above shall be considered a delegate for the next upcoming Annual meeting and shall be entitled to one vote on each issue presented at that meeting.”

Section 9

Strike out the works “membership of the National Assembly” and Substitute the work “delegates.”

Article 11 of the By—laws of the Dene Nation be amended as follows:

1. That the existing paragraph be numbered section1.
2. That a second paragraph be added to this Article as follows:
 - “2. In these By-laws if the context so warrants, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.”

MOVED BY: Jim Antoine, Fort Simpson

SECONDED BY: Herb Norwegian, Yellowknife

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

Motion #82/83-005 CONTINUED

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1982 BY: President Georges Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FORT MCPHERSON, NWT
AUGUST 25-31, 1982

RE: Extraordinary Resolution

After proper notice was provided to members as required by the by-laws of the Dene Nation it was RESOLVED AS AN EXTRADORDINARY RESOLUTION THAT:

Article 1 of the By-laws of the Dene Nation be amended as follows:

Section 2

The following section should be added after session 2:

“2.1 For the purpose of these By-Laws:

- (a) the term Dene means a Chipewyan, Slavey, Loucheux, Dogrib, Hare, Cree or Beaver Indian person whose aboriginal lands or part of those lands were, before January 1, 1921 within the boundaries of the Northwest Territories as those boundaries were on August 29, 1982. Aboriginal Lands include lands used and occupied by the Dene and lands lived in by them.
- (b) the term “Descendant of the Dene” means any person who
 - (i) is a lineal descendant of a person described in paragraph (a) above whether Treaty, non-Treaty or Metis;
 - (ii) is an adopted child under the laws of any jurisdiction or of Dene custom, of any person described in (i), provided just child was a minor at the time of adoption;
 - (iii) is a lineal descendant of anyone described in (ii);
 - (iv) is a Declared Dene; or
 - (v) is otherwise eligible for enrollment as a beneficiary under Aboriginal Claims Settlement with the Dene;

(c) the term “Metis means any person who

- (i) is a Descendant of the Dene as defined in (b) above;
- (ii) was resident in that part of the N.W.T. north of the 60th parallel of latitude and received scrip as a result of Privy Council Order 1172 of April 12, 1921 in conjunction with the signing of Treaties 8 and 11;
or
- (iii) is a descendant of a person described in (ii) above.

MOVED BY: Chief Harry Deneron, Fort Liard

SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Charlie, Fort McPherson

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1982 BY: President Georges Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FORT MCPHERSON, NWT
AUGUST 25-31, 1982

RE: Extraordinary Resolution

After proper notice was provided to members as required by the by-laws of the Dene Nation it was RESOLVED AS AN EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION THAT:

Article 5, Section 3 of the By-laws of the Dene Nation be amended as follows:

1. After the words "concurrent terms" add "and that nominations for any Executive position be opened for a period of two (2) weeks and closed no less than (30) thirty days prior to the day of the election."

MOVED BY: Irvin Norn, Fort Resolution

SECONDED BY: George Blondin, Fort Franklin

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED AUGUST 31, 1982

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1982 BY: Georges Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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RE: Newly Elected Dene Nation Executive

MOVED, that the newly elected Dene Nation Executive be bound by the following terms pursuant to Article 5 of the By-laws:

- (a) that a full time Chief Negotiator be appointed by the Dene Nation Executive, the appointment to be approved by the Chiefs and Board of Directors;
- (b) that the Chief Negotiator be a person who is not on the executive of either the Dene Nation or the Metis Association;
- (c) the Aboriginal Rights positions be developed on eligibility and land and resources as a minimum and that these positions be discussed and developed in the communities and regions so that direction and instructions can be taken from the Dene people;
- (d) that negotiations be the number one priority of the leadership of the Dene for this upcoming year;
- (e) that the Dene Nation, under the direction of its leadership keep the Dene up-to-date and informed of the developments in all the Aboriginal Rights issues;
- (f) that the Chief Negotiator, the Negotiators and the Secretariat be given a mandate by this Assembly to carry out all necessary work with and on behalf of the Dene to carry out the negotiating mandate which is being given;

THAT, the development and co-ordination of Dene rights positions and strategies be continued in the three parts into which it has been divided, namely;

- (a) Negotiations
- (b) Aboriginal Rights at the Canadian Constitutional Level
- (c) Denendeh Government

MOVED BY: Jim Antoine, Fort Simpsons

SECONDED BY: Florence Catholique, Snowdrift

Motion #82/83-009 CONTINUED

FOR:
AGAINST:
ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED AUGUST 31, 1882

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1982 BY: President Georges Erasmus