

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 27-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Adoption of Agenda

WHEREAS, the delegates to the National Assembly have reviewed the draft Agenda and have made all necessary changes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted by this Assembly.

MOVED BY: Jim Thom

SECONDED BY: (can't read the name)

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Assembly Closed to Public and Press

THE DENE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES, that discussions at this assembly regarding land claims and the financial audit of the Dene Nation be closed to the public and the press.

MOVED BY: A/Chief Henry Beaver, Fort Smith, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Gerry Antoine, Fort Simpson, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSL THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 27-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Audit Statements

WHEREAS, the delegates to the National Assembly have reviewed the 1985-86 Audit Statements of the Dene Nation completed by Mackay and Partners;

AND WHEREAS, the contents of this audit are satisfactory to the National Assembly

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audit Statements for 1985/86 be accepted and approved by the Assembly.

MOVED BY: James Ross

SECONDED BY: Henry Beaver

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Proposed By-Law amendment to Re-number the Articles and Sections of the By-Laws once the 1986 amendments have been made

WHEREAS, the National Assembly of the Dene Nation wishes to replace the National Committee and its members with the Leadership;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. Throughout By-Law No.1, Delete the words “National Committee” or “Committee” and insert the words “Leadership” as follows:

Article 1: Membership
Section 7

Article 2: Meetings
Section 2.4
4. (b)

Article 3: National Committee
Article 3:

Sections: 1.1
1.2
1.3
1.4
1.5
11.
12.
13.
13.1
14.
15.
16.
17.
18.
19.
20.
21.

Article 4: Information Sessions:

- Sections 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Article 5: Executive

- Sections 1.
- 4.
- 5.
- 8.
- 11.
- 12.
- 14.

Article 6: Duties and Powers of the Executive

- Sections 1.
- 2.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Article 7: Borrowing

- Sections 1.

Article 7.1: Elections:

- Sections 7.

Article 8: Audit and Records

- Sections: 1.
- 2.

Article 9: Branches

Article 11: Interpretation

- Section 1.

Article 12: Leadership

- Sections: 5a)
- 5b)

Under Article 2, delete the words “Board of Directors” and insert the words “Leadership” in Section 6 and 8.

3. Under Article 3, amend the following sections as follows:

- a. Delete s: 1.1 and insert the following:
 - 1.1 The affairs of the Dene Nation shall be managed by the Leadership, which shall consist of the Executive, all Chiefs, and in communities where there is not Chief, each Sub-Chief.
 - b. In Section 1.3 delete the words “under the direction of the Leadership has hereinafter set out.”
 - c. In section 1.4 delete the words “Leadership Assemblies.”
 - d. Delete the following in their entirety
 - sections 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 4.1
 - 4.2
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8.
 - 9.
 - 10.
 - 13.
 - e. Insert as sections 23 and 24, the words from Article 12 sections 4 and 5a), b) and c) and renumber as section 23 and 24a), b) and c) respectively.
 - f. Insert as section to the following “The Leadership shall meet as often as the business of the Dene Nation requires, but not less then two (2) times each year.”
4. Undert Article 7.1
 - a. delete sections 2, 3 and 4
 - b. delete the words “National Committee” in section 6
 - c. delete the words “Regional Vice-President” and “Regional Chief” from section 8, and
 - d. delete section 13.
 5. Delete Article 12: Leadership and all sections under it, entirely.

MOVED BY: Chief Robert Sayine, Fort Resolution, NWT

SECONDED BY: A/Chief Henry Beaver, Fort Smith, NWT

FOR:
AGAINST:
ABSTENTIONS: 1

CARRIED THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1976

RE: Proposed By-Law amendment to re-number the Articles and Sections of the By-Laws once the 1986 amendments have been made

WHEREAS, the National Assembly of the Dene Nation has caused a significant number of changes to be made to By-law NO.1 at the 1986 annual meeting of the National Assembly;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, all articles and sections throughout By-law No.1 be re-numbered such that each article and section is assigned the next consecutive number following the preceding article or section.

MOVED BY: A/Chief Henry Beaver, Fort Smith, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Jim Thom, Fort Providence, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Motion Tabled – Revise the Terms of Office for the Dene Nation Executive

THE DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES, to table a motion to revise the terms of office for the Dene Nation Executive until the National Assembly of 1987.

MOVED BY: Acting-Chief Henry Beaver

SECONDED BY: Chief Joe Rabesca

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Proposed By-Law Amendment to Clarify By-Law Amendment Process to Require 30 Days Notice

WHEREAS, the National Assembly wishes to amend By-Law No. 1 of the Dene Nation to require that notice be provided when by-law amendments are proposed;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: Article 10: Amendments be amended by inserting after the first sentence the words “The notice period required for any proposed by-law amendment shall be no less than 30 days.”

MOVED BY: Chief Gerry Antoine

SECONDED BY: Chief Jim Thom

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

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DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: Housing

WHEREAS, current government housing programs encourage low cost renters not to look for gainful employment by gearing rent levels to income levels; and

WHEREAS, this promotes a lack of independence and self-reliance in the people of Denendeh; and

WHEREAS, home ownership encourages a sense of pride and self-worth in people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation urges the government to change the focus of its housing program to promote home ownership among the Dene to increase their independence and self-reliance and encourage them to seek work rather than discourage it.

MOVED BY: Chief Grace Blake

SECONDED BY: Chief Gerry Antoine

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 20-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: N.W.T. Liquor Laws

WHEREAS, the Dene have now recognized alcohol in their communities as a major problem leading to loss of culture and social hardships; and

WHEREAS, the Dene wish to stop this alcohol problem as a way of regaining their culture and increasing their ability to control their own lives; and

WHEREAS, the N.W.T. Liquor Laws make it difficult to vote for changes to a community's status in relation to the liquor regulations by requiring a 60% majority in plebiscite;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Assembly directs the Legislative Assembly to revise the N.W.T. Liquors Laws so that a plebiscite vote for changes in an individual community's liquor control regulations require only a simply majority to pass.

MOVED BY: Chief Gerry Antoine

SECONDED BY: Gabe Hardisty

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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RE: More Alcohol Rehabilitation Centers

WHEREAS, there is a desire being expressed by all communities to obtain help combating alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, the present alcohol rehabilitation centers offer programs in English only which creates an immediate language barrier; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for more Dene alcohol and drug rehabilitation centers with follow up programs which enhance Dene culture and provide programs in the native languages with native speaking employees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Assembly request the GNWT in full consultation with the Dene to immediately establish Rehab/Detox Centers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one center established for the Dogrib speaking people and one center for the Slavey speaking people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that native people who speak these native languages be trained and hired to work as counsellors in these centers.

MOVED BY: Chief Gerry Antoine

SECONDED BY: Chief Pat Martel

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1 DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: Child Welfare Concerns

WHEREAS, there are many problems experienced with the placement and counselling of young children and young offenders who have been apprehended or are about to be removed from their families; and

WHEREAS, community workers in Child Welfare and other social programs are often overworked and frustrated and discouraged by the lack of support from the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Assembly recognizes the hard work and dedication to the job of the community health and social service workers; and

FURTHER, urges the Chiefs and Band Councils to offer support and assistance whenever possible to these professionals who are working to assist with the social problems in the community;

FURTHER, that Social Service workers should work with the local Dene leaders to ensure that the needs of the Dene are met.

MOVED BY: Ellen Smith

SECONDED BY: Chief Grace Blake

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: Band Status for Norman Wells

WHEREAS, the community of Norman Wells is not recognized as a Dene community;
and

WHEREAS, there are Dene living in Norman Wells who are not represented by any
organization; and

WHEREAS, these Dene require support on many issues in their community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Assembly supports the formation of a
band in Norman Wells.

MOVED BY: Chief Charlie Barnady, Fort Good Hope, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Cece McCauley, Inuvik, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: All Weather Road – Jean Marie River

WHEREAS, the Dene Assembly supports the right of small communities to live the traditional lifestyle while maintaining certain standards of community service; and

WHEREAS, the community of Jean Marie River wishes to have an all weather road connecting to the main highway and to have lights installed at their airstrip to allow for landing in the dark;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Dene Assembly supports Jean Marie River in its request for an all weather road and airport landing lights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly directs the Dene Nation to make this request to the Legislative Assembly by informing all MLA'S.

MOVED BY: Chief Jim Thim, Fort Providence, NWT

SECONDED BY: Gabe Hardisty, Delegate, Wrigley, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: R.C.M.P. in the N.W.T. to cut back Funding

WHEREAS, the R.C.M.P. in the N.W.T. are attempting to cut back on their services because of funding shortages; and

WHEREAS, the Dene communities recognize the continued need for full R.C.M.P. involvement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation persuade the R.C.M.P. to acquire necessary funding to provide full time services in all the communities and further to also establish a permanent detachment in the community of Lac La Martre.

MOVED BY: Sub-Chief Johnny Nitsiza, Lac La Martre, N.W.T.

SECONDED BY: Sub-Chief Fred Mantla, Rae Lake, N.W.T.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Motion of Confidence

WHEREAS, the Dene National Assembly has reviewed the work of the Dene Executive;
and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds this work to have carried out the wishes of the
Assembly and ably represents the interests of the Dene;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly commends the Dene Nation
executive for its work in the last year and is confident that the executive will continue to
do such excellent work;

MOVED BY: Chief Robert Sayine, Fort Resolution, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Joe Rabesca, Fort Rae, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 20-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Support for Slave River Sawmill

WHEREAS, the Dene Assembly wishes to provide economic development among the Dene communities through local businesses which are owned, managed and operated by Dene; and

WHEREAS, the Slave River Sawmill in Fort Resolution is owned, managed and operated by Dene and sells lumber at competitive prices; and

WHEREAS, the Slave River Sawmill needs support from the NWT and the Dene to market its lumber; and

WHEREAS, GNWT, NWT Housing Corporation and many Dene communities all use lumber for housing and other constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Dene Assembly urges GNWT and the NWT Housing Corporation to buy lumber for their projects directed from the Slave River Sawmill to assist this local industry in achieving economic success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dene Assembly supports the Slave River Sawmill by urging communities to buy lumber there.

MOVED BY: Chief Robert Sayine, Fort Resolution, NWT

SECONDED BY: Greg Nyuli, Delegate, Fort Providence, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: Changes to the Education System

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly of the NWT reviewed the education system and recommended many changes in its report outlined Education: Learning, Tradition and Change; and

WHEREAS, many of these recommended changes were as a result of extensive consultation, with native people in the communities yet few of the recommendations have been implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Dene have been calling for changes in the education system for many years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Assembly urges the legislative assembly and Territorial Government to sure Dene representation on the Education Board of the N.W.T.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any curriculum changes must receive Dene approval before they can be implemented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Assembly supports Inuvik's request that the Department of Education introduce more traditional life skills into the curriculum at the primary level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Assembly urge the Education Department of the N.W.T. to not cut back on the amount of teachers in the N.W.T. schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that this Assembly supports Inuvik's request that a native counsellor be hired by the Department of Education for the High Schools in Inuvik by the start of the Fall school year;

AND FURTHER, directs the Executive to send this resolution to all MLA's as soon as possible.

MOVED BY: Greg Nyuli, Delegate, Fort Providence, NWT

SECONDED BY: Cheryl Greenland, Delegate, Inuvik, NWT

FOR:
AGAINST:
ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Mackenzie River Fish Study

WHEREAS, fish are being found in many areas of Denendeh which are unhealthy, having sores and lesions, abnormal growths, blood-spotted eggs, watery flesh and black stunted livers; and

WHEREAS, the Dene have always depended on fish for a substantial part of their diet; and

WHEREAS, these problems could have serious adverse effects on the ability of the Dene to live off the land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Leadership urge the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to make every effort to discover the cause of these problems and remove it as quickly as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dene urge DFO and DIAND to fund a study to determine the real extent, number of people affected and quantity and species of fish affected by the problems(s).

MOVED BY: Chief Grace Blake, Arctic Red River, NWT

SECONDED BY: Greg Nyuli, Delegate, Fort Providence, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: Education Facilities and Teaching Positions-Arctic Red River

WHEREAS, Arctic Red River has been advised that teaching positions will be cut from 2 full time teachers to 1 ½ positions plus a full time teaching assistant; and

WHEREAS, Arctic Red River has two schools in two separate building; one for grade K-6 and one for grades 7-9; which makes it difficult for the teachers to teach properly when their numbers are so few; and

WHEREAS, there is no secretarial assistance for the principal who also teaches in addition to his duties as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, there is to be an addition to the school but there will be no industrial arts shop, no home-economic room; no science room and no adult education space; and

WHEREAS, the school does not have a guidance counsellor;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that this Assembly supports Arctic Red River's request to the Department of Education to:

- (1) Cancel the decision to cut back on teachers in Arctic Red River;
- (2) Provide for proper school facilities in Arctic Red which include a, industrial arts shop, home economics room, science room and proper adult education space;
- (3) To hire a native school guidance counsellor.

MOVED BY: Chief Grace Blake, Arctic Red River, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Gerry Antoine, Fort Simpson, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: Dene Nation Business by Government Employees

WHEREAS, the current territorial and federal government policies require their employees to do Dene Nation or other political business outside regular job hours; and

WHEREAS, the Dene are a significant proportion of the population of the NWT as well as citizens of Canada; and

WHEREAS, the directions of the communities concern the well being of citizens of the NWT and Canada whether they are Dene or not:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Assembly directs federal and territorial government departments to revise their employee policies to allow elected community officials who are also government employees to carry out the wishes of the community including travel to meetings at all levels of the Dene organizations during regular hours and receive regular pay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these governments make it clear to their bureaucracies that the Dene are citizens of the NWT and of Canada and as such civil servants work for them and should do everything in their power to meet the needs and aspirations of the Dene.

MOVED BY: Chief Gerry Antoine, Fort Simpson, NWT

SECONDED BY: Gabe Hardisty, Wrigley, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1 DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Research Funding

WHEREAS, the Dene National Assembly has been presented with the Mini-package and has had an opportunity to discuss and review it; and

WHEREAS, the need for further consultation with the communities is necessary to fully understand the package;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Slave Region requests the Dene/Metis Secretariat to conduct workshops on the mini-package.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Slave Region requests support from this Assembly to acquire necessary funding from the Dene/Metis Secretariat to conduct research and an independent study of the Mini-package.

MOVED BY: Chief Joe Rabesca, Fort Rae, NWT

SECONDED BY: Mike Nitsiza, Delegate, Lac La Martre, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Translation Services in Federal/Territorial Hospitals

WHEREAS, there is a significant number of people who only speak their own native language; and

WHEREAS, these people not only have a right to be understood and a right to communicate in their own language when they are dealing with the health care system but must be able to do so for the sake of proper medical care; and

WHEREAS, the hospitals in the NWT still do not have proper translation services for persons admitted to hospital, being examined in outpatients and being transferred to southern hospitals for treatment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Assembly demand that all Federal and Territorial Hospitals immediately provide full and complete translation services for persons being admitted to hospital, being examined in outpatients and being transferred to southern institutions who are unable to speak or understand English; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Assembly Members be requested to discuss this issue in the Legislature and direct the GNWT to act immediately to provide this translation service in the Territorial Hospitals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MP for the Western Arctic be requested to assist with obtaining immediate action from Federal Medical Services to provide translation services in all Federal Hospitals.

MOVED BY: Chief Cec McCauley, Inuvik, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Grace Blake, Arctic Red River, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: Dene Communities Acquiring Insurance Coverage

WHEREAS, as many Dene communities are attempting to improve their communities by the establishment of social programs; and

WHEREAS, these programs, such as summer camps are having great difficulty in acquiring insurance coverage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation urge the Government of the N.W.T. to assist the Dene communities in acquiring insurance coverage for their programs, like they have done with regards to tourist lodges.

MOVED BY: Chief Jim Thom, Fort Providence, NWT

SECONDED BY: Chief Robert Sayine, Fort Resolution, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 1986

RE: Low-Level B-52 Flights

WHEREAS, the Dene have consistently opposed any activity on their land which adds to the global nuclear arsenal on the threat of nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian government is using Denendeh as part of an escalation of militarization in Northern Canada through cruise missile testing, north warning system, forward deployed basis and now proposed low-levels flights for B-52 bombers from Reliance, NWT to Cold Lake, Alberta; and

WHEREAS, these proposed flights will take place over Denendeh and will affect the wildlife in the area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Assembly urges the Government of Canada and the Government of the NWT to make every effort to stop the proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dene demand to be fully consulted in any studies regarding these proposals to provide an opportunity to state their positions and arguments.

MOVED BY: Chief Felix Lockhart, Snowdrift, NWT

SECONDED BY: Ronald Antoine, Delegate, Fort Simpson, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SNOWDRIFT, NWT
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RE: Translation of alcohol and drug materials

WHEREAS, many Dene communities have severe problems with alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, many materials have been prepared by Government of NWT ADAC and NNADAP and other agencies to help communities combat alcohol and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, many people in the communities use their own language as a working language;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Assembly strongly urges the Government of the NWT and other agencies and treatment centres to translate all materials for combating alcohol and drug abuse into the Dene language.

MOVED BY: Chief Gerry Antoine, Fort Simpson, NWT

SECONDED BY: Sub-Chief Ernest Hardity, Jean Marie River, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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RE: Schedule Weekly Flight to Trout Lake

WHEREAS, many Dene live in small, isolated communities and prefer this lifestyle to larger urban centres; and

WHEREAS, the Dene National Assembly supports communities in their choice of lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the community of Trout Lake wishes to have a scheduled weekly flight into the community and requires their airstrip to be lengthened;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Assembly supports this request by Trout Lake and directs the governments of the NWT and of Canada to do everything in their power to support these requests.

MOVED BY: Sub-Chief Ernest Hardisty, Jean Marie River, NWT

SECONDED BY: Edward Hardisty, Wrigley, NWT

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1986