

**Motion # 03/04-001**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 2-8, 2003**

**RE: Approval of Chairpersons**

**Be it resolved that**, Francois Paulette and George John be appointed as Co-Chairpersons for the Dene National Assembly, July 2-8, 2003.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)  
**Seconded by:** Chief Roy Fabian, Katlodeeche (Hay River Dene Reserve)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Bill Erasmus  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 2-8, 2003**

**RE: Approval of Agenda**

**Be it resolved that**, the agenda “Denendeh: one land and one future,” be accepted as amended for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly, July 2-8, 2003.

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| Day 01<br>Thursday July 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2003 | Opening prayer/ceremonies<br>Opening remarks host Chief Charlie Furlong<br>(a) Approval of chairpersons<br>(b) Approval of agenda<br>(c) Approval of audited financial statements<br>(d) Executive reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gwich'in region</li><li>• Sahtu region</li><li>• Deh Cho region</li><li>• Tlicho region</li><li>• Akaitcho region</li><li>• Dene Youth Alliance</li><li>• Native Women's Association</li><li>• Chief Electoral Officer</li><li>• Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus</li></ul> |
| Day 02<br>Friday July 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2003   | Elections of Dene National Chief   |
| Day 03<br>Saturday July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2003 | (1) Assembly of First Nations Vice-Chief<br>(2) Constitution and by-law amendments<br>(3) Pipeline and Vice-Chiefs working group<br>(4) Aboriginal Summit and Intergovernmental Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Commissioner's lands</li></ul> (6) First Nations Governance<br>(7) Assembly of First Nations -candidates' forum<br>(8) Housing   |
| Day 04<br>Sunday July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2003   | (9) First Nations education<br>(10) First Nations health <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Northern Secretariat, NIHB</li><li>(b) National Aboriginal Health Organization<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Child apprehension</li></ul></li><li>(c) National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation</li></ul>   |

Day 05  
Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003

(11) Dene First Nations Elections Code  
(12) GNWT Elections, November 2003  
(13) Federal Election, 2004  
(14) Denendeh Development Corporation  
(15) Dene Cultural Institute  
(16) Dene Metis Development Fund  
Other business  
Closing ceremonies

**Moved by:** Chief Roy Fabian, Katlodeeche (Hay River Dene Reserve)  
**Seconded by:** Chief Archie Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene Band

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Bill Erasmus**  
**Dene National Chief**

**Motion # 03/04-003**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 2-8, 2003**

**RE: Approval of Audited Financial Statement**

**Be it resolved that**, the Dene National Assembly, July 2-8, 2003, approve the audited financial statements of the Dene Nation.

**Moved by:** Chief Archie Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene Band  
**Seconded by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Bill Erasmus  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 2-8, 2003**

**RE: To move in camera**

**Be it resolved that,** the Dene Nation Assembly move in camera (11:39 A.M.).

**Moved by:** Sub-Chief Diane Giroux, Deninu K-ue First Nation

**Seconded by:** Harvey Mandeville, Deninu K-ue First Nation

**FOR:** 39

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTENTIONS:** 15

**MOTION CARRIED THE 5th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Bill Erasmus  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 2-8, 2003**

**RE: To move out of camera**

**Be it resolved that,** the Dene National Assembly move out of camera (7:10 P.M.).

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Chief Dennis Deneron, Sambaa K'e Dene Band (Trout Lake)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 5th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Bill Erasmus  
Dene National Chief**

**Motion # 03/04-006**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 2-8, 2003**

**RE: Election results for National Chief**

**Whereas**, the Dene National Assembly has held an election in Aklavik for the National Chief, and

**Whereas**, the National Assembly has voted and wish to have the results of that election hereby recognized and affirmed by the assembled chiefs and delegates, and

**Whereas**, the Chief Electoral Officer is directed to seal and deliver to the Dene National Office, for safe keeping, all ballots for one year, and

**Whereas**, the Dene National Office is directed to destroy the sealed ballots on July 5, 2004.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly accept the results as declared the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July (2003) in Aklavik, Denendeh.

**Moved by:** Chief Peter Ross, Gwichya Gwich'in Council (Tsiigehtchic)

**Seconded by:** Chief Sam Gargan, Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council

**FOR:** 69

**AGAINST:** 39

**ABSTENTIONS:** 17

**MOTION CARRIED THE 6th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Bill Erasmus  
Dene National Chief**

**Motion # 03/04-007**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 3-8, 2003**

**RE: MACA Directive on Sports in NWT**

**Whereas**, the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs has developed a directive to change the whole of sports in the NWT; and

**Whereas**, the Minister's directive states that GNWT supports each Dene community, region, and by this supports each of the regional Dene governments.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the Dene National Assembly supports the goals and intent of the Minister's directive on sports; and

**Be it further resolved that**, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly, endorses the endeavours of the Aboriginal Sport Circle of the Western Arctic (ASCWA); to continue to advance changes in the present Sport and Recreation System in cooperation with the five Sport and Recreation Partners; to meet the needs and aspirations of our youth in Denendeh.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 3-8, 2003

**RE: Support for the Denendeh Traditional Games Association**

**Whereas**, Dene Games are one of the great traditions that belong to the Dene people, and

**Whereas**, the Denendeh Traditional Games Association (DTGA) has been established to preserve and promote the traditional Dene games, and

**Whereas**, the DTGA believes in the existence of a strong and healthy aboriginal community where wellness is a function of an effective and sustained community based traditional games program, and

**Whereas**, the DTGA will provide direction and guidance to the Aboriginal Sports Circle of the Western Arctic, Sport North, Arctic Winter Games International Committee, municipal government administrations, GNWT, Government of Canada, and interested community groups on any and all matters relating to traditional Dene games; and

**Whereas**, the DTGA will be considered the primary body and delegated authority on any and all matters relating to traditional Dene games.

**Therefore be it resolved**, that Chiefs of the Dene Nation support in principle the Association to preserve and promote traditional games of the Dene, and

**Be it further resolved**, any and all NWT groups wanting to implement Dene games project must get the approval of the Dene people before doing so; and that the GNWT and its affiliates formally recognize and acknowledge the Association.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Internal dispute resolution**

**Whereas**, from time to time the Dene Nation has internal disputes within member communities, regions; and

**Whereas**, the various Federal and Territorial governments, are unable, do not wish to, and are asked not to intervene in these internal affairs; and

**Whereas**, the Dene National Office, by its mandate, by-laws, and regulations, is established to remain neutral.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the Dene Nation requires the National Office to develop a binding dispute resolution mechanism to resolve internal issues of the Dene Nation.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)  
**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** 96

**AGAINST:** 1

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED THE 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
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**RE: Prohibit Development in Porcupine Caribou Herd Calving and Wintering Grounds**

**Whereas**, for thousands of years, the Gwich'in Nation of northeast Alaska and northwest Canada, have relied on caribou for subsistence, and continue today to subsist on the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which is essential to meet the nutritional, cultural, and spiritual needs of their people; and

**Whereas**, the Gwich'in have the inherent right to continue their own way of life; and that this right is recognized and affirmed by civilized nations in the international covenants on human rights. Article 1 of both the *International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights*, and the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* read in part: "in no case may a people be deprived of their own means of subsistence"; and

**Whereas**, the health and productivity of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, and their availability to Gwich'in communities, and the very future of their people are endangered by proposed oil and gas exploration and development in the calving and wintering grounds; and

**Whereas**, the Dene Nation Leadership passed a motion (#01/02-008, Fort Providence) to support the Gwich'in "in their effort to prevent any development on the 10-02 land in Alaska"; and the entire Gwich'in Nation was called together by their Chiefs in the community of Arctic Village (June 1988), to carefully address this issue and to seek the advice of elders; and

**Whereas**, the Gwich'in people of every community from Arctic Village, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Beaver, Chalkitsik, Birch Creek, Stevens Village, Circle, and Eagle Village, in Alaska; from Old Crow, Fort McPherson, Tsiigehtchic, Aklavik, and Inuvik, in Canada, have reached consensus in their traditional way, and now speak with a single voice.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the United States Congress and President recognize the rights of the Gwich'in people to continue to live their way of life, by prohibiting development in the calving and wintering grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd; and

**Be it further resolved that**, the Dene National Assembly unanimously supports the Gwich'in Nation in their efforts to achieve permanent protection of the entire migrating range of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Support of the Dene Youth Alliance**

**Whereas**, the land is very sacred to us and our future generations as a Nation, and

**Whereas**, we as Indigenous Peoples have taken care of the land since time immemorial, and

**Whereas**, the Dene Youth Alliance has been created to advocate for the rights of Indigenous youth of Denendeh by raising awareness about environmental, economic, health, cultural, political, and spiritual impacts from the proposed Mackenzie Valley Pipeline; and

**Whereas**, the Dene Youth Alliance is focused on uniting the voices of the youth and elders who are concerned about the proposed mega-project development in Denendeh, and

**Whereas**, the Dene Youth Alliance consists of grassroots youth of Denendeh, will choose to have representative members speak about our community interests at the national and international forum, in particular the circumpolar region; and

**Whereas**, the Dene Youth Alliance goals and initiatives will be conducted with the community people within Denendeh, by educating on the themes of reaffirming and implementing our traditional knowledge, respect for natural laws, Globalization, Environmental Justice, Climate Change, and toward a change in direction for alternative clean energy sources.

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the Dene National Assembly support the initiatives and goals of the Dene Youth Alliance to achieve a balanced and healthy environment for our selves and the future generations of Denendeh.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**Motion # 03/04-012**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
Aklavik, Denendeh  
July 3-8, 2003**

**RE: Commissioner's Lands and surplus assets -consultations with Bands**

**Whereas**, the Dene Nation represents Treaties 8 and 11, and

**Whereas**, we have never given up our rights to get new lands in our communities of Denendeh, and

**Whereas**, our Bands are considered governments in our communities, and

**Whereas**, the Government of Canada must enter into meaningful and conclusive consultations, with all Bands in matters of the transfer of Commissioner's Lands and surplus assets.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the Dene Nation be the lead in this initiative to support each Band in the right to determine the transfer of Commissioner's Lands and surplus assets.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Support for the NWT Youth Council's Youth and Elders Gathering**

**Whereas**, the NWT Youth Council held it's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly in Wha Ti, Denendeh (NWT), from June 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>, 2003; and

**Whereas**, the members of the NWT Youth Council expressed that the relationship between Dene Youth and Elders needs to be strengthened, and

**Whereas**, this has been voiced within the Dene Nation, the Dene Nation Elders Council, and the NWT Youth Council.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the Dene Nation support the Youth to attend the Elder's gathering for Youth, Elders and Leaders to start building these relationships.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Metis-Dene Development Fund**

**Whereas**, to take advantage of the current economic opportunities to increase the self-sufficiency of the Dene of Denendeh (NWT) sources of developmental capital are critical, and

**Whereas**, the NWT Metis-Dene Development fund Ltd. (MDDF) is a source of development capital for Dene entrepreneurs of Denendeh, and

**Whereas**, the MDDF is the only aboriginally owned and controlled source of developmental capital available to Dene entrepreneurs, and

**Whereas**, the MDDF requires support to meet the demand from Dene entrepreneurs for developmental capital.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the Governments of Canada and the NWT fully support the MDDF in its activities on behalf of Aboriginal entrepreneurs.

**Moved by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)  
**Seconded by:** Chief Darrell Beaulieu, Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Ndilo)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Deline Senior's Center**

**Whereas**, Deline has had a contract to supply services for the Elders through the operation of a Senior Citizen Care Center, and

**Whereas**, the services for elders is not being met in Deline.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, Dene Nation supports Deline to have the Senior Citizen's Center re-opened for the benefit of the Senior Citizen's.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Removal of arsenic trioxide stored at Giant Mine**

**Whereas**, Giant Mine has been in operation since the 1940's, and

**Whereas**, there have been detrimental and fatal impacts on the land, waters and Dene respectively, and

**Whereas**, Canada (the INAC) has assumed responsibility and therefore liabilities for the Giant Mine when it was abandoned, and

**Whereas**, the INAC (Giant Team and Contaminated Sites) continues to be responsible and liable for the clean-up of Giant Mine, and

**Whereas**, Canada has a fiduciary responsibility, and treaty obligations, to ensure the health and safety of Dene people, and

**Whereas**, Canada holds the responsibility to balance the need for development and the impacts of development, as well as monitoring of impacts (including cumulative impacts), to ensure that development does not infringe on the Aboriginal and treaty rights of Dene peoples; for now and the future.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the Dene National Assembly confirm and support the Yellowknives Dene First Nations requests to completely remove the arsenic trioxide stored underground at the Giant Mine, including a full remediation of any other toxic substances and contamination, whether on the surface or sub-surface as a result of mining activities.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Special Assembly**

**Whereas**, there are many issues and items that require the attention of Dene First Nations citizens, and

**Whereas**, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly has not had ample opportunity to deal with issues before the assembly.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, a Special Assembly be convened in September 2003.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Follow-up on the apprehension of Dene children**

**Whereas**, the Dene Leadership passed motion #02/03-010, directing the Dene Nation to prevent the Apprehension of Dene children; and

**Whereas**, the *Child Welfare Act*, is a legislation empowering GNWT employees exclusive jurisdiction to apprehend our children; and

**Whereas**, Dene cultures and laws do not allow, nor do they support, the division, separation and break-up of families; and

**Whereas**, the taking of our children is again a repeat of the *Residential Syndrome*, and

**Whereas**, the apprehension of our children is a major concern to the Dene National Assembly and Natural Parents.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the Dene National Office is directed to:

1. Meet with Federal and Territorial authorities to immediately suspend the *Child Welfare Act* in relations to Dene.
2. Lobby MLAs to change all territorial legislation so that it supports the intent and development of regional and community Dene governments, including in the area of Child Welfare.
3. Continue to caucus and gather all Dene views and opinions with regards to Dene child welfare and to have these as the basis for Dene traditional family law.
4. In the event that consultations, negotiations and dialogue fail to resolve this very important issue, to produce options for the leadership to consider including a Constitutional or legal challenge and report to leadership at the Special Assembly in the Fall 2003.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Minimal standards for Pipeline development in Denendeh**

**Whereas**, the Deh Cho First Nations (DCFN) have asserted their right to be a self-determining nation, as per the 1993 *Deh Cho Declaration*; and

**Whereas**, the DCFN asserts its authority to manage and control all matters that impact the Deh Cho territory; and

**Whereas**, the 2001 DCFN Special Assembly resolution has identified five conditions which must be met prior to pipeline construction through the Deh Cho territory:

1. Canada and DCFN agree on resource revenue sharing and royalties
2. Corridor harvesters support pipeline construction
3. DCFN is a full participant in environmental assessments related to the Pipeline corridor
4. Access fees for use of DCFN lands are to be mutually agreed upon
5. Impact benefit agreements (IBA) are to include minimum community standards and IBA's are negotiated with each pipeline corridor community.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the DCFN represents itself in all matters related to the lands of the Deh Cho territory, and

**Be it further resolved that**, all Federal and territorial governments, and pipeline companies, comply with the DCFN position as stated in the DCFN 2001 Special Assembly resolution.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly  
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**RE: Akaitcho Agreement Process**

**Whereas**, the Akaitcho Territory Government, through the NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation, is in discussion with the Government of Canada to negotiate (since 1992) to implement Treaty 8, as understood by our elders and forefathers in 1900; and

**Whereas**, the Akaitcho Territory continually struggles with securing sufficient multi-year funding to affectively implement their Treaty, and

**Whereas**, the GNWT, Canada, and the Aboriginal Summit have entered into discussions on *Devolution and Resource Revenue Sharing*, that will include land, resources and governance components; and

**Whereas**, lands, resources and governance are priorities that the Akaitcho Agreement process will address; and

**Whereas**, the *Devolution and Resource Revenue Sharing* negotiations will have a significant and adverse effect on the Akaitcho Agreement process.

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the Assembly endorses and supports the Akaitcho Agreement Process, it is a priority and precedes the completion of any such agreement that will affect Akaitcho Territory, lands, resources, and governance, and

**Be it further resolved that**, the Assembly directs the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to provide adequate funds in a timely manner that results in the settlement of outstanding lands, resources, and governance, prior to an agreement on *Devolution and Resource Revenue Sharing* with the GNWT.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**FOR:** All

**AGAINST:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**Noeline Villebrun  
Dene National Chief**

**WITHDRAWN (Motion # 03/04-014) 33<sup>rd</sup> DNA**

**RE: Dene Nation support of the NWT Youth Council to work with Dene Cultural Institute to promote and enhance culture and language**

**Whereas**, the NWT Youth Council held it's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly in What Ti, Denendeh (NWT), from June 20-24<sup>th</sup>, 2003, and **Whereas**, the Dene youth members expressed concern that our Dene languages are being lost, and in turn directly affecting the loss of our culture and traditions, and **Whereas**, the youth are significantly affected by this loss. **Therefore be it resolved that**, the Dene Nation support the NWT Youth Council to work with the Dene Cultural Institute, to start implementing programs that will strengthen, promote and enhance culture and language programs for the youth of Denendeh.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Ehdiitat (Aklavik Indian Band)

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**MOTION WITHDRAWN UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**REMOVED (Motion # 03/04-015) 33<sup>rd</sup> DNA**

**RE: Youth voting at Dene National Assemblies**

**Whereas**, to ensure that Dene Youth have a voice that is properly represented at the Dene National Assembly, and **Whereas**, the Dene Nation does not have a specific vote delegated for a youth from each community at the Dene National Assembly. **Therefore be it resolved that**, youth from each community be designated a minimum of one vote at the DNA.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Aklavik First Nation

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**MOTION REMOVED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**REMOVED (Motion # 03/04-016) 33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly**

**RE: Dene Youth delegates representation at Leadership and Elders gatherings**

**Whereas**, the relationship between the Elders and youth, and the relationship between Leaders and youth needs to be strengthened, and **Whereas**, the youth are going to be the future Leaders of Denendeh, and **Whereas**, the youth would like to formally participate at the Elders Gatherings and Leadership meetings. **Therefore be it resolved that**, a minimum of one youth delegate from each region is brought from the respected region to formally participate in Elders gatherings, Leaders meetings and Assemblies.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Aklavik First Nation

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**MOTION REMOVED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**WITHDRAWN (Motion # 03/04-021) 33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly**

**RE: Outstanding issue with former employees**

**Whereas**, there remains an outstanding and unresolved issue between Dene Nation and former staff, and **Whereas**, both parties desire to resolve these issues, and **Whereas**, the Dene Nation Chief that were approached have directed the Dene Nation to resolve this issue. **Therefore be it resolved that**, the National Assembly has agreed to find a way to resolve this issue, to negotiate in good faith and fair agreement, to resolve the outstanding issues expressed by both parties, and **Be it further resolved that**, once all outstanding issues are dealt with internally, and an

agreement made, the Dene Nation will consider this matter closed, reporting on the efforts and results to the Fall leadership meeting (2003).

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Aklavik First Nation

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**MOTION WITHDRAWN UNANIMOUSLY AND DIRECTED TO THE INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**DEFERRED TO SPECIAL ASSEMBLY (Motion # 03/04-024) 33<sup>rd</sup> DNA**

**RE: Support for National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation (NNAPF) Inc. representative**

**Whereas**, the NNAPF Inc. Board requires a First Nations representative from Denendeh (NWT), and **Whereas**, there has been a request from NNAPF Inc. for a resolution of support for the Denendeh (NWT) representative on the Board. **Therefore be it resolved that**, the Assembly supports Ellen Smith as Denendeh (NWT) representative.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Aklavik First Nation

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**MOTION DEFERRED TO FALL SPECIAL ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**WITHDRAWN (Motion # 03/04-025) 33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly**

**RE: Sawmill initiative in Deninu Kue**

**Whereas**, Dene Nation supports resolution 022-03, ATG (11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly). **Therefore be it resolved that**, the Assembly supports a feasibility study of starting up a sawmill in D.K.

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Aklavik First Nation

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**MOTION WITHDRAWN UNANIMOUSLY THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**

**WITHDRAWN (Motion # 03/04-026) 33<sup>rd</sup> Dene National Assembly**

**RE: Property Tax**

**Whereas**, Dene Leaders have meet and passed various motions on taxation, including, but not limited to: 02/03-004 "Benoit Tax Case", 01/02-009 "Taxation of Dene", 00/01-006 "Taxation of Dene", 93/94-005 "Immunity from Taxation (Benoit case)", 93/94-006 "GNWT Payroll Tax"; and **Whereas**, Dene Nation was instructed in 1999 to find funds to host a national conference on Dene taxation issues and to further develop a taxation scheme, but has yet to do this; and **Whereas**, Dene Nation supports Deninu Kue BCR 023.04.2003-07, ATG (11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly). **Therefore be it resolved that**, the Assembly give notice to the federal government and the GNWT, to cease all forms of illegal property taxation and other forms of taxations upon the Dene, until such time as this subject matter is resolved through settlement of lands and self-government (including guiding principles of the Akaitcho Framework Agreement and *Deh Cho Process*).

**Moved by:** Chief Charlie Furlong, Aklavik First Nation

**Seconded by:** Allan (Julian ) Landry, delegate, Ka'a gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa)

**MOTION WITHDRAWN UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2003.**