



## COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

December 3, 2024

#### **Attendees:**

Chief Eugene Hope  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Brenda Berreault  
 Morris McLeod  
 Dennis Nelson  
 Boyd Clark, Advisor to Council (Band Manager)

#### **With Regrets:**

None

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Advisor (Acting Band Manager) Boyd Clark called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM MDT. All of Council was present.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CHAIRPERSON**

The Council requested for Advisor (Acting Band Manager) to Chair the meeting; he read the agenda and asked if there were any additions: None.

2024.12.03:01: Motion to Approve the Agenda with the Additions.

Chief Eugene Hope  
 Dennis Nelson  
 Carried.

### 3. **IN-CAMERA**

2024.12.03:01: Motion to Move into Camera @ 5:12 pm

Chief Eugene Hope  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

#### 1. **Christmas Feast & Drum Dance**

Discussion ensued concerning the Christmas Feast & Drum Dance. Chief Hope commits to talking to Abby Duntra, Wellness Coordinator and Holly Fantasque, Hamlet Recreation Coordinator concerning.

#### 2. **Support Payments to Members**

2024.12.03:02: Motion to provide payment in the following amounts:

- Individual members (excluding Fort Nelson residents due to emergency support previously provided) - \$175 per person
- Families (excluding Fort Nelson residents due to emergency support previously provided) - \$500 per family household

Brenda Berreault  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

#### 3. **Community Meeting Scheduling**

2024.12.03:03: Motion to have the Community Meeting – January 29<sup>th</sup> with a dinner and drum dance.

Brenda Berreault  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

2024.12.03:04: Motion to Come out of Camera @ 5:22 pm

Morris McLeod  
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

#### 4. BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

##### 1. **BCR 2024-09-1128: Approval of Bison Tags**

2024.12.03:05: Motion to approve the providing 2024-2025 bison harvester hunting tags to:

Dale Diamond-C

##### **BCR 2024-13-1128: Approval of Bison Tags**

2024.12.03:06: Motion to approve the providing 2024-2025 bison harvester hunting tags to:

Hillary Deneron

##### **BCR 2024-14-1128: Approval of Bison Tags**

2024.12.03:07: Motion to approve the providing 2024-2025 bison harvester hunting tags to:

Tritan Diamond-C

##### **BCR 2024-15-1128: Approval of Bison Tags**

**2024.12.03:06: Motion to approve the providing 2024-2025 bison harvester hunting tags to:**

Kathy Hardisty

Chief Hope

Sub Chief Donny Bertrand

Carried.

##### 2. **BCR 2024-10-1128: Approval of Budget for Operations**

Advisor to Council provides an overview of the budget.

2024.12.03:06: Motion to approve BCR 2024-10-1128 and the approval of the 2024-2025 Operations Budget for Acho Dene Koe First Nation.

Brenda Berreault

Dennis Nelson

Carried.

##### 3. **BCR 2024-11-1128: Accounts Payables**

2024.12.03:07: Motion to approve BCR 2024-11-1128 and the approval of the following Accounts Payables as information:

- a. **BCR 2024-01-1017:** Accounts Payables [2024.09.12]
- b. **BCR 2024-02-1017:** Accounts Payables [2024.09.19]
- c. **BCR 2024-03-1017:** Accounts Payables [2024.09.23]
- d. **BCR 2024-04-1017:** Accounts Payables [2024.09.29]
- e. **BCR 2024-05-1017:** Accounts Payables [2024.10.13]
- f. **BCR 2024-01-1121:** Accounts Payables [2024.10.20]
- g. **BCR 2024-02-1121:** Accounts Payables [2024.10.27]
- h. **BCR 2024-03-1121:** Accounts Payables [2024.11.03]
- i. **BCR 2024-04-1121:** Accounts Payables [2024.11.10]
- j. **BCR 2024-05-1121:** Accounts Payables [2024.11.17]
- k. **BCR 2024-06-1121:** Accounts Payables [2024.11.23]

Morris McLeod

Chief Eugene Hope

Carried.

##### 4. **BCR 2024-12-1128: Approval of Minutes**

2024.12.03:08: Motion to approve BCR 2024-12-1128 and the approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2024, meeting. Minutes provided in the council binder.

Morris McLeod

Dennis Nelson

Carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS [DISCUSSION ITEMS]**

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Chief Hope and Boyd Clark.

1. ***Federal Engagement – NWTCOL Meetings in Ottawa***

- a. Honorable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs; Minister response for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
- b. Honorable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations; the Honorable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of Emergency Preparedness; the Honorable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services; and, the Honorable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs
- c. Honorable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Canada.
- d. Honorable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs
- e. Honorable Ya'ara Saks, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health
- f. Honorable Bill Blair and the Honorable Mélanie Joly
- g. Deputy Minister Michael Vandergrift, NRCan
- h. Senator Anderson
- i. Honorable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
- j. Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

2. **Government of Northwest Territories: Bi-Lateral Meeting [Yellowknife] Nov 7/24**3. ***Government of Northwest Territories: Council of Leaders Meeting [Yellowknife] Nov 19/24***

- a. Joint Communique
- b. Summary of Internal & External Outcomes-
- c. Binder

6. **NEW BUSINESS [DISCUSSION ITEMS]**1. **Chief & Council**a. **Letter [Oct 22/25]: M. McKee**

**Consensus of Council:** To forward a letter to Mavis McKee thanking her letter of October 22, 2025.

b. **Dehcho First Nations: Health and Wellness Advisory Board**

**Consensus of Council:** To appoint Brenda Berreault to the Dehcho First Nation's Health and Wellness Advisory Board as Acho Dene Koe First Nation and to also put forward Mandy Cormier, Advisor, Health and Social Development.

- c. Support for Naka Power Utilities

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Chief Hope and Boyd Clark.

2. **Negotiations****Updates:**

- a. Specific Claims [Vancouver] Nov 21 Mtg

**Next Meetings:**

- b. Canada / Northwest Territories {Next Mtg}: [Virtual] Dec 9 & 13/24
- c. Canada / British Columbia [Victoria/Virtual] Jan 14/25
- d. Yukon - TBD
- e. Specific Claims [Edmonton] Dec 20/25

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Chief Hope and Boyd Clark.

3. **Management**

- a. **Finance Office: Nordika Business Solutions: Finance Officer Resignation**
- b. **Hamlet of Fort Liard: SAO**
- c. **Early Childcare Centre**

2024.12.03:09: Motion to approve signing the funding agreement with the Government of Northwest Territories and the lease rental agreement with the Hamlet of Fort Liard for the purpose of Acho Dene Koe First Nation to assume responsibility for the operations of an Early Childcare Centre in 2025.

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Dennis Nelson

Carried.

- d. Office Space – Beaver Enterprises Building

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Boyd Clark.

4. **ADK Corporate**

- a. **Government of NWT: Notice of Award**
- b. **ADK Holdings Ltd – Directors Election**
- c. **Hamlet of Fort Liard - Northwest Territories Wildfire Resilience Project - Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund - CWPP Fuel Treatment Amendment Request - Fort Liard Fuel Treatment Plan (Forsite Management Specialists)**
- d. **Natural Resources Canada: Government of Canada Invests in Geothermal Energy in Northern Canada**

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Boyd Clark.

7. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

1. **Dehcho Divisional Education Council: Regional Indigenous Language Education Coordinator**

**Consensus of Council:** to invite the Dehcho Division Education Council's Regional Indigenous Language Education Coordinator to the January meeting of Council.

2. **Missing Children and Unmarked Burials (formerly MCP3) initiative**

**Consensus of Council:** Table.

3. **GNWT: Environment & Climate Change: Adam Yeadon Memorial Scholarship**

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Boyd Clark.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS (FOR DISCUSSION)**

1. **Northwest Territories**

- a. Environment and Climate Change: Pause in Collections Initiative Addressing Recreational-Type Lease Rent Arrears
- b. Environment and Climate Change: Proposed next steps in engagement regarding the Administration and Management of Traditional Use Cabins on Public Land
- c. Housing NWT: 2023-24 Annual Report
- d. Premier's Office: Child Welfare Compensation and Long-Term Reform Agreement
- e. Environment and Climate Change: Request for Input on the 2025-2029 NWT Climate Change Action Plan

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Boyd Clark.

2. **Yukon**

3. **British Columbia**

4. **Canada**

5. **Assembly of First Nations/Dene Nation**

- a. Leadership Quarterly Update (November 8, 2024)
- b. Important Update on Child and Family Services for First Nations Communities

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Boyd Clark.

6. **Dehcho First Nations**

- a. Recovery Coach Training (Addictions)
- b. Dehcho Regional Health & Wellness Gathering [Hay River] Dec 3-4/25

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Boyd Clark.

7. **Conferences**

- a. 2024-2025 Mineral Resources Conferences: Geoscience Forum [Yellowknife] Nov 25-28/24
- b. First Nations Financial Management Board: National Leading the Way Gathering [Edmonton] Nov 26-28/24
- c. First Nations Major Project Coalition AGM [Vancouver]: Dec 3/24
- d. AFN Special Chiefs Assembly [Ottawa] Dec 3-5
- e. NWT Environmental Monitoring and Research Results Workshop [Yellowknife] Jan 14-15/25
- f. Band Managers Working Group Professional Devt Workshop [Yellowknife] Jan 21-22/25
- g. NWT Housing Forum [Yellowknife] Jan 22-23/25
- h. 2024-2025 Mineral Resources Conferences: AME Roundup 2025 [Vancouver] Jan 20-23/25
- i. 2025 BC Cabinet and First Nations Leaders Gathering [Vancouver] Jan 21-22/25
- j. 2024-2025 Mineral Resources Conferences: PDAC 2025 [Toronto] Mar 2-5/25
- k. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nations Major Project Coalitions Conference [Toronto] Apr 27-29/25
- l. 2025: National Aboriginal Opportunities Conference [Vancouver] May 20-22/25
- m. Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment [Yellowknife] Jul 3-4/25

**Consensus of Council:** Received as Information following overview by Boyd Clark.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

2024.12.03:09: Motion to Adjourn the December 3rd, 2024, meeting of Council.

Brenda Berreault

Dennis Nelson

Carried.

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, December 16, 2024

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the undersigned being of most of the Council of Acho Dene Koe First Nation, do hereby confirm that Council hereby approves by this Band Council Resolution **BCR 2024-06-1216** the approval of the Minutes of Council "As Information" and this was done at a duly convened meeting of the Council on **December 16, 2024**.

**Councillor – Brenda BERREault**

**Councillor – Dennis NELSON**

**Sub Chief – Donny BERtrand**

**Councillor – Morris MCLEOD**

**Chief – Eugene HOPE**

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## SCHEDULE A.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Assembly of First Nations
  - Agenda: October 16-18, 2024 [Calgary]; Attended by Chief Eugene Hope
    - Revised Final Settlement on Compensation for First Nations Children and Families
    - First Nations Child and Family Services, Jordan's Principle, and Trout Class Settlement Agreement
    - Final Agreement on Long-term Reform
    - National Assembly of Remote Communities Mission Statement
    - First Nations Child and Family Caring Society et al. v. Attorney General of Canada Tribunal File: T1340/7008
    - Suggested talking points: Court approval of FNCFS Child Compensation Class Action FSA
    - Key Messages for Supreme Court Decision on An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families
    - Estimated Regional Funding Allocations 2025-2029
    - Evaluation of the Key Elements of the Final Settlement Agreement on First Nations Child and Family Services
    - Continuation of Funding at Actuals for Capital for Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle
  
2. Dene Nation
  - Arctic and Northern Framework Policy
  - National Assembly of Remote Communities
  - Letter to Premier: Concerns Regarding the Child Welfare Compensation and Long-term Reform Agreement
  - 52<sup>nd</sup> Dene National Assembly: Resolutions Dettah, Denendeh, July 24-26, 2024
  
3. Government the Northwest Territories:
  - Environment:
    - (Lands Office Response): Participate in the Amendment Process for the NWT Lands Regulations
  - Health
    - Proposed Dental Hygienist Profession Regulations under the Health and Social Services Professions Act – Key Elements for Public Engagement
    - Extended Health Benefits
    - Addictions Prevention and Recovery Services Work Plan
  - Infrastructure
    - Next Steps – Rail Line from Enterprise to Hay River
  - MLA Office
    - Negotiated Contracts
    - Youth Ambassadors Program Call for Applications
    - Update: Fort Liard / Nahanni Butte - Accessing Fort Nelson Hospital
  
4. Province of British Columbia
  - Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship
    - Medzih Interim Habitat Protection – Boreal Caribou (Lands Office Response)
  - Energy Regulator
    - Chevron Canada Ltd (Lands Office Response): Short-term Water Use
  
5. Government of Canada
  - Environment Canada:
    - Changes affecting administration of the Environmental Effects Monitoring Program
    - Consultation and Engagement: Salmon Aquaculture Transition plan for BC
    - Updated Status of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Canada
  - Indigenous Services Canada:
    - Indigenous Health Equity Fund
  
6. Yukon
  - Environment
    - Parks Strategy Progress Report
  
7. Dehcho First Nations
  - 2023-2024 Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee Annual Report
  
8. Other
  - A. Paramount Resources: Potential Liard Basin Water License