Thcho Assembly 13th Session Directive November 29, 2007

The Thcho Assembly held its 13^{th} Session in Wekweeti on November 27 – 29, 2007 and approved the following.

1. **Healing Workshop:**

The Wellness Centre in Behchokò to develop a healing workshop. The workshop shall be held at Trapper's Spirituality Centre on December 6 - 8, 2007. The Thcho Government will cover the cost of the workshop including all related expense for Assembly members to attend. All Assembly members shall attend the workshop.

2. The Leadership Development:

The Leadership Development workshop shall be held on January 3 – 5, 2008 in Behchokò. The Banff Centre for Leadership and Management to develop a proposal. The Thcho Government will cover the cost of the workshop including all related expense for Assembly members to attend. All Assembly members shall attend the workshop.

3. Governance Workshop:

The Governance workshop shall be held in Gamètì on January 24 - 26, 2008. The workshop should include strategic planning and good governance.

4. Approval of CEC Minutes:

Tabled until the 14th Session.

5. WRRB Recommendations Report on ENR's Proposal for Bathurst Caribou Herd Management Actions:

The Assembly approved the draft Thcho Government response to the WRRB Recommendation Report and authorized Grand Chief George Mackenzie to sign the letter to the WRRB.

6. Wek'èezhìı Renewable Resources Board Appointments:

The Thcho Assembly appoints Alfonz Nitsiza, Peter Arrowmaker and Joseph Judas for a term of two years commencing November 24, 2007. An appointee from Behchokò will be selected at a later date.

7. Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board re: Eligibility Requirements for Permits on Theho Lands:

The Assembly approved the draft Thcho Government response to the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board's request for Thcho Government views to their questions in relation to the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulation* section 18 (b).

8. <u>Proposed Amendment to Exclusion List Regulation</u>:

The Assembly approved to assign Art Pape to meet with INAC on the proposed amendment to the *Exclusion List Regulation* under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The Thcho Government to work with the Gwich'in Tribal Council and Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated on this issue.

9. <u>Elders Advisory Council</u>:

Once the Elders Advisory Council has been selected, the Council will get together to review the draft terms of reference for recommendation at the next Assembly Session and to plan for an Elders gathering during the next Assembly Session.

10. <u>Tax Administration and Tax Sharing Agreement Amendment</u> Negotiations:

The Assembly approved to assign Colin Salter, John Hazenberg along with a Chief and member of the Assembly to discuss with Canada pursuant to s. 18(3) of the Thcho PIT Agreement and conclude an agreement.

11. Northways Consulting – Cost of Living Allowance:

The Thcho Government accepts option #3 of the NorthWays Consulting Salary Compensation Report (November 2007) on the cost of living allowance increase for a period of three years.

12. Assembly Coordinator Position:

The Assembly Coordinator applicants (#s 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 & 9) will be interviewed on the evening of January 3 & 4, 2007 in Behchokò. Assembly members, as identified, will take part in the interview.

13. Student Training Funds for the TEP and ALCIP Programs:

Tabled until the 14th Session.

14. Youth Center Proposal:

The Assembly will support the Youth Centre proposal on the condition that a lease is in place with the building owner and on an inspection completed by the fire marshal.

15. <u>History Channel/National Geographic Documentary Proposals</u>:

John B. Zoe, Thcho Executive Officer, will invite the History Channel representative to meet with the Assembly members.

16. Dene Nation Leadership meeting – December 4 - 6, 2007:

The following Thcho Assembly Members will attend the Dene Nation meeting – Grand Chief George Mackenzie, Chief Charlie J. Nitsiza,

Chief Leon Lafferty, Chief Henry Gon, Chief Charlie Football, James Rabesca, Sonny Zoe, Alphonse Apple, William Quitte, Albert Nitsiza, and Joe Dryneck. (Will ask Ernie Smith) Thcho Government will cover cost for necessary means of travel including all related expenses. Thcho Government will invoice Dene Nation for approved expenditures.

17. Donation:

The Thcho Government will assist in providing the basic necessities to the Simpson family. The Thcho Government shall assist in ensuring that agencies and governments provide all services available to help in the replacement of the home and its contents. Grand Chief will write a letter to the Minister responsible for Housing requesting a replacement for the lost home.

18. <u>Proceedings Committee Meeting</u>:

The Proceedings Committee will meet on December 10, 2007 at 1pm.

19. Response to Editorial:

The Assembly approved the draft response to the editorial dated November 26, 2007 regarding statement by Grand Chief and to approved placing an advertisement of the response.

20. Session dates:

The 14th Session to be held in Gamètì on January 29 – 31, 2008.

Signature:

This directive was approved by the Thcho Assembly and signed by Grand Chief George Mackenzie on November 29, 2007.