Thcho Assembly 15th Session Directive March 17, 2008

The Thcho Assembly held its 15th Session in Behchokò on March 11 – 17, 2008 and approved the following.

1. Approval of Agenda:

The Assembly approved the agenda with the following additional items to agenda item #16:

- a) Community Government Lands Issue/Community Projects Funding/Implementation Report – Workshop planning
- b) Social issues arising from Community tours
- c) Winter road to Whatì
- d) Chiefs Salary
- e) CEC Resume responsibility
- f) Resource Revenue Sharing and Devolution TG position
- g) Session Agenda format
- h) Air Tindi support letter for freight
- i) Charter to Kugluktuk by Thcho Government

2. <u>13th Session Directive</u>:

The Assembly reviewed and approved the 13th Session directive.

15) The Assembly agreed to proceed with the Agreement with History Channel dated March 4, 2008.

3. The Investment Corporation Working Group:

Assembly agreed to schedule a workshop.

4. <u>The Investment Corporation:</u>

Assembly agreed to schedule a workshop.

5. The Assembly Proceedings Committee:

The Committee tabled draft #3 of the Thcho Rules of Order for review by the Assembly.

6. 14th Session Directive:

a. Elders Advisory Council

In the next few weeks, selection of the two (2) elders from each community will be identified and they will attend the next Assembly session.

b. Approval of CEC minutes

- i. Assembly to direct the Thcho Investment Corporation to organize a presentation by Deze Corporation. Members of the Assembly may attend the presentation.
- ii. A workshop on Fortune Minerals and to invite Fortune Minerals to do a presentation.
- iii. Assembly will have a workshop to review Thcho Laws.
- iv. Assembly to review the Programs and Services Agreement with TCSA.
- v. The Thcho Assembly will include a budget for the IBA in the 2008-2009 Thcho Government Budget.

c. Caribou tags

Tabled until next session.

d. Thcho Implementation Committee

Assembly agreed to schedule a workshop to review the Tłącho Implementation Committee Report.

e. Cultural Program Funds - DeBeers Impact Agreement

Two (2) members from each community will be identified and for this group to develop a cultural plan including budget for Assembly consideration.

f. Thcho /Deline/Kugluktuk Snowmobile Proposal

The estimated cost of the Kugluktuk ski-doo trip is \$98,000.00 and the organizers have raised some funds to be put towards this cost, however there may be a shortfall.

The Thcho Government is prepared to cover the shortfall difference of the actual expenditure and the actual funds raised by the organizers.

The Government programs that applies to this type of eligible activity will be used if available.

g. Assembly to visit Nisga'a Government

Tabled for next session.

h. Residential School Payments – Chief Jimmy Bruneau School

Assembly agreed with the draft letter. Grand Chief will sign letter.

7. Extension of Assembly:

The Assembly unanimously agreed to extend the 15th Session of the Thcho Assembly to include Friday, March 14th and Monday, March 17, 2008.

8. Implementation Committee Draft Annual Report:

Will be part of the review of the Implementation Committee Report.

9. <u>Land Claims Agreement Coalition:</u>

Tabled for information.

10. Policy Direction to WLWB:

Tabled.

11. Thcho Register:

Will be part of the review of the Implementation Committee Report.

12. <u>Dispute Resolution Administrator and Deputy Dispute Resolution</u> <u>Administrator:</u>

Will be part of the review of the Implementation Committee Report.

13. The Regional Climate Change Workshop:

The Assembly agreed to contribute \$15,000 to the proposed Thcho Climate Change Workshop.

Assembly Members may attend the workshop.

14. <u>Fortune Minerals:</u>

Assembly agreed to schedule a workshop.

15. Supplemental Budget:

The Assembly Budget Committee to draft final Thcho Government budget for Assembly consideration at their next session. The final budget shall include IBAs.

16. Additional Items:

a. Community government lands issue

Chief Leon Lafferty tabled documents for Assembly to consider at the next session.

b. Social issues arising from Community tours

Minutes of the last community tour shall be summarized to identify social issues and presented to the Assembly for consideration.

c. Winter road to Whatì

Chiefs and Assembly Members who are available will meet with the GNWT Minister responsible to re-affirm the Thcho Government support to continue studies into an all land winter road to Whatì. The members will discuss other issues such as the improvement to the existing winter roads to all the communities.

d. Chiefs Salary

Tabled until next session.

e. CEC - Resume responsibility

Tabled until next session.

f. Resource Revenue Sharing and Devolution

Tabled until next session.

g. Session Agenda format

To be reviewed by Proceedings Committee.

h. Air Tindi – support letter for freight

Develop a draft letter to Air Tindi on issues related to scheduled flights, type of aircraft used and storage of foods.

i. Charter to Kugluktuk by Thcho Government

There will be no charter to Kugluktuk.

17. Scheduling:

16th Session - Whatì a.

Next session will be held the week of May 19, 2008.

b. Contaminated Sites and Remediation Monitoring Update

The suggested date by INAC to have the contaminated site remediation and monitoring public meeting update on April 17, 2008 in Behchokò is accepted.

Dene Nation Leadership Meeting c.

The Dene Nation Leadership Meeting is scheduled for April 8 -10, 2008 in Yellowknife.

Those members of the Assembly who are available may attend the Leadership Meeting.

d. **The Assembly Workshop:**

Assembly will have workshop on the following dates and to be held in Behchokò, NT.

April 21, 2008	Thcho Investment Corporation/ Share
	Transfer Ownership
April 22, 2008	Fortune Minerals
April 23, 2008	Implementation Committee Report

Grand Chief George Mackenzie signed this Directive on March 17,

2008.