Thcho Assembly 16th Session Directive May 23, 2008

The Thcho Assembly held its 16th Session in Whati on May 20-23, 2008 and approved the following.

1. Approval of CEC Minutes

Chiefs Executive Council minutes dated September 19, 20 and 24, 2007 are tabled.

2. Caribou Tags

Elders Advisory Council is requested to work on this issue and provide a recommendation back to the Thcho Assembly.

3. <u>Thcho Registrar</u>

The Thcho Assembly authorizes Grand Chief to sign the letter to Implementation Management (INAC) and the Eligibility Committee on the Thcho Government's intention to designate a person or group of persons as the registrar.

4. <u>Dispute Resolution Administrator/Deputy Dispute Resolution Administrator</u>

As per section 6.2.1 of the Thcho Agreement, Thcho Government approves of the following joint appointments:

Dispute Resolution Administrator – Luciano Azzolini Deputy Dispute Resolution Administrator – Lani Cooke

5. Extension of Assembly:

The Assembly agreed to extend the 16^{th} Session of the Thcho Assembly to include Friday, May 23^{rd} .

6. Support for Medical Assistance – ISM Clinic & Lab

Tabled until an in camera session

7. Interpreter Fees

Tabled until an in camera session

8. Fortune Minerals

The Thcho Executive Officer will develop an advertisement and Terms of Reference for receiving proposals to manage the issues surrounding the development of the proposed mine site.

9. Northern Youth Abroad

Thicho Government to provide support of \$30,000 to support four (4) Thicho Youth to participate in the program. The funds will come from allowable program funds first, and the next alternate source from donations, or a combination of both.

10. Tromso, Norway Conference – October 1-3, 2008

The Thcho Assembly will support sending a delegation to the Tromso, Norway Conference and support the fund raising. Interested participants will be reviewed and selected by the Thcho Government presence offices. Each participant will be responsible to ensure they have proper documents for international travel. Efforts will be made to ensure there is representation from the four communities.

11. Transfer Thcho Government Shares to Thcho Investment Corporation

The corporate holdings of the Thcho Government be transferred to the Thcho Investment Corporation to hold for the Thcho Government as set out in Section 4 of the Thcho Investment Corporation Administration Law using the Price Waterhouse Coopers Plan and those transfers are to be effective March 31, 2008 where possible;

The Single Director Measure and related Management Agreement be terminated as part of the transfer of the Thcho corporations to the Thcho Investment Corporation;

The Thcho Investment Corporation Board Members be appointed as the Board for the 100% owned Thcho Corporations that were formerly under the Single Director Measure;

Documents required to carry out the transaction will be sent to Thcho Assembly members for comments through e-mail or by correspondence with a deadline for response and;

The Grand Chief is authorized to sign such documents as are required to carry out the transaction on behalf of the Thcho Government.

12. Challenge to Future Chiefs Executive Council Meetings Law Process

The proposal to establish a decision-making process to address the challenge to the Future Chiefs Executive Council Meetings Law under section 13.3 of the Thcho Constitution is accepted as drafted and Mr. John Donihee Barrister & Solicitor is hereby retained to provide the Thcho Assembly the independent legal advice required to complete this process.

13. Community Government Lands

GNWT was entrusted to consult with the Municipal Community Governments before the effective date on the land lease transfers and rates.

The Thcho Government supports the Community Governments to renegotiate the land lease rates.

14. Dene Nation Assembly in Fort McPherson

Tabled

15. Report on Directives

Assembly will review 15th session and 16th session updates at the beginning of the next session.

16. <u>Conferences (pre-approve attendance)</u>

Tabled

17. Elders Advisory Council – address and mandate

Tabled

18. Scheduling:

a. Next Thcho Assembly Session

June 19 - 20, 2008 in Behchokò

b. Assembly to visit Nisga'a Government

Tabled

c. BHP & Diavik meetings

Assembly members who are available will participate in meetings at Diavik and BHP on June 2-3, 2008.

19. Former Elders Compensation

Tabled until an in camera session

20. **Honorary** Degree attendance

Assembly members and former Land Claim negotiators who are available will attend Honorary Degree ceremony in Edmonton June 11, 2008.

21. Whati Annual Gathering

Annual Gathering will be extended, and the revised dates will be discussed at the 17th Assembly.

22. **Edzo - Community**

Tabled

23. AFN - Quebec City - July

Tabled.

24. **Donation for Global Catastrophe**

Thicho Investment Corporation will be instructed to donate \$20,000 to recent global catastrophe relief efforts.

25. INAC Appeal of Kaagee First Nation decision

The Thicho Government supports a joint intervention with Sahtu and Gwich'in to the INAC Appeal of Kaagee First Nation court decision.

The Thicho Government will contribute one third (1/3) of the total costs. The remaining two thirds (2/3) of the costs will be paid by the Gwich'in and Sahtu respectively with letters from Gwich'in and Sahtu as backup

26. **Budget presentation**

IBA, Programs & Services, Debeers Culture fund budgets will be presented at the next assembly

Grand Chief George Mackenzie signed this Directive on May 23, 2008.