# Thcho Assembly 21<sup>st</sup> Session Directive February 26, 2009

The Thcho Assembly held its 21st Session in Behchoko on February 24-26, 2009 and approved the following:

# 1. 2008-2009 Quarterly Financial Report

Thcho Government 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial report was presented and accepted.

# 2. Finance and Human Resources Business process review

Tłącho Government Assembly members will contact PricewaterhouseCoopers with further comments on the Finance and Human Resource Business Process review and a final report with the results will be presented at an upcoming Assembly session.

## 3. Review Assembly members fees

Administration and PricewaterhouseCoopers will review Assembly members fees.

#### 4. Policies and Procedures Approval

The following policies were revised with changes effective February 26, 2009:

- 3.2 Travel Expenses and Honoraria
- 3.3 Alcohol, Drug Abuse & Attendance at Meetings
- 4.1 Administration in lieu of Policy
- 4.4 Telephone, Cellular Telephone and Calling Card Use
- 5.4 Financial Reports & Statements
- 5.12 Financial Contributions
- 5.12.1 Financial Contributions for Grieving
- 6.7 Supervision of Staff
- 6.15 Participation on Boards & Committees by an Employee
- 6.16 Absent Without Leave

Administration will continue working on policy development for Assembly consideration.

#### 5. Mini Hydro project in Whati

Thicho Government supports the ongoing planning towards the eventual Hydro solution on Lac La Martre Falls, and direction is given to include the Whati mini-hydro site in the Thicho land Use Plan.

#### 6. Winter Road

Arktis will provide a report on the status of the on land winter road to Assembly members at the next Assembly session.

# 7. RCMP Housing

Thicho Investment Corporation will be approached to follow up with the RCMP regarding immediate rental options in Gamètì and will work with the RCMP on building staff housing depending on their future housing needs in all the communities. TIC will develop a report of all staff housing needs in each Thicho community for presentation to the Thicho Assembly.

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# 8. Proposals from Gamètì

The Thcho Government will contribute the following funds to the Community Government of Gamèti office:

Road Development to Golf Course	\$59,000
Pool Hall Recreational Supplies and Games	\$25,300
Renovation and upgrade of Gamètì Youth Centre	\$138,000
Total	\$222,300

#### 9. IBA Issues

A report that reviews the IBAs has been completed, and a workshop with the consultant to review the report will be held. Following the workshop, meetings with the mine companies will be scheduled to discuss IBA issues.

#### 10. Power plant relocation

The Government will work with the community to identify issues surrounding the relocation of the power plant in Wekweeti.

## 11. Former board members, Sub Chiefs compensation

Administration will research who served on Community Corporation Boards and who served as Sub Chiefs from 1992 – 2005 for future reference.

# 12. Cell phones for Assembly members

Assembly members will be provided with reimbursement of business cell phone usage for March – May 2009.

# 13. The Government Assembly building

Administration will begin research on a Thcho Government Assembly building and Thcho Government presence offices in each community.

#### 14. Elder's Advisory Council

The current two elders from each community will continue to attend Assembly sessions. A draft job description for an Elder's Helper will be developed and presented for consideration at an upcoming Assembly session.

#### 15. Whati Community Government Proposal

The Thcho Government will contribute \$22,592.50 to the Community Government of Whati for the first stage of their Community Government Portfolio Structure project.

#### 16. Indian Status Card issue

Administration will gather information regarding the purpose and benefits of Indian Status Cards.

# 17. Healing Workshop

The Thcho Government will contribute up to \$161,000 towards the Behchoko Community Wellness Program - Community Freedom Workshops.

# 18. <u>Donations</u>

Tabled until the next Assembly Session.

# 19. Land Tax

Tabled until the next Assembly Session.

# 20. Youth Centre extension

The Thcho Government will contribute \$190,000 towards the Whatì Youth Centre addition.

#### 21. Budget Committee

The existing budget committee of Chief Henry Gon, Albert Nitsiza, James Rabesca, Edward Chocolate and Joseph Dryneck will be used for the upcoming 2009-2010 budget development. Any other Assembly member can be used as an alternate.

## 22. Scheduling

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Tłąchǫ Assembly Session will be held March 24-26, 2009 in Wekweètì.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering will be held August 4-6, 2009 in Behchokò.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering will be held in Gamètì in 2010.

IBA/PBA workshop will be scheduled the first week of March with the consultant who prepared the report. At the same time issues will be identified for each mining company so meetings can be scheduled to address the issues.

Scheduling for the following workshops will be done on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly session:

- Programs & Services
- Implementation
- Wildlife

Signature:

Grand Chief George Mackenzie signed this Directive on February 26, 2009