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George Mackenzie, Grand Chief of the Thcho Government, signed the Thcho Government IBA/PA Implementation Budget Law 2006-2007 on June 16, 2006.

Certified as a True Copy by Bertha Rabesca Zoe as of June 16, 2006.

Laws Guardian, Thcho Government

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Title

1. This law may be cited as the *Tł*pcho Government IBA/PA Implementation Budget Law 2006 - 2007.

Definition

2. In this law,

"Proposed Budget" means the budget for April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 prepared by Chief's Executive Council pursuant to *Thcho Finance Law* and recommended by the Chief's Executive Council attached to this Law as Schedule A.

Adoption and Approval of the Budget

3. The Proposed Budget is adopted and approved as the budget of the Thcho Government for the IBA/PA funds for the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

Coming into force

4. This Law shall be deemed to have come into force on April 1, 2006.

SCHEDULE A

Thcho Government IBA/PA Budget 2006-2007

REV	/ENUE:	
1.	BHP (March 2006 scheduled payment)	\$ 1,531,589
2.	Deferral from 2005-2006 fiscal year	\$ 320,000
3.	Diavik – estimated payment in July 2006	\$ 1,500,000
4.	DeBeers - one time payment	\$ 1,000,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,351,589
EXP	PENDITURE:	
1.	Thcho Scholarship	\$ 500,000
2.	DeBeers Cultural Program Development	\$ 1,000,000
3.	IBA Coordinator	\$ 150,000
4.	Annual Canoe Trip	\$ 250,000
5.	Annual Gathering	\$ 200,000
6.	Rae Graveyard	\$ 100,000
7.	New Tącho Government Building	\$ 500,000
8.	Donation/Funeral Support	\$ 290,000
9.	Thcho Heritage Resources Project	\$ 45,000
10.	Investment Corporation – capital projects	\$ 1,300,000
11.	Wekweètì Graveyard	\$ 16,189
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 4,351,589

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Budget Explanation

1. The Scholarship

\$ 500,000

The purpose of the Thcho Scholarship Fund Project is to promote the post-secondary education of Thcho citizens through the administration of a series of scholarships that encourage academic achievement in high school students, and support students while studying at university, college, technical school or other post secondary institutions. In 1997-98 the Treaty 11 Council approved \$250,000 for scholarships and since 1999 approval for \$500,000 has been given each year. Hundreds of Thcho citizens have been helped with their post secondary education since 1999 giving the Thcho Nation the highest number of students on a per capita basis in the NWT attending post secondary education. The funding is used primarily as grants to students with some funds going to a program coordinator.

2. DeBeers Cultural Program Development

\$ 1,000,000

The Thcho Government shall establish and operate a program to facilitate participation by Thcho Citizens who want to continue their traditional economic activities based on the land and its resources.

3. IBA Coordinator

\$ 150,000

There are Impact Benefit Agreements (IBAs) with BHP Billiton, Diavik Diamond Mine and DeBeers and as a result, there are certain obligations by the parties that must be carried out. The Thcho government will create the position of IBA Coordinator and the Coordinator will ensure the Thcho Government implement its' obligation and commitments.

4. Annual Canoe Trip

\$ 250,000

The Thcho Government will have its annual gathering in Wekweètì on August 2-4, 2006. The canoes will travel from Behchokò, Whatì and Gamètì to Wekweètì and the trip may take about 2 weeks. It is estimated 150 persons may participate on this trip.

5. Annual Gathering

\$ 200,000

The Thcho Government will have its annual gathering in Wekweètì on August 2-4, 2006. There is currently \$300,000 in the Thcho Government Budget for this fiscal year. Due to the higher cost of having an annual gathering in Wekweètì, there is a need for additional funds. Included in this cost will be the development of an annual report.

6. Rae Graveyard

\$ 100,000

The graveyard in Rae is in need of repair. The work to be done will include clean up of the area, repair some graves and the level the area with dirt/gravel.

7. New Theho Government Building

\$ 500,000

The Thcho Government will need to work on building its own building for its governmental business. This initiative will take time and proper planning and in the meantime, a saving account or reserved funding should be set up in order to establish cash capital or equity. This will reduce the overall cost of the building and lessen the need for financing.

8. Donation/Funeral Support

\$ 290,000

The Thcho Government is currently funding most of the funeral expenses and other donations. The current donation budget for this fiscal year may not be sufficient to cover all donation requests and funeral support cost. Additional funding is required.

9. The Heritage Resources Project

\$ 45,000

The purpose of the Thcho Heritage Resources project is to ensure the security, organization and accessibility of all sound, video recordings of Thcho elders present and past. The existing collections in the Thcho Government/Thcho Community Services Agency (TG/TCSA) and in private hands in the communities must be duplicated as soon as possible and one collection put away for safekeeping. The other collection must be digitized, indexed, catalogued and loaded to TG/TCSA servers and made accessible to the public through the Thcho web project. These heritage resources form a foundation for the cosmology project, and are very useful for other TG/TCSA projects and work including lands management, language and cultural programs at the schools, and others. The funding is used primarily for employment for summer students for July and August, casual workers in August through December and a coordinator. Some equipment will be needed.

10. Investment Corporation – Capital Projects

\$ 1,300,000

The Investment Corporation requires funding for various capital projects and investments totalling \$1,6 million. The total amount allocated is \$1.3 million. The Investment Corporation will cover the outstanding required amount of \$300,000. The capital projects include the following:

a. Nurse Station – Upgrade – Behchokò \$ 325,000

The upgrade will include 2 ambulance bays and 5 office spaces. A mortgage of \$325,000 is needed to secure a loan of \$1.8 million. It will be

built by the Rae-Edzo Dene Band Development Corporation and leased to the Thcho Community Services Agency.

b. Wekweètì – Thcho Government Building \$360,000

The building will included offices for Thcho Government, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board, Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board, community store and other tenants. \$60,000 will be needed for the building design and \$300,000 for a down payment on a \$1.1 million bank financing.

c. Wekweèti Development Corporation – Support \$55,000

The Thcho Government is required to provide financial support to its various corporations from time to time. A total of \$55,000 is required to provide financial support to the store (\$25,000), motel for cashflow (\$15,000) and Wekweètì Development Corporation for cashflow (\$15,000).

d. Gamèti Store – purchase \$580,000

The Thcho Government will purchase the store in Gamètì. Approximately \$580,000 will be required to purchase the store. The estimated cost of the store is \$250,000, plus \$300,000 for the stock and \$30,000 in management support.

e. Gamèti Development Corporation – Motor \$30,000

The Gamèti Development Corporation owns a grader that requires a new motor. Once the grader is repaired, the Development Corporation could lease or rent out the grader.

f. Whati – Tlicho Government Building \$140,000

The Thcho Government is looking at building a building in Whatì. A needs assessment is required to determine whether a new building should be constructed.

g. Whati Community Store – Support \$40,000

The Thcho Government is required to provide financial support to its various corporations from time to time. The Whati Community Store requires \$40,000 to assist with its operational cashflow.

h. Whati Development Corporation - Support

\$45,000

The Thcho Government is required to provide financial support to its various corporations from time to time. The Whatì Development Corporation requires financial assistance of \$45,000 to assist with operational cashflow. This will include assistance with the housing projects, payment of a bobcat and grader engine repair.

i. Rabesca Resources Ltd. – research \$25,000

The Thcho Government will do research into the potential purchase of Rabesca Resources Ltd.

11. Wekweètì Graveyard

\$ 16,589

The graveyard in Wekweètì is located several kilometers from the community on an island. The community will construct a shelter at the graveyard.