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Certified as a True Copy by Bertha Rabesca Zoe as of May 25, 2007.

Laws Guardian, Thcho Government

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#### Title

1. This law may be cited as the *Thcho Government IBA/PA* Implementation Budget Law 2007 – 2008.

#### **Definition**

2. In this law,

"Proposed Budget" means the Thcho Government IBA/PA Implementation Budget for April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 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, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

### **Coming into force**

4. This Law shall be deemed to have come into force on the date the Grand Chief signed this law.

# Schedule A **T**hcho Government IBA/PA Implementation Budget 2007-2008 Schedule A – Tącho Government IBA/PA Budget 2007-2008

# Thcho Government IBA/PA Budget 2007-2008

REV	ENUE	
1.	DeBeers Canada	\$ 400,000
2.	BHP Billiton	\$1,531,589
3.	Diavik Diamond Mines	\$1,500,000
TOTAL REVENUE		\$3,431,589
EXPI	ENDITURES	
1.	Thcho Scholarship Fund	\$ 500,000
2.	IBA Coordinator	\$ 150,000
3.	Annual Canoe Trip	\$ 150,000
4.	Annual Gathering	\$ 200,000
5.	Donation/Funeral Support	\$ 201,094
6.	Investment Corporation – capital projects	\$ 760,000
7.	Gravel Upgrade to Thcho Government Land	\$ 190,000
8.	Tụchọ Government Arbor – Behchokò	\$ 100,000
9.	Social Programs Support	\$ 300,000
10.	Theho Community Projects	\$ 880,495
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$3,431,589

# Thcho Government IBA/PA Budget 2007-2008

#### **Budget Explanations**

#### 1. Thcho Scholarship Fund

\$500,000

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to promote the post-secondary education of Thcho citizens through the administration of a series of scholarships that encourage academic achievement in high schools and to provide support while studying at a university, college, technical or other post secondary institutions. The funding will be managed by the Thcho Community Services Agency and regular updates to the Chiefs Executive Council are a requirement.

#### 2. IBA Coordinator

\$150,000

There are Impact and Participation Benefit Agreements with BHP Billiton, Diavik Diamond Mines and De Beers Canada and as a result, there are certain obligations by the parties that must be carried out. The Thcho Government will provide funds for the position of an IBA Coordinator to ensure the Thcho Government implements and carries out its obligations and commitments.

#### 3. Annual Canoe Trip

\$150,000

The Thcho Government will have its annual gathering in Behchokò from July 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This will coincide with the Dene Nation Assembly, which will also be held on the same dates. The canoes will travel from Whatì, Gamètì and Wekweètì to Behchokò and the trip may take from 4 days to a little over a week. The funds will cover for the equipment, food, communication, safety equipment, allowances and associated costs.

#### 4. Annual Gathering

\$200,000

The Thcho Annual Gathering and the Dene Nation Assembly will be held in Behchokò July  $17^{th} - 19^{th}$ , 2007. The funds will be used to help cover all associated costs of setting up, running and wrapping up of the two events.

#### 5. Donation/Funeral Support

\$201,094

The Thcho Government currently provides funding for donations and dispenses funds according to its policies.

#### 6. Investment Corporation – Capital Projects

\$760,000

The Investment Corporation required funding for various capital projects and investments totaling \$760,000

#### a. Operation & Maintenance Edzo Airport – \$160,000

For the past number of years the Edzo Airport has been operated by Thcho Construction and maintained by NK Freeway at a great expense to both

companies. The funding requested would cover the annual operational budget allowing this important service to continue.

#### b. Thcho Investment Corporation

\$350,000

The Thcho Investment Corporation has been established. This funding will assist in the mobilization and support of the initial set up and operation of the board.

#### b. NK Forestry – Whatì, Gamètì, Wekweètì Office \$150,000

The Forestry crews in the communities require a more permanent offices for their operations and storage on a year round basis. The funds provided will be put forward to building a seasonal building.

#### c. Russell Lake Road Development

\$100,000

The use of Russell Lake area for recreation and spiritual gatherings is steadily increasing. The road to Russell Lake requires a major re-development to deal with the increased traffic. Plans include building up the low-lying areas, covering the entire road with crush material and widening certain areas.

#### 7. Gravel to upgrade Thcho Government Lands

\$190,000

The Cultural Center sits on Thcho lands and in preparation for the Annual Gathering this summer; the site requires gravel and upgrades. A new parking lot will also be constructed on the St. Michaels parish property to deal with the overflow parking from Thcho Government events and cultural activities that takes place at the Cultural Center.

#### 8. Arbor – Behchokò

\$100,000

An Arbor in Behchokò will be constructed to prepare for the Annual Gathering in July 2007. The arbor will be mainly for the cultural activities and for seasonal usage.

#### 9. Social Programs

\$300,000

The delivery of Social Programs has been transferred to the TCSA as of April 1, 2007. Overhead costs such as rent, supplies, telephone; salary differences etc. that were previously covered through in-kind contributions by the Thcho Government will need to be continued. The funds provided to the TCSA will cover for the overhead additional costs on an agreed upon installment schedule.

#### 10. Community Projects

\$880,495

The communities will develop proposals for projects and the Chiefs Executive Council will determine the allocations of funds.