

# **Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee**

## **2007-08 Annual Report**

October 21, 2008

## Chairperson's Message

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My name is Michael M. Nadli, and I am the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee. I have held this position since September 2007. Before June 2007, I was the acting Chair on a half time basis. In my role, I chair Board Committee meetings for the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee and facilitate its workshops and technical sessions. I also manage the organization and its office in Fort Providence with the assistance of Office Manager Sophie Bonnetrouge.

The Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee, ("the Committee"), was formally established in February 2002 under the authority of the Dehcho First Nations Interim Measures Agreement (IMA). The purpose of the Committee was to develop a land use plan for the Dehcho territory for lands outside the existing municipal boundaries and the Nahanni National Park Reserve. In June 2006, a draft Dehcho Land Use Plan was submitted for ratification to the Dehcho First Nations, and the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories (NWT). The draft Plan was not ratified by the Governments of Canada and the NWT and subsequently returned to the Committee for revisions.

On April 27, 2007, Terms of Reference and Work plan to guide the Dehcho Land Use Plan Revisions was signed by the Main Table Chief Negotiators for the Dehcho Process of all three Parties. The Terms of Reference called for the Committee to continue to develop a Dehcho Land Use Plan consistent with the Terms of Reference, and the Dehcho First Nations Interim Measures Agreement (IMA).

The members of the Land Use Planning Committee are strongly committed in completing the Interim Land Use Plan. Our approach to the revisions is to work through the issues in a workshop format. I facilitate those workshops. A typical workshop/technical session begins with the Committee establishing an agenda, and then meeting to discuss our issues and concerns until we achieve consensus. So far, this approach has been very effective in bringing solidarity and consensus to the Committee.

To date, the Land Use Planning Committee has held 18 Committee meetings, 5 Working Group meetings, 6 workshops, 4 Main Table information sessions, and 4 Dehcho First Nations Information Sessions. We are working towards having a complete draft Interim Land Use Plan for the Main Table's consideration by the fall of 2008. On behalf of the Committee and staff, Mahsi Cho.

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Michael Nadli  
Chairperson, Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

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## Introduction

The Dehcho territory is a vast area with significant natural, cultural and economic resources. Attempting to manage these resources through a land use plan for the benefit of residents of the Dehcho territory, the Northwest Territories and Canada is a daunting challenge the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee ("Committee") has been given and eagerly embraced. Building on the work of its predecessors, the Committee has completed a demanding work schedule this year and is pleased to report it has substantially completed revising the June 2006 draft Dehcho Land Use Plan.

## Revising the June 2006 Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan

The Committee was formally established in February 2002 under the Authority of the Dehcho First Nations Interim Measures Agreement (IMA).<sup>1</sup> The purpose of the Committee was to develop a land use plan (Plan) for the Dehcho territory for lands outside the existing municipal boundaries of the Nahanni National Park Reserve. In February 2003, the Committee formally adopted the Draft Guidelines for the Development of a Dehcho Land Use Plan as its Terms of Reference (ToR).

A draft Plan was presented and approved by the Dehcho Assembly in June 2006. However, the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories did not support the draft Plan because too much land with economic potential was excluded from development.

On April 27, 2007, the Dehcho First Nations and the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories, (Parties) agreed to revised Terms of Reference and a Workplan to guide the revision of the June 2006 draft Dehcho Land Use Plan. These documents have guided the Committee's work over the last year.

## What is Land Use Planning?

Land use planning outlines what types of activities should occur, where they should take place, and the terms and conditions necessary to guide land use decisions over time. It requires a clear vision of how we want the land and the people to be in 20 or 30 years. The Plan becomes the roadmap that guides decisions at every turn to take us where we want to go. Once approved, the Plan will establish rules about what development is allowed and how development should occur. The planning area includes all lands in the Dehcho territory outside the existing boundaries of local governments and Nahanni National Park Reserve.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/agr/dci\\_e.pdf](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/agr/dci_e.pdf)

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## Mission Statement

The Mission of the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee is continue developing a Dehcho Land Use Plan consistent with its Terms of Reference and the Dehcho First Nations Interim Measures Agreement, to manage what type of land use activities may occur and where they should take place. The Plan will balance economic, social, environmental and cultural needs and interests.

## Guiding Principles and Objectives of the Planning Process

The Plan revision process is guided by the principles of sustainable development and respect for the land as understood and articulated by Dehcho Elders and the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories. The Committee's objectives as expressed in its Terms of Reference are to:

- (a) To continue developing a Land Use Plan for the Dehcho Territory (excluding lands within existing municipal boundaries and Nahanni National Park Reserve) which promotes the social, cultural and economic well being of residents and communities in the Dehcho Territory, having regard to the interests of all Canadians.
- (b) To consider the principles of respect for the land, as understood and explained by the Dehcho Elders, and sustainable development in developing the land use plan, which shall provide for the conservation, development and utilization of the land, waters and resources in the Dehcho territory.
- (c) The Dehcho Final Agreement will take into consideration the work of the Committee.
- (d) To develop, following the approval of the Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan, concurrent with the Dehcho Process negotiations, a Dehcho Land Use Plan which takes into account the provisions of the Dehcho Final Agreement, including any necessary conformity requirements.

## Membership

The Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee, established as a non-profit Society with offices located in Fort Providence, NT, is comprised of the following members:

- (a) Dehcho First Nations - 2 appointees;
- (b) Canada - 1 appointee;
- (c) GNWT - 1 appointee;
- (d) Chairperson - 1 person appointed by the other members of the Committee, who shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee.

The Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee members are:

### **Michael Nadli**, *Chairman/CEO*

Michael M. Nadli is a Deh Gah Got'ie Dene First Nation member. Most recently, Mr. Nadli held the position of Intergovernmental Advisor with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in the Yellowknife Regional Office. Michael also served as CEO of the Deh Cho Bridge Corporation and worked as a Consultant. Michael served two terms as Dehcho Grand Chief from 1997 to 2003. Previous to this, Michael worked as Executive Director of the Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation and also as a broadcaster with CBC Radio.

Michael worked as a Regional Land Use Planning Facilitator with the Denendeh Land Use Planning Commission during the period 1988-1991. He also attended Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific and

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received an education through the International Baccalaureate Program. He is bilingual in Deh Gah Got'ie Dene and English. He currently lives with his wife and family in Fort Providence.

**Tim Lennie**, *Dehcho First Nations Representative - Vice-Chair*

Tim represents DCFN and is Vice-Chairman of the Committee. He has held various leadership positions in the region over the last twenty years, including Chief of Pehdzeh Ki First Nation for 4 terms. He has been actively involved in the Dehcho Process since the beginning. He is currently the Community Negotiations Support Worker in Wrigley.

Tim is a regular subsistence harvester who believes and practices the Dene Laws, Values and Principles. He is a recognized drummer in the Dehcho territory.

**Petr Cizek**, *Dehcho First Nations Representative - Director*

For over a dozen years, Petr Cizek lived and worked in the Northwest Territories. He is an independent environmental consultant who specializes in the integration and analysis of traditional knowledge and natural resource data using geographic information systems. He is a graduate of the land use planning programs at the University of Waterloo (BES 1988) and the University of Guelph (MSc. 1992).

Petr is currently living in Vancouver and working on a PhD at the Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning in the Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia.

**Bob Overvold**, *Federal Representative - Director*

Bob Overvold was born and raised in the MacKenzie Valley community of Tulita. He attended high school in Yellowknife, then took teacher training going on to become one of the Northwest Territories first graduates of the teacher educational program. Following that, he attended the University of Alberta where he attained a Bachelor of Education degree. Mr. Overvold taught elementary school in Inuvik and Hay River, and also worked as the Chief Negotiator for the Dene/Métis Comprehensive Land Claims. Mr. Overvold then joined the Government of the Northwest Territories as Principal Secretary to Dennis Patterson, former Government Leader. He then went on to be the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

Mr. Overvold recently retired from the federal government after spending the past ten years working for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada as Regional Director General, NWT Region. He resides in Yellowknife with his wife and two children.

**Mark Warren**, *Government of the Northwest Territories Representative - Secretary Treasurer*

Mark Warren is currently the Associated Deputy Minister for the Government of the Northwest Territories. He has worked in the North for 24 years starting his career as a Senior Administrative Officer in Cambridge Bay and then as Village Manager in Fort Simpson. He then transferred to the GNWT where he has held a number of different positions primarily in the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (now the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations - DAAIR) where he was involved in the negotiation of the Nunavut, Gwich'in, Sahtu and Tlicho Final Agreements and Implementation Plans as well as the Salt River First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement negotiations. When Mark was the Assistant Deputy Minister, he still remained active in negotiations with the NWT Métis Nation.

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Most recently, as an Associate Deputy Minister for the GNWT, Mark has worked on the Convertible Workforce Housing Project for the NWT Housing Corporation. He was also the Chief Negotiator for the K'atlodeeche First Nation negotiations process and briefly the Chief Negotiator for the Dehcho First Nations negotiation process.

## Accomplishments for 2007-2008

The goal of the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee is to revise the June 2006 Plan, and to submit the revised Plan to the Main Table for approval of the Dehcho First Nations and the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories.

### Approach to Plan Revisions

The Committee's approach to the revisions is to work through the issues in a workshop format with the CEO facilitating the workshops. A typical workshop session begins with the Committee agreeing on an agenda, and then meeting to discuss issues and concerns with the objective of achieving consensus. This approach has been very effective in bringing solidarity and consensus to the Committee.

### Chapter 1 – Plan Introduction

Revisions to chapter one, Plan Introduction, reflect the Plan changes agreed to in principle in chapters two and three. Additional information is also provided about the context of the Plan revisions based on the Committee's Terms of Reference.

### Chapter 2 - Conformity Requirements, Actions, Recommendations

The Committee's first exercise when it began revising the Plan dealt with Conformity Requirements. In August 2007, the Committee set about their task by setting up a workshop format to deal with Conformity Requirements (CR). The workshop format was then applied to Actions (A), and Recommendations (R) of the draft Plan. The Committee decided it would address zoning after most of the Conformity Requirements were addressed.

The CR's, Actions, and Recommendations establish rules about what development is allowed and how development should occur. The Committee has completed the revising all the CR's, Actions, and Recommendations within the extent of its mandate.

### Chapter 2 – Zoning

The Committee dedicated four sessions specifically on zoning and has achieved consensus on opening up more lands for development. The Committee was mindful throughout the process that Dehcho communities placed a high priority on Conservation Zones. Therefore, the Committee focused on opening up areas where there was a minimum of traditional land use activities and high potential for Oil and Gas, and Mining. The zoning table on page 8 shows the progress to date of the Committee.

### Chapter 3 – Plan Implementation

The Committee is nearing consensus on revisions to Chapter 3, the implementation chapter of the Plan. Plan revisions focused on the Roles and Responsibilities, Plan Implementation Vehicles, Reviews, Amendments, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Termination of the Plan.

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## Summary

To date, the Land Use Planning Committee has held 12 Committee meetings, 7 Working Group meetings, 6 workshops, 4 Main Table information sessions, and 4 Dehcho First Nations Information Sessions since October 2007. The Committee has made significant progress and is nearing the conclusion of its mandate having achieved a consensus balance between development and conservation. Details regarding the dates and locations of Committee meetings, Working Group meetings, workshops, Main Table coordination sessions and Dehcho First Nations information sessions are as follows:

## Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee Meetings

1. July 4-5, 2007- Fort Providence
2. August 24, 2007-Yellowknife
3. October 2, 2007- Fort Providence
4. November 8, 2007- Fort Providence
5. December 11, 2007- Fort Providence
6. February 8, 2008 - Conference call
7. February 14, 2008 - Yellowknife
8. March 18, 2008 - Fort Providence
9. March 28, 2008 - Conference call
10. April 15, 2008 - Conference call
11. May 20, 2008 - Conference call
12. June 10-11, 2008 - Fort Simpson Main Table meeting
13. June 19, 2008 - Conference call
14. June 24, 2008 - Fort Providence
15. July 18, 2008 - Conference call
16. August 6, 2008 - Teleconference
17. August 27, 2008 - Annual General Meeting
18. September 9, 2008 - Conference call
19. October 23-24, 2008 - Yellowknife

## Dehcho Land Use Planning Working Group Meetings

1. January 10-11, 2008 - Vancouver
2. February 28-29, 2008 - Vancouver
3. April 15-17, 2008 - Vancouver
4. July 29-31, 2008 - Vancouver
5. August 12-13, 2008 - Yellowknife

## Workshops

1. October 2-4, 2007 - Fort Providence on Chapter 2.
2. November 6-8, 2007 - Fort Providence on Chapter 2.
3. December 11-13, 2007 - Providence on Chapter 2.
4. February 12-14, 2008 - Yellowknife on Chapter 2.
5. March 18-20, 2008 - Fort Providence on Chapters 2 and 3.
6. May 26-28, 2008 - Yellowknife Chapter Chapters 1, 2 and 3.

## Main Table Coordination

1. November 28, 2007 Michael Nadli presentation to the Main Table in Yellowknife.



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2. February 20, 2008 Michael Nadli presentation to the Main Table in Hay River.
3. June 3, 2008 Michael Nadli teleconference with the Main Table.
4. June 11, 2008 joint meeting of the Committee and the Main Table.

## **Dehcho First Nations Information Sessions on Plan Revisions**

1. March 14, 2008 Tim Lennie and Petr Cizek meeting with DFN negotiators and the Grand Chief in Hay River.
2. April 2, 2008 Michael Nadli Committee presentation to the DFN leadership in Hay River.
3. April 22&23, 2008 Tim Lennie and Petr Cizek Chiefs and Elders Forum in Fort Providence.
4. May 13-15, 2008 Michael Nadli presentation to the DFN spring leadership meeting.
5. June 22-29, 2008 Michael Nadli Committee presentation at the DFN Assembly in Kakisa.

## **Conclusions**

The Committee has almost completed revising the June 2006 Dehcho Land Use Plan. Significant progress has been made in opening up more land for development for economic development in a spirit that reflects the Plan's overarching vision and its accompanying social, cultural and environmental goals. There are few outstanding items that require thoughtful Committee consideration before the revised Plan can be provided to the Main Table for its consideration. It has been a busy and productive twelve months with much collaborative work between Committee members, the Dehcho First Nations, the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

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Table 1 SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED LAND USES

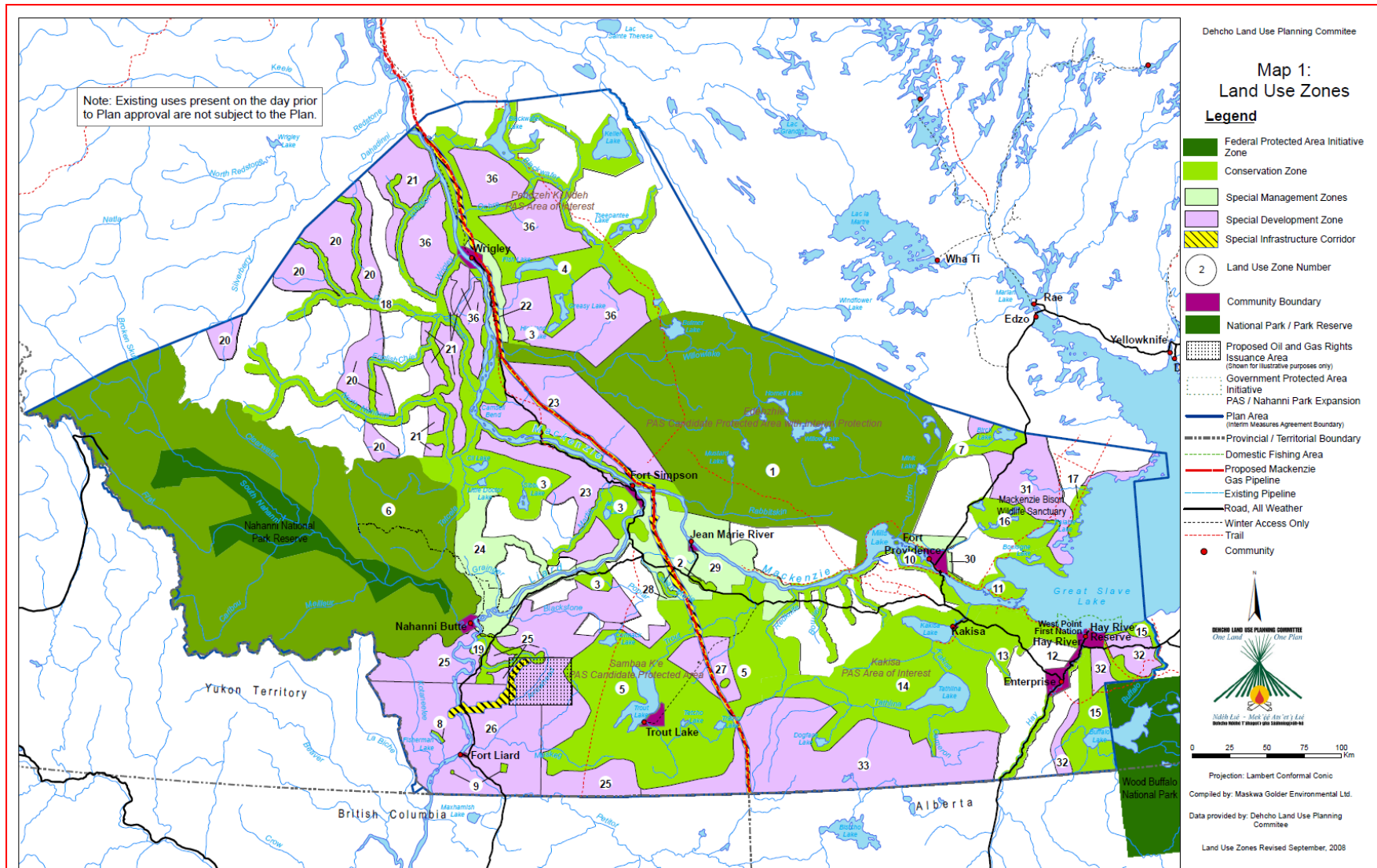
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	% of Plan Area
		Oil/Gas	Mining	Commercial Timber Development	Tourism	Agriculture		
<b>Federal Protected Area Zones</b>								
1	Edézhzié	.	.	.	.	.	25,184	12.02%
6	Greater Nahanni Ecosystem	.	.	.	.	.	28,147	13.44%
Subtotal		.	.	.	.	.	<b>53,331</b>	<b>25.46%</b>
<b>Conservation Zones</b>								
2	JMR Five Lakes	.	.	.	✓	.	183	0.09%
3	Sibbeston Plains	.	.	.	✓	.	7,315	3.13%
4	Pehdzeh Ki Ndeh	.	.	.	✓	.	7,359	3.51%
5	Sambaa K'e / Redknife River	.	.	.	✓	.	12,405	5.92%
7	Birch Lake	.	.	.	.	.	719	0.34%
8	Fisherman Lake	.	.	.	✓	.	38	0.02%
9	Bovie and Betalamea Lakes	.	.	.	✓	.	31	0.01%
10	Upper Mackenzie	.	.	.	✓	.	1,955	0.93%
11	Great Slave Lake Shoreline	.	.	.	✓	.	2,226	0.78%
12	Hay River Corridor	.	.	.	✓	.	378	0.18%
13	Heart Lake, McNally Creek, Muskeg River	.	.	.	✓	.	1,488	0.71%
14	Kakisa and Tathlina Watershed	.	.	.	✓	.	8,384	4.00%
15	Buffalo Lake, River, and Trails	.	.	.	✓	.	2,177	1.04%
16	Falaise Lake Wetland Complex	.	.	.	✓	.	1,270	0.61%
17	Moraine Point and Islands	.	.	.	✓	.	377	0.18%
18	Northwest Rivers	.	.	.	✓	.	5,175	2.47%
19	Netlá River	.	.	.	✓	.	598	0.29%
Subtotal		.	.	.	.	.	<b>52,078</b>	<b>24.22%</b>
<b>Special Management Zones</b>								
22	Franklin Mountains	.	.	✓	✓	.	687	0.33%
24	Grainger / Liard Rivers	.	.	✓	✓	✓	2,766	1.32%
28	Jean Marie River - South	✓	.	✓	✓	✓	553	0.26%
29	Jean Marie River - North	.	.	✓	✓	✓	4,418	1.84%
30	Bluefish Creek	.	.	✓	✓	✓	329	0.16%

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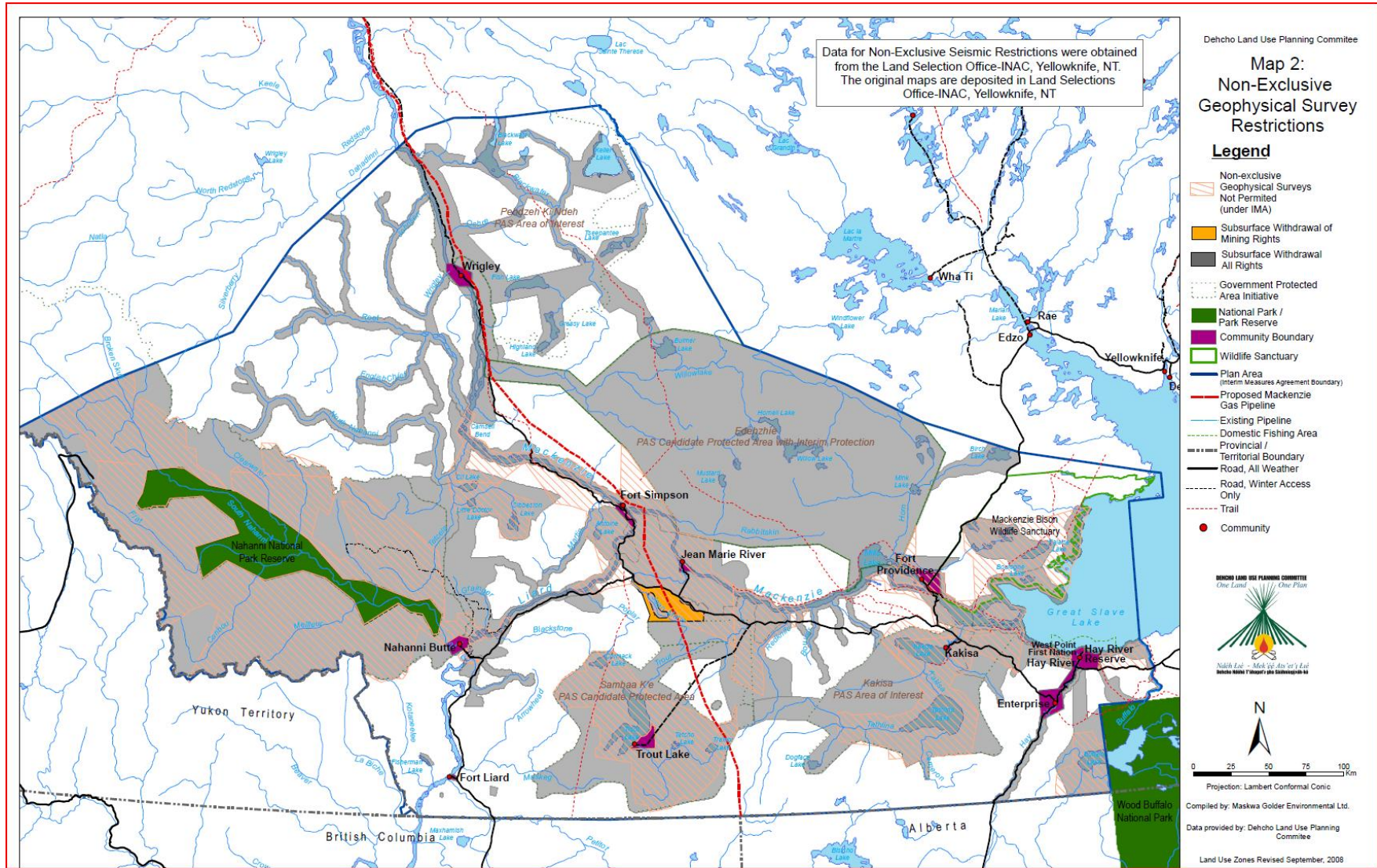
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Zone Number		Permitted Uses						
Subtotal		.	.	.	.	.	8,753	3.91%
<b>Special Development Zones</b>		Oil/Gas	Mining	Commercial Timber Development	Tourism	Agriculture	<b>Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>% of Plan Area</b>
20	Peel River Plateau	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	4,880	2.33%
21	Southeastern Mackenzie Mountains	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	3,060	1.46%
23	Rabbitskin / Ndulee	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	6,461	3.08%
25	Blackstone / Lower Petitot Rivers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6,051	3.26%
26	Liard Range	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7,885	3.76%
27	Trout River	✓	✓	.	.	.	1,215	0.58%
31	Birch - Falaise Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	3,631	1.73%
32	Lower Big Buffalo	✓	✓	✓	.	.	1,401	0.67%
33	Cameron Hills	✓	✓	✓	✓	.	8,334	3.98%
36	North Dehcho	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9,308	4.44%
Subtotal		.	.	.	.	.	52,226	25.30%
<b>General Use Zones</b>		Oil/Gas	Mining	Commercial Timber Development	Tourism	Agriculture	<b>Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>% of Plan Area</b>
	General Use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	44,222	21.11%
Subtotal		.	.	.	.	.	44,222	21.11%
<b>Total</b>							<b>210,610</b>	
		.	.	.	.	.		
<b>Special Infrastructure Corridor</b>							<b>Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>% of Plan Area</b>
Zone Number	Zone Name	These zones overlay, or float over the underlying zones. The intent is to add an additional permitted use (construction of a pipeline with associated infrastructure), and set of conditions, for the pipeline development within a restricted portion of each of the underlying zones.						
34	Mackenzie Valley Special Infrastructure Corridor						1176	0.56%
35	Netlá / Arrowhead Special Infrastructure Corridor	430	0.21%					

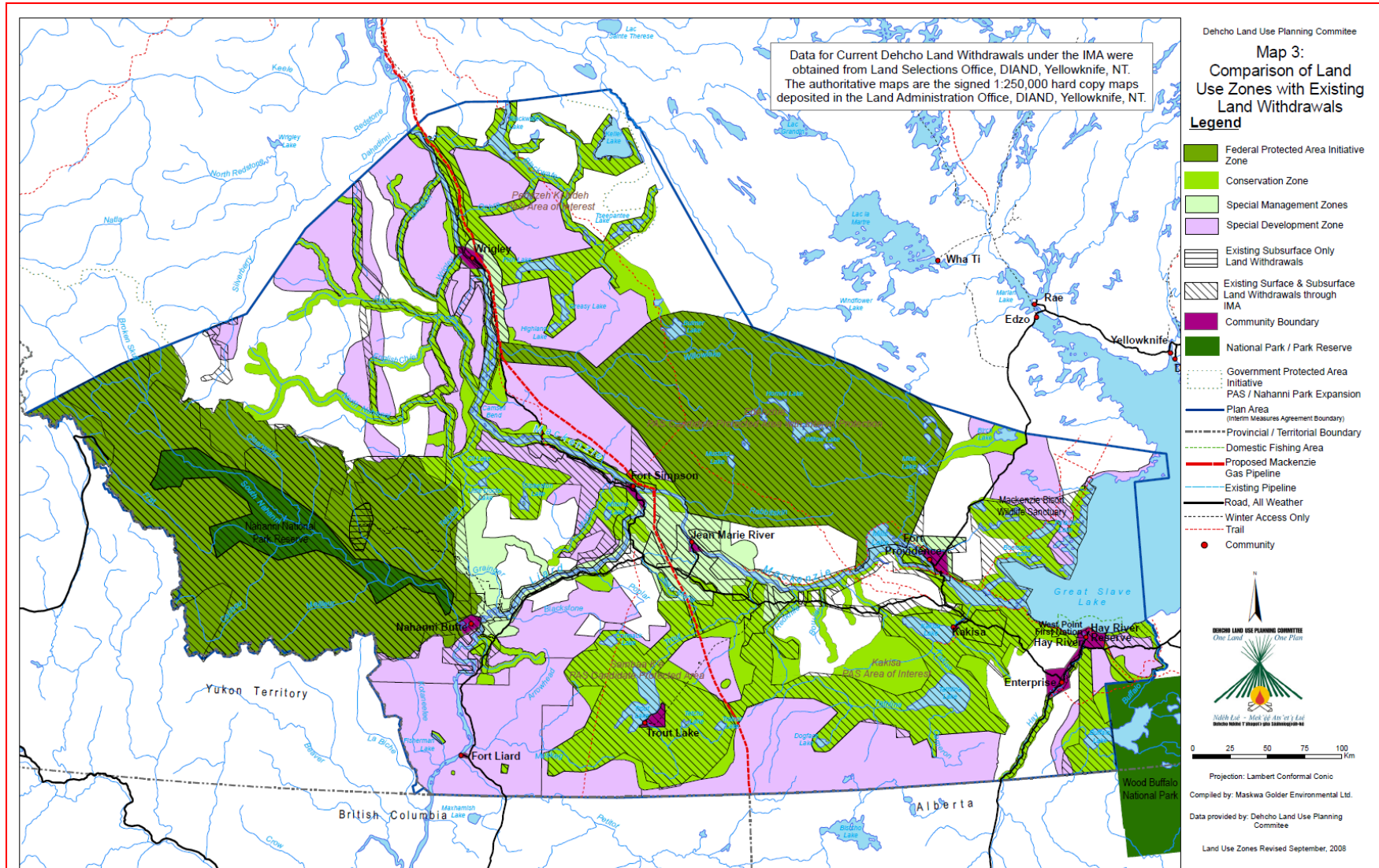
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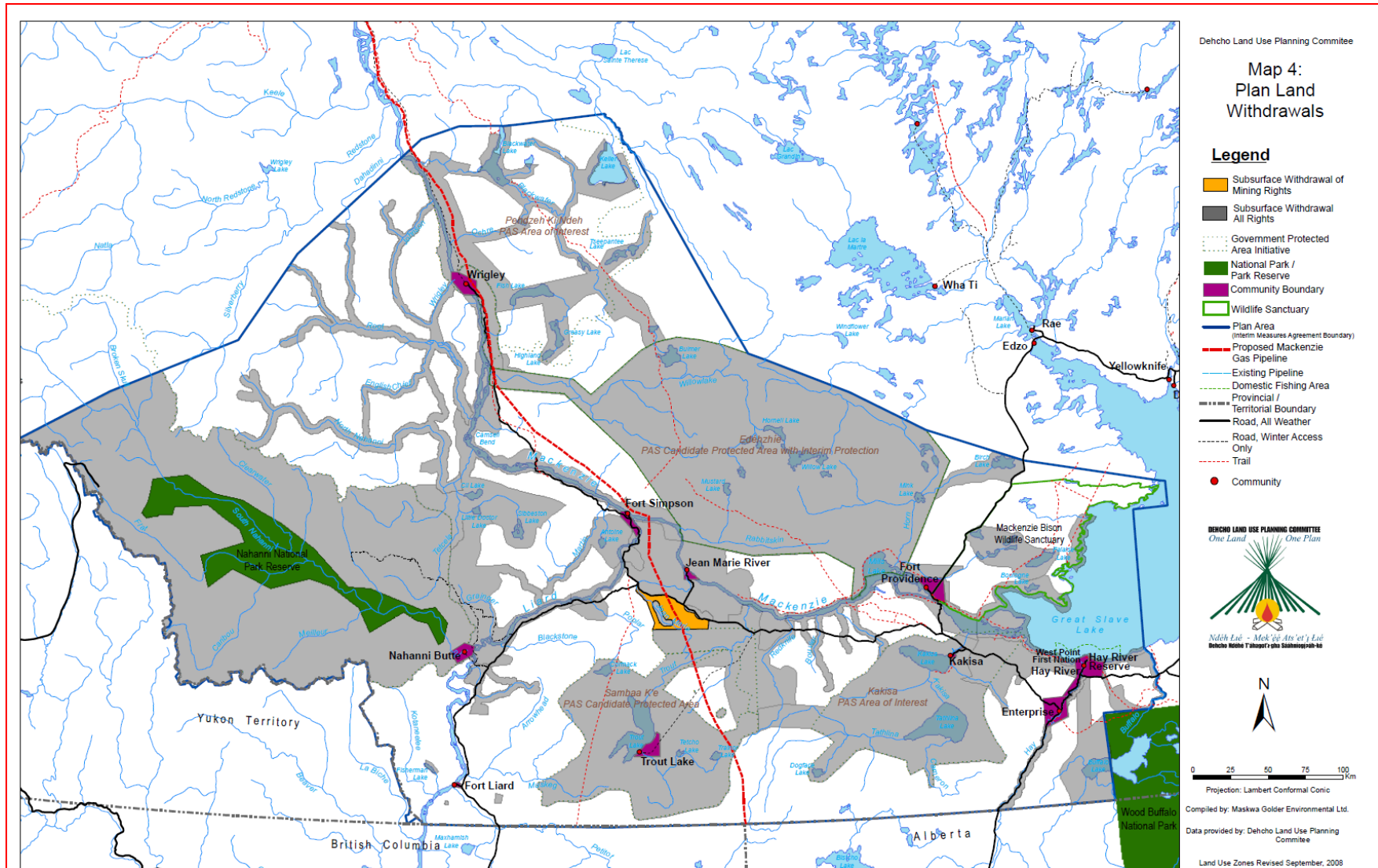
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**Map 3. Comparison of Land Use Zones with Existing Land Withdrawals**



# Map 4. plan land withdrawals



# Audited Financial Statement

For the year ending March 31, 2008



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## AUDITORS' REPORT

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We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Committee as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ashton'.

ASHTON  
Chartered Accountants  
Business Advisors

Hay River, NT  
May 22, 2008



Financial Statements of

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March 31, 2008

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ASHTON  
Chartered Accountants  
Business Advisors

Hay River, NT  
May 22, 2008

## DEHCHO LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31, 2008

	2008	2007
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions from Indian Affairs & Northern Development	\$ 588,415	\$ 726,543
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages and employee benefits	281,584	410,914
Consulting fees	26,825	-
Audit and accounting fees	7,088	7,466
Legal fees	703	1,484
Honorariums	23,759	51,092
Board and staff training	-	5,119
Meeting expenses	3,615	790
Travel and per diems	49,542	55,472
Vehicle	4,141	3,129
Rent	43,043	38,602
Office supplies and equipment lease	11,659	8,762
Advertising and promotions	9,433	19,458
Freight and postage	461	1,599
Bank charges and interest	1,082	1,372
Insurance	4,188	4,349
Communications	14,937	20,723
Software maintenance	20,900	21,112
Equipment	2,723	-
Contribution repayable/deferred	82,732	72,688
	588,415	724,131
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ -	\$ 2,412

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### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2008

	2008	2007
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ (2,412)
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	-	2,412
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	\$ -	\$ -
Investment in capital assets, beginning of year	\$ 566,211	\$ 629,526
Additions	2,723	-
Amortization	(57,370)	(63,315)
Investment in capital assets, end of year	511,564	566,211
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 511,564	\$ 566,211

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Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2008

	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 105,931	\$ 99,458
Accounts receivable	36,628	5,508
Prepaid expenses	2,360	3,013
	144,919	107,979
Capital Assets, Notes 3 and 4	511,564	566,211
	\$ 656,483	\$ 674,190

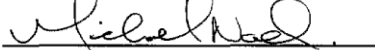
**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 62,187	\$ 35,291
Contribution repayable/deferred revenue	82,732	72,688
	144,919	107,979

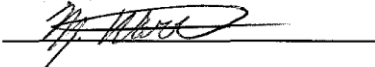
**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted Net Assets, per accompanying statement	-	-
Investment in Capital Assets, per accompanying statement	511,564	566,211
	511,564	566,211
	\$ 656,483	\$ 674,190

Approved by the Board:



Director



Director

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Notes to Financial Statements

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**Note 1. Nature of Operations**

The Committee was incorporated under the Societies Act of the Northwest Territories on January 30, 2002 to develop a land use plan for the Deh Cho Territory which promotes the social, cultural and economic well being of residents and communities in the Deh Cho Territory.

**Note 2. Measurement Uncertainty**

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting policies. The precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent on future events. As a result, the preparation of financial statements for a period involves the use of estimates and approximations which have been made using careful judgement. Actual results could differ from those estimates and approximations. The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies.

**Note 3. Significant Accounting Policies**

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets are expensed in the program for which they were purchased and also capitalized on the statement of financial position at cost. The investment in capital assets reflects the historical cost of all assets less amortization. Amortization is calculated at the annual rates set out in Note 4.

**Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognized as it becomes receivable under the terms of applicable funding agreements. Funding received under funding agreements which relates to a subsequent fiscal period, or which is being carried forward from the current fiscal period to be used in the subsequent fiscal period or to be repaid to the respective funding agency, is reflected as deferred revenue in the year of receipt and classified as such on the Balance Sheet.

**Economic Dependence**

The Organization is dependent on the Government of Canada - Indian Affairs and Northern Development for funding. Management is of the opinion that operations would be significantly disrupted if the funding was discontinued. Management expects the funding to be continued for the 2008/2009 year.

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### Note 4. Capital Assets

	Rate	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Carrying Value 2008	2007
Vehicles	20%	\$ 55,150	\$ 40,693	\$ 14,457	\$ 18,072
Leasehold improvements	20%	39,995	29,510	10,485	13,106
Computer hardware and software, office equipment, GIS, and mapping equipment	20% - 45%	318,354	227,074	91,280	112,228
Satellite imagery	S/L 20 years	575,268	179,926	395,342	422,805
		\$ 988,767	\$ 477,203	\$ 511,564	\$ 566,211

### Note 5. Commitments

The Organization has entered into a lease for its premises and an operating lease for office equipment. Future minimum payments under these leases are approximately \$34,455