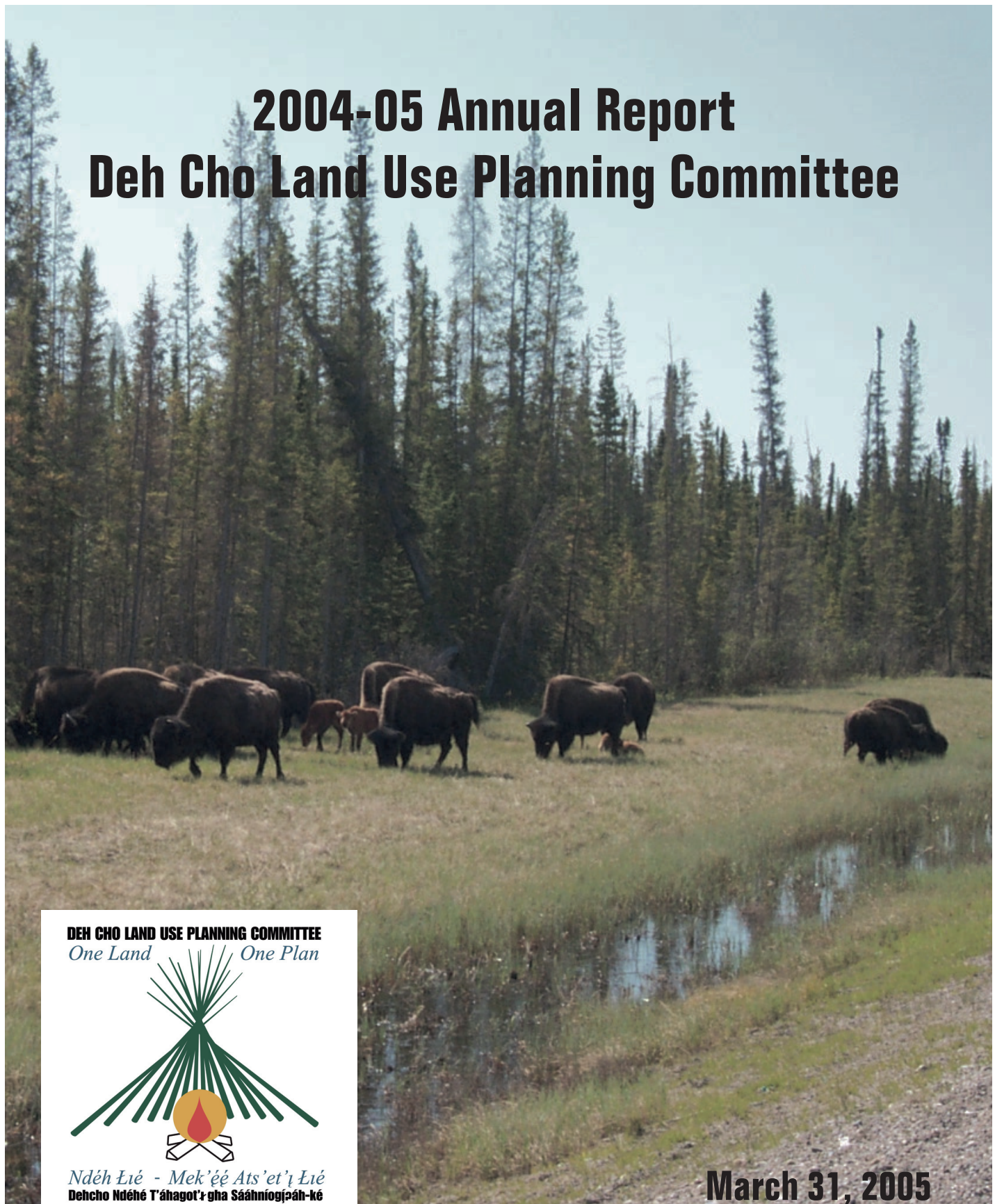


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Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee



DEH CHO LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
One Land One Plan



Ndéh Lié - Mek'ée Ats'et'í Lié
Dehcho Ndéhé T'áhagot'í gha Sááhniog'páh-ké

March 31, 2005

Chairperson's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to update the Deh Cho First Nations, residents of the Deh Cho territory, Governments of the Northwest Territories and Canada, and our other planning partners on the activities of the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee (the Committee).

The Committee was established in 2001 under the Deh Cho Interim Measures Agreement (IMA) with the responsibility to prepare a land use plan (the Plan) for the Deh Cho territory. The land use planning process is a community driven process where the goals and values of the residents of the Deh Cho guide the development of the plan. The Committee also works closely with other planning partners such as governments, public agencies, non-government organizations and businesses to fulfill our mandate. For clarity, the Plan is required to promote the social, cultural and economic well being of residents and communities in the Deh Cho territory, having regard to the interests of all Canadians.

This year we have made incredible progress in the development of the Plan. We completed a set of five land use options for discussion on the range of future possibilities for the Dehcho territory. Consultations on the Options were launched at the Kakisa Assembly in June. As part of those discussions, communities mapped where they felt development would be appropriate. In the fall, the Committee began developing a Working Draft Map, Terms and Recommendations based on direction provided from communities, planning partners and the best available information. This was distributed in February in preparation for the Regional Forum. The Forum, held at the end of March was the first time we've had everyone involved in the planning process in the same room together to review and discuss the Working Draft. This successful event provided the Committee with clear direction to move us forward in future revisions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank communities and planning partners for their strong support and guidance over this past year. The Committee has made significant progress because of you. Every decision moves us closer to our goal of a completed, approved Land Use Plan that reflects and promotes Dehcho values and provides for long-term protection and sustainable development of the land, water and resources.

Over the next year we will be working closely with communities and planning partners to develop a full Draft Plan and revise it as required to achieve your stated goals. We will need your continued guidance and input this year to steer the Plan through each revision. This is your Plan – it will reflect what you have told us. We intend to submit the Plan for approval at the end of March 2006. One Land – One Plan!

Mahsi Cho.



Herb Norwegian
Chairperson, Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee

Introduction



The Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee, the “Committee”, was formally established in February 2002 under the authority of the Deh Cho Interim Measures Agreement. The purpose of the land use plan is to promote the social, environmental, cultural and economic well being of residents and communities in the Deh Cho territory, having regard to the interests of all Canadians. The Plan shall provide for the conservation, development and utilization of the land, waters and other resources in the Deh Cho territory.

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 Land Use Plan will provide legally binding direction to regulatory agencies and decision-makers in their assessment of development projects, protected area proposals and other land uses. The planning area includes all lands in the Deh Cho territory outside the existing boundaries of local governments and Nahanni National Park Reserve.

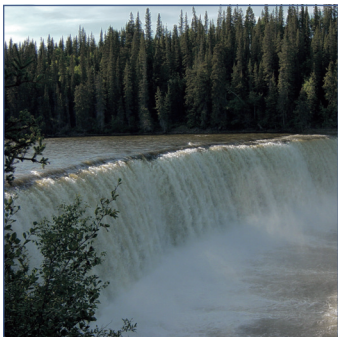


Mission Statement

The Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee will develop a land use plan as a management tool to determine what type of land use activities should occur and where they should take place. This plan will balance economic, social, environmental and cultural needs and interests.

Our Guiding Principle

This plan will be guided by the principles of sustainable development and respect for the land as understood and explained by the Deh Cho Elders.



Membership

The Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee has five members: two appointed by DCFN, one appointed by the Government of Canada, one appointed by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and a Chairman chosen jointly by the other members.

The members of the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee are:

✓ Herb Norwegian, Chairperson

Herb has been involved with Deh Cho First Nations governance for over 25 years. He was Vice President of the Dene Nation from 1979 to 1983, and Chief of the Liidli Kue First Nation from 1992 to 1997. Herb was Assistant Negotiator for DCFN from 1998 to 2003. In June 2003, he was elected as Grand Chief of the Dehcho First Nations. He has been Chairman of the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee since its inception in 2001.

Herb has been instrumental in gathering the traditional land use and occupancy mapping information from communities that has formed the basis for the current land use planning process. He was a member of the Nahæâ Dehé Consensus Team since its beginning in 2000 and is currently an ex-officio member. Herb is a full time harvester and ceremonial drummer.

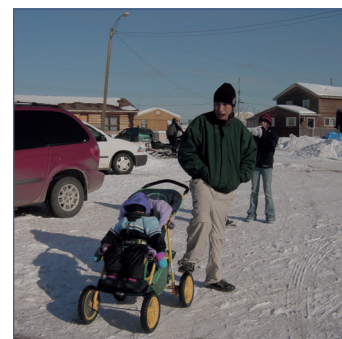
✓ Tim Lennie, Deh Cho First Nations Representative - Vice-Chair

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 Deh Cho Process since the beginning. 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.

✓ Adrian Boyd, Federal Representative - Secretary-Treasurer

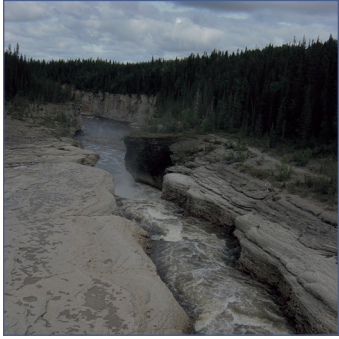
Adrian has been involved in land use planning for nearly 20 years with the past 15 years working in northern Canada. He is currently the Senior Policy Advisor for the Nunavut Planning Commission and Canada's representative to the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee. Adrian has worked for all levels of government, in addition to working with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Inuit Birthright organization. He has been involved in a broad spectrum of community based and multi-stakeholder land use planning and resource management projects in both the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Adrian holds a Diploma in Planning Technology, Centre for Geographic Sciences; Bachelor of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo; Certificate of General Social Work, Renison College and Certificate in Community - Based Resource Management, Coady International Institute.



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- ✓ Petr Cizek, Deh Cho First Nations Representative - Director
Petr Cizek is an environmental consultant based in Yellowknife. During the past ten years, he has completed several protected area designs and land use plans in the NWT. He 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).

- ✓ Ron D. Antoine, Government of the Northwest Territories Representative - Director
Ron is a Dene Descendant of the Liidlii Kue First Nations from Fort Simpson who has followed his ancestral roots on the land and is currently employed with the GNWT as a Renewable Resource Officer II in Hay River, N.T. He holds a Diploma from the Renewable Resources Technology Program with Aurora College in Fort Smith as well as a Bachelor Degree in the Conservation Enforcement Program with the Lethbridge Community College in Alberta. Ron was a cornerstone of the Land Use Planning process that started in 1997 with the Liidlii Kue First Nation and is now the GNWT representative on the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee. For further insight into Ron's career background you can go to <http://forestmanagement.enr.gov.nt.ca/> then click on "Careers in RWED".

The following staff members have been recruited and are based out of the head office in Fort Providence:



- ✓ Heidi Wiebe, Executive Director
Heidi grew up in Winnipeg where she completed a B.Sc. in Ecology from the University of Manitoba. She later moved to Calgary to undertake Master's studies in Environmental Science. Her research has included land use planning issues, recreation and access management, biodiversity factors, environmental law and policy, and a variety of wildlife research including woodland caribou, wood bison and small mammals. Heidi worked for an oil and gas company for 4 years where she gained an appreciation of the industry and environmental considerations. She joined the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee in November 2002 as the Land Use Planner and has been the Executive Director since July 2003. She loves living beside the "Dehcho" (Mackenzie River) and enjoys working with communities and planning partners to shape the future of the region.



- ✓ Sophie Bonnetrouge, Office Manager
Sophie grew up in Fort Providence. She has completed her Adult Basic Education (ABE) and a 2 year diploma program in Management Studies at Aurora College in Fort Smith. She is currently seeking a Finance Officer's Certificate through the Community Finance Program, Municipal and Community Affairs. She has successfully completed the first half of the certificate and applies her skills proficiently in managing the Committee's financial systems and records. As a local, she has been invaluable in developing links between the Planning Committee and the local community in which we operate.

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✓ Paul Wilson, Land Use Planner

Paul is a former Frontiers Foundation Volunteer who worked with Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation. He grew up in the United Kingdom, earning a B.Sc. Agriculture (1st Class) and gaining experience across a range of natural resource sectors and countries. Grass roots research provided Paul with experience in modeling resources and consulting with stakeholders. His wider interest in socio-economics and politics comes from experience in the Forward Studies Unit at the European Commission in Belgium. Paul's experience and enthusiasm is a valuable asset to the office as the Committee works with Dehcho communities and stakeholders to deliver a regional Land Use Plan.



✓ Priscilla Ann Canadien, Land Use Planner Trainee

Priscilla is a member of the Deh Gah Gotie First Nation who grew up in Fort Providence. She had the opportunity to live on the land year round with her parents at Tathlina Lake when she was younger. She gained experience and knowledge from being in the bush that developed her interest in the natural resources sector. Priscilla now holds a diploma from the Natural Resources Technology Program with Aurora College in Fort Smith. She has been employed since 2003 as the Land Use Planner Trainee with the Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee. Through her work with the Committee, she has traveled to all of the communities in the Dehcho region.



✓ Monika Templin, GIS Analyst

Monika grew up in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. She earned a Diploma in Cartography - Digital Mapping at the College of Geographic Sciences in Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia and studied computer sciences at McGill. Previous employment experience and attending GIS training courses have allowed her to continue to build knowledge and experience with key software and various data. Monika moved to the Northwest Territories in 1997. Through personal adventures and previous employment with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) in Yellowknife, she has had the opportunity to see and experience various parts of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. This has expanded her appreciation for our land and its beauty.



Changes to the Committee for 2004-05



The 2004-05 year has been a year of growth and change for the planning Committee and staff. In June we welcomed Paul Wilson as the land Use Planner, a former Beaver volunteer in Fort Providence. Paul started the week before the Kakisa Assembly when the office was in full preparation mode to develop the Land Use Options Atlas. Despite the frantic pace and new environment, Paul was up to speed within a few weeks and he has become a valued member of our staff.

In September, GNWT Representative Beatrice Lepine informed the Committee she would be leaving. Bea was seconded to a new position which would not leave sufficient time for her to contribute fully to the Land Use Planning Committee so she asked to be replaced. She continued to contribute to meetings over the next few months until the GNWT was able to name her replacement. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Beatrice for her dedication and guidance to the Committee over the years. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Mr. Ron D. Antoine was appointed as the GNWT representative in February 2005 and is already a very active Committee member. Welcome aboard Ron!



Accomplishments for 2004-05

The Committee's big goals for the year were to release the Land Use Options, and to be close to a Draft Land Use Plan by the end of the year. We are happy to say we have met these goals.

Economic Development Assessment (EDA) Model

The year began with a flurry of activity to launch the Committee's Economic Development Assessment Model. This model helps us determine the level of revenues and the impact on population and employment resulting from different levels of development. Since some areas have more resources than others, we can use the model to determine which areas should be open to development to provide the most revenues to the region. We can also use it to compare the effects of permitting or prohibiting any given land use within an area.

The EDA model contains information about the typical economy - what kind of industries exist, the costs of developing resources, what kind of jobs are created, the level of income, taxes and royalties expected. It also contains information about the population such as the number of people in each community, the unemployment rate, and how old people are. We run the model by identifying how much we want to develop and when - the volume of gas, minerals or timber to be harvested, how many hectares of agriculture will go into production or new tourism businesses will be launched. We also tell the model when those resources will be developed. The model then shows us:

- How many jobs are created;
- If there are enough people in the region to fill those jobs;
- If not, then how many people will need to move here to fill them;
- The overall impact on the economy (more profits, higher incomes, higher expenditures); and
- Revenues expected (royalties, taxes).



Most of April, May and June were spent gathering detailed information about the volume of oil and gas, minerals, timber, agricultural and tourism products open to development in the Committee's land use options. Up to this point, the Committee's research had focused on overall potential, not detailed volume estimates. Launching the Economic Model required a whole new level of research and collaboration with our planning partners, but we think the results are worth it.

The Land Use Options Atlas

At the same time, the Committee was developing our "Land Use Options Atlas". This Atlas described all the Committee's research to date on the ecological, cultural and resource values of the region, then combined them to show different options or scenarios ranging from wide open development to complete protection. We ran the EDA model to determine the effects on the economy, employment and population of the Dehcho territory and presented this information to communities and planning partners.

The Land Use Options Atlas was meant to open discussions on land use priorities. Our message was:

- Here is everything we know about the values of the land and resources.
- Here is what might happen if you choose to develop this much of the resource base.
- Now tell us what you want to do with these resources.
- Show us where you want resources developed and where you want land protected.

Consultations

The Committee opened consultations on the Land Use Options Atlas at the 2004 Kakisa Assembly. Our focus there was on community mapping. Up to this point, all of our research had been fairly scientific, other than the very successful Wildlife Workshop and Dene Nahodhe Workshops held during the 2003-04 year. It was time to provide the communities a chance to present their priorities on paper. We demonstrated the community mapping process at the Kakisa Assembly and explained to the communities what they needed to think about to prepare for our mapping sessions.

Following the Assembly, we spent two days in each community. The first day was spent reviewing the Committee's research so communities understood where the resources and ecological values were. On the second day, communities were asked to identify where they wanted those resources developed and where they wanted to protect important traditional and cultural lands. The Committee used large maps and mylar to help the communities delineate these areas. However, some communities knew what they wanted, regardless of what our maps said about the potential of the area. In some cases they were interested in developing resources that didn't exist according to our information. This reaffirms the importance of traditional and local knowledge in the planning process. In other cases, it was cultural values that guided their decisions.

Once the community mapping was done, we headed off to discuss the Options and results of the Economic Analysis with the rest of our Planning Partners. It



was a busy, but enlightening summer of discussions as shown in the table below. Overall, we completed 34 meetings.

Consultations Completed

Date	Who	Where
July 12-13-2004	Katloodeeche First Nation	Hay River Reserve
July 12	Public Meeting	Hay River Reserve
July 13	Agriculture Sector	Hay River
July 14	Hay River Town Council	Hay River
July 14	Government Sector	Hay River
July 14	Public Meeting	Hay River
July 15-16	West Point First Nation	West Point Band Office
July 20	Enterprise	Enterprise
July 22-23	Jean Marie First Nation	Jean Marie River
July 22	Public Meeting	Jean Marie River
July 27-28	Fort Simpson Tri-Council	Fort Simpson
July 27	Public Meeting	Fort Simpson
July 29	Forestry Sector	Fort Simpson
July 30	Government Sector	Fort Simpson
August 3 – 4	Nahanni Butte Dene Band/Public Meeting	Nahanni Butte
August 5-6	Sambaa Ke Dene Band	Trout Lake
August 5-6	Fort Providence Tri-Council/Public	Fort Providence
August 9-10	Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	Wrigley
August 9	Public Meeting	Wrigley
August 12-13	Fort Liard Tri-Council	Fort Liard
August 12	Public Meeting	Fort Liard
August 17	Government of the Northwest Territories	Yellowknife
August 17	Public Meeting	Yellowknife
August 18	Government of Canada	Yellowknife
August 18	GNWT Tourism Association	Yellowknife
August 19	ENGOS	Yellowknife
August 20	Pipeline	Yellowknife
August 23	Government of Canada	Ottawa
August 25	Oil and Gas Sector	Calgary
August 27	Mining Sector	Vancouver
September 7	Kaagee Tu First Nation	Kakisa
October 1	DFO (George Low)	Fort Providence



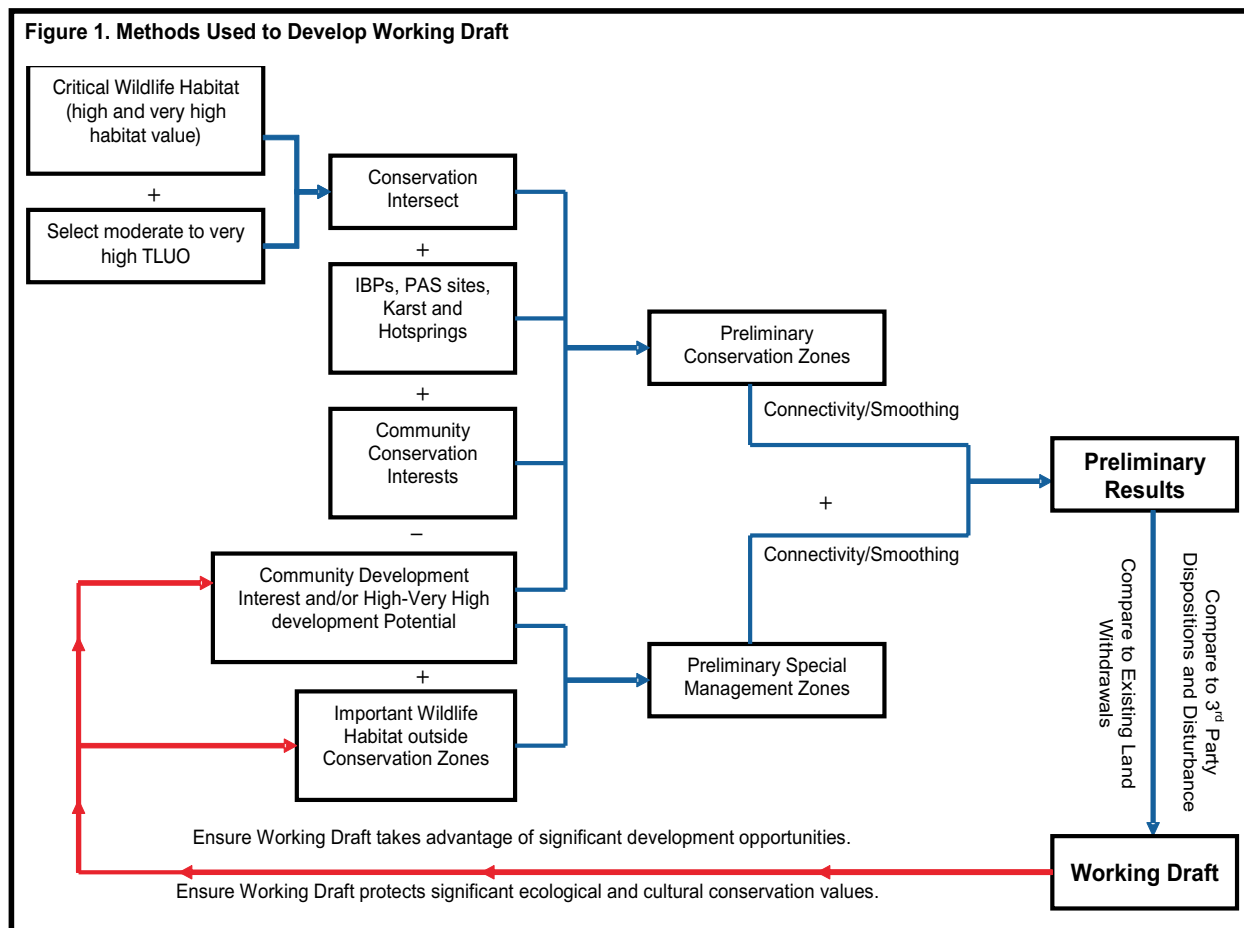
Review of Land Use Options

The fall was a time of reflection as we reviewed and considered all the comments provided to the Committee. We received 25 written submissions commenting on the Land Use Options and many more oral comments were raised during consultations. The comments and results of the mapping sessions were published in the Land Use Options Consultations Summary, which was distributed in November 2004. The Committee received clear direction to do more research on oil and gas, forestry and mining to provide more detailed information for the EDA model. We initiated projects and coordinated with staff from the GNWT, DIAND and outside consultants to address these data gaps. We then revised the EDA model to incorporate this new information.

Developing the “Working Draft”

The Committee had initially envisioned several rounds of revisions and consultations on the land use options before selecting a preferred option with which to develop the Land Use Plan. However, during our consultations we had repeated requests to simplify, clarify, provide more detail and provide more opportunities for group meetings. It was clear that people needed to have a better sense of where the Plan was going as a final document before they could

provide detailed input. With that in mind, the Committee revised its process to develop a single option right away and flesh it out as much as possible. Our rationale was simple. With only one option, it is much easier for people to figure out if they support the decisions or not. Moving to a single option earlier also provides more time at the Draft Plan stage for revisions so we can get it right.



The Committee used the community mapping, our research on the ecological and resource values and a summary of comments to guide development of a new set of land use zones. Our process for developing the zones was simple (see Figure 1).

1. Identify areas having both significant ecological and traditional use values. These areas (known as the Conservation Intersect) formed the basis for Conservation Zones.
2. Designate Special Management Zones in the following areas:
 - A. Areas within the Conservation Zones that also have high development potential;
 - B. Areas with both high ecological or traditional values and high development potential; and
 - C. Areas where issues were raised requiring special terms to guide development.
3. Remaining areas are designated as General Use Zones.

4. Use community mapping, comparisons to land withdrawals and 3rd Party dispositions to refine Conservation Zones, Special Management Zones and General Use Zones.
5. Merge similar zones to simplify zoning.
6. Smooth zone boundaries using ecological features wherever possible.



The Committee used the comments received to identify a list of issues that needed to be addressed through the Land Use Plan. We then set out to develop a list of terms and recommendations to address those issues we felt were appropriate for discussion in a Land Use Plan. The result was the Working Draft Map, Terms and Recommendations ("Working Draft"). The Working Draft is the foundation of the Draft Land Use Plan, containing all the key information needed to guide future development in the Dehcho territory. This information was distributed in February 2005 as part of the Regional Forum Information Package.

The Committee was not able to complete EDA or cumulative effects assessments of the Working Draft before the packages went out. This analysis was completed in March and the results were presented in new reports distributed at the Regional Forum.

The Regional Forum

The Regional Forum, held on the Hay River Reserve from March 29th -31st, 2005, was our first comprehensive meeting with communities and planning partners. The purpose of the Forum was to formally present the Working Draft, provide participants with the opportunity to present their views on the work and engage in open, respectful discussions about the future conservation, use and development of the land and waters in the Dehcho. We are pleased to say the Forum was a huge success. Over 135 delegates representing communities, government, businesses, environmental groups, and other organizations attended. Over the course of 3 days, we heard many thoughtful presentations and appreciated the efforts that went into the thorough review of our work. It is this kind of effort that will make the Plan a success. We thank the communities and our planning partners for their incredible support, encouragement and guidance. It was a wonderful way to end the year!

Transcripts, presentations and submissions are all available for download on the Committee's website at <http://www.dehcholands.org/>



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Conservation Zones							
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (Ha) (approx.)
		Oil & Gas	Mining	Forestry	Tourism	Agriculture	
1	Pehdzeh Ki Deh				✓		1,767,533
2	Five Lakes						58,580
3	Sibbeston Plains				✓		681,570
4	Edehzhie				✓		2,518,220
5	Sambaa K'e / Redknife River				✓		1,150,344
6	Greater Nahanni Ecosystem				✓		2,332,288
7	Birch Lake						72,029
8	Kotaneelee / Fisherman Lake				✓		108,796
9	Fort Liard Conservation Areas (a,b,c)				✓		26,005
10	Upper Mackenzie				✓		156,212
11	Great Slave Lake Shoreline				✓		229,503
12	Hay River Corridor				✓		57,773
13	Hart Lake, McNallie Creek, Muskeg River				✓		155,879
14	Kakisa and Tathlina Watershed				✓		729,134
15	Buffalo Lake				✓		123,253
16	Falaise Lake Wetland Complex				✓		127,030
17	Northwest Point and Islands				✓		37,709
Special Management Zones							
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (Ha) (approx.)
		Oil & Gas	Mining	Forestry	Tourism	Agriculture	
18	Greater Nahanni Ecosystem		✓		✓		497,360
19	Jean Marie / Martin River			✓	✓	✓	499,716
20	Nahanni Special Management Area			✓	✓	✓	343,988
21	Cameron Hills Blackstone / Arrowhead River	✓	✓	✓	✓		1,454,908
22	Trout River	✓					181,127
23	Fort Simpson Woodlot			✓	✓		3,768
24	Birch Falaise Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓		362,959
25	Peel River Plateau		✓	✓	✓		586,461
26	Liard Range / Franklin Mountains	✓	✓	✓	✓		258,015
27	Southeastern Mackenzie Mountains	✓	✓	✓	✓		564,987
28	Fort Providence Special Management Area			✓	✓	✓	46,613
29	Trout Lake Access			✓	✓	✓	61,983
Special Infrastructure Corridor							
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (Ha) (approx.)
		Oil & Gas	Mining	Forestry	Tourism	Agriculture	
30	Special Infrastructure Corridor						70,560
General Use Zones							
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (Ha) (approx.)
		Oil & Gas	Mining	Forestry	Tourism	Agriculture	
	General Use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5,889,654

The Draft Map and Terms are currently under revision. Please see the Draft Plan (June 2005) for the most updated version. If you have any comments on the Draft Map, please contact our office or come out to our consultations this summer.

Conclusions

It has been an exciting and fast-paced year for us. As we progressed from Land Use Options to the Working Draft, the road forward has become clearer. The Working Draft is our first attempt at what we feel will work for the region. It is one way to get to our destination. We recognize that there may be other ways as well. The Working Draft will go through three more revisions before the Final Plan is submitted for approval at the end of March 2006. We will need continued help and guidance from the communities and planning partners to ensure this work stays on track. Together, we can develop a land use plan that promotes the social, cultural and economic well being of the Deh Cho territory.

List of Research and Reports Completed This Year

- Land Use Options Atlas
- Economic Development Assessment Model 1.0
- Land Use Options Consultations Summary
- Oil And Gas Resources And Field Size Distribution Of The Deh Cho Territory
- Economic Parameters For Estimating the Delivered Wood Cost in the Deh Cho Planning Area
- Regional Forum Information Package (includes the Working Draft Map, Terms and Policy Recommendations)
- The Economic Development Assessment Model 1.5: Working Draft Revisions and Results
- Cumulative Effects Management in the Dehcho Territory: Preliminary Assessment and Results

All these documents are available for download on the Committee's website at <http://www.dehcholands.org/>. If you require a hard copy, please contact our office.



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AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the balance sheet of Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of revenue and expenses, surplus and investment in capital assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the committee's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

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, 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



ASHTON
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Statement of Revenue and Expenses

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	2005	2004
Revenue		
Contributions from Indian Affairs & Northern Development	\$ 873,208	\$ 916,852
Cost sharing of data acquisition	-	70,000
Contribution repayable	-	-
	<u>873,208</u>	<u>986,852</u>
Expenses		
Wages and employee benefits	380,178	327,662
Consulting fees	30,891	73,764
Audit and accounting fees	7,787	7,458
Legal fees	1,632	117
Honorariums	54,334	56,925
Board and staff training	8,164	7,883
Meeting expenses	93,359	160,605
Travel and per diems	96,642	81,478
Vehicle	2,306	1,953
Rent	38,015	54,764
Office supplies and equipment lease	39,824	15,706
Advertising and promotions	39,409	28,276
Freight and postage	3,651	2,207
Bank charges and interest	123	184
Insurance	6,810	3,642
Communications	18,346	18,616
Repair and maintenance	19,181	8,866
GST expense	-	1,802
Computer hardware and software, office equipment, satellite, GIS, imagery and mapping equipment	26,143	142,070
	<u>866,795</u>	<u>993,978</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 6,413	\$ (7,126)

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Statement of Surplus (Deficit)

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	2005	2004
Deficit, beginning of year	\$ (7,126)	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	6,413	(7,126)
(Deficit), end of year	\$ (713)	\$ (7,126)

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Statement of Investment in Capital Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 752,313	\$ 719,676
Additions	26,143	121,878
Amortization	(77,252)	(89,241)
Balance, end of year	\$ 701,204	\$ 752,313

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Balance Sheet

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	2005	2004
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 70,894	\$ 173,151
Accounts receivable	32,614	97,906
Prepaid expenses	5,405	4,571
	<u>108,913</u>	<u>275,628</u>
Capital Assets, Notes 3 and 4	701,204	752,313
	<u>\$ 810,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,941</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 109,626	\$ 282,754
Contribution repayable	-	-
	<u>109,626</u>	<u>282,754</u>

EQUITY

Surplus (Deficit), per accompanying statement	(713)	(7,126)
Investment in Capital Assets, per accompanying statement	701,204	752,313
	<u>700,491</u>	<u>745,187</u>
	<u>\$ 810,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,941</u>

Approved by the Board:

_____ Director

_____ Director

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Note 1. Incorporation

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 balance sheet at cost. The investment in capital assets reflects the historical cost of all capital 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

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Note 4. Capital Assets

	Rate	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Carrying Value 2005	2004
Vehicles	20%	\$ 55,150	\$ 26,913	\$ 28,237	\$ 35,296
Leasehold improvements	20%	39,995	19,517	20,478	25,597
Computer hardware and software, office equipment, GIS, and mapping equipment	20%	315,031	140,275	174,756	186,223
Satellite imagery	S/L 20 years	575,268	97,535	477,733	505,197
		\$ 985,444	\$ 284,240	\$ 701,204	\$ 752,313

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 \$1,370.

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Regional Forum - Schedule of Revenue and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
Revenue		
Contribution from Indian Affairs & Northern Development	\$ 55,856	\$ -
Contribution from core funding	50,006	-
	<hr/> 105,862	<hr/> -
Expenses		
Honorariums	5,039	-
Meeting expenses	57,033	-
Travel and per diems	43,790	-
	<hr/> 105,862	<hr/> -
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ -	\$ -