

# 2005-06 Annual Report Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

DEHCHO LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
*One Land One Plan*



*Ndéh Łié - Mek'ée Ats'et'ı Łié*  
Dehcho Ndéhé T'áragot'ı gha Sámıngpáh-ké

**March 31, 2006**

## Chairperson's Message

This has been an exciting and fast-paced year for the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to update our planning partners on all the good work we've been doing.

At the end of March 2005 we had just completed the Working Draft Land Use Map, Terms and Recommendations and held the first Regional Forum to discuss the results and future directions of the Plan. Our goal for the 2005-06 year was to take the Working Draft and guidance from our planning partners and develop the first full Draft Plan. From there, the Committee anticipated consultations and revisions leading to a Revised Draft, and then a Final Draft by yearend.

The Committee held 66 meetings with communities, governments and planning partners across the Dehcho territory, Yellowknife, Calgary and Ottawa over the past year to discuss the various drafts of the Plan and solicit feedback to guide revisions. Our efforts drummed up incredible interest, resulting in 79 written submissions. A second Regional Forum was held in February 2006 to provide our planning partners a final opportunity for input into Plan revisions.

At the Forum, some DFN communities requested additional time to work with their membership and ensure the Plan would meet their needs. The GNWT and Canada also raised significant legal concerns with some aspects of the Plan. They requested the Committee undertake a legal review, and then meet with them to address these concerns. As a result, the Committee postponed completion of the Land Use Plan for two months to allow for this additional work. During the remaining six weeks of the fiscal year, the Committee revisited several DFN communities to address their concerns, met with the GNWT Deputy Ministers to identify a path forward, and prepared for a legal meeting between the Committee, Dehcho First Nations, GNWT and Canada, set for early April.

We had an ambitious schedule this year and we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you for all the time and energy you have dedicated to making the Dehcho Land Use Plan the best it can be. We have strived to balance the need for economic development with social, cultural and ecological constraints. We believe the Plan promotes the interests and well being of the residents and communities of the Dehcho territory, having regard to the interests of all Canadians. An approved and implemented Plan will bring greater certainty to the region and foster better relationships between communities, governments, businesses and organizations.

I am pleased to announce that the Final Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan was submitted for approval on May 15, 2006. It received Approval-in-Principle from the Dehcho First Nations on May 31, subject to ratification at the DFN Annual Assembly in Kakisa in June. Over the next year we will be working with the Dehcho First Nations, GNWT and Canada to facilitate approval of the Final Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan and prepare for Plan implementation.

On behalf of the Committee and staff, Mahsi Cho to everyone who participated in our comprehensive planning process. One Land – One Plan!



Herb Norwegian  
Chairperson, Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

## Introduction

The Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee, the “Committee”, was formally established in February 2002 under the authority of the Dehcho 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 Dehcho 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 Dehcho 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 Dehcho territory outside the existing boundaries of local governments and Nahanni National Park Reserve.



## Mission Statement

The Dehcho 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 Dehcho Elders.

## Membership



The Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee has five members: two appointed by Dehcho First Nations, 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 Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee are:

- ✓ Herb Norwegian, Chairperson  
Herb has been involved with Dehcho First Nations governance for over 25 years. He was Vice President of the Dene Nation from 1979 to 1983, and Chief of the Łíídlı́ Kúę First Nation from 1992 to 1997. Herb was Assistant Negotiator for DFN from 1998 to 2003. In June 2003, he was elected as Grand Chief of the Dehcho First Nations. He has been Chairman of the Dehcho 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 Nahꞵa 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, Dehcho First Nations Representative - Vice-Chair  
Tim 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. 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 Dehcho 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.

- ✓ Petr Cizek, Dehcho First Nations Representative – Director  
Petr Cizek is a graduate of the land use planning schools at the University of Waterloo (BES, 1988) and the University of Guelph (MSc., 1992). For over a dozen years, Petr lived in the Northwest Territories, working primarily with First Nations and environmental organizations. He specializes in the

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application of Geographic Information Systems, Remote Sensing, and 3D Visualisation to mapping of aboriginal wildlife harvesting/cultural sites, design of protected areas, regional land use planning, and modeling the cumulative impacts of mega-projects such as oil/gas fields, pipelines, mines, and hydro-electric dams. He is currently studying for a PhD at the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Forestry.

- ✓ Ron D. Antoine, Government of the Northwest Territories Representative - Director  
Ron is a Dene descendant of the Łíídlı́ Kúé 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 Łíídlı́ Kúé First Nation and is now the GNWT representative on the Dehcho 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 are based out of the 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 Dehcho 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.
- ✓ 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. Grassroots 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 Got'ie 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 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 Dehcho 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 the land and its beauty.



## Accomplishments for 2005-06

The Committee's big goals for the year were to produce two further drafts of the land use Plan and be on schedule to complete a Final Draft ready for submission at the beginning of 2006-07. We are happy to say we have met these goals.

### The Draft Plan

The year began with a flurry of activity to review comments received on the Working Draft and to prepare the Draft Plan for release in June, ready for the summer round of consultations. Re-zoning sessions were also held in all the communities who had requested changes.

The Draft Plan contained all the key information required to guide future development in the Dehcho territory. The Draft Plan contained:

- Additional background information on the people, land and resources.
- A review of the regulatory and policy framework.
- Detailed Terms in three categories (Conformity Requirements, Actions and Recommendations)
- Detailed Zone Descriptions describing each zone's objectives, conservation and development values and specific Terms.
- A Cumulative Effects Assessment Methodology for five indicators.
- Results from the Economic Development Assessment Model comparing the Draft Plan, the Current Land Withdrawals and the Full Development scenario.

### Consultations

The Committee launched the consultations on the Draft Plan at the 2005 Kakisa Assembly after a busy weekend conference for youth and elders. The purpose of the summer consultations was to review the terms and zoning of the Draft Plan in detail and start looking forward to Plan approval and implementation. Communities were also provided with another opportunity to revise the zoning. A Plain Language Summary of the Draft Plan was prepared to provide an overview of the Draft Plan. Consultation participants had the chance of winning a global positioning system (GPS) as a door prize. Over the summer we received excellent feedback and completed over 22 meetings in the Dehcho territory and across Canada (see table below). People particularly appreciated the table included in the back of the Draft Plan detailing individual comments and the Committee's response. This has become a regular feature of all subsequent background reports.





## Draft Plan - Consultations Completed

Date	Who	Where
July 11	Fort Providence Tri-Council, Business, Public	Fort Providence
July 12	Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation	Kakisa
July 13	Hay River Town Council	Hay River
July 13	Government and Business	Hay River
July 13	Public Meeting	Hay River
July 14	Ts'ueh Nda (West Point First Nation)	West Point
July 15	K'átt'odeeche First Nation	Hay River Reserve
July 18	Tthets'éhk'edéj (Jean Marie River First Nation)	Jean Marie River
July 19	Fort Liard Tri-Council, Business, Public	Fort Liard
July 19	Fort Liard Public	Fort Liard
July 20	Government & Business	Fort Simpson
July 20	Fort Simpson Tri Council (LKFN, Métis, Village)	Fort Simpson
July 20	Public	Fort Simpson
July 21	Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	Wrigley
July 25	Narahdee First Nation, Business, Public	Nahanni Butte
July 26	Sambaa K'e Dene Band	Trout Lake
July 27	Enterprise, Business, Public	Enterprise
July 28	Government, Business, NGO's	Yellowknife
July 28	Public	Yellowknife
Aug 3	Government of Canada, NGO's, Public	Ottawa
Aug 5	Oil and Gas Industry	Calgary
Oct 14	K'átt'odeeche First Nation	Hay River Reserve

## Revised Draft

The summer was followed by another busy period in the office. The June Draft was revised to address the comments received, provide consistency in language, and improve the document readability and flow. Some of the key changes made in the Revised Draft include:

- The Revised Draft was split into two separate documents. The "Plan" contains the Zoning, Terms and Implementation information and will be approved by the three parties. The "Background" report contains the other information.
- Zone Changes - minor changes to zone boundaries and permitted uses. Zone 4 (Edézhíe) was given the new designation "Protected Areas Strategy Zone".
- A new "Scope and Application" section was developed to clarify how the Plan should be used and interpreted.
- An updated comments and responses table was included.
- Conformity Requirements and Actions were redefined to achieve their intent.
- Many of the Terms were modified as a result of comments. Substantial changes were made to the Cumulative Effects Management Term and methodology.
- The Terms were also revised to better align them with existing legislation.
- Revised assessments were run for the Protected Areas Representation Analysis, Cumulative Effects Analysis and the Economic Development Assessment Model.



## Pre-Forum Information Sessions

The Committee invited comments from interested planning partners on the Revised Draft Plan and Background Report. This was facilitated by a series of Information Sessions hosted by the Committee before Christmas and in early January (see table). At these sessions, we presented the Revised Draft Plan and Background Report and provided an opportunity for people to ask questions and get clarification. The Revised Draft Land Use Zone Map and Table are shown below. This was the final opportunity for comments on the Plan and Background Report before completing final revisions and submitting the Plan for approval. The key questions we asked people to consider were:

- Are further changes required to zone boundaries and permitted uses?
- Are the Terms implementable within existing regulatory processes?
- Are there any inaccuracies or inconsistencies in the Plan or Background Report?
- Do you have any specific recommendations to improve the overall layout, flow, clarity and quality of the Plan and Background Report?

We requested that our planning partners provide clear direction for final revisions. We also asked that people provide written support for sections they wanted to remain unchanged in the Final Draft.

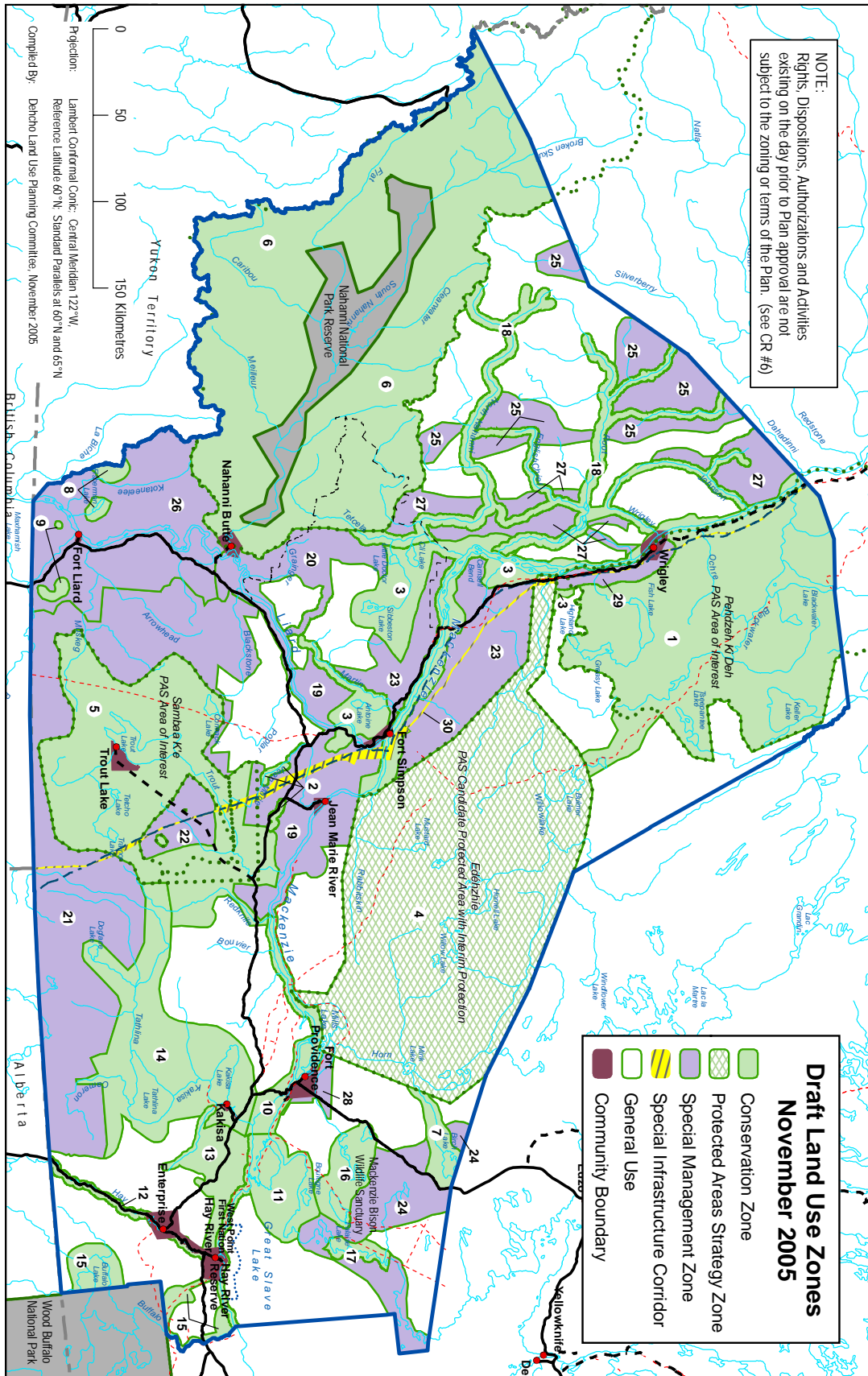


### Revised Draft Plan – Pre-Forum Information Sessions

Date	Who	Where
Nov 28	Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation	Kakisa
Nov 29	Enterprise Council, Business, Public	Enterprise
Nov 30	Government and Business	Hay River
Nov 30	Hay River Town Council	Hay River
Dec 1	K'átt'odeeche First Nation	Hay River Reserve
Dec 2	Ts'ueh Nda (West Point First Nation)	West Point
Dec 7	Tthets'éhk'edélj (Jean Marie River First Nation)	Jean Marie River
Dec 8	Fort Liard Tri-Council	Fort Liard
Dec 14	Government, Business, NGO's	Yellowknife
Dec 14	Public	Yellowknife
Dec 16	Oil and Gas Industry	Calgary
Jan 5	Government of Canada, Public	Ottawa
Jan 9	Pehdzeh Ki First Nation	Wrigley
Jan 10	Government & Business	Fort Simpson
Jan 10	Fort Simpson Tri-Council (LKFN, Métis, Village)	Fort Simpson
Jan 10	Public	Fort Simpson
Jan 11	Łíídlj Kúé First Nation meeting with Chief	Fort Simpson
Jan 11	Narahdee First Nation	Nahanni Butte
Jan 12	Sambaa K'e Dene Band	Trout Lake
Jan 16	Fort Providence Tri-Council, Business, Public	Fort Providence

## The Regional Forum

The Committee hosted their second Regional Forum from February 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 on the Hay River Reserve. This was a tremendous opportunity for communities and other planning partners to share their comments and recommendations for



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## Zone Descriptions

<b>Conservation Zones - 40.7%</b>								
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (Km <sup>2</sup> ) (approx.)	% of Plan Area
		Oil & Gas	Mining	Forestry	Tourism	Agriculture		
1	Pehdzeh Ki Deh				✓		17,053	8.15%
2	JMR Five Lakes						181	0.09%
3	Sibbeston Plains				✓		5,536	2.65%
5	Sambaa K'e / Redknife River				✓		12,214	5.84%
6	Greater Nahanni Ecosystem				✓		28,147	13.45%
7	Birch Lake						720	0.34%
8	Fisherman Lake / Clara Deh				✓		332	0.16%
9	Bovie and Betalamea Lakes				✓		158	0.08%
10	Upper Mackenzie				✓		1,312	0.63%
11	Great Slave Lake Shoreline				✓		2,221	1.06%
12	Hay River Corridor				✓		394	0.19%
13	Heart Lake, McNally Creek, Muskeg River				✓		1,540	0.74%
14	Kakisa and Tathlina Watershed				✓		7,100	3.39%
15	Buffalo Lake				✓		1,212	0.58%
16	Falaise Lake Wetland Complex				✓		1,270	0.61%
17	Moraine Point and Islands				✓		377	0.18%
18	Northwest Rivers				✓		5,359	2.56%
<b>Protected Area Strategy Zone - 12%</b>								
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (Km <sup>2</sup> ) (approx.)	% of Plan Area
		Oil & Gas	Mining	Forestry	Tourism	Agriculture		
4	Edézhzié				✓		25,183	12.03%
<b>Special Management Zones - 24.1%</b>								
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (Km <sup>2</sup> ) (approx.)	% of Plan Area
		Oil & Gas	Mining	Forestry	Tourism	Agriculture		
19	Jean Marie Special Management Zone			✓	✓	✓	4,974	2.4%
20	Nahanni Special Management Zone			✓	✓	✓	2,781	1.3%
21	Cameron Hills / Blackstone / Arrowhead River	✓	✓	✓	✓		14,631	7.0%
22	Trout River	✓					1,215	0.6%
23	Fort Simpson Special Management Zone			✓	✓		5,909	2.8%
24	Birch Falaise Corridor	✓	✓	✓	✓		3,630	1.7%
25	Peel River Plateau	✓	✓	✓	✓		4,880	2.3%
26	Liard Range / Franklin Mountains	✓	✓	✓	✓		7,803	3.7%
27	Southeastern Mackenzie Mountains	✓	✓	✓	✓		3,523	1.7%
28	Fort Providence Special Management Zone			✓	✓	✓	328	0.2%
29	Wrigley Special Management Zone			✓	✓		696	0.3%
<b>General Use Zones - 23.2%</b>								
Zone Number	Zone Name	Permitted Uses					Area (Km <sup>2</sup> ) (approx.)	% of Plan Area
		Oil & Gas	Mining	Forestry	Tourism	Agriculture		
	General Use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48,572	23.2%
<b>Special Infrastructure Corridor - 0.4%</b>								
Zone Number	Zone Name	This zone overlays, or floats, over the underlying zones. The intent is to add an additional permitted use (the pipeline), and set of conditions for pipeline development within a restricted portion of each of those zones.					Area (Km <sup>2</sup> ) (approx.)	% of Plan Area
30	Special Infrastructure Corridor						924	0.4%
>>> Plan Area calculations exclude Nahanni National Park Reserve and Community Boundaries <<<								

The Plan Map and Terms have since been revised.  
Please see the Final Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan (May 2006) for the most updated version.

final revisions to the Draft Plan and Background Report in an open, respectful forum. The Committee opened the Forum with a brief overview of the Plan and a review of all the work we have undertaken since the Committee was established 4 years ago:



- 140 + Meetings
- 2 Regional Forums
- 10 Leadership, Elders Meetings and Negotiation Sessions
- 3 Dehcho Assemblies
- 2 Special Workshops (Wildlife and Dene Nahodhe)
- Various Other Meetings
- 20 Research Projects
- 3 Drafts: Working Draft, Draft and Revised Draft
- 107 Written Submissions
- 700 + Comments & Responses

We then turned the floor over to our planning partners to present their comments, ask questions of other presenters and participate in discussions. Many of the discussions reflected the maturity of the process, the excellent participation by communities and planning partners, and broad support for the process at the community level and from government and industry. There was constructive dialogue on some of the more technical aspects of the Plan. It was recognized that a considerable amount of work and planning partner participation has contributed to the process.



However, the GNWT and Canada both raised significant concerns with the mandate, scope and content of the Plan that would require additional work to address. Some DFN communities also requested additional time to work with their communities and ensure the Plan meets their needs. As a result, the Committee delayed submission beyond March 31st, as originally proposed, to allow time for this work to be completed. Over the remaining 7 weeks of the year, the Committee revisited those communities that requested additional follow-up work. We also met with relevant Deputy Ministers from the GNWT and setup a meeting between the Committee, Dehcho First Nations, GNWT, DIAND and Environment Canada to discuss the legal issues they had raised.

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



## Conclusions

The Committee will remember 2005-06 as the year when the Plan really came together. This was reflected in both the written work and in a new level of awareness and support from communities, governments and other planning partners. The Committee released the Draft Land Use Plan in June 2005, and by November 2005 another round of consultations was over and a Revised Draft Plan was in the mail. The office has benefited from a steady supply of written submissions over the course of the year. A preliminary legal review was also completed to ensure the Plan is clear, consistent, and implementable within existing legislation. The Committee is in the final stages of plan development. The goal for 2006-07 is to complete and submit the Final Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan and ensure timely approval and implementation. This will require the continued support of all our planning partners.

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

Financial Statements of

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Financial Statements

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the balance sheet of Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee as at March 31, 2006 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, 2006 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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

ASHTON  
Chartered Accountants  
Business Advisors

Hay River, NT  
May 19, 2006



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Statement of Revenue and Expenses

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	2006	2005
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions from Indian Affairs & Northern Development	\$ 882,352	\$ 873,208
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages and employee benefits	415,442	380,178
Consulting fees	826	30,891
Audit and accounting fees	6,146	7,787
Legal fees	24,837	1,632
Honorariums	53,276	54,334
Board and staff training	(966)	8,164
Meeting expenses	81,384	93,359
Travel and per diems	116,870	96,642
Vehicle	3,258	2,306
Rent	37,824	38,015
Office supplies and equipment lease	20,955	39,824
Advertising and promotions	74,852	39,409
Freight and postage	7,792	3,651
Bank charges and interest	1,918	123
Insurance	1,298	6,810
Communications	14,337	18,346
Software maintenance	23,402	19,181
Computer hardware and software, office equipment, satellite, GIS, imagery and mapping equipment	600	26,143
	884,051	866,795
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (1,699)	\$ 6,413



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Statement of Surplus (Deficit)

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	2006	2005
Deficit, beginning of year	\$ (713)	\$ (7,126)
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	(1,699)	6,413
(Deficit), end of year	\$ (2,412)	\$ (713)

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Statement of Investment in Capital Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 701,204	\$ 752,313
Additions	600	26,143
Amortization	(72,278)	(77,252)
Balance, end of year	\$ 629,526	\$ 701,204

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Balance Sheet

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	2006	2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 38,176	\$ 70,894
Accounts receivable	18,959	32,614
Prepaid expenses	4,520	5,405
	61,655	108,913
Capital Assets, Notes 3 and 4	629,526	701,204
	\$ 691,181	\$ 810,117
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 64,067	\$ 109,626
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Surplus (Deficit), per accompanying statement	(2,412)	(713)
Investment in Capital Assets, per accompanying statement	629,526	701,204
	627,114	700,491
	\$ 691,181	\$ 810,117

Approved by the Board:



Director



Director

## Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

Notes to Financial Statements

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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 2006	2005
Vehicles	20%	\$ 55,150	\$ 32,561	\$ 22,589	\$ 28,237
Leasehold improvements	20%	39,995	23,613	16,382	20,478
Computer hardware and software, office equipment, GIS, and mapping equipment	20%	315,631	175,346	140,285	174,756
Satellite imagery	S/L 20 years	575,268	124,998	450,270	477,733
		\$ 986,044	\$ 356,518	\$ 629,526	\$ 701,204

### 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 \$32,280.

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	2006	2005
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contribution from Indian Affairs & Northern Development	\$ 65,000	\$ 55,856
Contribution from core funding	48,753	50,006
	<u>113,753</u>	<u>105,862</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Honorariums	5,079	5,039
Meeting expenses	61,957	57,033
Travel and per diems	46,717	43,790
	<u>113,753</u>	<u>105,862</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ -	\$ -