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March 30, 2004

Jivko Engineering
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Attn: Jivko I. Jivkov, P. Eng.
Principal

Re: Deh Cho Bridge at Fort Providence, NT.

Dear Sir:

Further to our conversation on March 24, 2004 regarding the above noted project. I have received the information package, which you sent to me, along with your letter seeking comments or concerns from Cooper Barging Service Ltd. (CBSL).

I would like to advise that I have reviewed the information you sent, and based on this, CBSL does not feel that the bridge will interfere with River Navigation, and therefore, we do not have any concerns regarding the project.

At this time, I would like to wish you and your colleagues all the best, as you move forward with this project.

Yours truly,



Michael P. Cooper
President

Cc: Mr. Andrew Gamble, P. Eng.
Mr. Barry Putt, P/Inspection Supervisor
Mr. Albert Lafferty, COO Decho Bridge Corp.

Deh Cho Bridge Corporation Ltd.

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June 30th, 2003

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Jivko Jivkov
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Environmental Permit Applications – Deh Cho Bridge Project:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Resolution No. 11 which was passed at the Deh Cho Annual Assembly in Kakisa Lake. The resolution is in favour of the Deh Cho Bridge and supports the necessary permit applications related to advancing the project.

For clarification we specifically note that the following affected member communities were in attendance at the assembly in Kakisa.

- Deh Gah Gottle Dene Council – Fort Providence
- Fort Providence Metis Council – Local No. 57 – Fort Providence
- Jean Marie River Dene Band – Jean Marie River
- Lildil Kue First Nation – Fort Simpson
- Fort Simpson Metis Nation – Local No. 52 – Fort Simpson
- Pehdeh Ki First Nation (Wrigley Dene Band) – Wrigley
- Kaa gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa Dene Band) – Kakisa Lake

We further advise that Resolution No. 11 was unanimously passed by all Deh Cho Chiefs, Leaders and registered delegates in assembly. For further information please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,
Deh Cho Bridge Corporation Ltd.


Albert J. Lafferty
Chief Operating Officer

Attachment: Deh Cho First Nations – Resolution No. 11

- c. Andrew Gamble, Project Manager
Michael Vandell, President



DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS
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11th Annual Deh Cho Assembly
Kakisa Lake, NT
June 23-27, 2003

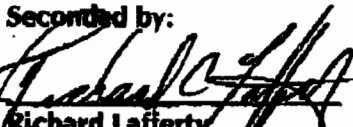
Resolution #11

Deh Cho (Mackenzie River) Bridge

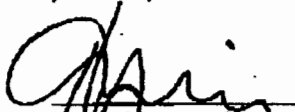
Moved by:


Chief Bobby Cayen
West Point First Nation

Seconded by:


Richard Lafferty
Ft. Providence Metis
Nation

Certified copy of
resolution made at
Ka'a'gee tu, NT dated
June 27, 2003


Hero Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the community of Ft. Providence is proposing to build, own and operate a bridge over the Mackenzie River at Ft. Providence and;

WHEREAS, this represents a significant economic opportunity for the Deh Gah Gotie Dene and Metis and whereas this project will serve as a model for other First Nations and;

WHEREAS, a bridge crossing the Mackenzie River on the Yellowknife highway would provide significant economic benefits throughout the Northwest Territories and;

WHEREAS, it appears that the bridge will reduce the long-term impacts and risks to the environment

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership and delegates in assembly support the community of Ft. Providence's proposal along with the necessary environmental permits required to build, own and operate the Deh Cho Bridge



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Standing Committee of Governance and Economic Development

Bill 13 Deh Cho Bridge Act

Hon. Floyd Roland
Chairman

The NWT Motor Transport Association recently polled their membership on the proposed Deh Cho Bridge to be constructed at the Mackenzie River crossing near Fort Providence. Their response was positive and all members were in favor of a bridge. The membership did however request the following recommendations be considered.

- (1) Recommend a toll of \$30.00 per axel (including steering axel) be implemented for a period of 5 years and a consultation program is in place upon review of the toll.
- (2) Recommend vehicles rated 1 ton or less be exempt.
- (3) Recommend that in a preset time frame after the toll has been implemented. A driver that has not preformed due diligence in reporting his axel configuration to a designated authority be fined up to 5 times that of his original axel charge.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to bring forward these recommendations.

Yours truly,

John Johansen
President

May 16, 2003

Ft. Providence Combined Council Alliance

Mr. Andrew Gamble, P. Eng.
Andrew Gamble & Associates
Project Manager
Deh Cho Bridge Corporation Ltd.

12 March, 2003

Dear Mr Gamble;

Deh Cho Bridge Permits

This letter is in support of the application for the permits required for the construction of the Deh Cho Bridge at the current ferry crossing of the Mackenzie River (Deh Cho) near Ft. Providence, NT.

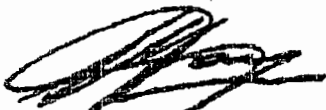
This project has been discussed at several Council and public meetings over the past several years. It is fully supported by the Dene, Metis and Hamlet Councils and the local Resource Management Board. It has received formal support by resolution of each of the three elected councils.

The community of Ft. Providence believes that the construction of a permanent crossing at this location will reduce the long-term environmental impacts and risks to the water quality and habitat of the Deh Cho. We want to see an end to the ongoing disturbance of the river caused by the ferry operations, ferry landings and ice bridge and the increasing volumes of traffic using these crossings. We are very concerned about the possibility of a major spill at this location.

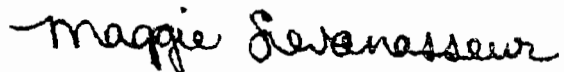
We also believe that this project will result in improvements to socio-economic conditions of residents and the general public.

The Dene and Metis shareholders in the Deh Cho Bridge Corporation are fully committed to meeting the concerns of community residents and undertaking the work in strict compliance with environmental regulations and sound environmental practice.

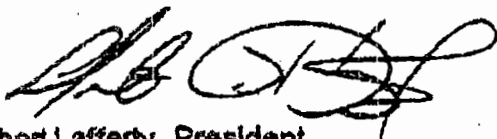
Yours truly,



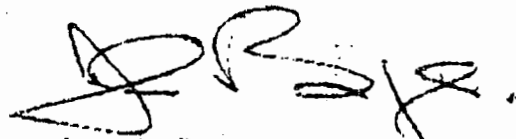
Samuel Gargan
Chief, Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council



Maggie Levevassuer
A/Mayor, Hamlet of Ft. Providence



Albert Lafferty, President
Ft. Providence Metis Council



Joachim Bonnetrouge, Chairperson
Ft. Providence Resource
Management Board

Dene Leadership Meeting
Dettah, Denendeh
April 28 – May 2, 2003

Re: Deh Cho (Mackenzie River) Bridge

WHEREAS the Fort Providence Combined Council Alliance is proposing to build, own and operate a bridge over the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence; and

WHEREAS this represents a significant economic opportunity for the Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation and will provide a model for other First Nations proposals; and

WHEREAS a bridge crossing the Mackenzie River on the Yellowknife Highway would provide significant economic benefits throughout the Northwest Territories; and

WHEREAS it appears that the bridge will reduce the long term impacts and risks to the environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dene Nation Leaders fully support the Fort Providence Combined Council Alliance's proposal to build, own and operate the Deh Cho Bridge.

MOVED BY: Fred Daniels, Smith Landing First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Dennis Deneron, Sambaa K'e First Nation

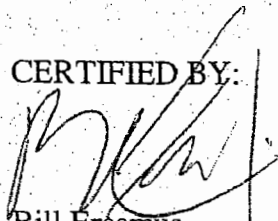
FOR: 19

AGAINST: -0-

ABSTENTIONS: -0-

MOTION IS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2003.

CERTIFIED BY:


Bill Erasmus
Dene National Chief



NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY LIMITED

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Clifford Abraham, President
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January 9th, 2003

Michael Vandell, President
Deh Cho Bridge Corp.
General Delivery
Fort Providence, NT
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Dear Sir:

Re: Deh Cho Bridge Proposal

Over the last several months, marine and management personnel from our company have been involved in a series of consultations and field studies with the Deh Cho Bridge Corp.'s design team. The goal was to establish practical parameters for certain dimensions of the Bridge that would reduce the impediment that structure might otherwise present to the safe conduct of existing patterns of commercial navigation on the Mackenzie River.

I am pleased to confirm that our combined efforts were successful and that agreement has been reached between NTCL and the Bridge designers as follows:

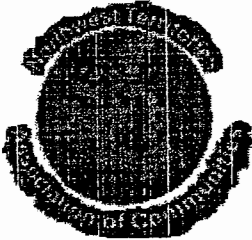
- minimum horizontal clearance under the bridge (i.e. minimum width of navigation channel under the bridge) of 185 metres,
- vertical clearance under the bridge in way of the navigation channel to be a minimum of 22.5 metres above the High Water Level over the central 60%, and
- the Northern limit of the navigation channel to be at the same location as the green buoy placed by the Coast Guard during the 2002 navigation season, understood to be 319 metres south of the existing sheet pile face of the North ferry landing.

all as described in the enclosed copies of correspondence between NTCL and Mr. Andrew Gamble.

Sincerely,

NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY LIMITED

Association of Communities



Resolution from 2002 Annual general meeting of NWT Association of Communities

2002 – 09 DEH CHO (MacKENZIE RIVER) BRIDGE

WHEREAS a bridge crossing of the Deh Cho (MacKenzie) River) on the Yellowknife Highway would provide significant economic benefits throughout the Northwest Territories;

WHEREAS the Ft. Providence Combined Council Alliance, representing all residents of the community of Ft. Providence, has proposed to finance build and operate a bridge at this location;

WHEREAS this project would be financed by government savings and by user fees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAM supports the Ft. Providence Combined Council Alliance proposal to finance, to build and operate the Deh Cho Bridge, so long as the benefits to users can be shown to significantly exceed the costs.

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