SOUTH SLAVE TRIBAL COUNCIL GENERAL DELIVERY FORT RESOLUTION, N.W.T. XOE OMO



March 8, 1991

Tom Siddon - Minister of Land Northern Affairs
Dennis Patterson - Government Leader of NWT
Don Morin - M.L.A., Tu Nedhe
Jeannie Marie Jewell - M.L.A., Fort Smith
John Pollard - M.L.A., Hay River
Micheal Miltenburger - Regional Director, Fort Smith
Titus Alooloo - Minister of Renewable Resources
Bill Erasmus - President Dene Nation
Gary Bohnet - President N.W.T. Metis Association
Dave McCann - Chairperson, Planning Commission
Hal Mills - Director, Land Use Planning, Yellowknife
Ethel Blondin - Liberal M.P., Western Arctic
Dorothe Unka - Executive Director, S.S.R.C.

## RE: South Slave Tribal Council Resolution - Land Use Planning.

The South Slave Tribal Council has expressed their dissatisfaction on Tom Siddon's, Minister of Indian & Northern Development, announcement to terminate the Northern Land Use Planning in Denendeh by March 31, 1991.

A resolution directing the Minister of Indian and Northern Development and the Territorial Government to terminate the Program in Denendeh to reinstate the Northern Land Use Planning in Denendeh was passed at the South Slave Tribal Council meeting held in Lutsel Ke' from March 5 - 6, 1991.

Sincerely,

Karon Balsellee

Karen Balsillie Executive Director South Slave Tribal Council

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WHEREAS the Dene Nation and Metis Association agreed to participate in the Northern Land Use Planning Program as equal partners with the federal and territorial governments through the 1983 Basis of Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Dene/Metis have participated in the Program since funding was first provided in 1985 and have continued their commitment to the Program even though Denendeh was selected as the last priority region for planning in 1988; and

WHEREAS Tom Siddon, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, has announced that the Northern Land Use Planning Program in Denendeh will be terminated as of March 31, 1991; and

WHEREAS work is currently under way in the South Slave by established Community Working Groups on land use maps; and

WHEREAS the South Slave region wishes to continue work on land use planning to provide land managers with appropriate standards and procedures for decision-making.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Slave Tribal Council reaffirms its support for the Northern Land Use Planning Program and hereby requests that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development reconsider his decision to terminate the program in Denendeh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Slave Tribal Council requests the support the Government of the Northwest Territories in reinstating the Northern Land Use Planning program and that the territorial government fund the Program should the federal government refuse to do so.

MOVED BY: Chief Bernadette UNKA

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SECONDED BY: Chief Antoine MICHEL

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: Non

ABSTAINED: Non

March 6, 1991. DATE: