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Honourable Commissioners and Committee Members,

In the summer of 2005 I conducted a pro bono ethnographic and phenomenological research study at the Doig River First Nation (DRFN) reserve just north of Ft St John, BC. The purpose of the study was to determine the impact of oil and gas exploration and extraction on the DRFN and how it was affecting the Dane Zaa (the Beaver People of DRFN). This study involved 18% of band members and was conducted in English and Beaver (the local language of Treaty 8 bands).

This research study was impartial and theory-less in that it had no preconceived outcome other than to report on the lived experiences of the Dane Zaa with regards to oil and gas exploration and extraction on their Treaty lands, and on the traditional territories they have, as hunters and gatherers, lived off for thousands of years. This research study did not address any notion of Site C dam nor its impact on FN, however the stories as told by the Dane Zaa people show how systemically and tightly-linked the Dane Zaa, and I would argue, all Treaty 8 band members are to the lands, water, flora, fauna, and geography and the entire eco system they inhabit in the Peace Valley and beyond. As such, the significant changes caused by Site C completion, or moth-balling will have long lasting, and highly disruptive consequences for all the First Nations People of the Peace River/Fort St John area.

I note in my attached report the following, and do not do so lightly:

'The Dane Zaa will become brown coloured white people over the next 100 years if this insidious loss of Treaty Land and Treaty Rights does not stop. This is not an exaggeration, merely a calculated observation of one who has listened to the stories of 18% of the population'

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# "Real people, treat Real People the way they, would like to be treated"

An integrated Communications Plan for the Doig River  
First Nations Band



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# **“The Dane Zaa – a State of the Nation review in 2005”**

During the warm summer days of late August 2005, Chief Garry Oker and I interviewed over 18% of the members and staff of the Doig River First Nations Band at the reserve, and in Ft St John, in a focus group setting, asked a series of Six Key Questions to all participants.

These questions were asked in a random order and were, unaided questions asked, in both Beaver and English with answers received, in both English and Beaver, as follows:

- 1) What key messages would you like industries & governments to know about DRFN?
- 2) What are the Strengths of the DRFN?
- 3) What are the Weaknesses of the DRFN?
- 4) What are the Opportunities for the DRFN?
- 5) What are the Threats to the DRFN?
- 6) Who are the heroes of today for the Dane Zaa/Beaver People?

From these 83 pages of rough notes, I have attempted to capture verbatim the responses (in a few cases these responses may show up in two or more Question/Responses as they were valid for several questions) in order to be as true as possible to the very honest and frank responses shared with me.

I have not attempted to correct grammar in any way but to deliver The state of the Nation of Doig River First Nation, as we heard in August 2005. There is repetition throughout, demonstrating the Nations’ consensus on several key issues etc.

## *Executive Summary*

The State of the Nation, as shared by her people, tells us of a surprisingly resilient people who have adapted 12,000 years of oral history and tradition into the last 200 years of white man's Government, reasonably well.

That being said things are not rosy at Doig River First Nation; The Dane Zaa peoples' very way of life their *raison d'être*, or reason for being, is continually being eroded – that reason is the Land.

The Dane Zaa have always been a drumbeat away from the land. They are of the land, for the land and have a unique, almost symbiotic relationship with the land.

Today, the lands of the Dane Zaa, as agreed to in Treaty are being stripped away piecemeal by various groups, and further, what is left is being abused, poisoned and soiled by those who have taken the riches from this land.

The Dane Zaa will become brown coloured white people over the next 100 years if this insidious loss of Treaty Land and Treaty Rights does not stop. This is not an exaggeration, merely a calculated observation of one who has listened to the stories of 18% of the population.

I state this because as one reads through their 'stories' one sees that the land is where:

- the Real People learn the language (the youngest fully bilingual Dane Zaa is 38 years old)
- they learn the trails that are thousands and thousands of years old and have been passed down by the Elders.
- learn the trapping and hunting skills that allowed the Dane Zaa to thrive for 12,000 plus years in a sub arctic environment
- learn the drumming signing and dancing that is an inextricable part of every Dane Zaa
- the Elders go for spiritual regeneration
- the recovering alcoholics or drug users go to dry out and relocate their powerful spiritual roots

- young boys need to go again for their Visionquest
- young children go for Beaver Camp
- the inordinately high amount of animal protein (dried meat) is hunted in the traditional ways
- is where the Dreamers got their start

The 'Bush' as often referred to by the Dane Zaa, is everything that means anything to a Dane Zaa. And, if through poisoning of the land, animals and the Dane Zaa people themselves, through greed for oil and gas reserves, and greed for land itself.... the Dane Zaa are forced into smaller and smaller 'ranges', they will eventually become brown skinned white men, for all the old ways will be lost.

The Dane Zaa though are not anti-development nor anti business, in fact they are pro business and are very proud of the real accomplishments that their own businesses have achieved: DRE, Doig River Timber, Doig River Environmental, Agro Forestry Testing etc. These external joint ventures provide a wonderful bridge for the Dane Zaa youth to secure experience and training in a white man's world and bring these learning's back to the reserve.

The Dane Zaa need to take control of "the agenda of what transpires on Treaty Land' from planning to implementation, to revenue sharing, to road building to hunting and fishing on Treaty land, in sum: they need to have input and control over all that transpires on the land, under the land, in the water and above the land...in the air, in order that they may fulfill their duty to the land...and in doing so "bring back the traditional language and ways of the Dane Zaa people".

"Doig is open for business" but on different terms than before.

Gavan Howe

These then are the 'Peoples Stories'

## **#1 Question: "What key messages would you like industry and government to know about the Dane Zaa?"**

Help us help them

Trials can be deceiving

Dane Zaa as a spiritual people, doing duty to the land

The transition from Indian to white to Indian world is good

Living life in a spiritual way is prayer

In order to view Dane Zaa in a modern context you have to go back through

12,000 years of history. Here. As hunter/gatherers

Why did they have to move us three times? the reservation?

Gordon Jones at OJC is a problem

Engage in a modern world, bring that back

Spiritualism is the context for hunting

They have been given the duty for protecting the land

We know what happens to the Dane Zaa when they loose connection to the land and themselves

Guidance for when we go on trials unknown

Treaty rights

Hunting Rights

Improved communications at the planning stage with OJC, Oil and Gas

Long-term deal for economic sustainability

No more surprises wells, trees cut, new seismic lines

Indian People mean business, Open for business

Treaty Land Important

Rights for people

Environmental Bill of Rights

Speaks form one voice

Rights of people for people

Need a better value proposition (oils and gas deals)

Capacity is everything! INAC must know this!

Doig Dane Zaa is open for business

Dane Zaa are very reasonable people  
Marlene is 37 years old and she is the youngest who is fully fluent in Beaver  
\$180,000 a year from INAC! Indian affairs goal is to manage the Indian Act, just  
enough to keep a band in trouble  
The average Canadian has no clue as to what is going on in INAC or at  
the reserve  
Post Colonial Era  
Gov't funding for larger bands, like 3,000  
Bring back a sense of belonging  
Gov't must learn to respect, learn respect for the people  
Land is under attack, greater than at any other time  
Cumulative impact of oil and gas roads  
Deal with over 40 companies INAC and Government  
Man I am happy to be a Native  
Need more Tea Dances  
Hominess of the reserve is good  
Help us protect the beliefs and myths that we live by  
Be fair environmental and wildlife  
We area family of 200!  
Treat us how we want to be treated  
Treat them in the same positive manner  
People don't look at you- at eye level – they look at me cause I'm Indian  
Love of community helps us when we fall down, when we get off the trail  
Consult us first before you do things to our land and our way of life  
Work with the people - respect  
Equality  
We need to share the meat like we have for thousands of years  
Meat is part of our heritage  
Myth and ritual  
I'm white but if I go into town wearing an Indian sweater they treat me  
different, I know it.  
Racism in schools, bars, grocery stores, it hurts. Respect.

For so long made to feel less than  
You can't know them (Dane Zaa) unless you know the story  
What they see is dollar signs  
I don't trust them  
Doig is colour blind  
Doig is good racial mixing  
The language of the Dane Zaa is very descriptive, it is not written, so it can  
convey colour, smell, emotions, totally descriptive  
No respect when we ask to clean land  
River is Doig (reserve) is poisoned  
Lack of understanding of our way of life  
Don't listen  
Loosing land, all the time  
Companies hiring Cree, not from here, Alberta to say what oil and gas do here  
is ok  
Treaty rights (till the water ends and sun goes down)  
Boundary has no respect  
Sooner or later the oil and gas will run out but we will still be here, what will be  
left for us?  
Trapping, Hunting, Health, Medicine  
Hunting: we don't take the biggest, just take what we need, shoot young before  
he ruts - big ones breed the best  
Protect the land  
No common Courtesy  
Tell them what kind of people we are, not all drunks like the ones you see in  
town we are all not like that, many don't drink at all many have quit and  
stayed quit  
Tell them what is important to us as a people  
We want ownership in that dialogue (with whites)  
Gov't Colonialization still going on  
Youth half white world half Indian- in limbo  
Departmental overlap big time (Feds and Prov.)  
Insecurity of because of where we have grown up 'a reserve'  
People always pulling you down when you succeed

We are open to heal ourselves

Human Resource Development

Education

Respect

Include us in managing our resources, the OLD and NEW ways

Respect the Land

Community Values are important

Knowledge is Collective Knowledge

Insure that we do not staff up for when oil and gas are gone

We need strategic plan on how ALL resource developments proceed

Oils and gas companies have more power than us they threaten to bring us to court – court threat

The same cycle (on the land) still exists, fur trade down though, same trap lines, smaller now

Industry refers to a point in geography; we have always used the round

Need a land management framework

How do they (OJC) not see this as conflict?

Perception of a will affecting the whole, what about the many wills?

Lot of racism

Don't make judgment based on the Indian you see on the street

Don't trust them, all they see is the dollar signs,

Good at racial mixing, lack of communications people don't speak out, Gossip

Most important matter, show no respect, when we ask they still show a lack of understanding our ways, our ecology,

Don't Listen

Poison on the land, Blueberry Women, poisoned, hair fell out, other one loose baby, can't have any more. poisoned gas

Boundary

Don't take the bigger animals let them mate again, take small bulls before the rut, let the big ones breed,

Elders Camp harder to find, too much noise don't want noise for the elder ones, want it away from roads and trails (quads)

School district won't support beaver camp, but they let them off for Doig

River days because it's a rodeo  
Health/medicine  
Boundary has no respect  
Sooner or later gas and oil will leave we will still be here  
Need consultation gap analysis, now  
What's important to us a people, we take the long view we always have...  
Members have to have a huge opportunity for Economic Development  
Members to have a say in how we move forward tired of Gov't Colonialism  
They still lack knowledge of us, youth is half white half Indian in limbo  
Insecurity because of where we have grown up  
We are open to heal ourselves  
Develop a communications tool that conveys a view of our nation, completely  
and accurately the land, jobs, forestry oil and gas, first nation Treaty rights we  
are flexibility respect communication tools to show first nation as great, create  
Dane Zaa brand  
Maintain our land, sacred places, camping places, hunting grounds, fallow  
grounds and trap lines maintain them, all, get us involved early  
Land development/change biggest issue, need a strategic plan!  
Environment is no # 1 mother nature  
Understand its importance to us, ..I taught them the English language  
hoping it would be better for them, but they don't know Beaver and cannot hear  
the songs or understand the old stories  
Leave it at Tommie's door

### *Summary - Key Messages*

Land is under attack greater than before- poisoning land animals and now  
people  
Need more dialogue/involvement with Oils and Gas BEFORE they dig  
Oils and Gas must share wealth  
Need Treaty Rights: Hunt, Trap, Graze  
Need Respect: Us, our land, our way of life, our history  
Spiritualism  
Hunters and Gatherers we have always been and will be  
Duty to protect the land

*Summary - Key Messages (cont'd)*

DRE is really working  
Transition of Indian world to white and back to Indian good...

Loosing land - boundary has no Respect

Lots of Racism

**#2 Question: What are the Strengths of the DRFN?**

Our sense of humour

Our way of life

The bush: the healing, training and teaching, language

Skill and beaver language of the Dane Zaa in the bush

We never hold a grudge

Move on to prayer...moving camp

Our way as Dane Zaa- personal change regeneration

If we have our hands use them old Dane Zaa saying

Strong cultural awareness

Beaver Book. Language!

Accept change well

Sense of community

Good turnouts

Doig is the partner of choice for First Nations suppliers (to oil and gas)

Good, very good, long range planners

Members have a say in how we move forward

We are open to business, capacity we have it, stick together, loving Supportive family of 200+, love the land, respect the land, respect our elders and dreamers, they gave us the Job to protect the land,

Treaty Rights till the sun goes down and the water stops...trapping, hunting

The seasonal round as the maps said our land all of it

No hunt zones we put in for some area for five years, hunting be real good after, not enough conservation areas, for white man and Indian, like the old days

Building a Team of Nation Builders

Strength in Numbers

Accountable (we are) and open

Have faith in our finances

Finances strong

Staff + admin office best trained versus other first nations

We are accountable: good business people, good at what we do, good at building, good business model

Large percentage of white people in our admin services

Modern approach

Rodeo

Shared culture

Complex

Tradition

Our songs and stories

Dreamers

Volleyball

Horsemanship

Hockey

Competition

\$180 k

Cultural programs

Flexibility

Great planners

Language

Consistency

Stability in management & strong leadership

Moving ahead

Good listeners

Leadership and Accountability

Very reasonable people

Good resolutions

Friendships

Treaty Rights "us and white men, pretty near partners' Jumbie, after 5 days on negotiations with White man

Honesty

Commitment

Love  
Role Model  
Healing  
Leadership  
Prayer  
Tea Dance  
Talent Show  
Community  
Love and Community helps get over bad things  
Archeology lots of old stuff here needs help  
Tenacity to persevere  
Humour  
More secure in the land  
Back to older values  
Family, Maggie  
Elders  
Communications  
Stubborn  
Very caring people  
When tragedy strikes everybody pulls in  
Strength of unity  
Storytelling and Language is so clear  
Tradition  
Follow the dreamer's path  
Bush heals  
Leadership: Davis, Attachie, Oker  
Transparent election process  
Chief and council running well accountable open, good business people  
Stay in school  
Health and wellness  
Long range planning  
Education  
60 years long range planning in practice

Leadership in chief and council 100% support with 90% of the band having alignment with administration

Flexibility to change

Great relationship with some companies and industries: CNR

Proud of all that we do:

Rodeo days

Doig River Days

Treaty day

Outside community

Tea Dance Very important

Strong, stick together, fight for what is ours

Pulling together in time of needs

Leadership, chief and council

Elders

Membership understands the need for business stuff (DRE)

Elders

Women's have power: questions, advice,

Chief, go getter

Get what people want

Growing population

Elders council who keep like the past

Wealth equal opportunities

DRE as a training facility for our young people

JSA program at DRE

New strand board contract

Doig Timber and Environmental

Treaty 8

### *Summary - Key Messages*

The bush, the land, tradition

Language

Membership understands the need for business stuff – DRE etc

Flexible

Traditional Knowledge (land, ecosystem animals and survival)  
DRE best choice for business partner  
Family of 200  
Strong Leadership  
Strong Admin and Finance  
Good Finances  
Treaty Rights (need more help)  
Great long range planners  
JSA program at DRE is great  
Building a team of nation builders  
Growing population

**# 3 Question: What are the key Weaknesses of DRFN?**

Drug and alcohol abuse  
Unemployment  
98% of deaths by violent nature  
Float in white mans world  
Communication to outside world  
Lack of accountability  
Substance abuse  
Silo effect  
Growing governing needs  
Language loss  
Land under attack greater than at any other time  
Impact of oil, gas, timber, ranching on trap lines  
INAC funding enough to keep a band in trouble  
Gov't funding based on larger bands  
Patchwork quilt of legislation caught in – no coordination  
Youth awareness- why are they out getting pregnant  
Addiction  
No sex education  
Lack of financial training (180k) and planning  
Lack of (financial) information tools

Alcohol and drugs  
Jealously  
Gossip  
Defensive  
Abused  
Gossip be more open and honest  
Not all sharing the meat  
Not enough rituals  
Stop end runs  
Lack of communications- people don't speak out just gossip  
Non-members talking about business and personal matters  
Alcohol  
Often people don't listen  
Roadblocks  
Disturbances  
Young people influenced by technology and not taking up Beaver language  
Greedy  
Since 1960, alcohol  
Identity crisis  
Social alcohol drugs  
Need role models  
Need a process/plan for people to gain face  
Old resentments  
Chief for 2 years? Just got started  
Insecurity because of where we have grown up  
Administration lack of communication among departments  
Council & Chief get beat up by each Dep. and Band Members  
Difficult to do business when (dept's) fighting each other  
Lack of resources  
We do not fight for what we need  
We let industry walk all over us  
Communication within  
Gossip stop  
When something bad happens we need to forgive

Expectations of jobs (maybe we not trained for)  
Things fall apart  
Don't work together people say 'none of my business'?  
Large staff turnover  
Chaos mode every two years new chief, lack of continuity  
No cultural system  
Pay scale  
Don't focus on collection of cultural data  
Everything has \$ sighs attached  
Entitlement  
Externally, don't have good management at INAC – old world use Colonization model  
Lack of knowledge of other dept and what they do (at Doig)  
No regular meetings  
No performance reviews  
Need better mileage allowance .85 to .97  
Need job descriptions  
No balance, just go  
Everybody just comes in- no process for dealing with members concerns/needs/complaints – disruptive to work flow  
No vision mission for some departments  
Educate locally  
Don't understand about what has been taken away already!  
DRE labour shortage eventually  
OJC system = funded by industry and their agenda approve more permits!  
All the time more permits, not cleaning up  
8 of 12 Provincial Dept are funded by oil and gas revenues  
Too many Gov't agencies: Environment, Wildlife, Forestry, Oil and Gas

*Summary - Key Messages*

Drugs and Alcohol  
Unemployment  
98% of Deaths are Violent

*Summary - Key Messages (cont'd)*

Patchwork quilt of Legislation

Lack of sex education

Lack of financial education

Jealousy

Not enough Drumming, Singing and dancing

Loosing Language

Identity Crisis: should we be proud to be Indian?

Don't fight for what we want

Moved reserve three TIMES?

Only 1 tea Dance

No respect

Poisoned land killing us

No protection for land

**# 4 Question: What are the Opportunities for DRFN?**

Camping in bush at winter time

There is no way that whites can understand Dane Zaa without knowing our story, G. Oker

Being on reservation and being educated in white man's world. while knowing how to survive in the bush- on our own terms

Co-manage our land

All hunters/fishermen to be 'guided' by us on our land

Understand Dane Zaa as spiritual people

Help us do our duty as Real People – to the land

We need guidance for when we go on trails unknown

Need dreamers

Living life in a spiritual way, is prayer!

Spiritualism (Dane Zaa) is your context

How you go about your life is Symbolic- traditional symbolism

View us as Dane Zaa people in a modern context to do that you must appreciate where we come from

Building a nation of nation builders

Harness the old stuff and preserve it  
Respect Treaty Rights  
Respect Hunting Trapping Rights  
Communication with oil and gas, planning with the Federal, Provincial, and  
Local  
Need along term deal for 'Indian economy' our way in the bush  
Communicate to members  
When a whit man gets it (us) he becomes part of it  
Language and culture  
Long term written relationship  
More drumming m ore dancing m ore tea dances  
Youth education - get degree/education come back to reserve and help us like  
Wayne, Carl and Garry  
Culture and language = self respect and self esteem  
Acceptable behavior or not! In the old they did not but now Elders  
Are having change in respect and anxiety to speak out  
Learning: council of Elders  
    Mentoring  
    Rediscovery Program  
    Cultural Program  
    Visionquest  
    Same for girls when entering puberty  
    Rituals  
Indian People mean business  
Environmental Bill of Rights  
Treaty Land right of people  
There is a better value proposition (Oil and gas) one company took  
100 million \$'s, and gave 4% of the revenue, in jobs  
Building Future of Band  
Band member education  
Building appeal for USA i.e. DRE  
Build on small things start small  
DRE  
Doing River Timber

DRE Environmental  
Treaty 8 agreement  
Agro Forestry- hybrid trees  
Cross cultural and corporate training  
Tender to manage parks  
Permanent trust  
Socio Economic Trust  
Self-funding in 5 years  
Doig is the leader in new economic development plans  
Band members staying and coming back to reserve  
Need a healer  
Need healing circles  
Cultural export - Rodeo  
Community development  
Helping people and developing people  
Moving forward  
Environmental plan, with our input  
Bring back a sense of belonging  
Dance is creativity  
Acceptance is better  
Live well here young grow  
Band life is good  
So involved sense of community  
Job opportunities are building  
Homeliness, hominess of reserve  
Love and community helps us get over bad times  
Encourage more  
We are family of 200  
Role model  
Work with the people  
Treat me the way you want to be treated  
Respect the people  
The Story is the Jewel of our Technologies - Indian Technology  
People going back to school

Self-sufficiency; home and schooling  
Joint ventures  
Peer pressures  
Watch out for each other  
Community parents  
Elders have wisdom our role models been there done that  
Storytelling and Language is so clear  
Happy working with young people before it's too late  
Trust, working, good  
Education  
Hunting on our land only with us as guides  
Own Conservation officers on ALL Dane Zaa land  
The Elders  
Do something must fight back  
Beaver graves  
Moose, Elk, Deer, dry meat  
Create habits  
Beaver Camp boys must go must be allows away from school  
Think behind action  
Work with them  
Gravesites are very important  
Look at our Maps  
Teaching white man  
Look for usefully ways to apply traditional way  
Need no hunt zones - for all  
Very important to highlight the success of DRE, Doig Timber and Doig  
Environmental  
Grazing rights gone  
Need roads with toll gates to our land  
Not enough conservation areas  
Need land stewardship plan...just like the farmers we rotate where we hunt  
leave some areas for many, many years, used to do controlled burns in spring,  
make for better hunting  
Membership code

Industry/Band biz development huge opportunity  
Trust  
Focus on youth  
Members to have say on how we move forward with OJC  
Ownership in resource development dialogue  
Show progress  
Working together with white people  
Native people are working on our land and off reserve  
Education among youth and mothers graduating...I went back for my high school diploma  
Not enough Tea dances  
Understanding legal and business speak  
Visionquest  
Elders and kids first  
If you have diabetes someone can cook for you, if you have high blood pressure \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hour for someone to help  
Behavior changes in the bush!  
Diet and education  
Environment/water!  
Reclamation, soil reclamation, test water and soil before and after  
Good advice  
Talking to kids help stand together  
Trust each other  
Respect  
Doig respects others not returned  
Indians with white work experience good, bring back to reserve  
Since DRE went on proffered supplier list we have 4x the number of calls  
DRE is a very important training ground for our youth...they go into white companies and may not understand quickly what is required, at DRE we have a large training budget especially on Safety (our record is great) and we give Indian youth time to adjust to working in white mans world  
14 to 30 % of DRE employees are Indian  
Family of 200  
Sustainable social economy

Toll gates to our land  
Create an environmental rating card for each Oil and Gas Company (score card)  
Dreamers, need new dreamers  
Dancing drumming more needed  
Must appreciate/save the land ecosystem

*Summary - Key Messages*

Getting outside education/training and bringing it back to reserve  
Control of our resources, resource dialogue before digging  
Stop treaty land encroachment  
Respect Treaty Rights: land environment, hunting, trapping, grazing  
Help white man understand Dane Zaa social economy  
Outside businesses: DRE, Timber CO and Environmental  
Agro Forestry  
Language and Culture  
Cross cultural & corporate training (DRE etc.)  
Trust  
Self-funding in 5 years  
Environmental: Footprint or Bill of Rights  
Job opportunities are building  
The Jewel of Indian Technologies: our minds, memories, stories, traditions maps  
Joint Ventures  
Elders share wisdom  
The bush and traditional teaching  
Dried Meat is part of us  
12,000 years of tradition  
14% to 30% of all DRE employees are Indian  
Dreamers  
Education  
Visionquest  
Focus on Youth  
Protect future generations  
More Respect  
DRE very important training ground for Dane Zaa youth working in  
white world

## **# 5 Question: What are the Threats to Doig River First Nation**

Mental health

Drugs and alcohol

Diabetes

Family dysfunction

Environmental damage

Pressure on Treaty Rights no land for hunting and trapping

Not involved enough in oil and gas planning process

OJC does not listen

Staying on the reserve and NOT getting an education out there

Need new guidance for when we go way beyond on new trails the unknown

Threat to environment

Threat to woundedness

No involvement with oil and gas companies at planning stage

Divide our territory - continue

Contamination in the land (they lack knowledge of our land), in our water, in the animals and now in the people

They creep onto our land always work on the edges - keep coming

Take our oils and gas and give us a tiny bit of a share... and when oil and gas is gone we will be here!

Burlington versus CNR...we get lots of work from CNR

Band forced to move three times!

Capacity is everything

Loss of language

Institutional racism

Hypocrisy

Stereotypes and myths (the drunken Indians in town)

Bias

Bigotry

Racism

Silo effect (in Gov't)

Might has always been right

Public opinion = stereotypes

Lost fragmented knowledge

Wholes Rights (Treaty) losing  
Old Gov't pushed us off the land in then 80's old boom and runaway inflation  
Trying to keep out traditions alive  
Environmental damage and wildlife loss  
Loss of language  
School dropouts  
Lack of tradition – needed the bush lost of it to keep old ways and old language  
alive and growing  
Need more time in Bush for healing/training  
Loss of land  
No place to hunt and trap  
#1 the environment – they kick the shit out of it and we don't get anything back!  
Clean up the mess  
Need more involvement oil and gas  
Youth in general know little about past - important target...they are those who  
work on the land/bush and in town  
Stop undervaluing the Dane Zaa people  
Environmental keep track of sick/bad animals through all Beaver land  
Needs a communications process to keep track of all sick/bad animals  
Need safety card for oil and gas crews need a third man for safety  
Food chain is very fragile, we still need and want to eat lots of dry meat  
Don't listen  
Loosing land  
Women and animals sick from poison gas  
Boundary keeps changing  
Elder camp harder to find  
Elders wanted to stay one more week but I got rent and phone bill to pay,  
Had to go back to work  
Trapping is moving out  
District schools won't let boys out for Beaver Camp but will let them out for  
Rodeo white man sport  
Treaty rights being chewed up  
River in reserve poisoned  
Boundary has no respect

Lack of land  
Grazing rights gone  
As a nation jealousy and selfishness  
Development  
Lack of traditional knowledge  
Government colonization  
Departmental overlap big issue... go see them they can help  
Only one Tea Dance last year  
Sacred Places people camping hunting digging building no space, no room  
Environment Mother Nature is very important to us  
Loss of language and cultural value  
Oil companies value power more than us  
Need a strategic plan to manage growth  
Need a land management system different from LIMS  
Look to our old maps  
New chief every two years, just get started  
Need more cultural data collection before oil and gas digs  
Bulldozers and Cats PUSHING us threatening us to move on as we dig for  
archeological remains  
They are always in a hurry to dig, we find something, they push up to us,  
drive Cat up and threaten us  
Need an archeologist on staff who way be fair  
Greed  
No one helps anyone anymore  
Job, 'to make money' not hunt in the bush, not trap in the bush  
Tasks, all tasks mean they should be paid  
Land for people who want a home & hunt and trap, not just a reserve  
No respect  
Heal the land NOW before it is too late  
Rapid growth DRE and Doig Timber  
Saultle FN  
Need to be involved in Chetwyn  
Two faced (gas and oil) in some dealing with us  
Band aid solutions to clean up: i.e. Monias and Milligan Creek cleaned two  
problems what about then other 1000?

OJC is funded by industry can't be impartial, where's the Gov't?  
Federal and Provincial Governments point to each other, NO ONE takes  
responsibility or action to help us secure our Treaty Rights  
No environmental footprint  
No feedback form OJC, we make requests/changes hear nothing back  
OJC uses white metrics pass as many applications as possible, what's the  
hurry... its our land  
Only Dial-up internet on reserve

*Summary - Key Messages*

Drugs and Alcohol  
Environmental damage  
Loss of land - continual  
Treaty Rights threatened  
OJC does not listen  
No respect  
Poisoning of the land  
Loss of Beaver Language  
Racism  
School dropouts  
Not enough time spent in the bush  
Need to be at planning stage with oil and gas, before digging starts  
River in Reserve is poisoned!  
Gov't still in Colonialization mode  
Women kids animals sick from poisoned water  
White man does not want to understand Dane Zaa ways (i.e. Beaver Camp)  
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OJC is funded by oil and gas

**#6 Question: Who are your modern day heroes of the Dane Zaa?**

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**Top Line Analysis**

***Key Messages (#1 Key Messages to the outside world)***

Land is under attack greater than before- poisoning land animals and now people  
Need more dialogue/involvement with Oils and Gas BEFORE they dig  
Oils and Gas must share wealth  
Need Treaty Rights: Hunt, Trap, Graze  
Need Respect: Us, our land, our way of life, our history  
Spiritualism  
Hunters and Gatherers we have always been and will be  
Duty to protect the land  
DRE is really working  
Transition of Indian world to white and back to Indian good...  
Loosing land - boundary has no Respect  
Lots of Racism

***Key Messages (# 2 Strengths)***

The bush, the land, tradition  
Language  
Membership understands the need for business stuff – DRE etc  
Flexible  
Traditional Knowledge (land, ecosystem animals and survival)  
DRE best choice for business partner  
Family of 200  
Strong Leadership

***Key Messages (# 2 Strengths) cont'd***

Strong Admin and Finance

Good Finances

Treaty Rights (need more help)

Great long-range planners

JSA program at DRE is great

Building a team of nation builders

Growing population

***Key Messages (#3 Weaknesses)***

Drugs and Alcohol

Unemployment

98% of Deaths are Violent

Patchwork quilt of Legislation

Lack of sex education

Lack of financial education

Jealousy

Not enough Drumming, Singing and dancing

Loosing Language

Identity Crisis: should we be proud to be Indian?

Don't fight for what we want

Moved reserve three TIMES?

Only 1 tea Dance

No respect

Poisoned land killing us

No protection for land

***Key Messages (# 4 Opportunities)***

Getting outside education/training and bringing it back to reserve

Control of our resources, resource dialogue before digging

Stop treaty land encroachment

Respect Treaty Rights: land environment, hunting, trapping, grazing

***Key Messages (# 4 Opportunities) cont'd***

Help white man understand Dane Zaa social economy

Outside businesses: DRE, Timber CO and Environmental

Agro Forestry

Language and Culture

Cross cultural & corporate training (DRE etc.)

Trust

Self-funding in 5 years

Environmental: Footprint or Bill of Rights

Job opportunities are building

The Jewel of Indian Technologies: our minds, memories, stories, traditions maps

Joint Ventures

Elders share wisdom

The bush and traditional teaching

Dried Meat is part of us

12,000 years of tradition

14% to 30% of all DRE employees are Indian

Dreamers

Education

Visionquest

Focus on Youth

Protect future generations

More Respect

DRE very important training ground for Dane Zaa youth working in white world

***Key Messages (#5 Threats)***

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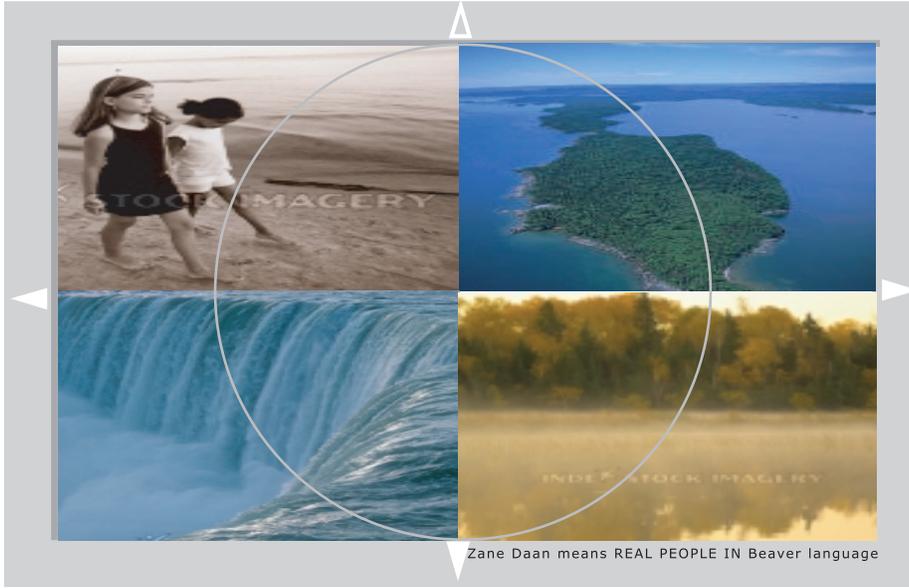


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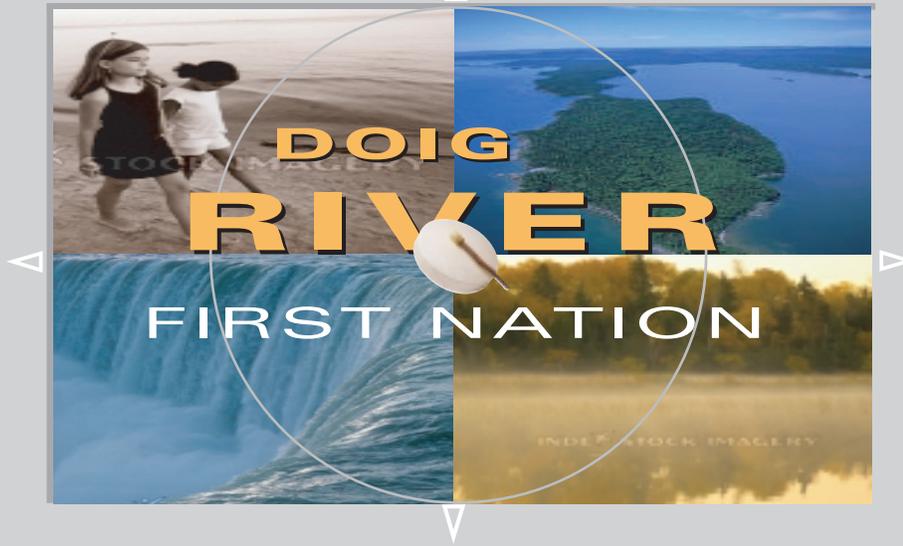
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