

GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL



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BORN IN MAY, 1901, SARAH CELEBRATED HER 100th BIRTHDAY THIS MAY.

AMONG THE AWARDS SARAH HAS RECEIVED ARE THE ORDER OF CANADA, THE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE AND HER MOST CHERISHED, BECOMING A LIFE MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH. THE GWICH'IN NATION RECOGNIZES AND THANKS SARAH SIMON FOR HER LIFE-LONG SERVICE TO OTHERS.

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*Charlene Blake while on an Ethnobotany Project
sponsored by the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute*



Greetings to all Beneficiaries

It has been a very busy nine months since I first took office and I am finding the job to be very interesting and challenging. I'd like to thank the GTC Board, the four Chiefs and staff, and all beneficiaries in general, for your help and support.

One of the first challenges we faced was making necessary changes to our Finance Department. We put in place a team of professional accountants to bring our financial information up-to-date. By the end of January, we were able to get a snapshot of our financial situation. This showed that, without major corrective action, we were headed for a very large debt estimated at \$700,000.00 or more by the end of the fiscal year.

We started the "financial recovery plan" with a freeze on all but essential hiring and by cutting back on unnecessary spending in areas like travel. The GTC Board, the four Chiefs and staff all worked very hard and played a very important role in getting our finances under control. I'd also like to thank the GNWT and DIAND for their part.

As you will remember, one of my goals when taking this position was to work towards building a sound economic base for all Gwich'in. Financial accountability is very impor-

tant to all of us. This task has taken much more of my time than I had planned. However, the time has been well spent making sure that we have a reliable and responsible financial system in place. And I am pleased to report that everyone's hard work has paid off. As the financial statements show, we have reduced the debt to less than \$100,000.00. None-

Some of the other issues we have been dealing with include:

The Land Use Plan – This is a requirement of our Land Claim and has now been signed by the GTC and the GNWT. We are still working to get the Federal Government to sign. I have had 2 meetings with the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Robert Nault, and we are making progress.

Land Claim Implementation - The 10 year review is coming up soon. We have put a team in place, and negotiations are underway with both the Federal Government and the GNWT.



President Fred Carmichael

theless, as also noted by the previous administration, the GTC must find more funding in order to carry on its broad mandate, as more demands are made to service beneficiaries and to meet the requirements of the Land Claim.

Resource Royalties – We have been working with the Sahtu and I am pleased to inform beneficiaries that a settlement has been reached with the Government of Canada to settle the issue related to the Norman Wells "royalties".

Beaufort-Delta-Self-Government – Negotiations are moving along well and we expect that an Agreement-In-Principal should be in place perhaps as early as this Fall.

Aboriginal Pipeline Group – Gwich'in are members of this group, who are seeking one-third ownership of a pipeline down the Mackenzie Valley.

Economic Development – As per the direction of "the Assembly", much time has been spent reorganizing the Gwich'in Development Corporation (GDC). We have put in place a Board of Directors made up of people with business experience and recently hired a Chief Executive Officer to manage the GDC. We, as Gwich'in, must become economically self-sufficient and it is important that we all support the GDC to ensure that it becomes a successful business arm for all Gwich'in. As you will see from the GDC report, things are going well. With this new "non-political" structure in place, GDC is in a good position to take advantage of the many business opportunities.

GTC Reorganization – We continue to work on the Organizational Review and are making progress. We are taking this item back to you at this Annual Assembly.

GTC Management – After working as your President for the past few

months, and working towards uniting our people and our organization, I realize that the GTC must take direction from the people, not only during the Assembly, but also throughout the year. I believe that the only way to accomplish this is through the involvement of your elected Chiefs/ Presidents of DGO's (Designated Gwich'in Organizations). Therefore, I have put in place, with the consent of the GTC Board

Cultural Institute, Gwich'in Municipal Lands, the Peel River/Caribou River Clean-Up, Yukon land issues, bringing the Elders' "payout" up to date, and so on...

As you can see, I have been very busy in the job with much work to do and few resources. I have therefore not been able to visit the communities as often as I'd like. However, with the new management

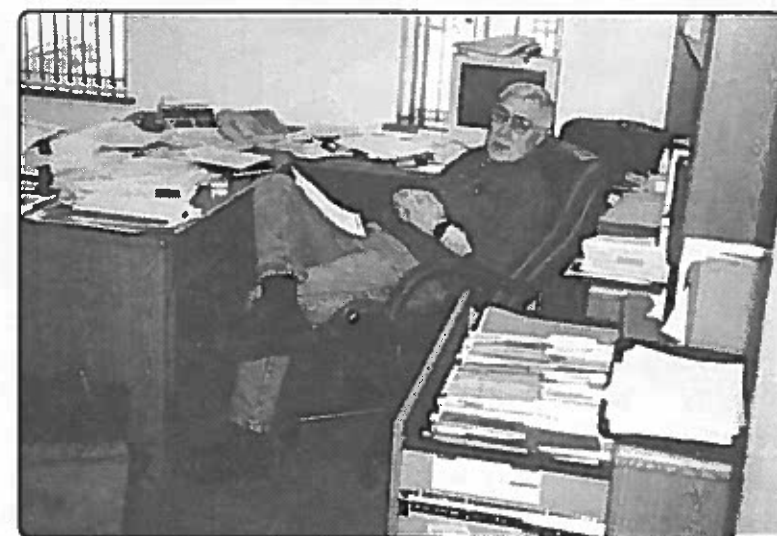
plans and a team now in place, this will be my "number one" priority. Visiting and being with people is what I enjoy the most, however "getting our house in order" did not allow this until now.

Through much hard work we have made a lot of progress together. However, there is still much work to be done. I am confident that with your continued support

and the willingness of Gwich'in to work together, we can meet all of these challenges and any others that come our way.

Thank-you, Massi Cho, and God Bless You!

Fred Carmichael, President GTC



President Carmichael in his office, weighing decisions

and Chiefs, a GTC management team, made up of the four elected Chiefs, the VP's and GTC President. Through this Team, the GTC will be more effective, more united and more sensitive to the needs of all beneficiaries.

In addition, there are many other important areas that we have been working on, such as Education and Training, the Gwich'in Social &



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VICE-PRESIDENT WILBERT FIRTH

The past year as your Vice-President has been another rewarding one for me, with much of my effort and attention focused on the lands portfolio.

The Lands Department has become more effective and efficient in carrying out its duties over the past year. Working with the new Lands Manager, we have revised the land use authorization forms to make them much more user-friendly.

We're currently preparing pit management plans for all gravel sources and deposits that will provide gravel for road-building and other construction. These plans will be needed soon as further development takes place in the Gwich'in Settlement Region.

The Caribou River Site remains of major concern to the general public. Once the weather permits we expect to see the site cleaned up by one of our own companies and the road access route put through.

We've also seen several staff changes over the past year, with our Environmental Coordinator Norman Snowshoe moving into the position of Resource Manager, and Alex Benitah becoming Implementation Coordinator. Lands Officer Joe Benoit has moved to Inuvik and now monitors the lands operating from our own truck, long needed for this purpose.

This year we submitted two successful proposals to the First Nation Forestry Program. The first of these was a "train the trainer" program for fire suppression work, which will provide us with our own trainers in the Settlement Region. \$11,090 has been approved to fund this project. Our other proposal, for which \$20,000 in funding has been approved, is for Permanent Sample Plots to develop the resource management skills of Gwich'in community members.

Another forestry proposal that we have put together will be taken up by the Gwich'in Development Corporation, and would provide each community with its own fire suppression crew. We've talked about this project for several years now, and we plan to negotiate its implementation over the next season.

Preparing the text for the Overlap Agreement was another project of mine over the last year. The text has now been entered into the computer, and a budget and plan will be put together. We hope to have agreements in place with the Inuvialuit to the north, the Vuntut Gwich'in of Old Crow to the west and the Sahtu Dene and the Metis to the east.



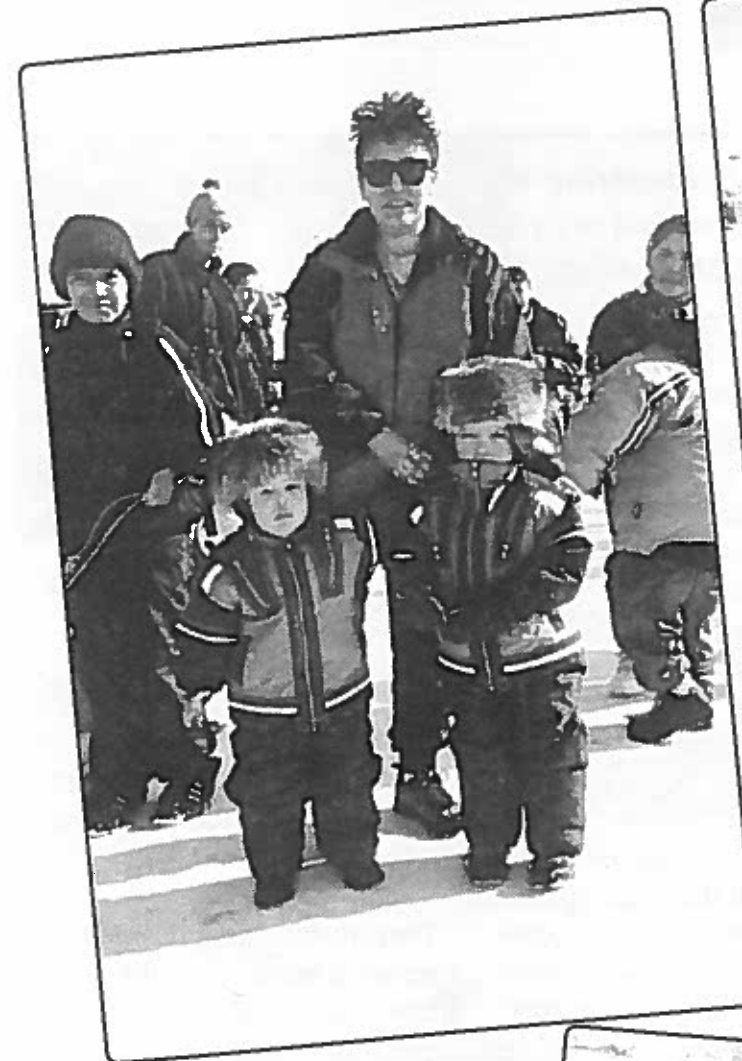
Vice-President Wilbert Firth

A timeframe and budget for each agreement will have to be worked out, and we will need to hold yearly implementation meetings to monitor activities in the shared areas.

Over the past year we had many trying times, and we must ensure that we make progress on the Implementation of the Claim as it is spelled out in the Agreement. This is the direction we must take to see that proper funding is there for the next ten years of the Agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

WILBERT FIRTH
Vice-President



Trevor Charlie (L), Jane Tetlichi (R)
with Danny and Joseph Kay



Eunice Mitchell



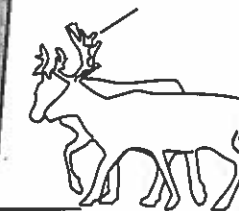
Cheryl Greenland
with Eunice Mitchell



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Liz Wright



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN GUNTER

The past year was a time of retrenchment and restructuring in the Gwich'in Tribal Council, and this affected my activities as it did those of many others involved in the organization's work.

For a period of approximately six months, extending from last November into this March, the organization was in a state of fiscal uncertainty. During that period, as we worked to determine exactly what our financial position was and how to deal with an unknown projected deficit, we had to modify our operations profoundly. We curtailed spending in areas such as community assistance and donations to other organizations, and put in place a freeze on new hiring. Indeed, not everyone who left the organization's employ was replaced. The high level of uncertainty meant that some of our goals for this year had to be placed on the back burner.

From January through March 2001, I spent much of my time helping our Finance Department develop and implement its recovery plan and ensuring that anticipated revenues from contribution agreements came in. During this time I also relocated to Inuvik, after two and a half years of working from our Fort McPherson office. For four months I was constantly commuting between the two locations.

One important project that could not be completed this year was the human resources review started the year before last. We will not be able to finish this undertaking until we hire a Human Resources Officer, which we could not afford to do this past year. I did complete job profiles for all positions in the organization, ensuring equity in salaries and benefits for all staff.

This past year we continued to make progress on the Organization Review and By-law revisions. I completed my part of the review, presenting a package of changes to the 2000 Annual General Assembly held in Fort McPherson. The Assembly voted to approve some of these changes, while leaving others for discussion at a subsequent Assembly. At the upcoming Assembly we will discuss issues of organizational restructuring that remain unresolved, including the roles of our offices in Fort McPherson and Inuvik.

One of my responsibilities this last year was putting our facility at Tl'oondih Healing Camp on a sounder footing. My efforts in this area, and those of others, paid off. We attracted a number of training,

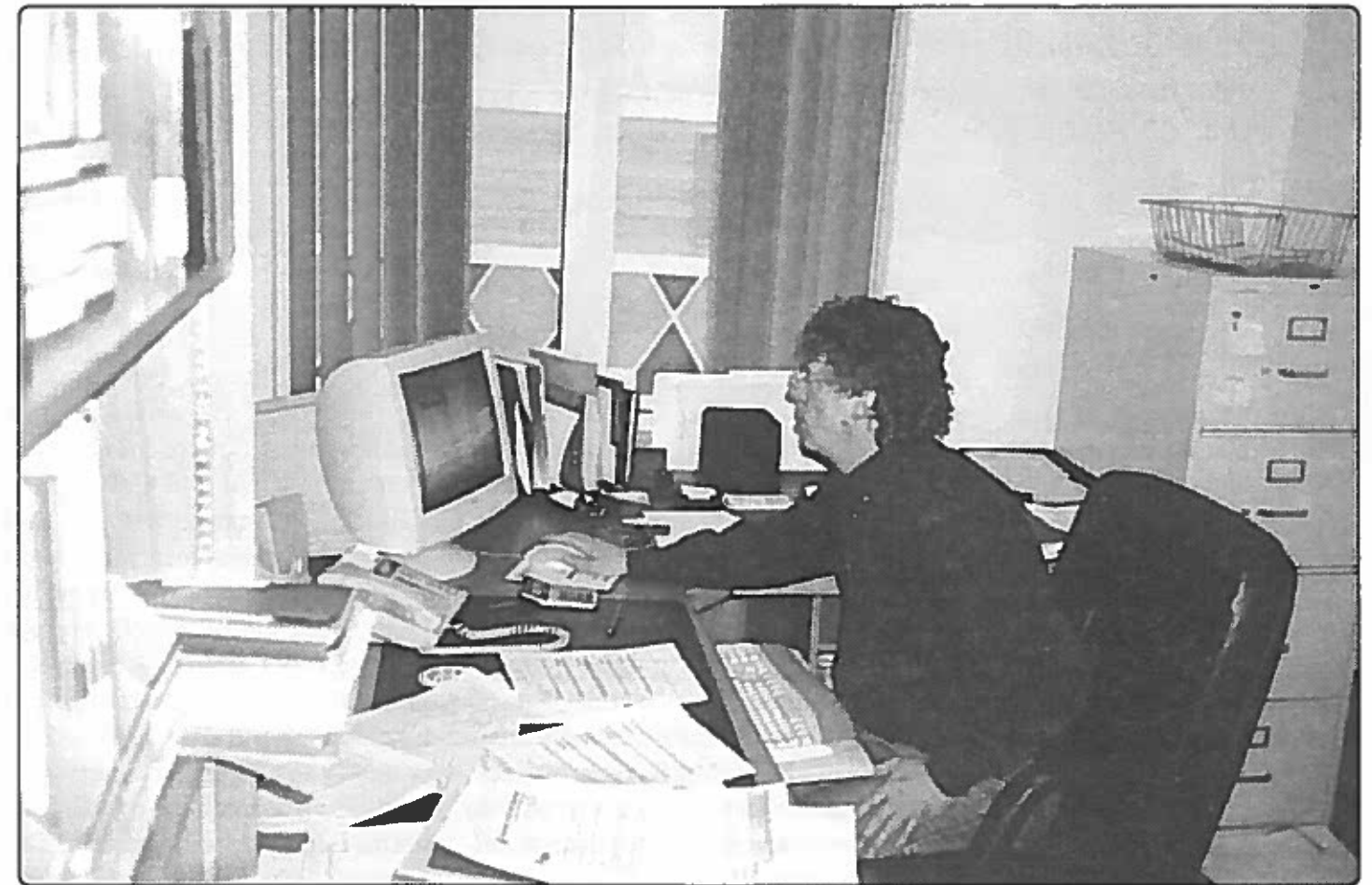


Executive Director John Gunter

youth and other programs to Tl'oondih. We are now making much better use of this facility, and if we can encourage still greater use it has the potential to play a major role in our operations.

The early months of this year were a period of transition in the internal affairs of the GTC as well as on the regional scene, with a new President taking office and the return of oil and gas activity to the Beaufort-Delta area. Some of my time was spent helping President Fred Carmichael with the initial restructuring of the Gwich'in Development Corporation, including the recruitment of Tom Connors as Chief Executive Officer. I was also involved in establishing contact with oil and gas companies, so that the organization's voice would be heard and our concerns taken into account as this sector of the economy began to revive. One of the successes of the new year has been the renewed emphasis on co-

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operation between the Tribal Council and the four Gwich'in communities.

In the coming year, I hope to see a better effort made to streamline the GTC's human resources operations and those of the Council's sister organizations. I also hope to see the Council work effectively to maximize job opportunities for Beneficiaries in the new surge of oil and gas

activity. We need to coordinate our approach with that of the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, so that together we can ensure more employment opportunities exist for the local population. We also need to ensure that our own Education and Training Department has the resources to provide the best possible training programs for Beneficiaries. Those who do not yet have the skills that will guarantee them employ-

ment in this exploding sector of the regional economy must get the training they need to do so. Giving all Gwich'in a chance to benefit from the return of oil and gas activity to the region must be our top priority.

Mussi Cho and God Bless.

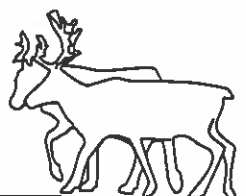
JOHN GUNTER
Executive Director



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Lawrence Norbert, GTC



The Gwich'in Tribal Council's Education and Training Department team consists of Pat McKinnon, Manager; Margaret Thompson, Coordinator; and Brian Alexie, Student Services Trainee.

The Department takes direction from the GTC Education and Training Committee, which has one member from each of the four Gwich'in communities as well as a GTC Executive member, a position held by Vice-President James Wilson until his recent resignation.

The current members are Sheila Greenland from Aklavik, Robert Charlie from Inuvik and William Koe from Fort McPherson. The Committee awaits the appointment of a representative from Tsiigehtchic to replace Carolyn Blake, who is returning to school.

The Education and Training Department promotes a brighter future through educational opportunities for Gwich'in beneficiaries and other Aboriginal residents of the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA). In the ten months I've held the position of Education and Training Manager I have visited each community at least twice, to provide information on available funding and gather information on each community's education and training needs. I look forward

to working with community leaders and representatives to develop a strategic education and training plan for the coming year and beyond.

I am a member of the Regional Training Committee, which meets once a month to discuss the training and education needs of the Beaufort Delta and Sahtu regions. Our goal is to provide people in the regions opportunities to develop skills that will lead them to greater self-sufficiency and more fulfilling lives. In addition, all parties contribute financially to various training and education initiatives resulting in benefits such as:

- ✓ reduced program duplication;
- ✓ minimizing financial hardships for those in education and training;
- ✓ pooling funds to make programs possible;
- ✓ sharing information and other resources.

Last fall Aurora College worked in partnership with the Committee to develop and deliver the following programs: Safety Training; Kitchen

Helper; Class 1 and 3; Bridging Employability Skills Training (BEST). The Committee met with representatives of the oil and gas industry to discuss safety training and other educational requirements for our people. The BEST program was designed with input from the oil and gas companies.

Other organizations represented on the Regional Training Committee are: Education, Culture and Employment; Municipal and Community Affairs; Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development; Inuvialuit Regional Corporation; Beaufort Delta Education Council; Aurora College; NWT Training Centre; Human Resources Development Canada.

FUNDING PROGRAMS

The Education and Training Department administers two funding programs for people pursuing educational and training opportunities.

Gwich'in Education and Training Trust Fund

This fund provides Gwich'in Beneficiaries with money to cover expenses not provided for by other funding agencies. In the 2000-2001 fiscal year we provided 61 beneficiaries with bursaries totaling \$76,745.05.



Pat McKinnon, Manager; Brian Alexie, Student Services Trainee and Margaret Thompson, Coordinator.

The fund also provides scholarships, graduation gifts and other assistance to students who cannot access funding in their place of residence (outside of the GSA).

Aboriginal Human Resource Development Strategy Agreement (AHRDSA)

The AHRDSA is a five-year agreement that commenced on April 1, 1999 and expires on March 31, 2004. The Education and Training Department, like the other 73 agreement holders across Canada, receives funding from HRDC for the following programs:

- ✓ labour market programs for the unemployed and organizations to assist with wage subsidies, job creation, skill development and self-employment;
- ✓ youth programs, including internships, community service programs, summer student jobs and labour market information;
- ✓ programs for the disabled;
- ✓ childcare assistance for students, communities and daycares.

Programs and organizations in all four communities, most of them initiated at the community level, received partial or full funding under the AHRDSA agreement. These were:

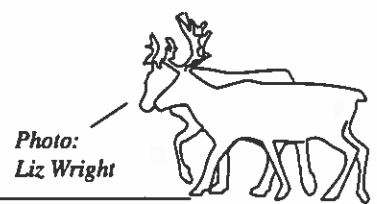
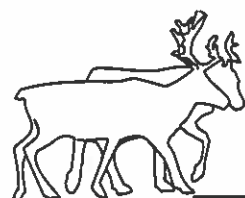
Aklavik

Aklavik Indian Band

*Employment Officer
Summer Students*

Inuvialuit Social Development Program

Aklavik Preschool



T R A I N I N G

Fort McPherson

Tetlit Gwich'in Council

*Employment Officer
Ferry Training
First Aid and Safety Training
Summer Students
- On the Land
Traditional Parenting
Web Design
Woodmizer*

District Education Authority

*Gwich'in Child Care
Summer Students*

Hamlet of Fort McPherson

Apprentice Maintainer

Tetlit Zheh Trucking

*Apprentice Heavy Equipment
Mechanic*

Inuvik

Aurora College

*Certificate in Criminal Justice
Kitchen Helper
Computers in the Workplace
Jewellery and Metalwork
Trades Foundation
Summer Students*

Beaufort Delta Education Council

Tourism Careers for Youth

Gwich'in Land Administration

*One Training Subsidy
Position*

Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board

Two Trainees

Ingamo Hall

Healthy Babies

Inuvik District Education Authority

*Executive Assistant
Trainee
Tutoring*

Midnight Sun Day Care

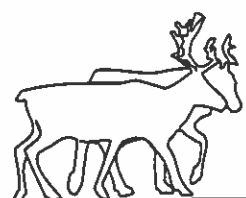
*Cultural Supplies
and Materials
Staff Recruitment*

Nihtat Gwich'in Council

Finance Officer Trainee

Regional Health and Social Services

Summer Student



H E L P S U S

Tsiigehtchic

Gwichya Gwich'in Council

*Employment Officer
Log Building Project
Safety Courses*

Tsiigehtchic Daycare

2000-2001 PROGRAM ACTIVITY

During the last year the Department sponsored programs responding to the increased oil and gas activity in the region. Programs included safety training, kitchen helper training and BEST Programs.

Over the last year the Department also funded ongoing projects such as daycares, wage subsidies, employment officers and Aurora College programs.

Of the 154 applications received for funding, the Department provided assistance to 88 individuals to cover either or a combination of the following: tuition; books; travel; meals; accommodations; childcare; equipment costs; living allowances. The training sponsored included: Accounting; Class 1 and 3; Developmental Studies; Rig Floorhand; Computer Studies; Nursing; Power Engineering.

Since April 1, 2001, the Department has been working with the Regional Training Committee and the federal and territorial governments as well as Akita Drilling and other companies to set up a rig floorhand drilling training program. As well, the Class 1 and 3 with air brakes course is now being delivered by Aurora College at a campsite on Navy Road outside of Inuvik.

We have also updated our policies, guidelines, application forms and brochure. At the same time, GTC training allowances are in line with Student Financial Assistance and the rates of other funding agencies.

The Department will continue to support students and organizations from the four Gwich'in communities.

PAT McKINNON

Manager, Education and Training



(The Beaufort-Delta Self-government Negotiation Office is a Division of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and Inuvialuit Regional Corporation)

The Inuvialuit and Gwich'in self-government negotiations faced several challenges this fiscal year. Funding constraints forced the Negotiation Office to reduce its staff and complete the Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). Although our original workplan and funding arrangement were adjusted three times during the year we managed to achieve conceptual agreement on the AIP by the end of March.

To meet the leadership's commitment to informing their people we maintained and enhanced the fieldworker program with more frequent training and briefing sessions. We undertook other major projects to assist in the work of self-government.

These projects included:

- ✓ development of a comprehensive AIP communications package;
- ✓ preparation of high school curriculum program resources on land claims and self-government;
- ✓ ongoing intergovernmental discussions with GNWT and DIAND on implementation of the Beaufort-Delta Political Accord, capacity-building, devolution, and economic development;
- ✓ delivery of Tool-kit workshops to assist communities in preparing for self-government.



*Gwich'in Negotiator
Robert Charlie*

NEGOTIATIONS

During the year we adjusted our workplan to make the most efficient use of negotiations time. We asked experts in various fields to discuss concepts or carry out tasks in working groups. By the end of the year we had three working groups:

- ✓ Legal Drafting Working Group, to carry out legal drafting based on conceptual agreements reached by the negotiators;
- ✓ Implementation Working Group, to advise on implementation processes and examine possible planning initiatives;
- ✓ Taxation Working Group, to advise the negotiators on issues related to taxation.

Negotiation sessions became more frequent, requiring each negotiator to complete internal reviews and develop positions more rapidly between sessions. In addition, the federal government replaced the Chief Negotiator at the beginning of the year and again during the summer. In both cases Ottawa appointed negotiators who were familiar with the negotiations, minimizing delay and disruption. The early months of the fiscal year, from April to July, began slowly as we tried to complete work on matters left over from the previous year, including:

- ✓ governing structures (excluding constitutions);
- ✓ education and training, including pre-school, K-12, student support and income support (excluding post-secondary education);
- ✓ social services, including child and family services and adoption;
- ✓ health services;
- ✓ ratification of the AIP;

The negotiations generally went smoothly for the remainder of the year, but the negotiators spent more time on a number of issues that were unusually complex or where the differences between the parties were very great. These included:

- ✓ local government infrastructure, including programs and services;
- ✓ implementation;
- ✓ policing and the administration of justice;
- ✓ raising revenue for local purposes, including taxation;
- ✓ financial arrangements.

The remaining subjects did not require much time and the Legal Working Group generally did the drafting, under supervision and with review by the negotiators. These subjects included:

- ✓ preamble;
- ✓ general definitions;
- ✓ general provisions;
- ✓ governing structures;
- ✓ Gwich'in Regional Government;
- ✓ Inuvialuit Regional Government;
- ✓ B/D Public Governments;
- ✓ culture, language and heritage resources;
- ✓ child and family services/adoption;
- ✓ social services;
- ✓ early childhood;
- ✓ out-of-school care;
- ✓ K-12;
- ✓ post-secondary education;
- ✓ student support services;
- ✓ training;
- ✓ health;
- ✓ income support;
- ✓ guardianship, trusteeship and wills and estates;
- ✓ dispute resolution;
- ✓ review and amendment;
- ✓ intergovernmental relations;
- ✓ transition;
- ✓ ratification of the AIP;
- ✓ subjects for negotiation prior to conclusion of the Final Agreement, including:
 - ✓ housing (6.1.19);
 - ✓ roads and traffic (6.1.19);
 - ✓ economic development, including tourism (6.1.21)
 - ✓ marriage (6.1.27);
 - ✓ use, management, control and protection of Inuvialuit and Gwich'in lands.

Completion of the Agreement-in-Principle

By the end of March, the negotiators had agreed to all of the concepts in the AIP subject to continued legal drafting and internal reviews. Formal negotiation sessions were no longer necessary, and we addressed drafting and other issues by teleconference. By the end of the fiscal year the negotiators were concentrating on:

- ✓ internal reviews: Inuvialuit and Gwich'in negotiators presented the draft AIP to the Board of Directors and leaders in the region. The negotiators addressed issues raised during the internal reviews.
- ✓ drafting issues: Legal Working Group members produced many AIP drafts which negotiators regularly reviewed to ensure the wording expressed the intent of the parties.

By the end of April all parties will submit the draft text to their respective principals to obtain permission to initial the AIP. Both the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation have reviewed the AIP and authorized the Chief Negotiator to initial it. After the initialing of the AIP the formal approval process will begin. We anticipate approval of the AIP by all parties by October at which time Final Agreement negotiations will formally start.

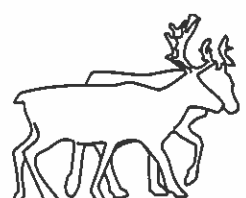
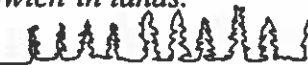
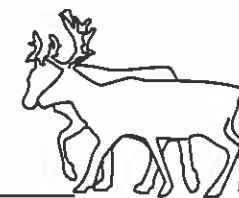


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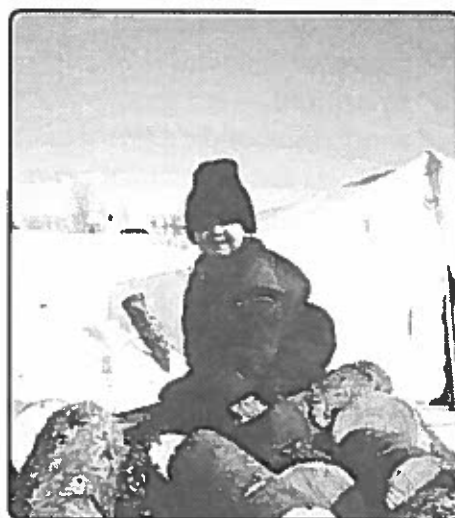
FINAL AGREEMENT WORKPLAN

Two major conditions must be completed for there to be a Final Agreement:

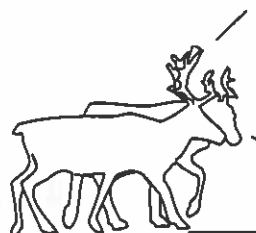
- Community involvement: communities must be fully engaged in developing their constitutions, implementation plans and budgets.
- Finances: Sufficient resources must be available to prepare and create these new governments, maintain current programs and services, and access new revenue sources to reduce dependency on government.



"You're never too young or old to think about Self-government. Just ask either *Catherine Semple* or *Rénie Stewart* (above) or *Tristan Grandjambe-Blake* (right)"



Photos:
Lawrence Norbert, GTC



The Self-government Office is developing a workplan to meet these conditions through:

Final Agreement Negotiations on:

- remaining subjects;
- the implementation plan;
- financial agreements.

Community Workshops:

Over the next three years one workshop in each community every three months will allow the communities to:

- develop their constitutions;
- develop a community implementation plan;
- design programs and services;
- complete financial agreements.

Community Development Training Program:

A capacity-building and training program may be available to focus on the development of existing staff skills using the practical work carried out in the community workshops. Provided that government provides pre-implementation funding, this program will be delivered at the community level.

Bob Simpson
Chief Negotiator

Robert Charlie
Gwich'in Negotiator

—GWICH'IN LAND CLAIM IMPLEMENTATION REPORT—

The past year saw changes among implementation personnel, with Implementation Coordinator John Bainbridge departing, to be succeeded by Alex Benitah. Norman Snowshoe in turn succeeded Alex as Resource Manager/Planner, while Howard Townsend stepped into the shoes of the departed Dave Jones as Manager, Gwich'in Lands Administration.

Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program

A steering committee including representatives of the federal, territorial and all NWT Aboriginal governments is developing a Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program and an independent environmental audit, under Part VI of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA).

During the 2000-2001 fiscal year, the GTC participated in all meetings of the group established to implement Part VI of the MVRMA, the

Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program Steering Committee. Working with the Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board (GRRB), the GTC also began planning for the incorporation of traditional knowledge, Gwich'in communities and Elders into the Monitoring Program.

For the last fiscal year, \$350,000 was requested for continued implementation of Part VI but unfortunately only \$100,000 was allocated. This dramatically hampered conclu-

sion of a long-term workplan and implementation of the twelve tasks identified in the draft workplan.

This fiscal year, \$350,000 has been approved for continued development of a long-term workplan to implement Part VI. The major undertakings will include developing recommendations for an Information Management System in the Mackenzie Valley, guidelines for an independent environmental audit and more funding for community-based monitoring projects.

Cumulative Effects Assessment Management Framework

In December of 1999, the federal Ministers of DIAND and the Environment agreed to the development of a framework to help develop Cumulative Effects Assessment Management for the NWT. A working group including Aboriginal, government and industry representatives was struck to formulate a workplan to assist in the framework's development.

In January 2001, the GTC, one of the original members of this working group, withdrew from it because

the GTC representative believed it had exceeded its mandate. There seemed to be confusion about the relationship of the Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework to the implementation of Part VI of MVRMA. The GTC believes that implementation of a cumulative Monitoring Program must be through a mandated process established through the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, the only way to ensure compliance with such a program.

As of June 2001 the working group has confirmed to the GTC that the Mackenzie Valley Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program is the primary focus for implementing cumulative effects assessment in the Gwich'in Settlement Region. The GTC has confirmed in writing its return to the process to ensure the commitments made by the working group are respected.



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Gwich'in Land Use Plan

The Minister of DIAND has yet to approve the Gwich'in Land Use Plan on the grounds that DIAND would risk exposure by approving the plan without first withdrawing the lands from "free entry" mineral exploration and development.

In December 2000 the Minister and the GTC President met in Yellowknife to discuss the conflict arising from the draft Gwich'in Land Use Plan. At that meeting DIAND's Director General, NWT was asked to establish a process to resolve the conflict. The GTC, Gwich'in Land

Use Planning Board (GLUPB) and regional DIAND representatives then concluded a Memorandum of Understanding, reflecting agreement on two major principals. First, the three signatories agree in principal that DIAND will withdraw mineral rights within the Gwich'in Conservation Zones for a period of up to five years. Second, during that period DIAND will conduct a comprehensive public review of the Canada Mining Regulations in the context of land claims and land use planning, if necessary recommending amendments to the free entry system estab-

lished under those regulations.

Unfortunately the Minister refused yet again to approve the plan on the grounds that a public review of the Mining Regulations might be too vague and would not necessarily resolve the disagreement.

A new Memorandum of Understanding proposing a more strictly legal review of the Mining Regulations has now been presented to the Minister and he and the GTC President will meet soon to discuss it.

Consultations on the Yukon Development Assessment Process

The Yukon Development Assessment Process (YDAP) will assess the environmental and socio-economic effects in the Yukon of such activities as mining, logging, tourism and, most recently, oil and gas development. Such assessments are now carried out under the CEEA process for projects under federal jurisdiction, and YDAP will extend them to include projects on all lands in the Yukon, whether they are under First Nation, territorial or federal jurisdiction.

Over the last year, the GTC has reviewed the draft YDAP legislation and discussed specific points with the federal lead DAP negotiator.

Funding from DIAND Yukon Region has assisted the GTC in these reviews. The GTC is now pressing for authority under the legislation to nominate a member to the Yukon Development Board when Board deliberations deal with traditional Gwich'in lands.

The GTC has taken part in the YDAP Implementation Planning Committee (IPC) discussions on implementation of the YDAP legislation, with federal government funding of its participation. The GTC is no longer involved in IPC discussions of implementation funding for Yukon First Nations and the Yukon Government. The GTC believes it

should take part in these discussions to ensure YDAP's effective functioning. The federal government points out that discussions of GTC funding for YDAP implementation should take place in the Implementation Committee, as provided for in the Implementation Plan.

In late 2000 the GTC intensified its lobbying for active committee participation wherever possible, through trips to Whitehorse and continued review of draft legislation.

The GTC also made several comments related to potential oil and gas developments, which appear to have been helpful to the YDAP Committee.

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Yukon Devolution

The GTC is currently negotiating a communications protocol to govern relations between the two parties under the proposed Yukon Environmental Assessment legislation. This will come into force after devolution. The GTC has also met twice over the last year with federal government representatives to discuss the Devolution Transfer Agreement.

Gwich'in Land Administration

The Gwich'in Land Administration (GLA) office is responsible for administration and management of Gwich'in lands. Activities on Gwich'in lands include gravel pits and quarries, oil and gas exploration, development and reclamation, timber harvesting, scientific research, recreational access ranging from hikers to long-term cottagers, and government access from military exercises to gravel road maintenance.

The GLA is developing land management policies and procedures for the GTC. A file key and filing system have already been developed and a lands registry initiated. This registry is capable of linking to the GIS mapping of the Gwich'in Settlement Region, making it easier to ask and answer questions and produce corresponding maps, charts and graphs.

Goals for the following year include:

- ✓ Establishment of management plans for gravel pits;
- ✓ Development of an information kit for industrial applicants;
- ✓ Undertaking a review and formalization of the fee schedule;
- ✓ Consideration of reorganizing GLA offices for greater efficiency;
- ✓ Development of a Gwich'in Impact Development Agreement format in anticipation of increased oil and gas activity;
- ✓ The training of environmental monitors to oversee activity on Gwich'in lands.

Renewable Resource Management

The GTC Renewable Resource Manager position is in its third year of existence. The Manager initiated several new projects during the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Wildlife Act Reviews

The Yukon and NWT governments have begun reviewing their respective Wildlife Acts. The Renewable Resource Manager has provided comments on the current Acts and recommendations for the new ones, as well as monitoring the review process to ensure community voices are heard.

Forest Management Plan

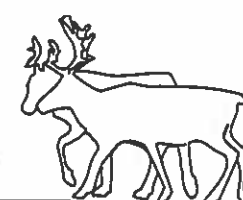
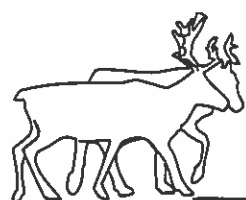
The GTC, GRRB and GNWT have prepared a draft Forest Management Plan, which provides a basis for further, more detailed planning for each of the four Gwich'in communities.

Renewable Resource Council Policy Manual

This year the GTC produced a Renewable Resource Council (RRC) policy manual to assist RRC councillors in their daily activities. It provides information on all pertinent organizations and detailed roles and responsibilities for various processes.

Wildlife Management and Strategies

The Resource Manager monitored and provided feedback on the GRRB's development of wildlife management activities. The GTC also developed a Dall's sheep sport hunting initiative and established community consultation. This project will examine the financial potential and community interest in a resident and non-resident sport hunting harvest of Dall's sheep in the Richardson Mountains.



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Environmental Contaminants

Recently, Gwich'in community members have expressed concern about long-range and local source contaminants entering the food chain, affecting the traditional foods that remain a staple of their diet. Two years ago the Gwich'in Tribal Council, reflecting the Gwich'in's desire to know the levels of contaminants in these traditional foods and the possible effects of consuming them, created the position of Environmental Contaminants Coordinator (ECC). The ECC worked with scientists to establish research programs to address Gwich'in concerns, also communicating these concerns to the Northern Contaminants Program, which the GTC recognizes as mandated to deal with these issues.

This was the second year of Gwich'in participation in the NCP. This year the ECC completed a Peel River Fish Contaminant Study, involving the collection and analysis of thirty fish from Fort McPherson. A second project, involving the collection of thirty fish from Tsiigehtchic, has begun.

During the past year the EEC has been heavily involved in contaminant issues, addressing Gwich'in concerns by gathering, organizing and distributing information and initiating research programs. He continues to distribute information to the communities. The information requirements of residents of the Gwich'in Settlement Region have demonstrated that this position is an integral part of the GTC and the NCP.

With continued Gwich'in harvesting and consumption of traditional foods and concerns over worldwide emission of pollutants with implications for food safety, this will remain so.

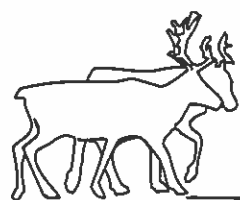
This year the ECC also attended the NCP Results Workshop, Traditional Foods Health Workshop, Country Food Monitoring Workshop, NWTECC Proposal Review and NWTECC meetings.

The ECC has raised Gwich'in awareness of local, national and international contaminants issues. The 1999 Peel River Fish Contaminant Study was produced, in conjunction

with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Funding for the EEC position for the year 2001-2002 has been secured from the NCP, along with funds for two projects, the Tsiigehtchic Fish Study and Beaver and Muskrat Uptake of Contaminants in the Mackenzie Delta. The EEC also submitted proposals for funding the Regional Health Workshop and Regional Contaminants Coordinator to the NCP.

Finally the EEC represented the GTC in an advisory capacity on non-NCP related environmental programs. These included YDAP, Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA), the Fort McPherson Deep Water Lake Project, Peel-Caribou River Remediation Project, Climate Change Exchange, NWT Wildlife Act Amendments, Yukon Wildlife Act Amendments and Dempster Highway Hunting Regulations. There was a major development in the local source issue of the Peel-Caribou River Remediation Project, when the GTC received commitments from DIAND and Shell Oil to begin site cleanup.



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On the Dempster Highway, near the Yukon/NWT border.

NWT Protected Areas Strategy (PAS)

In March of 2000 the GNWT and World Wildlife Fund approved proposals to develop a regional PAS implementation process. Over the past fiscal year the GTC compiled a comprehensive list of community-identified priority areas for legislated protection. Community consultation workshops provided communities with information and gave them an

opportunity to give their own feedback. Unfortunately, as a result of a delay in the signing of the Gwich'in Land Use Plan, the GTC has so far been unsuccessful in determining if and where areas for legislative protection may be appropriate and acceptable to communities and Gwich'in leadership.

ALEX BENITAH
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Implementation Coordinator

Norman Snowshoe
Resource Manager/Planner

Howard Townsend
Manager,
Gwich'in Lands Administration

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Alestine Andre*



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Gwich'in Language Plan

The GNWT recently devolved responsibility and funding for language programs to the NWT's Aboriginal language groups. This summer, the GSCI began implementation of the 5-Year Gwich'in Language Plan developed in 1999/2000 in consultation with Gwich'in orga-

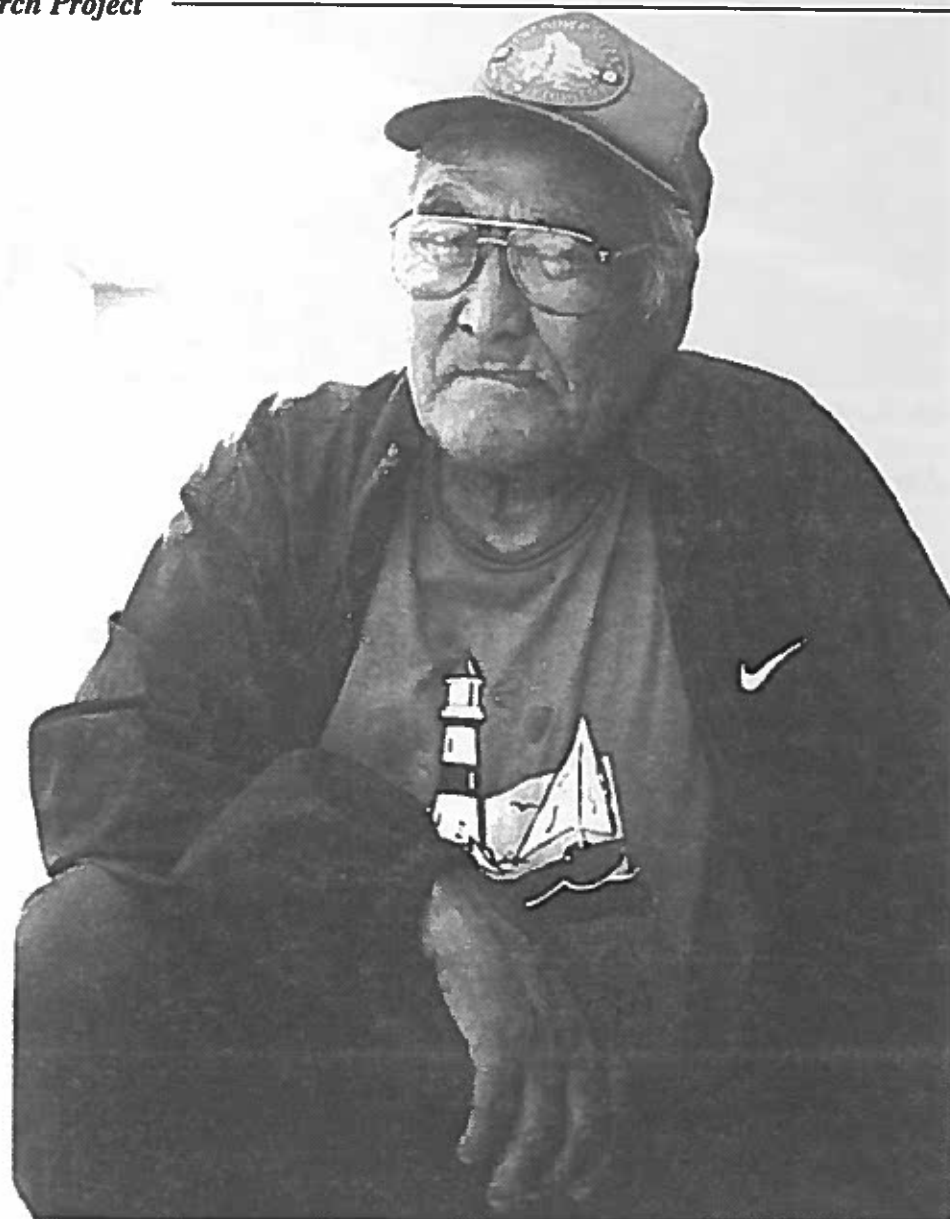
nizations, communities, schools and government. We hired William George Firth as Manager of Language Programs and Lisa Andre as Techno-Linguist, to begin implementing the projects and programs outlined in the Plan. The projects funded this year included the

Gwich'in Dictionary; Gwichya Gwich'in History Book; Community Language Initiative Projects; Gwich'in Ethnobotany Book and the Gwich'in Elders' Biography Project.

(See below for more details on some of these.)

Gwich'in Elders' Biographies Research Project

This past summer a Master's student from Trent University, Leslie McCartney, interviewed seven of the oldest elders in the communities about their life histories, on behalf of the GSCI. She was assisted by Terry (Remy) Sawyer, the project translator, and Charlotte Moore, a summer student who transcribed tapes. The elders were Sarah Simon; Hyacinthe Andre; Mary Kendi; Eunice Mitchell; Pierre Benoit; Catherine Mitchell and Alfred Semple. The information gathered in these and other interviews was used for a GSCI 2001 Elders' Calendar. Leslie McCartney will also use the life stories for her degree requirements. We hope to arrange interviews with other Elders next year so that we can publish additional calendars and a book for use in schools.



Jim Vittrekwa



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Gil'ad (Gadi) Katz

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Participants and visitors at a sewing workshop held at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, December 2000. Standing left to right: Agnes Mitchell, Audrey Snowshoe, Mary Blake, Charlie Furlong, Karen Wright-Fraser, Fred Carmichael, Maureen Clark, Peter Ross, Rita Carpenter, Abe Wilson, Ingrid Kritsch and Ida Stewart. Seated are: Elizabeth Colin, Lillian Wright, Rosie Firth. Seated below is Joanne Bird.

Traditional Clothing Project

During the last fall and winter, the GSCI, in partnership with the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, began replicating a 19th Century Gwich'in man's summer outfit currently housed in the Canadian Museum of Civilization. This caribou skin outfit consist of a tunic, pants with attached feet, cap, mitts and knife sheath and is decorated with

dyed porcupine quills, silver willow seeds and fringes. Seamstresses from all four Gwich'in communities are replicating the clothing, working with Karen Wright-Fraser, a Yellowknife-based Gwich'in seamstress, using traditional materials and techniques. They are producing one copy of the clothing for educational and display purposes in each com-

munity as well as one for exhibit and collection purposes in the Prince of Wales Centre. We expect completion of all five sets this summer. Dennis Allen, a local filmmaker, is filming all stages of the project, with the intention of producing an educational video in 2002.

Photo: Prince of Wales
Northern Heritage Centre



Peel River Archaeological Survey

The GSCI and Teetl'it Gwich'in Council, in partnership with the University of Alberta, conducted a month of ethno-archaeological research this summer in the Peel River Plateau. The project was supported by Parks Canada; DIAND; the Aurora Research Institute; the Yukon Protected Areas Strategy; GTC; Teetl'it Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council; GRRB; Hamlet of Fort McPherson; Anglican Church; Tl'oondih Healing Society and Prince of Wales Centre.

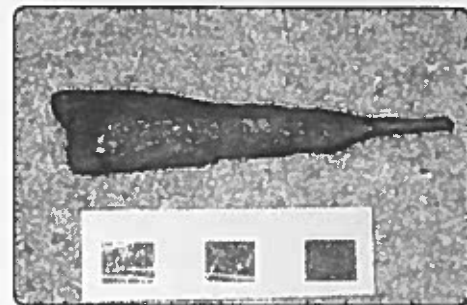
The Peel Plateau was traditionally used by the Teetl'it Gwich'in, who now live primarily in Fort McPherson. Archaeologically, little is known about the area. To begin an inventory, University of Alberta archaeologists Dr. Ray LeBlanc and Melanie Fafard, working with Teetl'it Gwich'in Elder Walter Alexie and GSCI Research Director Ingrid Kritsch, carried out a one-week helicopter survey east of the Richardson Mountains. This was followed by a two-week river survey between Fort McPherson and Caribou River, conducted by guides Walter Alexie and Stephen Charlie and Fort McPherson students Richard Thompson and Vanessa Kaye, along with Melanie Fafard and Rita Carpenter and Ingrid Kritsch of the GSCI. After this survey, we con-



Morgan Keevik and Gerald Tetlich screening for artifacts at the Fort McPherson site



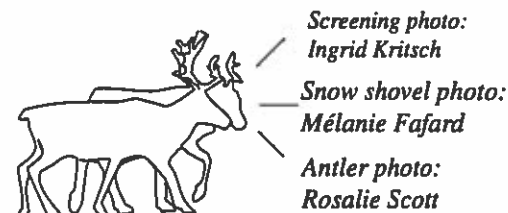
A zhoh chik or wooden snow shovel was encountered near Vadzaih vàn tshik



An antler awl from the Fort McPherson site

ducted a week of test excavations at a fur trade site in Fort McPherson that was disturbed last year, working with students Gerald Tetlich and Robert (Boy) Greenland. On completion of the project, we created a photo exhibit for display at this

summer's Midway Festival. We also developed a poster for distribution to the communities and the organizations that funded the project. The information we gathered will help enhance and identify new National Historic Sites and Protected Areas.



Screening photo:
Ingrid Kritsch

Snow shovel photo:
Mélanie Fafard

Antler photo:
Rosalie Scott



Nagwichoonjik National Historic Site Project

Nagwichoonjik, the Gwich'in part of the Mackenzie River between Thunder River and Point Separation, was declared a National Historic Site in January 1998. It is one of the largest such sites, stretching for 170 km. along the Mackenzie River, and is among the first sites designated using the concept of cultural landscapes. This summer, the Nagwichoonjik Community Steering Committee finalized the text for the plaque that will be erected in Tsiigehtchic, commemorating the site. A Commemorative Integrity Statement (CIS) was also drafted and will be finalized in the next fiscal year so that we can negotiate the Management Plan and Cost-Sharing Agreement.

Tape and Photo Archive Handbook

GSCI staff have recorded hundreds of hours of oral history tapes and taken thousands of photos and slides in the course of our many projects. Working with the Gwich'in Language Program staff, we are beginning the process of cataloguing, translating/transcribing, indexing and archiving these materials, with duplicates deposited in the Territorial Archives. To make this material readily available to Beneficiaries and schools, we are setting up a listening area at the cultural centre, where people can listen to their relatives speak about the land and the culture.

Western Arctic Handbook

GSCI staff drafted a chapter on the Gwich'in for the Western Arctic Handbook, containing information on Gwich'in history, culture and language, dates and individuals of historical significance, major features of the area and the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement. The Handbook includes chapters on the communities and peoples (including the Gwich'in and Inuvialuit) of the area, travel, activities, rivers, plant and animal life. It is intended as a resource for both tourists and residents, with publication scheduled for summer 2001.

Gwichya Gwich'in History Book

Since 1996, GSCI staff have worked with the community of Tsiigehtchic and Michael Heine on "Googwandak: A History of the Gwichya Gwich'in and of Tsiigehtchic." This book, completed in March 2001 and currently being printed, is a history of the land use and culture of the Gwichya Gwich'in and Tsiigehtchic, using oral history, archival, published and archaeological information collected since 1992. This 400+ page volume contains over 100 photos, maps and diagrams and will be an invaluable teaching resource and a unique contribution to northern literature. Funding came from Parks Canada; the Millennium

Fund; the GNWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment; the Beaufort-Delta Education Council; the Gwichya Gwich'in Council and the Tsiigehtchic District Education Authority. This is the first of a series of Gwich'in community and land-based history books that will be completed over the next 10 years.

Gwich'in Ethnobotany Book

GSCI Heritage Researcher Alestine Andre, working with Alan Fehr of Parks Canada (and previously of the Aurora Research Institute) and Gwich'in Elders, has produced a book on Gwich'in traditional use of plants for food, medicine, shelter and tools. This book, published in March 2001, includes information on the Gwich'in names for these plants, their uses and locations, along with several recipes for making medicines.

GTC/GSCI Internet Site

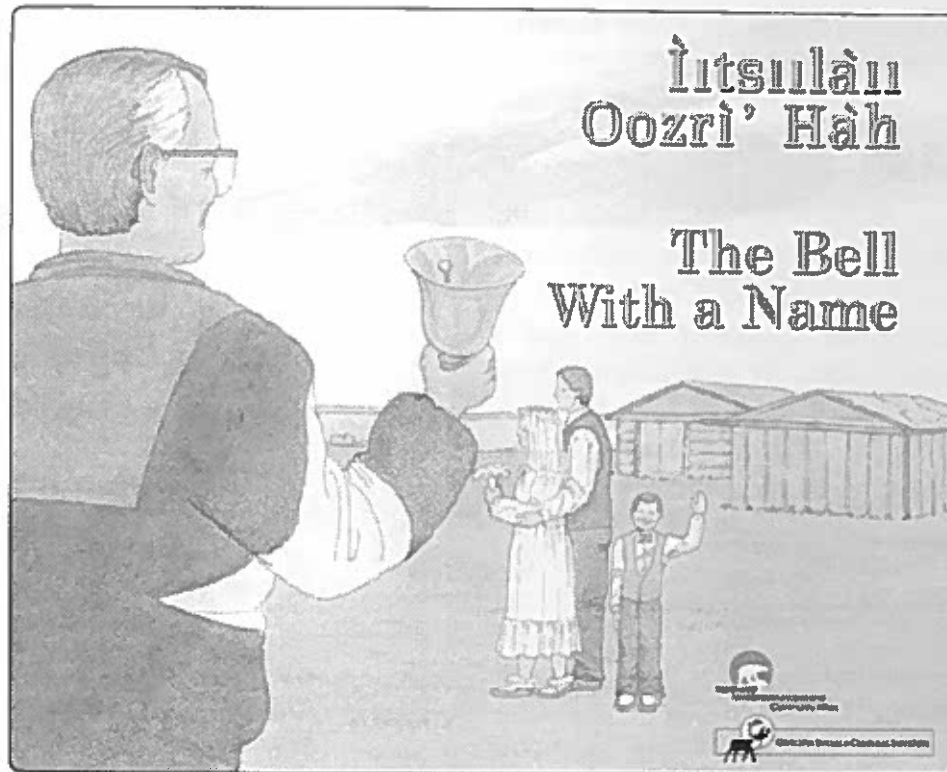
During the past year the GTC developed a web site which provides information about the Land Claim Agreement and the organizations under the GTC umbrella. Information about the GSCI, as the cultural/heritage/educational arm of the GTC, can now be found in the "Educational and Social" link. The web site address is www.gwichin.nt.ca.



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Gwich'in Volunteer Storybook - "The Bell With a Name"

The GSCI, in partnership with the GWNT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and writer Wendy Stephenson, researched a children's book based on Eva and Hugh Colin's 1999 wedding at the Mouth of the Peel. The storybook is aimed at grades 3-6, with Gwich'in and English text, for use as a teaching resource by Gwich'in language teachers. Illustration of the book and translation of the text into Gwich'in will take place in the 2001/2002 fiscal year, with publication in the summer of 2001 to commemorate 2001, the International Year of Volunteers.



Gwich'in Traditional Knowledge Policy

Last year the GSCI, working with former GTC implementation coordinator Shannon Ward, drafted a Gwich'in Traditional Knowledge Plan in consultation with the Gwich'in communities, organizations, co-management boards and government. The GTC is currently reviewing this draft. When approved, it will be publicly available and guide all traditional knowledge research in the Gwich'in Settlement Region in both the NWT and the Yukon.

In addition to these projects, the GSCI continues to review land and water applications for the Gwich'in Land and Water Board and Gwich'in Lands Administration on behalf of the GTC, providing advice on their possible impact on heritage resources in the Settlement Region. We are in the initial stages of developing a heritage layer for the Geographic Information System within the Gwich'in Lands Administration office. The GSCI also has input into the Protected Areas Strategy being

developed in the GSA and in the Yukon (the primary and secondary areas) and is currently participating in a Gwich'in working group to further this initiative. We also continue to provide information to the general public as requested, and make presentations at schools and conferences.

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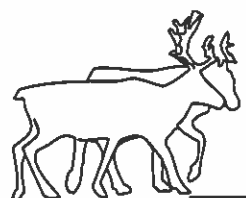


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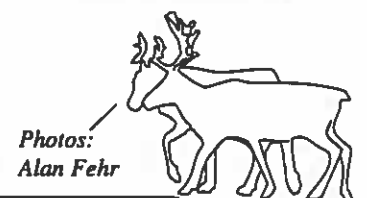
GSCI has been guided by the Five-year plan developed in 1995 for the years 1996 – 2001. Part of the work for the fiscal year 2001-2002 will be to plan the work for the next five years. A consultation process will take place to consider input from the Gwich'in. Contact GSCI with your ideas if you wish to express them directly.



Louisa Robert with Charlie Robert Greenland & Alestine Andre at Rock River.



Angeline Haynes, Annie Benoit, William Hurst & Eric Kendi with Mary Kendi at her camp.



Photos:
Alan Fehr



GWICH'IN ENROLMENT BOARD REPORT

The Gwich'in Enrolment Board, based in Fort McPherson, NWT has been operational since March 1993. The Board is responsible for enrolling all suitable persons with Gwich'in ancestry in the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement. We encourage all potential Gwich'in beneficiaries to register with the Enrolment Board and be a part of the Gwich'in claim. Only those enrolled in the Gwich'in Claim have the right to run for office, vote and participate in the activities of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, its subsidiaries and affiliates.

The first enrolment register, published in April 1994 listed 1,245 beneficiaries. This number has increased significantly since then, with 2,375 listed as of July 2001. The number will continue to rise in future years.

Subsequent to February 22, 1998, the Gwich'in Acceptance Process (also known as "community acceptance") is complete, meaning no more individuals are accepted under this section.

The enrolment coordinator distributes and receives applications under Section 4.2.1, and presents them to the Board, which meets three times a year.



The cover picture on this year's enrolment registry

The enrolment coordinator then processes applications that have been accepted. A Certificate of Enrolment is prepared and a Gwich'in Enrolment Card is issued. These documents bear the logo of the Gwich'in Nation and are important because they bear the individual's registered enrolment number.

Beneficiaries can now trace their family histories thanks to the memories of many elders and the many hours of work by the Board. The Board has information on Gwich'in families going back to the 1800s, making it easier for people to trace their family trees and find out more about their families.

In recent years, the Board has done a lot of genealogical work. With the aid of old records and the invaluable contributions of our elders, the

pieces forming the precious history of the Gwich'in people have come together. While a number of elders have since passed on, this priceless information is their legacy for the future generations of their families and fellow Gwich'in.

The Enrolment Board has published the book, "*Jijuu, Who are my grandparents? Where are they from?*" It contains much useful information about family trees as well as stories that explain the history of the people and the evolution of names. This is the only document yet compiled to preserve the aboriginal names of the Tetlit Gwich'in and the genealogical information.

Sheila Vittrekwa
Enrolment Coordinator

This year's Enrolment Board members are:

Barb Crawford, Chairperson
Frank Edwards Sr., Aklavik Representative*
Robert Alexie Sr., Fort McPherson Representative
Carolyn Blake, Tsiigehtchic Representative*
Sheila Vittrekwa, Enrolment Coordinator*

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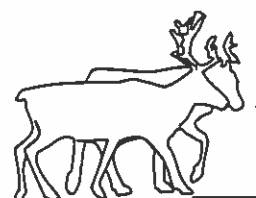
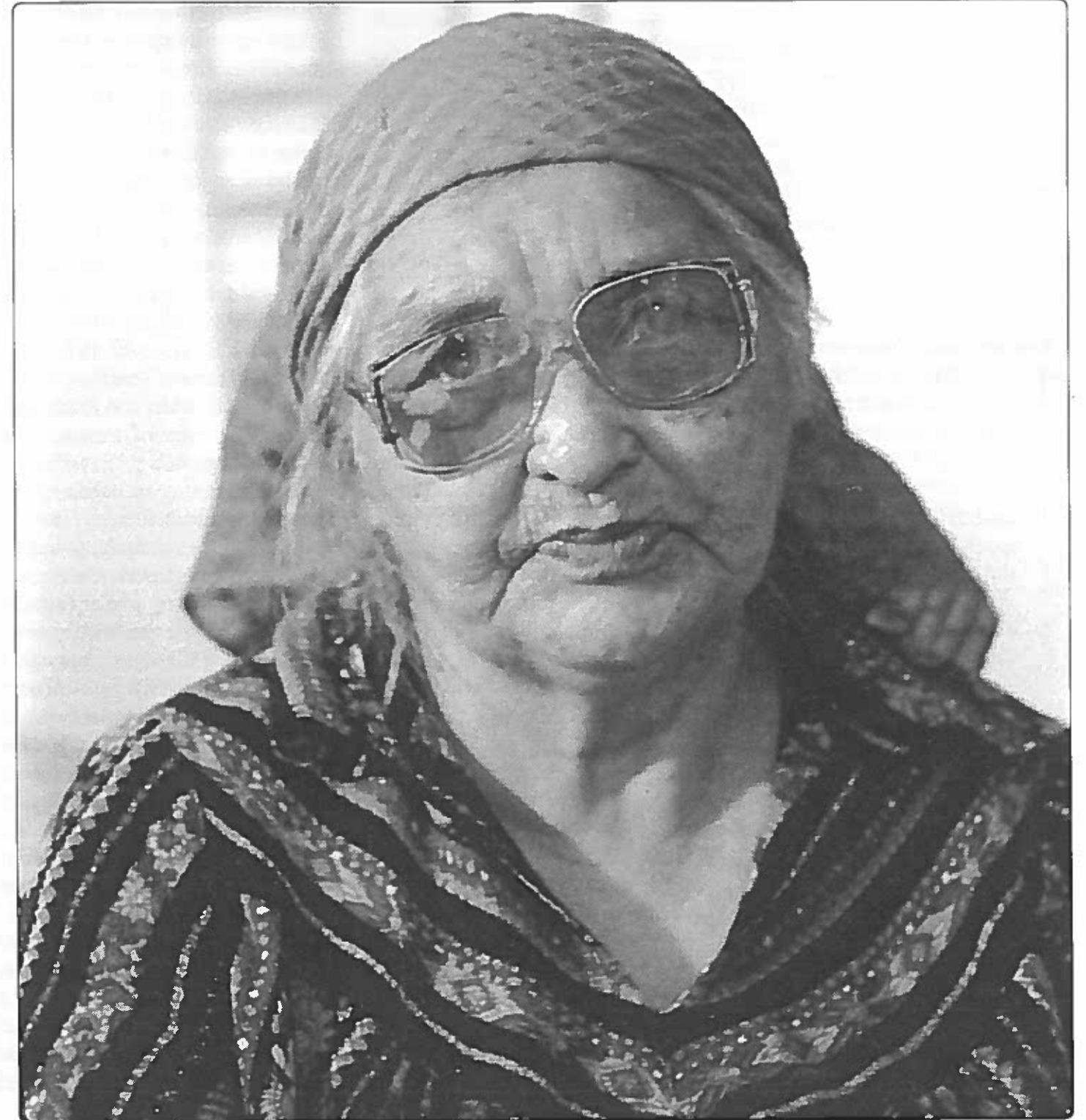


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Martha Stewart



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Board Operations

The Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board (GRRB) completed its seventh year of operation in 2000-2001. As a regional public Board responsible for renewable resource management in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA), the Board ensures public involvement in renewable resource management programs. Twice a year, the Board meets, in one of the Gwich'in communities. The Board also meets regularly with the Renewable Resource Councils (RRCs) in each community to discuss local concerns and issues in renewable resource management.

Research and Management Projects

In 2000-2001 the GRRB allocated \$361,283 to fund 21 research and management projects.

These included:

- a) caribou (woodland and barren ground), Dall sheep, waterfowl and moose research;
- b) 4 fisheries projects: Rat River; Trout Lake; Peel River; Mackenzie River;
- c) 4 forestry research and management projects;
- d) the Gwich'in Environmental Knowledge Project;
- e) 4 education and culture projects.

The Board has ensured community involvement in approving these research and management programs and in field research, where community field research assistants make valuable contributions to the various projects. The Board has also worked with the RRCs on community-based research projects to build capacity among community members in resource research and management and to address local resource management concerns.

Renewable Resource Management

This past year the GRRB has taken lead roles in developing grizzly bear, moose and forest management plans for the GSA. The grizzly bear management plan is now in place, and each RRC receives 2 grizzly bear tags to allocate to beneficiaries in its community. Forest management planning has focused on the establishment of forest monitoring plots and planning for future research. The Board is now working with the com-

munities to allow resident and guided sport hunting in the GSA. The GRRB's resource management planning activities give the communities, agencies and Board the opportunity to determine how resources will be managed. They also help the Board meet its responsibility to ensure that wildlife, fish and forests are used in a sustainable way, for the benefit of future as well as present generations.

Gwich'in Harvest Study

The Gwich'in Harvest Study concluded its fifth year of operation. The Study will provide information for renewable resource management and protect Gwich'in hunting, fishing and trapping by setting the Gwich'in Minimum Needs Level. The Harvest Study relies on the participation of Gwich'in living in the GSA, encouraging their involvement through a contest with monthly prizes in each community. Harvest information is displayed in RRC offices so that community members can see results as they become available. The Board sought additional funding from the Gwich'in Implementation Committee to continue the study beyond June 2001, but no funds have been identified at time of writing. The Board considers the study's continuation important in light of its success as a community monitoring program and the information it would provide during the current period of oil and gas exploration.

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Gwich'in Environmental Knowledge Project

The Gwich'in Environmental Knowledge Project will produce a second book dealing with an additional 20 fish and wildlife species, with publication expected in the summer of 2001. During the last year writing and editing on the book progressed and a layout was completed. The Project also undertook further work on the traditional/local knowledge data base. Use of the data base by Board staff and outside organizations is increasing.

Working Together to Take Care of the Land

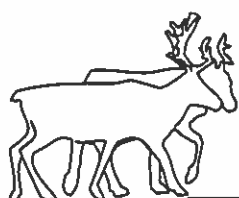
The Gwich'in Land Claim Agreement requires that the GRRB work as a co-management Board with Gwich'in and government agencies to ensure responsible resource management. The GRRB has established good working relationships with co-management Boards in the GSA and other land claim areas. The Board works closely with the community RRCs, the foundation of renewable resource management in the GSA. This year the GRRB conducted a strategic planning session for the RRCs. The Board looks forward to continued cooperation with the communities to ensure sustainable renewable resource management in the future.

Robert Charlie
Chairperson

Education and Training

Providing Gwich'in beneficiaries with education and training in renewable resource research and management has always been a vital aspect of GRRB operations. The Board has initiated several programs including:

- a) 4 full-time On-the-Job training positions (Office Manager, Harvest Study Assistant, Fisheries Technician Trainee and Renewable Resource Management Assistant).
- b) Community Interviewers for the Gwich'in Harvest Study and Gwich'in Environmental Knowledge Project. At least 33 people have been trained and employed as interviewers over the past 6 years.
- c) Summer Student Program - each summer the GRRB office hires 2-3 students to learn about co-management of renewable resources and gain first-hand work experience in the field. This year the Board added a high school work experience program where researchers and monitors bring students along to help them assist on various projects, in the hope of stimulating interest in careers related to renewable resource management.
- d) Jim Edwards Sittichinli Scholarship - the GRRB awards \$1,000.00 scholarships to college or university students pursuing studies in renewable resources or a related field. This year the Board awarded 3 scholarships.
- e) An active staff training program to promote the professional development of all staff.
- f) Participation in community career days, nature days, science camps and fairs to encourage youth to pursue careers in renewable resource management. This year the GRRB also funded and organized a Youth Millennium Trek in which young people from throughout the GSA went on a hike, Youth and Elders camp and canoe trek to learn more about the land and its traditional uses. The Trek was conducted in association with the larger Millennium Trek to promote protection of the Porcupine Caribou herd's calving grounds.
- g) Communications and outreach - to increase awareness of its activities and programs the GRRB's staff have revised its web site (www.grrb.nt.ca) and started production of a monthly newsletter which is sent in hard copy to those on a distribution list as well as attached to the web site.



GWICH'IN LAND & WATER BOARD REPORT

The Gwich'in Land and Water Board is a regulatory authority established under the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA) and given effect by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA). Its mandate is to provide for an integrated, coordinated system of Land Management in the Mackenzie Valley of the NWT.

The Board's objective is to ensure the land and water resources in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA) are conserved and developed to provide the optimal benefit to present and future residents of the GSA, the Mackenzie Valley and all Canadians.

The MVRMA authorizes the Board to regulate land and water use in the GSA, which includes crown, Gwich'in and other private lands, by issuing, renewing, amending and suspending Land Use Permits and Water Licenses.

The Board has five members, of whom two are nominated by the Gwich'in Tribal Council and two are nominated by the territorial and federal governments. These four nominate a fifth, who serves as Chair. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development appoints all nominees to the Board for a three-year term.

The fiscal year 2000-2001 was the Board's second full year of operation. We had thirteen applications for Land Use Permits - one was withdrawn by the applicant. The Board approved two applications for Water Licenses.

We expect the number of permits and licenses throughout calendar year 2001 will rise given the increased interest in oil and gas exploration in the GSA.

We can be reached at our office in the Jim Koe Zheh in Inuvik, 1-3 Council Crescent, P.O. Box 2018, Inuvik, NT., by telephone at 867-777-4954 or fax at 867-777-2616.

The current Board consists of:

Willard Hagen, Acting Chair	Inuvik, NT.
David Krutko	Yellowknife, NT.
Norma Kassi	Whitehorse, YT.
George John	Yellowknife, NT.

The Board personnel are:

Robert A. Alexie	Executive Director
Leonard DeBastien	GIS Technician
Dwayne Semple	Land and Water Technician
Loretta Villeneuve	Office Manager
Jeff Truscott	Integrated Resource Manager

Board objectives for the coming year include:

- ✓ Continued timely and efficient processing of Land Use Permits and Water Licenses in the GSA;
- ✓ Ongoing training and employment of qualified first nations peoples;
- ✓ Further development of effective communications with the Gwich'in communities;
- ✓ Continued cooperation with other co-management boards in the GSA and elsewhere to provide for an integrated, coordinated system of land management in the Mackenzie Valley.

ROBERT A. ALEXIE
Executive Director



Mary Kendi

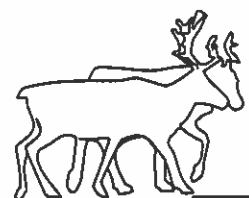


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—GWICH'IN LAND USE PLANNING BOARD REPORT—

The Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board was created to develop and review a land use plan for the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA) as well as proposing approvals, exceptions and amendments. The plan exists to govern the conservation, development and use of lands, waters and resources in the GSA.

Land Use Plan Approval

In June 1999 the Board completed the Gwich'in Land Use Plan, "Nanh' Geenjit Gwitr'it T'igwaa'in - Working for the Land". Two hundred copies were produced and distributed to community, regional, industry and governmental organizations. The GTC and GNWT approved the Plan in 1999.

The final signatory to the Land Use Plan, the federal government, has yet to approve it. Under the zoning rules established in the Land Use Plan, permitted activities related to mineral development in Gwich'in Conservation Areas would only be allowed with an exception or amendment to the Plan. The primary concern of the federal government, represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, is that restricting activities in this way may conflict with existing mining regulations.

To end the impasse, the Planning Board, DIAND and the GTC have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding which would allow the Plan to be approved and provide a process for resolving outstanding legal conflicts. The memorandum's exact conditions are still under negotiation, and at time of writing the Board expects to reach agreement by early July.

The federal government also provided the Board with suggested changes to the Land Use Plan, which the Board has reviewed and responded to. The Board will propose its own changes, based on the federal government's suggestions. If the memorandum is signed, the Board will need approval of the changes from both the GTC and the GNWT before the Plan can be implemented.

Planning and Management Activities

Over the past year the Planning Board further developed its policies, procedures and communications strategies. It released a draft implementation strategy, as well as draft policies and by-laws related to Land Use Plan implementation. The proposed Land Use Plan and several maps can be downloaded from our website:

www.gwichinplanning.nt.ca

We have also developed draft brochures for communities and businesses detailing the Plan and the regulatory process. All draft documents will be finalized after approval of the Plan.

The Planning Board will conduct further planning along the Dempster Highway corridor. We have completed an extensive series of maps of the area along the corridor and will seek input from stakeholders in the next fiscal year.

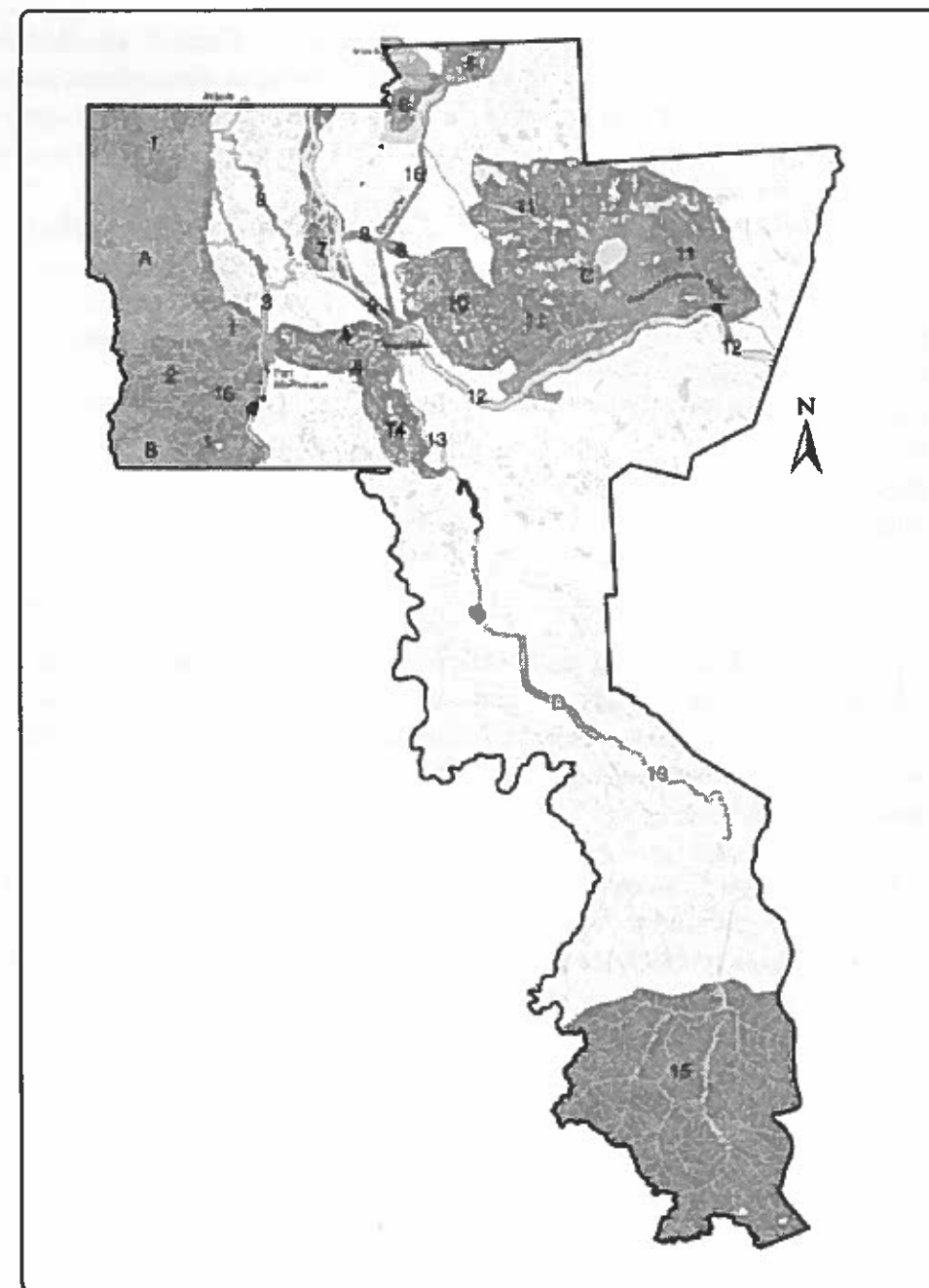
The Board is also involved in Transboundary planning initiatives and discussions. During the last year we participated in workshops with the Yukon Land Use Planning Council and met with the Mayo District and Tetlit Gwich'in Renewable Resource Councils to discuss planning opportunities in the Peel River Watershed. We also look forward to

—GWICH'IN LAND USE PLANNING BOARD REPORT—

working with the newly established Vuntut Planning Commission. The Board met with the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board and has discussed options for cooperation on community planning processes in the region. We expect to further all of these discussions in the coming year.

The Planning Board assumed a lead role in advancing an integrated resource management agenda in the GSA and helped develop a framework for an integrated geographic information system project. The Board meets regularly with the Directors and Chairs of all Gwich'in boards to facilitate the integration of activities.

In response to increased oil and gas development in the region, the Board organized a highly successful workshop this past March, in which members of the Gwich'in communities and representatives of organizations throughout the Mackenzie Valley met to discuss best environmental practices in the industry. Community members highlighted their need for further awareness of and involvement in the development and regulatory process. In the coming year, the Gwich'in boards will work together to improve education and communication strategies among the organizations and communities regarding oil and gas development.

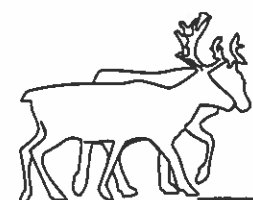


The Board currently consists of:

- Bob Simpson, Chair
- Charlie Snowshoe, Vice-Chair
- Hal Mills
- Karen LeGresley Hamre
- Ian McLeod

Staff: Deena Clayton, Land Use Planner

BOB SIMPSON
Chair



—NIHTAT GWICH'IN COUNCIL/INUVIK NATIVE BAND/—
YOUTH & ELDER COUNCIL REPORT

The Nihtat Representatives on the Gwich'in Tribal Council are Barry Greenland and Robert Charlie. Since the Nihtat Gwich'in Council and Inuvik Native Band deal with many of the same issues, the two Boards have joint meetings.

<i>Nihtat Gwich'in Council:</i>	<i>Inuvik Native Band Board:</i>
James B. Firth	Chief James B. Firth
Barry Greenland	Sub-Chief Barry Greenland
Leonard DeBastien	Leonard DeBastien
Lorraine Lokos	Elizabeth Hansen
Robert Charlie	Karen English
Richard Firth	Harry Carmichael
Allen Firth	Greta Sittichinli
	Peter Greenland

The Band Office is currently staffed by Beneficiaries, headed by Band Manager/Financial Comptroller Dolly Carmichael. Dolly administers the payroll and keeps our financial records as well as writing proposals, seeking contracts and jobs and looking after programs and projects in the area.

John Dixon serves as Self-Government Fieldworker for the Nihtat Gwich'in, in addition to his responsibilities as caretaker of Teepee Apartments and backup driver for the mail run. Frank Edwards Sr. acts as Youth and Elder Coordinator.

Band projects provide employment, work experience and training for local Beneficiaries. Staff participate in the various Council activities over the year including the Christmas party for children and a feast and dance. We also assist families who have lost loved ones, help with the "On the Land" programs and provide meat and fish for Elders and other community members who need help.

One of the highlights of this year was a luncheon on National Aboriginal Day, on which everyone helped out.

We thank the Council members and staff for their hard work and the Elders for their guidance over the past year.

Mussi Cho!
JAMES B. FIRTH
Chief

—NIHTAT RENEWABLE RESOURCE COUNCIL REPORT—
INUVIK

Every month the Nihtat Renewable Resource Council meets to discuss renewable resource issues affecting Inuvik. At these meetings, RWED officers update Council members on their projects and activities.

<i>This year's Councillors are:</i>	
Harry Carmichael	Richard Firth
Allen Firth	Leonard DeBastien
Lorraine Lokos	Trevor Dobbs

In February, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans held a workshop to provide information on the fish regulations and stream crossings. This is an important issue since the renewed oil and gas activity could have an adverse impact on the land if DFO regulations are not followed. Willy Simon and Harry Carmichael attended on our behalf.

Another workshop dealt with changes to the Wildlife Act. We were informed of changes in the following areas:

- ✓ residency hunting;
- ✓ wildlife baiting;
- ✓ meat wastage;
- ✓ age requirement for hunting;
- ✓ residency exemptions for the RCMP and military;
- ✓ export of live wildlife.

These changes will be implemented gradually, with all in effect by 2003.

A workshop in traditional management provided an opportunity to discuss historical hunting practices and compare them with contemporary practices. Many practices, including mode of travel, the distances involved and butchering practices have changed with the times.

In March a regional oil and gas meeting provided a forum for the discussion of environmental Best Practices in the industry. Willy Simon represented the Nihtat at this event.

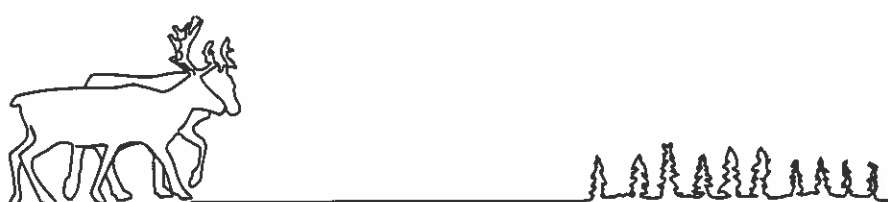
In April and May, we met with RWED to stay up to date on the Department's activities.

During June and July we had reports of problems with bears. Bear problems in camps can be avoided by keeping the camps clean. Bears have also been seen in town. Since they can be dangerous, we recommend that you not provoke them.

Now that the proposed pipeline route is becoming a reality, meetings on its implications are taking place. We are busy reviewing and approving applications from different companies to do research work on our lands relating to ducks, plants, water, etc.

The Council also has nets for Beneficiaries who want to go out fishing.

NEIL FIRTH
RRC Coordinator



GWICHYA GWICH'IN COUNCIL REPORT

TSIIGEHTCHIC

Deficit Reduction: The Charter Community began the fiscal year with a \$108,000 deficit caused by the purchase of a bulldozer and privatization of the water/sewer contract. Careful budgeting and spending in all departments allowed us to recover 87% of this debt. The previous water/sewer contract had the potential to cost us an extra \$100,000 annually.

Tsiigehtchic Trading Company

The Tsiigehtchic Trading Company, whose principal owner was Archie Laing of Whitehorse, set the charge-out rate for the water/sewer contract, a contract we were locked into for five years. After unsuccessful efforts to negotiate a reduction in the charge-out rate we purchased his interest in the company, which is now fully owned by the Red River Band, in January 2001.

The water rates had not been changed for seven years, while wages, fuel, vehicle maintenance and other overhead costs had increased. The Charter had to absorb the extra costs unless the price to the consumer increased, so this year we raised the water charge, helping us to reduce the deficit. Acquisition of the Trading Company gives us more control over the prices in the store, the fuel contract and the water/sewer contract. In keeping with our belief in community empowerment, management of the company is in the hands of a local business.

Water Quality

Dirty and foul-smelling water, particularly in summer, has been a consistent problem. Our Environmental Health Officer has pressed the Department of Public Works and MACA. DPW conducted tests over a period of six months to date, identified a number of impurities and suggested filtration by charcoal filters. The twin filters would cost \$16,000 per pair and since they require changing five times a year the annual bill would be \$80,000, a cost we would have to pass on to the householder. Our MLA has raised the issue twice in the Legislative Assembly, most recently in June, and we're still waiting to hear if the GNWT will absorb the costs of the filters and not just those of constructing the new plant.

Community Services

The police presence in the community will increase with one RCMP officer calling here every day. The Emergency Response Plan has been updated but work is still being done to plan for an expected pandemic flu.

Two months ago the community wellness program sponsored by Health and Social Services moved into one of the former Chief Paul Niditchie School buildings. An alcohol and drug addiction counselor, a mental health worker and a community counselor working under the auspices of the TI'oondih Healing Society use part of the building. A newly qualified social worker has returned to live and work in the community as well. Agnes Smith recently completed a degree in social work at Lakehead University and will take up a position in the Community Wellness Department.

The GNWT planned to remove the former school buildings to Colville Lake until the Band approached Aurora College to take them over and provide adult education services in one of them. Classes will begin in September, with a full-time adult educator to provide educational upgrading for the community. The other half of this building, reserved for community use, has already been used for the sewing program, which will re-commence this year. The former school buildings also provide a drop-in center for Elders during the day and a youth club for those from 11 to 20 between 7 and 11 p.m.

GWICHYA GWICH'IN COUNCIL REPORT

TSIIGEHTCHIC

The Recreation Coordinator at the community gym is leaving for a one-year training course, and we will hire a temporary replacement until a professional can be found.

In response to difficulties getting trained staff, we closed down the daycare but plan to reopen the building as a pre-school, which would offer the community greater benefits.

Block Funding

MACA will increase our block funding over the next four years as follows:

Year 1: \$669, 702
Year 2: \$848, 370
Year 3: \$912, 223
Year 4: \$947, 223

This will pay for protective services, transportation (culverts and roads), building maintenance, recreational facilities maintenance, land administration, community planning and utilities.

Land Use Plan

After MACA advised us to develop a land use plan, we sought proposals from a number of professional contractors, one of whom is now preparing the plan in consultation with the community.



Hyacinthe Andre & Pierre Benoit with Candice Gordon, Shawna Norman & Alestine Andre in Tsiigehtchic.

Log Building Project

The Housing Corporation in Inuvik has arranged another Project Authority Agreement to build a log cabin in town. One of their staff, Joe Deveraux, will lead four community members in building a two-bedroom cabin, which will be allocated to a member of the community. We hope a community member will receive additional training in order to build another cabin next year without any outside staff. The Housing Corporation wishes to continue building these cabins, since harvesting logs allows lower construction costs than using 2" x 6" walls with insulation.

Oil and Gas Development

2000-2001 saw the first impact of oil and gas exploration, which generated new, well-paying jobs and substantial profits for the Red River Band. Without this activity some local businesses would have been in jeopardy. A lot of the resulting revenue was invested in new equipment and problems with alcohol and drugs in town were few. The oil company brought its own camp, so pressure on accommodation was minimal. Still, several band members returned to Tsiigehtchic from the workplace and had to live with relatives, showing the need for more housing.



GWICHYA GWICH'IN COUNCIL REPORT

TSIIGEHTCHIC

Cultural Immersion Camp

— Tree River, July 8-21

Six grade six children and four staff spent two weeks living in the bush in a traditional camp, where the children were encouraged to use the Gwich'in language, recognize plants and herbs and carry out traditional activities such as fishing and hunting. The trip was co-sponsored by the Band, RRC and Paul Niditchie School and coordinated by the GSCI.

Aging Equipment

Last year we spent \$10,000 repairing our aging Champion grader, and it has broken down again, requiring an estimated \$15,000 for further repairs. While we operate heavy equipment we've never had the required maintenance expertise locally. As a result, we have depended on outside mechanics, at a considerable cost in money and time. We have a serious need for a grader operator in the community and only two people, both untrained, to carry out this work. Running a proper contracting operation requires a heavy-duty mechanic. We will appoint one soon and will have the capacity to train an apprentice mechanic.



Bird's eye view of lakes east of Tsiigehtchic.

Suicide

Following our first suicide in January, suicide threats have risen. The community was in shock after this incident and several professionals were brought in during the subsequent months. We brought in a suicide de-briefing team from Edmonton to work with the community for three days and on June 20 Ellen Smith came to speak and lead a healing circle.

Staff

We decided to train as many back-up staff as possible, beginning with Donna Neyando as Financial Comptroller Trainee. Carolyn Blake is moving to Castlegar, B.C. to work on an accounting degree, while Sammy Lennie trains in management studies.

Trefor Gates was promoted to Business Manager, to run the Band's businesses. A new position of Community Development Officer was created this year and the occupant was sent for intensive training in Yellowknife under the School of Community Government Program. Richard Stewart, housing maintenance foreman for KKZ Housing, was sent off on several courses as well. A new Red Seal carpenter, Peter Clark, has recently qualified and been appointed, and we now have the capacity to train an apprentice carpenter.

PETER ROSS

Chief, Gwichya Gwich'in Council



Elizabeth Greenland

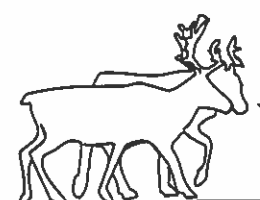


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—EHDITAT RENEWABLE RESOURCE COUNCIL REPORT—

AKLAVIK

The Ehdiitat Renewable Resource Council (ERRC) is the Aklavik community organization that deals with renewable resource issues affecting the Gwich'in.

The current Council members are President Fanny Greenland, Vice-President Dale Semple, and Councillors David Edwards, James McDonald, Danny Greenland and John Carmichael. The Council normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

We do not at present have a youth representative on the Council. Finding a youth representative and getting the youth of the community involved in our activities more generally are among the Council's highest priorities.

Charr Monitors Program

The ERRC participates in the Charr Monitors Program along with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, with an obligation to sign and accept the contracts from the Department and to administer the program. The principal contributors to the success of the program in Aklavik are our two monitors, Ben Mitchell and John Carmichael, whose concise reporting from year to year helps give the program a good name.

Regional Meetings

Aklavik intended to host the most recent regional RRC meetings but when we were unable to confirm quorum we postponed the meeting. We subsequently asked Fort McPherson to act as host in order to encourage attendance by other communities.

When the meeting took place, ERRC representatives expressed Aklavik's concerns articulately and effectively. President Fanny Greenland and Coordinator George Nerysoo try to attend the meetings of the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB) to ensure that Aklavik's voice is heard on the regional front. The GRRB met in Aklavik in January. Attendance at this meeting was high and the ERRC again expressed Aklavik's point of view well.

Oil and Gas

The recent revival of oil and gas activity in the Beaufort Delta region has generated concern on the part of the ERRC. We do not wish to discourage the development of the re-

gional economy and are particularly mindful of the local employment that the oil and gas industry can produce for our people. Yet the non-renewable resources extracted from the land are, by definition, finite and cannot be replaced. The ERRC takes the position that the environment must be protected for future generations, and that a balance must be struck between environmental protection and economic activity. Our policy is that of inviting the oil and gas companies to attend our meetings to make presentations on the location and extent of their proposed activities, so that together we can strike that balance.

The Elders

The support of Aklavik's elders has been invaluable to the ERRC. Their advice on how to preserve our lands for future generations and their assistance on those occasions when we travel for meetings are indispensable to our meeting our mandate as a Council. While many of the Elders who have given the ERRC the benefit of their encouragement and knowledge have passed on, we continue to remember their contributions with gratitude.

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AKLAVIK



Eric Kendi and Mary Kendi at her camp on the Peel River.

The ERRC's Future

When the implementation period ends, the ERRC will have to find on its own the revenues to run its office and conduct its operations, but I am confident we will do so.

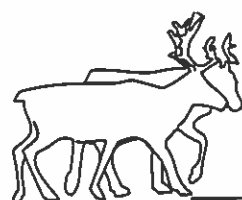
Encouraging greater participation by the youth remains important to the

organization's long-term vitality, and we have no intention of giving up on it. Coordinator George Nerysoo will soon take two years off his employment to return to his studies and complete a Natural Resources Technology Program.

Thanks to the other regional orga-

nizations, the GTC, the Regional RRCs and especially the GRRB Executive and staff. We look forward to continued cooperation for the benefit of the Gwich'in in all areas of this region and beyond.

GEORGE NERYSOO
ERRC Coordinator



*Photo:
Alan Fehr*



TETLIT GWICH'IN COUNCIL REPORT

FORT MCPHERSON

Sha Gwich'in Kut.

The current Tetlit Gwich'in Council is in the second year of its two-year mandate, with elections for the new Chief and Council scheduled for September 5, 2001. Under our new Constitution and by-laws that take effect this year, the next Chief and Council will serve 3-year terms.

The last two years have been challenging, with a number of changes to our Council. At the last Assembly we appointed new members to Council and it has been a privilege working with this Council for the last year.

Communications

We continue to find our radio station the most effective tool for informing members on Band and Land Claim issues. The Council reports weekly to the members and other resource people within the community have opportunities to give out information. Our monthly newsletter is another important medium of communication, and it goes to many of our members who live outside the Settlement Area.

Education

Over the past two years, the Council has participated in programs to meet community educational needs. We have provided assistance to Chief Julius School and supported the On the Land Programs that other organizations have

only recently begun to help. Funding from the Beavers Foundation has enabled us to use resource persons with expertise in education to instruct our students in various trades. The On the Land Program under Brighter Futures at TI'oondih Camp has become a regular event, along with the more traditional trips to Rat River. Recently we received funding for the "Youth Partnership Project" aimed at youth between 9 and 18. This will generate trust and pride in our young people through community partnerships in sport and yearly sports camps in both winter and summer.

Economic Development

Over the last year we have had difficulty filling the position of Economic Development Officer, given the stress and heavy workload involved. We also need a Business Manager, to handle potential joint ventures in the community and the Settlement Region, especially if we are to develop business and training opportunities for our members in the oil and gas industry.

During the last year the Council negotiated a joint venture with Tetlit Co-op to run the Tetlit Petroleum gas station, a venture that made sense since we serve the same members. We are now examining the fuel delivery program as another potential partnership.

We also have formed a partnership for the Caribou River Clean-up. Arctic Environmental Services has joined with us to provide needed environmental expertise.

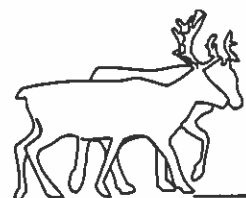
The Clean-up has been an issue since 1994, and we are now negotiating a contract with DIAND and Shell Canada.

Other current projects include the Log Home Project with NWT Housing and the Elders on the Land Program. Each of these projects has a training component, to teach our boys basic skills. We will also use our Woodmizer for both.

My own service on the GTC Board and on the recently established Implementation Working Group has been rewarding. I would like to thank the many people whose effort and expertise support our endeavors.

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ABE WILSON
Chief



MACKENZIE VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA), which came into force on Dec. 22, 1998, established the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) as the main environmental assessment and review agency in the Mackenzie Valley. The MVEIRB's jurisdiction includes all lands in the NWT other than the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and Wood Buffalo National Park. Except under very specific circumstances, the MVRMA replaces the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) in the Mackenzie Valley.

Membership

As of March 31, 2001 the Board's members are: Gordon Lennie, Chair; Dennis Bevington, Fort Smith; Frank Pope, Norman Wells (alternate Chair on oil and gas issues); Bertha Rabesca, Rae-Edzo; Charlie Snowshoe, Fort McPherson; Gordon Wray, Yellowknife (alternate Chair on office and administration matters); Danny Bayha, Deline. Mr. Bayha was nominated by the Sahtu Secretariat to replace Barney Masazumi, who stepped down in March of 2000.

The Deh Cho Interim Agreement, under negotiation by the Deh Cho First Nations and the federal government, calls for further appointments from the Deh Cho to the MVEIRB. As a result, the number of Board members will increase from seven to nine during the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Personnel

The MVEIRB is headquartered in the Scotia Centre in Yellowknife. Staff consist of an Executive Director; two Environmental Assessment Officers; a Finance and Administration Officer; a Communications Officer. During this fiscal year one Environmental Officer left in October and the Executive Director departed in December. These vacancies are being advertised and a hiring committee, chaired by Dennis Bevington, will fill them in the new fiscal year.

Environmental Assessment Guidelines

In 2001 the MVEIRB revised its Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment in the Mackenzie Valley and is preparing a public consultation on this document for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

The Board also revised its draft Rules of Procedure for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings. The MVEIRB will release the revised document for public consultation in the new fiscal year, and incorporate any required changes before its final adoption.

Preliminary Screenings and Environmental Assessments

Between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2001, the Board was notified of 186 preliminary screenings, of which 6 were referred to environmental assessments. These were:

- ✓ EXPLORDATA LTD.:
amendment to a land use permit for a seismic program near Nahanni Butte;
- ✓ PARAMOUNT RESOURCES:
Bowie Lake and Arrowhead drilling programs near Fort Liard;
- ✓ PARAMOUNT RESOURCES:
Cameron Hills exploratory drilling program south of Hay River;
- ✓ CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION:
Prairie Creek drilling program and Cat Camp and fuel cache retrieval program;
- ✓ PATTERSON LUMBER LTD.:
Timber cutting license application near Pine Point;
- ✓ ROBINSON'S TRUCKING LTD.:
Land use permit application for the Drybones Bay gravel quarry.



MACKENZIE VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

Two environmental assessments were carried over from the previous year, the BHP/Sable/Beartooth and Pigeon kimberlite pipes, and the Ranger Oil/Chevron Canada/ Canadian Forest Oil natural gas pipeline near Fort Liard. In 2000-2001 the Board completed the environmental assessments for these last two as well as for the ExplorData seismic program.

Board Activities

The Board entered the fiscal year under financial constraints that curtailed its activities. The last year of the 5-year funding arrangement with DIAND allocated only \$880,000 for Board operations, a reduction of \$500,000 from the previous year. Over the summer we engaged in a financial management review with DIAND, leading to a Flexible Transfer Payment agreement giving the Board an annual budget of \$1.1 million and the freedom to carry committed surpluses over into the next fiscal year.

Board members participated in 11 Board meetings and 15 teleconferences during the fiscal year. The meetings covered the full schedule of environmental assessments with which the Board has to deal in its second full year of operation. The Board held a public meeting in N'dilo as part of the assessment of the kimberlite pipes development

and toured the Diavik and BHP Ekati mine sites in July 2000 to better understand ongoing diamond activity.

Members also participated in several orientation sessions to develop a better understanding of the environmental impact assessment process and board governance.

In November 2000 the Board took the initiative in bringing together Northern regulatory and assessment agencies to work on a "made-in-the-North" approach to a possible application to construct a Mackenzie Valley natural gas pipeline. A December meeting brought the Mackenzie Valley boards, Inuvialuit Settlement Area boards, National Energy Board, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, GNWT and DIAND together for the first time to begin work on coordination of regulatory and environmental assessment legislation. This work continues.

Prior to this, the MVEIRB started discussions with the National Energy Board to coordinate their respective assessment functions. This arose from oil and gas development applications in the Fort Liard area. The two Boards signed a Memorandum of Understanding on December 4, 2000, outlining procedures for cooperation on oil and gas environmental assessments.

Public Information

MVEIRB members hosted public information sessions and attended meetings to disseminate information and liaise with other organizations as well as meeting on several occasions with the National Energy Board to discuss coordination issues on preliminary screening and environmental assessments.

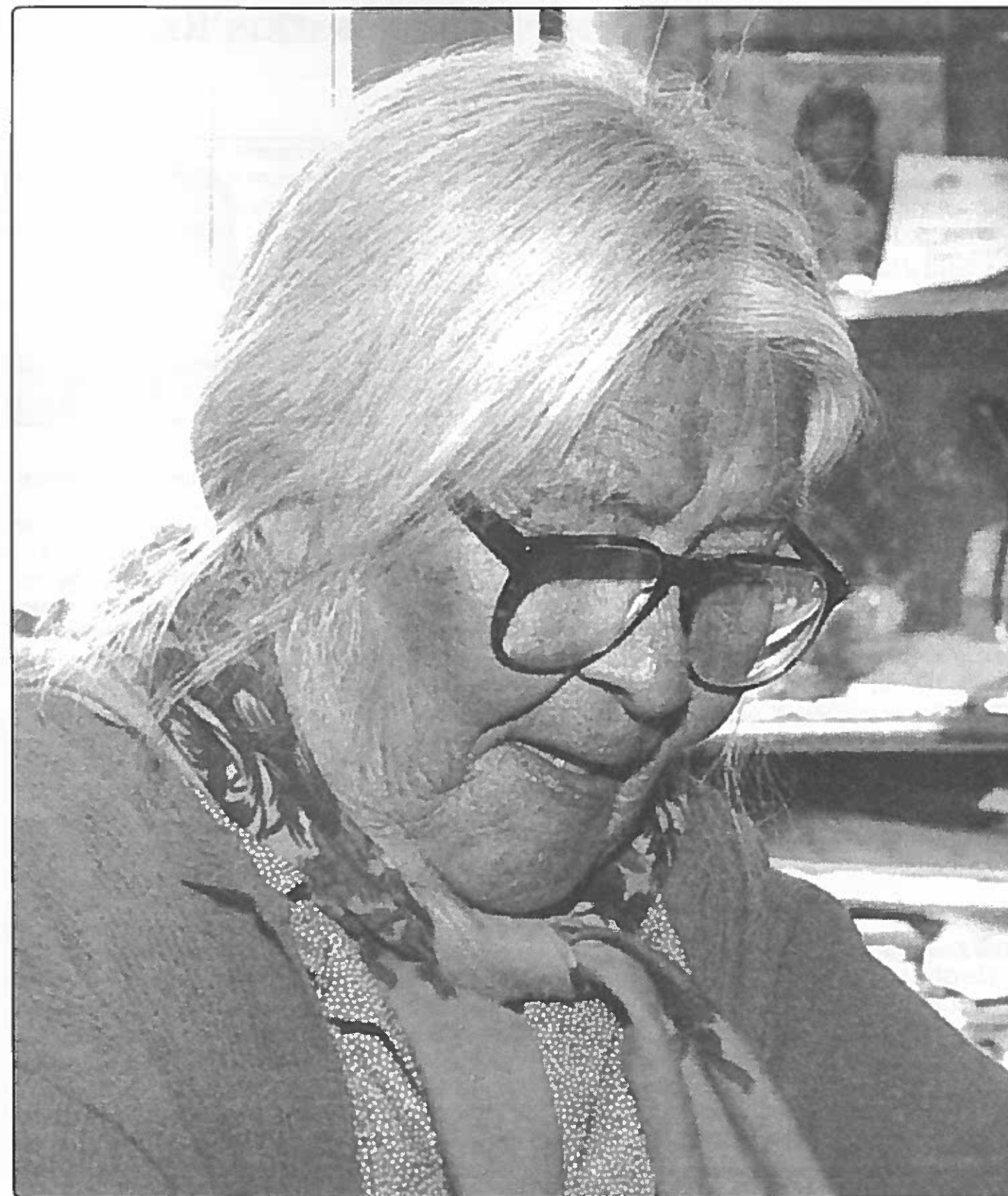
The Next Year

The Board will conduct environmental assessments as projects are referred to it after preliminary screening. Since the referral decisions are made by other agencies, it is hard to predict how many assessments will come before the Board over the next 12 months. It is possible that the DeBeers Snap Lake diamond development will be referred to an assessment in the coming fiscal year.

Board staff have discussed cooperation agreements with other regulatory agencies and boards operating in areas adjacent to the Mackenzie Valley. These Memoranda of Understanding will set out procedures for cooperation in dealing with transboundary environmental assessments.

The Board will also establish a Finance Committee to work on budgetary matters.

GORDON LENNIE
Chair



Joan Nazon



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Gil'ad (Gadi) Katz



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At the end of 2000, the Gwich'in Development Corporation consisted of the following companies:

- Tetlit Zheh Trucking Ltd.;
- Tetlit Zheh Construction Ltd.;
- Klondike River Lodge Ltd.;
- #953747 NWT Ltd.;
- Aadri Ltd.;
- Larga Ltd.;
- Nihjaa Properties Ltd.;

with a total consolidated revenue of \$4.2 million and net loss of \$600,000.

The first half of 2001 has seen the separation of business from politics in GDC decision-making, and restructuring of the organization to take advantage of new opportunities, particularly in oil and gas activity.

In 2001, we estimate GDC operations will generate \$7.8 million in revenue, and a return to profitability with projected income of \$600,000.

Tetlit Zheh Trucking Ltd.

The GDC has 100% ownership of Tetlit Zheh Trucking (TZT). TZT has driven much of the recent improvement in GDC fortunes, earning more in the first quarter of this year than it did last year prior to depreciation. Trucking is budgeted to

produce \$4,800,000 in revenues this year, with \$600,000 in after-tax profits (compared to losses for 2000 of \$608,000, of which \$8,000 was in cash losses, and \$600,000 was depreciation).

Devlan operations provided business for TZT over the winter, and we intend to expand our foothold in trucking services for the oil and gas industry, so that TZT will continue to generate revenue over the full year, and not just during the summer months, as in the past. Darren Klippenstein, who has several years' experience in the trucking industry, has joined TZT to assist with growth and expansion opportunities. Congratulations to the staff of TZT, whose hard work in recent months has been indispensable to the growth of our trucking arm.



CEO Tom Connors
Gwich'in Development Corporation

Tetlit Zheh Construction Ltd.

The GDC has a 100% interest in Tetlit Zheh Construction (TZC), which we bought from the Fort McPherson Band in 1992. TZC has been relatively inactive in recent years, and its principal current asset is \$200,000 in tax losses that can be carried forward.

An impending partnership with Ketzka Construction, a Yukon-based construction company with an impressive history of working with Aboriginal groups, will place our construction capability on a new and stronger foundation. The new company will have 51% GDC ownership, 49% Ketzka ownership. Ketzka will provide a strong construction capacity, relevant managerial expertise and heavy equipment. This will

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complement our present strength in trucking, putting the new company in an excellent position to seize upcoming opportunities.

Klondike River Lodge Ltd.

Klondike River Lodge (KRL) consists of a motel, restaurant, RV park, service station and garage at the junction of the Dempster and Klondike Highways. Since 1996, the GDC and Delta Western Fuel (Totem Oil) have each had 50% ownership of KRL, with Mike Wadsworth as on-site manager. The GDC is currently negotiating a new arrangement with Delta with the expectation of continued annual revenues of \$1.2 to \$1.4 million.

#953747 NWT Ltd.

The GDC and Arctic Tire each own 50% of #953747 NWT Ltd., which specializes in drilling and pile-driving. For the last year, the company brought in \$233,000 in contract revenue, with net income of \$78,000.

Aadri Ltd.

Aadri Ltd., in which the GDC has a 50% interest, was created in 1995 to distribute residual heat from the diesel power generating plant in Fort McPherson to various commercial, institutional and municipal buildings. The GDC's partner in the company is the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.

Larga Ltd.

The GDC has a 35% share in Larga, which operates medical boarding facilities in Edmonton and Winnipeg and provides transportation and referral services. The other shareholders are Nunasi Corporation (37.5%) and Bill Davidson (25%).

The GDC purchased its interest in 1994 and has recouped its original investment. In 2000, Larga generated revenues of approximately \$1.2 million. The company continues to perform well and has consistently provided good service to Gwich'in Beneficiaries.

Nihjaa Properties Ltd.

The GDC has a 25% stake in Nihjaa Properties, which owns several apartment buildings in Inuvik. In 1998, the Corporation converted a loan to Nihjaa for renovations into a 25% equity interest. The GDC's fellow shareholders, with 25% each, are Northern Management and Development, Tundra Enterprises and the Nihtat Gwich'in Development Corporation. In 2000, Nihjaa generated slightly over \$509,000 in revenues.

Current and future strategy for real estate investments will emphasize

commercial properties, several of which have been bought, as well as the acquisition of multiple-dwelling residential properties for a stronger income stream.

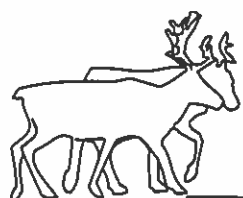
The Corporation's recent restructuring allows it to balance its role of providing the Beneficiaries, in their capacity as its shareholders, with a healthy return on their investment, with the continued creation of employment, training and business opportunities for them and their communities.

Board of Directors:

Fred Carmichael, A/Chair
Willard Hagen
Bill English
Dennis Wright
Richard John Blake
Margaret Donovan
Charlie Furlong
Abe Wilson
Peter Ross
James Firth

Tom Connors
Chief Executive Officer

Dave Little
Acting Chief Financial Officer



— Gwich'in Settlement Corporation Report —

The Gwich'in Settlement Corporation ("GSC"), the investment arm of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, was established in 1992 as a "settlement corporation" pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (the "Agreement").

The object of the GSC is to receive and invest the majority of the "capital transfer payments" (financial compensation) payable to the Gwich'in pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Agreement so that future generations of the Gwich'in can use the funds for "permitted activities" as described in Schedule 1 to Chapter 11 of the Agreement.

From 1992 to 1994, the funds were invested in short-term government backed securities that provided a decent rate of return with little or no risk. In 1995, the GSC appointed CIBC Wood Gundy to invest the funds in Canadian bonds which would provide a better rate of return with relatively low risk.

In 1996, the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation appointed TAL Investment Management to invest the funds in a mixture of bonds and equities which would provide an even better rate of return while retaining the safety and security required.

At its 1996 Annual Assembly, the Gwich'in Tribal Council ("GTC") adopted By-Law #18 (now By-Law #3), which directed the GTC to transfer \$65 million to the GSC between April 22, 1997 and April 22, 2007 and to retain an investment advisor to monitor and review the performance of the funds.

By-Law #18 further directed the GSC to develop an investment policy and to establish an investment committee to ensure that the funds achieved the highest possible rate of return within the provisions of the policy.

The Gwich'in Tribal Council has appointed Towers Perrin as its investment advisor, while the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation has assumed the role of the investment committee. The GSC has retained TAL Investment Management as its investment firm and has appointed CIBC Mellon as its fund custodian.



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The Gwich'in Settlement Corporation has adopted the following investment criteria:

- to invest about 40% of its funds in Canadian fixed income securities and cash, and
- to invest about 60% of its funds in Canadian and American equities, with about 40% in Canadian equities.

On April 22, 2001, the Gwich'in Tribal Council transferred \$7 million to the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation. As of April 30, 2001, the GSC managed the following portfolio:

HOLDINGS	MARKET VALUE	%AGE	ANNUAL INCOME
Cash (equivalents)	\$ 3,930,7000	5.7%	\$ 117,9000
Fixed income securities	24,559,3000	35.5%	1,596,4000
Canadian equities	23,564,000	34.0%	294,600
American equities	17,197,500	24.8%	214,900
Totals	\$ 69,251,500	100%	\$ 2,223,800

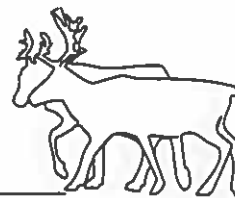
In future, the Gwich'in Tribal Council will make the following transfers to the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation:

April 22, 2002	\$7 million	April 22, 2005	\$5 million
April 22, 2003	\$7 million	April 22, 2006	\$3 million
April 22, 2004	\$7 million	April 22, 2007	\$1 million

Until April 22, 2007, income earned by the GSC is exempt from income tax providing it meets all the requirements relative to settlement corporations as contained in Chapter 11 of the Agreement and to public charitable foundations as contained in the Income Tax Act (Canada).

To maintain its tax exempt status after April 22, 2007, the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation must spend annually a minimum amount, referred to as the "disbursement quota", on permitted activities as contained in Schedule 1 to Chapter 11 of the Agreement. For GSC purposes, the disbursement quota is set at 4.5% of the capital.

It has been said many times that the land and the money belong to future generations of the Gwich'in. It is the object of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation to ensure that this statement becomes a reality.



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GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Gwich'in Tribal Council are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the President and Acting Chief Financial Officer on behalf of the Council.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Financial statements are not precise since they include certain amounts based on estimates and judgements. When alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances, in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

The Council maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls of high quality, consistent with reasonable cost. Such systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and the Council's assets are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The Council is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the consolidated financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by the independent firm KPMG LLP in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of the members. Their report to the members of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, stating the scope of their examination and opinion on the consolidated financial statements, follows.



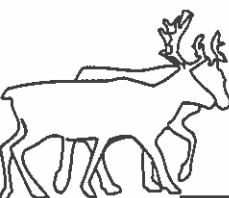
President



Acting Chief Financial Officer

Inuvik, Canada

May 23, 2001



AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the consolidated statement of financial position of the Gwich'in Tribal Council as at March 31, 2001 and the consolidated statements of financial activities, changes in members' equity and changes in financial position for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these 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 consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at March 31, 2001 and its financial activities and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles for local governments established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants

Edmonton, Canada

May 23, 2001



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	2001	2000
		(Restated, note 11)
Assets		
Financial assets:		
Cash	\$ 616,627	\$ 408,137
Accounts receivable	1,706,965	1,584,748
Prepaid expenses	2,698	—
Land claim settlement assets (note 2)	115,181,618	109,104,119
	117,507,908	111,097,004
Physical assets (note 3)	162,976	145,536
	\$ 117,670,884	\$ 111,242,540
Liabilities and Members' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,198,387	\$ 700,534
Contributions repayable	80,389	—
Deferred revenue	283,617	522,261
	1,562,393	1,222,795
Members' equity:		
Equity in physical assets	162,976	145,536
Operating fund	763,897	770,090
Land claim settlement fund	115,181,618	109,104,119
	116,108,491	110,019,745
Contingencies (note 10)		
	\$ 117,670,884	\$ 111,242,540

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Council:

Director

Director

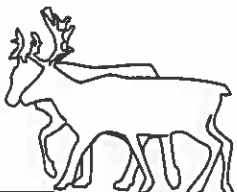
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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended March 31, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	Budget	2001	2000
	(note 9)		
Revenue:			
Contributions:			
DIAND	\$ 2,099,552	\$ 2,141,652	\$ 1,877,225
Government of Canada	1,297,903	1,400,347	1,225,046
Government of NWT	130,755	583,524	408,735
Other First Nations	180,700	180,700	276,029
Aboriginal Healing Foundation	—	330,300	—
Royalties	343,214	412,113	326,790
Interest	24,000	31,584	44,699
Administration fees	150,000	150,000	150,000
Other	98,200	132,977	169,992
Earnings of land claim settlement accounts	6,000,000	8,277,499	6,623,675
	10,324,324	13,640,696	11,102,191
Net amounts recognized (deferred)	522,261	246,186	(167,921)
	10,846,585	13,886,882	10,934,270
Expenditures (notes 4 and 5)			
Core activities	2,792,230	2,794,167	2,931,082
Program activities	1,885,759	2,062,444	1,148,234
Ti'oondih healing activities	—	477,099	388,215
Social and cultural activities	264,243	667,154	487,203
	4,942,232	6,000,864	4,954,734
Physical asset acquisitions	—	65,717	26,645
	4,942,232	6,066,581	4,981,379
Excess of revenues over expenditures before contributions	5,904,353	7,820,301	5,952,891
Contributions:			
Renewable Resource Councils	282,920	282,920	277,261
Designated Gwich'in Organizations	573,200	573,200	530,282
Elders/Youth Funding	500	500	107,660
Band Support Services	400,000	400,000	—
Beaufort Delta Self Government	492,375	492,375	563,168
	1,748,995	1,748,995	1,478,371
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 4,155,358	\$ 6,071,306	\$ 4,474,520

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Members' Equity

Year ended March 31, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	Equity in physical assets	Operating fund	Land claim settlement fund	2001	2000 (Restated, note 11)
Balance, beginning of year, as restated (note 11)	\$ 145,536	\$ 770,090	\$ 109,104,119	\$ 110,019,745	\$ 105,567,640
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(2,206,193)	8,277,499	6,071,306	4,474,520
Investment in physical assets	65,717	-	-	65,717	26,845
Amortization of physical assets	(48,277)	-	-	(48,277)	(49,060)
Transfers	-	2,200,000	(2,200,000)	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 162,976	\$ 763,897	\$ 115,181,618	\$ 116,108,491	\$ 110,019,745

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



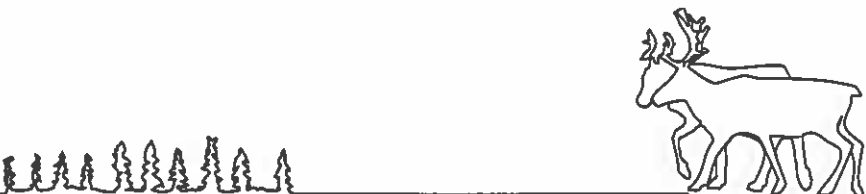
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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Financial Position

Year ended March 31, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	2001	2000
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 6,071,306	\$ 4,474,520
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(122,217)	(134,964)
Prepaid expenses	(2,698)	1,600
Accounts payable	497,853	206,794
Contributions repayable	80,389	-
Deferred revenue	(238,644)	167,921
	6,285,989	4,715,871
Investments:		
Increase in land claim settlement assets	(6,077,499)	(4,473,675)
Increase in cash	208,490	242,196
Cash, beginning of year	408,137	165,941
Cash, end of year	\$ 616,627	\$ 408,137

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2001

The Gwich'in Tribal Council (the "Council") is an aboriginal organization that represents approximately 2,400 Gwich'in in the Mackenzie Delta of the Northwest Territories. The Council was established in 1983 by the Band Councils and Metis Locals of the four communities of Aklavik, Arctic Red River, Fort McPherson and Inuvik. The Council is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act and is not subject to any federal, territorial or local government taxes or similar charges.

The objectives of the Council include the following:

- to protect and preserve the rights, interest and benefits of the Gwich'in in reference to their use, ownership and management of lands, waters and resources in the Gwich'in settlement area;
- to retain, preserve and enhance the traditional and cultural values, customs and language of the Gwich'in in a changing society;
- to develop and promote economic, social, educational and cultural programs that will enable the Gwich'in to become self-sufficient and full participating members in a global society;
- to uphold the rights, interest and benefits of the Gwich'in in reference to the Constitution Act, Treaty 11 and the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement; and
- to receive, preserve and enhance the capital and the lands and other benefits transferred to the Gwich'in pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement signed on April 22, 1992.

1. Significant accounting policies:

The consolidated financial statements of the Council have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local government entities established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Council are as follows:

(a) Reporting entity:

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures and changes in members' equity of the reporting entity which comprises all the organizations that are accountable for the administration of their financial affairs and resources to the Council and are owned or controlled by the Council. They include the following:

Entity	Year end
Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute	March 31, 2001
Tl'oondih Healing Society	March 31, 2001
Gwich'in Enrolment Board	March 31, 2001



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Year ended March 31, 2001

1. Significant accounting policies, continued:

(a) Reporting entity, continued:

Land claim settlement assets include the land claim settlement accounts of the Council, the Gwich'in Education and Training Fund and the net assets of the following entities:

Entity	Year end
Gwich'in Development Corporation	December 31, 2000
Gwich'in Properties Ltd.	December 31, 2000
Gwich'in Settlement Corporation	March 31, 2001
Gwich'in Land Corporation	March 31, 2001

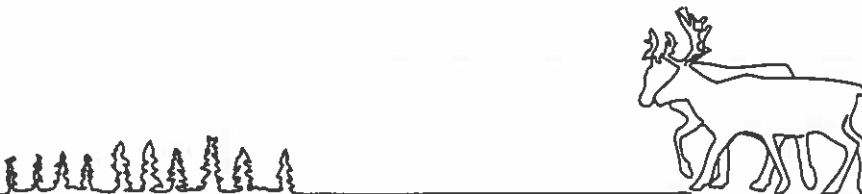
(b) Physical assets:

Physical assets are reported as expenditures in the year they are acquired. Recorded physical assets are amortized annually with a corresponding reduction in Equity in Physical Assets. Physical assets are amortized over their expected useful lives using the following methods and annual rates.

Asset	Basis	Rate
Computer hardware and software	Declining balance	30%
Equipment	Declining balance	20%
Furniture and fixtures	Declining balance	20%
Satellite data	Straight-line	10 years

(c) Revenue recognition:

Restricted funding is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted funding is recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the collection of the amount to be received is reasonably assured.



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2. Land claim settlement assets:

Land claim settlement assets comprise the settlement proceeds received pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement signed April 22, 1992 and accumulated excess of revenues over expenditures of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Land Claim Settlement accounts.

	2001	2000
		(Restated, note 11)
Settlement proceeds	\$ 69,190,104	\$ 69,190,104
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenditures	45,991,514	39,914,015
	\$ 115,181,618	\$ 109,104,119

Financial information relating to land claim settlement assets is as follows:

2001	Assets	Liabilities	Revenues	Expenditures	Earnings (loss)
Gwich'in Development Corporation	\$ 5,177,304	\$ 2,197,606	\$ 4,234,887	\$ 4,843,306	\$ (808,419)
Gwich'in Properties Ltd.	7,586,721	6,046,000	1,578,151	1,947,148	(368,997)
Gwich'in Settlement Corporation	60,182,731	-	6,215,453	459,675	5,755,778
Gwich'in Land Corporation	1	-	-	-	-
Gwich'in Education and Training Fund	7,916,603	19,688	426,755	834,236	(407,481)
Land claim settlement accounts of the Council	98,490,774	5,765,951	4,329,886	1,046,686	3,283,200
Eliminations	(55,725,068)	(5,581,797)	(439,729)	(1,063,147)	623,418
	\$123,629,066	\$ 8,447,448	\$ 16,345,403	\$ 8,067,904	\$8,277,499

2000	Assets	Liabilities	Revenues	Expenditures	Earnings (loss)
Gwich'in Development Corporation	\$ 4,833,456	\$ 1,445,339	\$ 5,806,677	\$ 5,836,104	\$ (29,427)
Gwich'in Properties Ltd.	7,468,722	5,595,538	796,955	757,345	39,610
Gwich'in Settlement Corporation	47,426,953	-	2,926,648	402,515	2,524,133
Gwich'in Land Corporation	1	-	-	-	-
Gwich'in Education and Training Fund	8,530,809	226,413	1,033,780	1,089,265	(55,485)
Land claim settlement accounts of the Council	98,470,492	6,828,869	4,786,896	714,261	4,072,635
Eliminations	(49,423,312)	(5,693,157)	(1,088,644)	(1,160,853)	72,209
	\$117,307,121	\$ 8,403,002	\$ 14,262,312	\$ 7,638,637	\$6,623,675

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3. Physical assets:

			2001	2000
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	Net book value
Computer hardware and software	\$ 389,449	\$ 294,585	\$ 94,864	\$ 76,823
Equipment	70,990	59,181	11,809	13,581
Furniture and fixtures	115,918	79,869	36,049	31,503
Satellite data	33,756	13,502	20,254	23,629
	\$ 610,113	\$ 447,137	\$ 162,976	\$ 145,536

4. Expenditures by object:

	2001	2000
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 2,388,603	\$ 1,948,910
Honoraria	150,482	165,362
External consultants	79,552	73,081
Professional fees	621,080	291,998
Office and administration	477,125	872,472
Rent	425,893	353,021
Travel	402,036	412,633
Training	1,087,024	470,461
Donations and Christmas hampers	82,987	60,069
Annual assemblies	71,138	141,736
Community assistance	54,895	-
Other	160,049	164,991
	\$ 6,000,864	\$ 4,954,734



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Year ended March 31, 2001

5. Expenditures by function:

	2001	2000
Core activities:		
Core operations	\$ 2,183,185	\$ 2,148,406
Beaufort Delta self government	100,970	104,884
Management development	—	107,556
Claim implementation	97,025	184,627
YDAP	44,146	40,502
Gwich'in Land administration	320,110	281,401
Enrolment	48,731	63,706
	2,794,167	2,931,082
Program activities:		
Aboriginal Human Resource Development	1,099,989	808,186
Education Emergency Fund	—	40,300
Environmental Contaminants	42,593	54,429
Cumulative Effects Assessment	25,000	—
Mackenzie River Cumulative Impact Monitoring	25,000	—
Forestry	8,000	12,032
GIS	27,378	—
HR Development Oil & Gas	42,906	—
Summer Students	35,253	—
Accounting Support FTA # 33	75,000	—
Accounting Support FRA # 41	50,000	—
Feasibility Study	22,384	—
Advancing Northern Interest	200,000	—
NWT Aboriginal Summit	33,000	—
Protected Area Strategy	19,709	—
World Wildlife Fund	65,775	—
Youth Crime Prevention	242,600	72,165
Crime Prevention Proposal	—	26,743
Other Programs	47,857	134,379
	2,062,444	1,148,234
Tl'oondih healing activities	477,099	388,215
Social and cultural activities	667,154	487,203
Total expenditures by function	\$ 6,000,864	\$ 4,954,734



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6. Related entities:

The Council exercises significant influence over the Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board, Gwich'in Land and Water Board, Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board and the Gwich'in Wildlife Studies Fund. The Council has the ability to appoint a portion of the board of directors of each of these entities. These entities have not been consolidated in the Council's financial statements. Financial statements of these entities are available upon request. Financial summaries of these unconsolidated entities as at March 31, 2001 and 2000 and for the years then ended are as follows:

(i) Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board:

The Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board was established to conduct land use planning in the Gwich'in Settlement area. The financial position and results of operations of the Board are as follows:

	2001	2000
Total assets	\$ 42,957	\$ 42,676
Total liabilities	24,557	32,775
Net assets	\$ 18,400	\$ 9,901
Total revenues	\$ 181,469	\$ 189,444
Total expenditures	172,970	179,950
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 8,499	\$ 9,494

The Council contributed \$2,250 (2000 - \$nil) to the Board for training during the year.



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

Year ended March 31, 2001

6. Related entities, continued:

(ii) Gwich'in Land and Water Board:

The Gwich'in Land and Water Board regulates land and water use throughout the settlement area, including Gwich'in Lands. The financial position and results of operations of the Board are as follows:

	2001	2000
Total assets	\$ 343,121	\$ 190,644
Total liabilities	59,958	16,728
Net assets	\$ 283,163	\$ 173,916
Total revenues	\$ 744,957	\$ 823,918
Total expenditures	560,864	753,827
Contributions repayable	74,846	-
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 109,247	\$ 70,091

(iii) Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board:

The Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board is the main instrument of wildlife management and conservation in the Gwich'in Settlement Region. The financial position and results of operations of the Board are as follows:

	2001	2000
Total assets	\$ 247,188	\$ 235,755
Total liabilities	27,716	6,000
Net assets	\$ 219,472	\$ 229,755
Total revenues	\$ 1,052,056	\$ 1,084,633
Total expenditures	1,062,338	1,225,096
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	\$ (10,282)	\$ (140,463)

The Council contributed \$90,000 (2000 - \$33,750) to the Board for training during the year.



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6. Related entities, continued:

(iv) Gwich'in Wildlife Studies Fund:

The Gwich'in Wildlife Studies Fund has been established to fund research about wildlife in the Gwich'in Settlement Region. The Fund is managed by the Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board. The net assets and changes in net assets of the Fund are as follows:

	2001	2000
Net assets	\$ 2,743,258	\$ 2,759,204
Investment income	\$ 213,204	\$ 223,459
Distributions and administrative expenditures	229,150	172,899
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (15,946)	\$ 50,560

7. Trust assets and liabilities:

The Gwich'in Tribal Council administers the following trusts on behalf of their beneficiaries. Transactions of the trusts during the current year are summarized below. They have been excluded from the consolidated financial statements.

	Opening balance	Contributions net of distributions	Net investment earnings	Closing balance
Gwich'in Trust for the year ended March 31, 2001	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1
Gwich'in Harvesters Assistance Trust for the year ended December 31, 2000	4,465,227	(249,039)	376,158	4,592,346
	\$ 4,465,228	\$ (249,039)	\$ 376,158	\$ 4,592,347



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7. Trust assets and liabilities, continued:

	2001		2000	
	Carrying value	Market value	Carrying value	Market value
Cash	\$ 302,912	\$ 302,912	\$ 88,090	\$ 88,090
Fixed income investments: Government and government-guaranteed bonds, with effective interest rates of 6.56% to 6.63%, maturing in 2005	2,886,941	3,121,703	2,890,967	3,024,303
Common stocks: Canadian	1,161,589	1,547,555	1,244,680	1,489,545
International	317,625	300,384	285,150	368,493
	1,479,214	1,847,939	1,529,830	1,858,038
Accounts payable, net	(76,720)	(76,720)	(43,659)	(43,659)
	\$ 4,592,347	\$ 5,195,834	\$ 4,465,228	\$ 4,926,772

8. Salaries, honoraria, travel and other remuneration:

	Salaries and Honoraria	Travel	2001 Total
President	\$ 38,480	\$ 997	\$ 39,477
Past President	88,666	25,111	113,777
Vice Presidents (2)	199,100	4,085	203,185
Current Council Members (7)	29,130	9,767	38,897
Past Council Members (1)	2,900	—	2,900
Executive Director	98,795	970	99,765
Chief Financial Officer	124,184	3,029	127,213
	\$ 581,255	\$ 43,959	\$ 625,214

Travel includes certain amounts which have been subsequently recovered from outside parties.



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9. Budget information:

	Budget approved November, 2000	Amendments ¹	Final
Revenues:			
Contributions:			
DIAND	\$ 1,622,138	\$ 477,414	\$ 2,099,552
Government of Canada	90,000	1,207,903	1,297,903
Government of NWT	—	130,755	130,755
Other First Nations	—	180,700	180,700
Royalties	360,000	(16,786)	343,214
Interest	24,000	—	24,000
Administration fees	198,200	(48,200)	150,000
Other	95,000	3,200	98,200
Earnings of Land Claim Settlement Fund	—	6,000,000	6,000,000
	2,389,338	7,934,986	10,324,324
Net amounts recognized	—	522,261	522,261
	2,389,338	8,457,247	10,846,585
Expenditures:			
Donations and Christmas hampers	98,218	—	98,218
Honoraria	86,000	28,656	114,656
Office and administration	308,300	77,747	386,047
Professional and consulting fees	119,500	184,934	304,434
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,677,200	88,170	1,765,370
Education and training	—	984,088	984,088
Travel	241,000	51,961	292,961
Community assistance	140,000	—	140,000
Rent	258,000	42,400	300,400
Audit fees	85,000	—	85,000
Annual general assembly	150,000	56,815	206,815
Social and cultural activities	—	264,243	264,243
	3,163,218	1,779,014	4,942,232
Excess (deficiency) of revenues before contributions	(773,880)	6,678,233	5,904,353
Contributions:			
Renewable Resource Councils	282,920	—	282,920
Designated Gwich'in Organizations	573,200	—	573,200
Beaufort Delta Self Government	420,000	72,375	492,375
Band Support Services	400,000	—	400,000
Elders/Youth Funding	—	500	500
	1,676,120	72,875	1,748,995
Excess of revenues			\$ 4,155,358

¹ Amendments were made to reflect budgets for specific program and core activities that were subsequently approved by the Council and submitted to various funding agencies.



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Year ended March 31, 2001

10. Contingencies:

A claim for employment and disability benefits has been filed against the Tl'oondih Healing Society by a former employee. In addition, a claim for wrongful dismissal has been filed against the Gwich'in Enrolment Board by a former employee. The outcome of these claims are currently indeterminable.

11. Prior period adjustments:

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2000 have been restated to reflect adjustments required to capitalize expenditures incorrectly expensed in prior years. As a result of these adjustments:

Land claim settlement assets increased by	\$	200,000
Land claim settlement fund increased by		200,000

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation.



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GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL
Land Claim Settlement Fund

Year ended March 31, 2001



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Land Claim Settlement Fund
Consolidated Financial Statements

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the consolidated statement of financial position of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Land Claim Settlement Fund as at March 31, 2001 and the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated excess of revenues over expenditures and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these 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 consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants

Edmonton, Canada

May 23, 2001



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Land Claim Settlement Fund
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	2001	2000
		(Restated, note 15)
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 822,700	\$ 1,209,875
Accounts receivable	1,727,336	686,271
Accrued interest on future settlement proceeds	3,870,358	4,355,027
Inventory	476,290	817,390
Current portion of mortgages receivable	-	13,190
Current portion of future settlement proceeds	6,333,099	5,803,792
Prepaid expenses	66,557	73,922
	13,296,340	12,959,467
Note and loan receivable (note 2)	575,000	725,000
Mortgages receivable (note 3)	450,000	708,898
Investments (note 4)	60,749,647	47,918,869
Income producing properties (note 5)	7,511,011	7,523,586
Capital assets (note 6)	2,220,056	2,511,190
Future settlement proceeds [note 7(a)]	38,827,012	45,160,111
Settlement lands [note 7(b)]		
	\$ 123,629,066	\$ 117,507,121
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,378,673	\$ 553,462
Accrued interest on claims loan agreement	303,528	345,596
Current portion of capital lease obligations	145,145	96,731
Current portion of long-term debt	184,407	189,779
Current portion of claims loan agreement	809,868	764,027
	2,821,621	1,949,595
Deferred income taxes	34,502	15,588
Obligations under capital leases (note 8)	164,580	232,941
Long-term debt (note 9)	853,336	821,601
Claims loan agreement [note 7(c)]	4,573,409	5,383,277
Net assets:		
Settlement proceeds	69,190,104	69,190,104
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenditures	45,991,514	39,914,015
	115,181,618	109,104,119
	\$ 123,629,066	\$ 117,507,121

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Council:


Director


Director

GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Land Claim Settlement Fund
Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures

Year ended March 31, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	2001	2000
Revenues:		
Sales	\$ 5,753,855	\$ 6,257,754
Investment income	10,518,262	7,949,446
Other	98,286	55,112
	16,370,403	14,262,312
Expenditures:		
Cost of sales	4,444,773	4,886,143
Selling, general and administrative	1,620,189	1,230,178
Depreciation and amortization	1,012,926	917,440
Interest on long-term debt	67,733	120,107
Interest on claims loan agreement	326,771	371,563
Interest and other	23,936	11,124
	7,496,328	7,536,555
Excess of revenues over expenditures before the undemoted	8,874,075	6,725,757
Other revenue (expenditures):		
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets and income producing properties	(34,210)	17,379
Write-down in value of land held for resale	(59,961)	(20,381)
Equity in earnings of associated companies	108,000	74,257
Impairment in value of note and loan receivable	(200,000)	-
Impairment in value of mortgage receivable	(272,088)	-
Other	-	16,762
	(458,259)	88,017
Excess of revenues over expenditures before income taxes	8,415,816	6,813,774
Income taxes:		
Current	10,445	2,510
Benefit of losses carried forward	(20,426)	-
Deferred	18,914	15,588
	8,933	18,098
Excess of revenues over expenditures before contributions	8,406,883	6,795,676
Contributions:		
Gwich'in Tribal Council Operations	1,950,000	1,950,000
Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute	200,000	150,000
Gwich'in Enrolment Board	50,000	50,000
Payments to Elders	43,000	64,000
Education and Training	86,384	108,001
	2,329,384	2,322,001
Excess of revenues over expenditures	6,077,499	4,473,675
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenditures, beginning of year, as restated (note 15)	39,914,015	35,440,340
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenditures, end of year	\$ 45,991,514	\$ 39,914,015

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

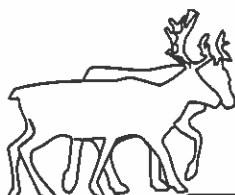
GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Land Claim Settlement Fund Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2001, with comparative figures for 2000

	2001	2000
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 6,077,499	\$ 4,473,675
Items which do not involve cash:		
Deferred income taxes	18,914	15,588
Depreciation and amortization	1,012,926	917,440
Equity in earnings of associated companies	(108,000)	(74,257)
Loss (gain) on disposal of capital assets and income producing properties	34,210	(17,379)
Impairment in value of note and loan receivable	200,000	-
Impairment in value of mortgage receivable	272,088	-
Change in non-cash operating working capital	575,212	879,430
	8,082,849	6,194,497
Financing:		
Proceeds of long-term debt	134,203	450,000
Repayments of long-term debt	(107,840)	(224,685)
Principal repayments under capital lease obligations	(205,002)	(88,634)
Claims loan agreement repayments	(764,027)	(720,780)
	(942,666)	(584,099)
Investments:		
Decrease in note and loan receivable	(50,000)	-
Purchase of investments, net	(12,755,778)	(9,524,133)
Purchase of income producing properties	(512,900)	(750,000)
Proceeds from disposal of income producing properties	16,651	-
Purchase of capital assets	(180,316)	(435,459)
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	118,193	84,891
Decrease in future settlement proceeds	5,803,792	5,318,725
Dividends from associated companies	33,000	20,000
	(7,527,358)	(5,285,976)
Increase (decrease) in cash	(387,175)	324,422
Cash, beginning of year	1,209,875	885,453
Cash, end of year	\$ 822,700	\$ 1,209,875

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Land Claim Settlement Fund Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2001

The Gwich'in Tribal Council (the "Council") is an aboriginal organization that represents approximately 2,400 Gwich'in in the Mackenzie Delta of the Northwest Territories. The Council was established in 1983 by the Band Councils and Metis Locals of the four communities of Aklavik, Arctic Red River, Fort McPherson and Inuvik. The Council is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act and is not subject to any federal, territorial or local government taxes or similar charges.

Revenues, expenditures, assets and liabilities of the Council have been grouped into two distinct funds, Operations and the Land Claim Settlement Fund.

Operations includes the core and program operating accounts of the Council.

The Gwich'in Tribal Council Land Claim Settlement Fund includes the land claim settlement accounts of the Council, and was established to receive, preserve and enhance the capital, lands and other benefits transferred to the Gwich'in pursuant to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement signed April 22, 1992. The Land Claim Settlement Fund also includes the Education and Training Fund, which was initially established to meet the education and training objectives as outlined in the implementation plan for the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

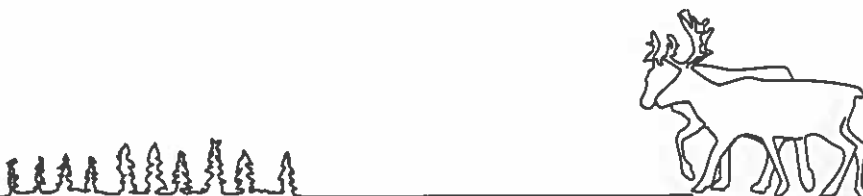
These financial statements reflect the financial position and results of operations of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Land Claim Settlement Fund. Gwich'in Tribal Council Operations are reported separately. Consolidated financial statements for the Gwich'in Tribal Council have been prepared in addition to these financial statements.

1. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Basis of presentation:

The consolidated financial statements include the land claim settlement accounts of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Land Claim Settlement Fund and the following entities:

Entity	Year end
Gwich'in Development Corporation	December 31, 2000
Gwich'in Properties Ltd.	December 31, 2000
Gwich'in Settlement Corporation	March 31, 2001
Gwich'in Land Corporation	March 31, 2001
Gwich'in Education and Training Fund	March 31, 2001



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1. Significant accounting policies, continued:

(b) Inventory:

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

(c) Investments:

Fixed term investments are carried at amortized cost or at amortized cost less amounts written off to reflect a permanent decline in value. Interest is recognized on an effective yield basis.

Investments in publicly traded common stocks are recorded at cost, or at cost less amounts written off to reflect a permanent decline in value.

Investments in the following associated companies have been accounted for using the equity method:

Larga Ltd. Nihjaa Properties Ltd.

Under the equity method, the original cost of the shares is adjusted for the Council's share of undistributed post-acquisition earnings or losses.

(d) Income producing properties:

Income producing properties are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization is provided using the declining balance method at the following annual rates:

Asset	Rate
Buildings	4%-10%
Furniture	20%



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1. Significant accounting policies, continued:

(e) Capital assets:

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization is provided using the following methods and annual rates:

Asset	Basis	Rate
Buildings	Declining balance	5% - 10%
Land improvements	Straight-line	5 years
Automotive	Declining balance	30%
Heavy equipment, trailers and accessories	Straight-line	10% - 15%
Equipment and tools	Declining balance	20%
Furniture and fixtures	Declining balance	20%
Computer hardware and software	Declining balance	30%
Goodwill	Straight-line	10 years
Heat distribution system	Straight-line	40 years

Depreciation is provided on heavy equipment under capital lease on the straight-line basis over five years to the estimated residual value.

The fair value of goodwill is regularly evaluated by reviewing the returns of the related business, taking into account the risk associated with the investment. Any permanent impairment in the value of goodwill is written off against earnings.

(f) Revenue recognition:

Settlement claim proceeds and interest less direct expenses are included in the Land Claim Settlement Fund. These funds may be transferred to any Gwich'in Organization at the discretion of the Council.

Revenues on contracts are included in income based on the percentage of completion of the individual contracts. Losses on contracts in progress are recognized as soon as they can be estimated.



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1. Significant accounting policies, continued:

(g) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Note and loan receivable:

	2001	2000
Delta Western Fuel Canada Inc. promissory note, interest at prime, with semi-annual principal pay- ments of \$25,000, due May 1, 2004	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Nihjaa Properties Ltd., unsecured, repayable on demand and non-in- terest bearing	350,000	300,000
	800,000	750,000
Allowance for note and loan impairment	(225,000)	(25,000)
	\$ 575,000	\$ 725,000

The note receivable from Delta Western Fuel Canada Inc. has been secured by a guarantee from its parent company and an agreement pledging Delta Western Fuel Canada Inc.'s shares in Klondike River Lodge Ltd. to the Council.

As at March 31, 2001, scheduled repayments on the note receivable have not been received. The Council is currently negotiating amended repayment terms. As a result, the note receivable has been reflected as a non-current asset.

The loan from Nihjaa Properties Ltd. has been classified as a non-current asset since the Council has agreed not to demand repayment in the next year.



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3. Mortgages receivable:

	2001	2000
933336 NWT Ltd., 12% mortgage re- ceivable in monthly instalments of interest only, with principal due on demand	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Black Mountain Development Corpo- ration Ltd. 8% mortgage receivable in monthly instalments of \$2,844 including interest, due October 1, 2011	272,088	272,088
	722,088	722,088
Allowance for mortgage impairment	(272,088)	-
	450,000	722,088
Current portion of mortgages receivable	-	13,190
	\$ 450,000	\$ 708,898

933336 NWT Ltd. is currently seeking alternative financing and it is uncertain when such financing will be secured. As a result, the mortgage receivable has been classified as a non-current asset. As at March 31, 2001, scheduled repayments on the Black Mountain Development Corporation Ltd. receivable have not been received. As a result, the mortgage receivable has been fully provided for as collection is uncertain.



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4. Investments:

	2001		2000	
	Carrying value	Market value	Carrying value	Market value
Cash	\$ 24,554	\$ 24,554	\$ 113,402	\$ 113,402
Fixed term:				
Government and government guaranteed bonds, with average yields of 6.8% (2000 - 5.2%) and maturity dates from June 1, 2002 to June 1, 2029 (2000 - September 1, 2000 to March 8, 2029)	9,950,646	10,076,378	18,266,046	18,178,499
Corporate bonds, with average yields of 5.6% (2000 - 5.5%) and maturity dates from September 23, 2002 to November 30, 2027 (2000 - August 15, 2000 to December 9, 2030)	7,042,575	7,196,793	5,984,745	5,944,805
Short-term notes and deposits, with average yields of 4.2% (2000 - 4.8%) and maturity dates of less than one year	8,807,910	8,807,910	673,190	673,459
Asset backed securities, with average yields of 6% and maturity dates from July 15, 2002 to December 21, 2004	502,311	511,860	-	-
Mortgages, with average yields of 5.13% and maturity dates from October 1, 2002 to October 1, 2005	3,060,779	3,099,950	-	-
Common stocks:	29,364,221	29,692,891	24,923,981	24,796,763
Canadian	21,221,499	20,410,797	12,924,693	16,188,078
United States	11,182,634	11,371,264	9,236,084	12,482,252
Amounts receivable (payable), net	(1,610,177)	(1,610,177)	228,793	228,793
Investments in associated companies:	60,182,731	59,889,329	47,426,953	53,809,288
Larga Ltd. (37.5% interest)	566,816	566,816	491,816	491,816
Nihjaa Properties Ltd. (25% interest)	100	100	100	100
	566,916	566,916	491,916	491,916
	\$ 60,749,647	\$ 60,456,245	\$ 47,918,869	\$ 54,301,204

The market value of the investments is \$293,402 less than cost. The carrying value of these securities has not been written down to market value because management has concluded, based on review of market information for the securities, that there is no obvious indication of material impairment that is other than temporary.

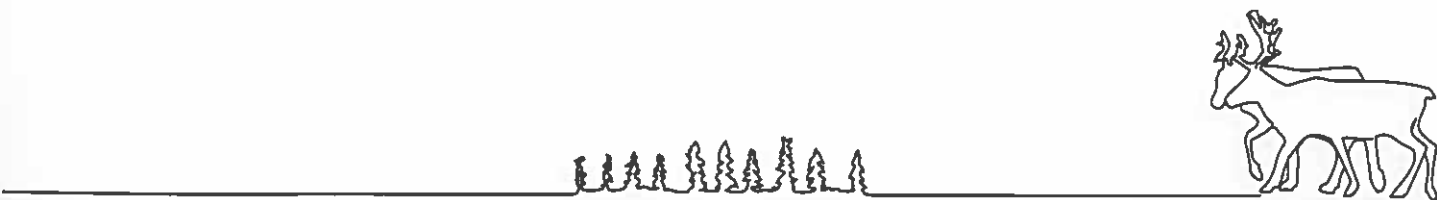
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5. Income producing properties:

	2001		2000	
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation and amortization	Net book value	Net book value
Performing:				
Housing:				
Fort McPherson	- building \$ 1,137,138	\$ 259,031	\$ 878,107	\$ 914,695
	- land 31,859	-	31,859	31,859
Aklavik	- building 586,639	118,294	468,345	487,859
	- land 20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Inuvik	- building 720,067	120,324	599,743	308,961
	- land 262,555	-	262,555	59,000
J. Koe building	- building 2,309,994	396,423	1,913,571	1,993,303
	- land 304,563	-	304,563	304,563
C. Koe building	- building 812,783	234,180	578,603	602,711
	- land 1,300	-	1,300	1,300
Tl'oondih Healing Camp	- building 1,954,815	1,087,126	867,689	1,063,171
Inuvik Visitors Centre	- land 100,000	-	100,000	100,000
Construction shop	- building 410,513	109,505	301,008	316,851
	- land 56,000	-	56,000	56,000
Construction camp	- building 219,546	86,003	133,543	148,381
Trucking shop	- building -	-	-	3,993
	- land 15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Yellowknife	- buildings 677,309	29,682	647,627	803,830
	- land 178,500	-	178,500	45,000
Furniture	34,207	25,028	9,179	11,474
	9,832,788	2,465,596	7,367,192	7,287,951
Non-performing:				
Fort McPherson	- land 94,298	-	94,298	94,298
Inuvik	- land -	-	-	91,816
Dawson	- land 25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Arctic Red River	- land 13,821	-	13,821	13,821
Aklavik	- land 10,700	-	10,700	10,700
	143,819	-	143,819	235,635
	\$ 9,976,607	\$ 2,465,596	\$ 7,511,011	\$ 7,523,586



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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

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6. Capital assets:

Table with 5 columns: Asset Description, 2001 Cost, 2001 Accumulated depreciation and amortization, 2001 Net book value, 2000 Net book value. Rows include Land, Land improvements, Building - Klondike River Lodge, Heat distribution system, Automotive, Heavy equipment, trailers and accessories, Equipment and tools, Furniture and fixtures, Computer hardware and software, Heavy equipment under capital leases, and Goodwill.

During 2001, capital assets with an aggregate cost of \$185,055 were acquired by means of capital leases.



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Land Claim Settlement Fund
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

Year ended March 31, 2001

7. Comprehensive land claims agreement:

(a) Future settlement proceeds:

On April 22, 1992, the Council and the Government of Canada signed a Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement. The agreement provides for settlement claims of \$141,118,195 including interest to be transferred to the Council over fifteen years. To March 31, 2001, the Council has received \$80,498,351 including interest at 9.12%.

Future settlement proceeds consist of the following:

Table with 4 columns: Description, 2001, 2000, and Future settlement proceeds are to be received as follows. Rows include Future settlement proceeds principal, Less current portion of future settlement proceeds, and a detailed breakdown of future settlement proceeds by year (2002-2008) showing Principal, Interest, and Total amounts.

(b) Settlement lands:

The Council has received and will receive title to various lands in the Gwich'in Settlement Region including:
16,264 square kilometers of land excluding mines and mineral rights;
6,065 square kilometers of land including mines and mineral rights; and
93 square kilometers of land only for mines and mineral rights.
No value has been assigned to these lands for financial statement purposes.



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Land Claim Settlement Fund
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, continued

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7. Comprehensive land claims agreement, continued:

(c) Claims loan agreement:

The agreement provides for funds to be advanced to the Council by the Government of Canada for direct settlement expenses. These advances bear interest at 6% and are to be repaid as a first charge against future settlement claims.

The Council has also agreed to repay a portion of a loan to the Dene Nation and Metis Association of the N.W.T. These advances also bear interest at 6% and are to be repaid as a first charge against future settlement claims.

Claims loan agreement consists of the following:

	2001	2000
Claims loan agreement principal	\$ 5,383,277	\$ 6,147,304
Less current portion of claims loan agreement	(809,868)	(764,027)
	\$ 4,573,409	\$ 5,383,277

Scheduled repayments are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2002	\$ 809,868	\$ 322,997	\$ 1,132,865
2003	858,460	274,405	1,132,865
2004	909,968	222,897	1,132,865
2005	964,567	168,298	1,132,865
2006	795,867	110,425	906,292
2007	617,046	62,673	679,719
2008	427,501	25,650	453,151
	\$ 5,383,277	\$ 1,187,345	\$ 6,570,622



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8. Obligations under capital leases:

Year ending March 31:	
2002	\$ 166,603
2003	173,030
Total minimum lease payments	339,633
Less amount representing interest (at rates ranging from 7.8% to 9.0%)	29,908
Present value of net minimum lease payments	309,725
Current portion of obligations under capital leases	145,145
	\$ 164,580

Interest of \$33,627 (2000 - \$33,199) relating to capital lease obligations has been included in interest on long-term debt.



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9. Long-term debt:

	2001	2000
Prime plus 1.0% demand loan, payable in monthly instalments of \$3,333 plus interest	\$ 113,449	\$ 153,449
6.5% Canada's Northwest Territories Government Aurora Fund (1997) loan payable with annual principal reductions (2001 - \$35,500), secured by a first charge against the heat distribution system and guarantees and postponements of claim by the Corporation, due December 31, 2002	300,000	335,500
7.45% Mortgage payable in monthly instalments of \$571 including interest, due May 1, 2001, secured by land and building with a carrying value of \$101,073	70,924	72,431
7.25% mortgage payable in monthly instalments of \$5,283 including interest, due February, 2010, secured by land and building with a carrying value of \$729,450	420,918	450,000
7.85% mortgage payable in monthly instalments of \$1,011 including interest, due June, 2025, secured by land and building with a carrying value of \$172,886	132,452	-
	1,037,743	1,011,380
Current portion of long-term debt	184,407	189,779
	\$ 853,336	\$ 821,601

Although the prime plus 1.0% loan is due on demand, it has been classified as non-current as the bank has agreed to scheduled repayments over the next four years.

The prime plus 1.0% demand loan and the operating facility are secured by a general assignment of its accounts receivable and a \$2,000,000 demand debenture over certain assets and equipment.

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9. Long-term debt, continued:

Long-term debt is repayable as follows:

2002	\$ 184,407
2003	339,563
2004	74,644
2005	44,294
2006	47,626
2007 and thereafter	347,209
	\$ 1,037,743

10. Income taxes:

The Council and its subsidiaries follow the deferral method of accounting for income taxes and have allowable capital losses carried forward of \$513,028 available to offset future taxable capital gains. In addition, the Council and its subsidiaries have unclaimed capital cost allowance in excess of deductions available for book purposes of \$382,137 and long-term investments for which the tax value exceeds the recorded net book value by \$1,461,796. Finally, the Council and its subsidiaries have losses carried forward for income tax purposes of \$783,804 available to reduce taxable income in future years up to 2007. The potential income tax benefit of these amounts has not been recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

11. Guarantees:

The Council and its subsidiaries have provided the following guarantees at March 31, 2001:

- (a) an unsecured, unlimited guarantee of the bank debt of Tetlit Zheh Trucking Ltd. in the amount of \$113,449 (1999 - \$153,449) as part of a credit agreement dated October 7, 1999;
- (b) an unsecured, unlimited guarantee on a Canada's Northwest Territories Government Aurora Fund (1997) loan payable of Aadrii Ltd. in the amount of \$750,000;
- (c) an unsecured, unlimited guarantee on a Canada's Northwest Territories Government Aurora Fund (1997) loan payable of GDC Air Leasing Ltd. in the amount of \$770,000; and
- (d) an unsecured guarantee limited to the principal sum of \$1,660,000 plus interest and expenses of the debts of Larga Ltd.



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12. Investments in joint ventures:

The consolidated financial statements include the Council's proportionate share of the revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities of incorporated joint ventures as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2001, 2000. Rows include Assets (Current assets, Capital assets), Liabilities and equity (Accounts payable, Due to shareholder, Long-term debt, Equity and advances), Sales, Expenses (Cost of sales, Selling, general and administrative, Other), Loss before income taxes, Cash provided by (used in) (Operations, Financing, Investments), and Total increase (decrease) in cash.



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13. Trust assets and liabilities:

The Gwich'in Tribal Council administers the following trusts on behalf of the beneficiaries. Transactions of the trusts during the current year are summarized below. They have been excluded from the consolidated financial statements.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Opening balance, Contributions net of distributions, Net investment earnings, Closing balance. Rows include Gwich'in Trust for the year ended March 31, 2001, Gwich'in Harvesters Assistance Trust for the year ended December 31, 2000, and a summary row. A second table below shows Carrying value and Market value for 2001 and 2000 for Cash, Fixed term investments, and Common stocks.



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14. Supplementary cash flow information:

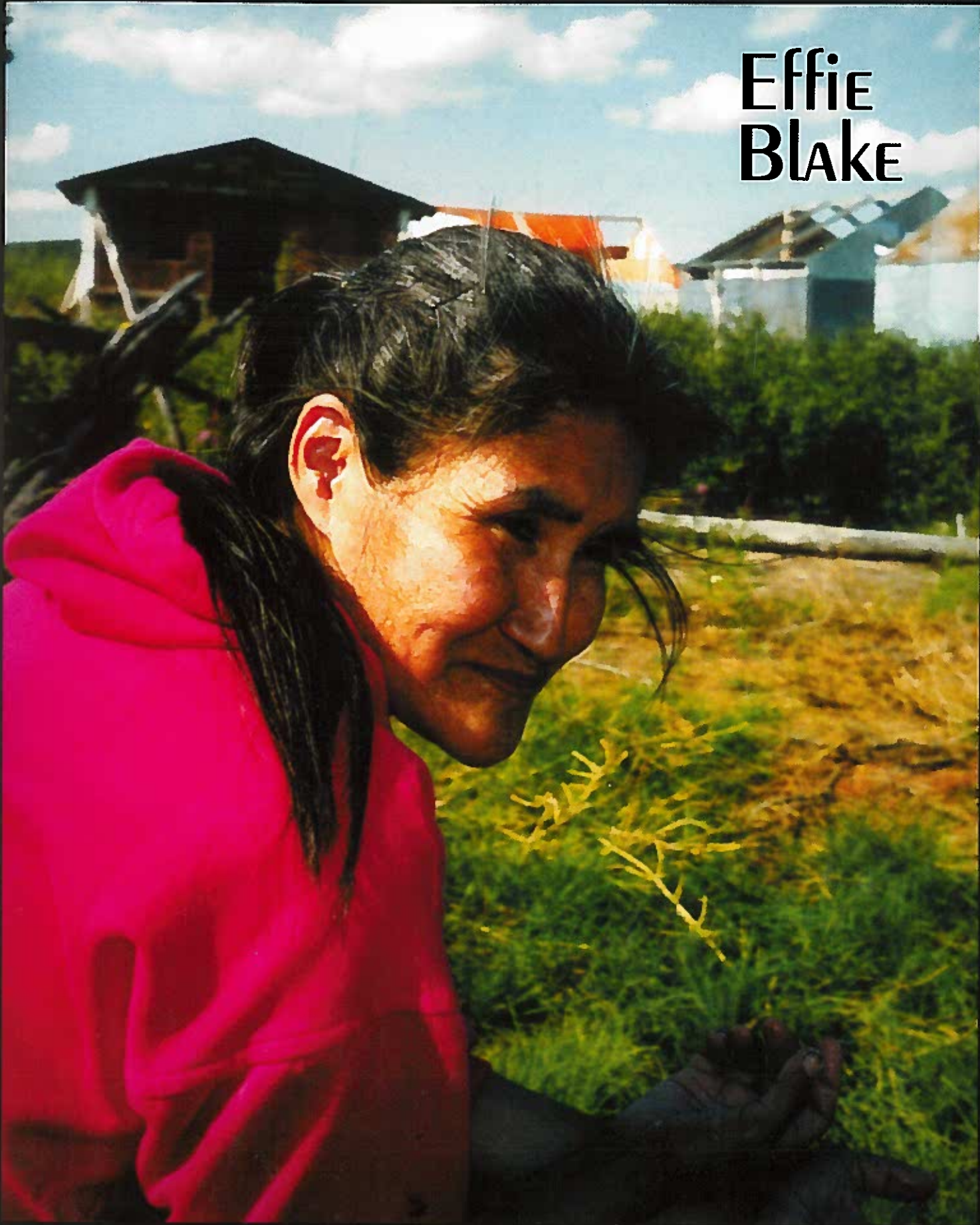
	2001	2000
Interest received	\$ 6,514,704	\$ 6,580,526
Interest paid	503,968	600,828
Income taxes recovered	19,691	—

15. Prior period adjustments:

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2000 have been restated to reflect adjustments required to capitalize expenditures incorrectly expensed in prior years. As a result of these adjustments:

Capital assets increased by	\$ 200,000
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenditures at April 1, 1999	
and March 31, 2000 increased by	200,000

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation.



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