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Gwich'in Tribal Council Announces NGC President Kelly McLeod as Interim Deputy Grand Chief

INUVIK (October 12, 2021) - The Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) is announcing that on November 1, President Kelly McLeod of the Nihtat Gwich'in Council will assume the role of Interim Deputy Grand Chief. This decision was confirmed by the GTC Board of Directors at its recent meeting in Aklavik in late September. This interim appointment fills the position vacated by the late Deputy Grand Chief Kristine McLeod and will last until the re-scheduled 2021 Annual General Assembly, to be held in Inuvik on February 8-10, 2022.

“Kelly and Kristine share the same values and thoughts about serving our Gwich'in Nation, and it was appropriate for our Board to appoint Nihtat President Kelly McLeod as the Interim Deputy Grand Chief” says GTC Grand Chief Ken Kyikavichik. “I know that Kelly clearly understands his sister’s vision and what she had planned to accomplish. We are in very good hands until a longer-term decision can be made on the position at our Annual General Assembly in February”.

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