



December 16, 2021

Gwich'in Participants

**Re: Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) Board of Directors Meeting – December 14 to 16**

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On December 14 to 16, 2021, the GTC Board of Directors held their regular meeting in Inuvik. At this meeting, the following directives were provided by the Board:

- Increase the bereavement assistance program from \$1000 to \$2500.
- Amend the prescribed billet rate to \$100 per night for private accommodations.
- Advise the Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board (GRRB) to revisit By-laws or policies to allow for Participants who are not resident in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA) to serve in the GRRB Chair position.

Updates were also provided by the GTC Grand Chief, Interim Deputy Grand Chief and Staff on:

- The current COVID-19 situation in the Northwest Territories.
- Gwich'in Government – Grand Chief and Lead Negotiator Ken Kyikavichik provided an update and confirmed the intention of presenting a revised Agreement-in-Principle for review by the upcoming Annual General Assembly on February 8-10, 2022 in Inuvik.
- NWT Leaders Meetings – Grand Chief Kyikavichik provided an update on recent meetings with other Indigenous Leaders and the NWT Premier and Cabinet in November.
- Gwich'in Settlement Corporation (GSC) – Interim Deputy Grand Chief Kelly McLeod provided a report with continued growth in the GSC investment portfolio over the past year with the total value of investments at approximately \$126.4 million as of Nov 30, 2021 and a total portfolio of \$145 million.
- Gwich'in Development Corporation (GDC) – Interim CEO Roy Erasmus Jr. provided an update on recent activities including with the Inuvialuit Development Corporation and the Delta North Alliance, GDC Civil Construction, Larga Ltd. and outlined potential future opportunities in the GSA.
- Presentation and welcome remarks provided to the GTC Board of Directors from newly elected Dene National Chief Gerald Antoine.
- Acknowledgement of years of service (5 years) for Chief Financial Officer, Steve Larkin, who will also be departing the GTC in January 2022.

The next meeting for the GTC Board of Directors is scheduled for March 1-3, 2022 in Tsiigehtchic.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ken Kyikavichik', written in a cursive style.

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Grand Chief

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