



July 2, 2021

Gwich'in Participants

**Re: Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) Board of Directors Meeting – June 28/29**

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On June 28 & 29, 2021, the GTC Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting in Teetl'it Zheh (Fort McPherson). At this meeting, the following key items were discussed:

- Update on the COVID-19 ongoing response and related services provided by GTC.
- An overview was provided by the GTC Executive on their attendance at the inaugural NWT Council of Leaders Meeting in Yellowknife on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Key issues for discussion included Housing, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and Mental Health and Wellness.
- Updates were provided by the GTC Executive and Staff on the:
  - Dempster Highway Fibre Project and recent meeting by Grand Chief Kyikavichik and Yukon Minister of Highways and Public Works Nils Clarke;
  - Gwich'in Government – Grand Chief and Lead Negotiator Ken Kyikavichik provided an update of the recent Main Table Session in Yellowknife on June 16 & 17. Work continues with Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories on a revised Agreement-in-Principle for review by the upcoming Annual General Assembly (AGA);
  - Gwich'in Settlement Corporation (GSC) – Deputy Grand Chief McLeod and GSC Chair Kelly McLeod shared the considerable growth in the GSC investment portfolio over the past year with the total value now at approximately \$125 million.
  - Gwich'in Development Corporation (GDC) – Grand Chief and Chair of GDC Ken Kyikavichik provided an update on activities with the Delta North Alliance and pursuit of other business opportunities in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA). GDC will be seeking a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in the coming weeks with the competition being coordinated by Boyden who is an Executive Search Firm.
- Session with MLA Frederick 'Sonny' Blake:
  - Concerns brought forward by the GTC Board of Directors included: support for social workers in the communities; GNWT support for local or regional treatment centres; and, the need for increases in youth and sports funding in the region.
  - Economic Opportunities in the GSA.
- Audited financial statements (Consolidated and Non-Consolidated) were presented for the Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Gwich'in Children's Trust, and the Harvesters Trust by the audit firm (KPMG). All three sets of statements were approved by the Board of

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- Directors under carried motions. In addition, a resolution to mandate the inclusion of the Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses of the GTC Executive and Board in the Annual Report was carried and will be effective the 2021 Annual Report.
- The Board approved draft KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) for performance reviews for the GTC Executive.
  - Discussion occurred on required planning for the upcoming AGA in Teetl'it Zheh on August 17-19.

The next scheduled meeting for the GTC Board of Directors is scheduled for September 21-23, 2021 in Tsiigehtchic.

Regards,

Ken Kyikavichik  
Grand Chief

Kristine McLeod  
Deputy Grand Chief