



Board Meeting Summary

Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) Board of Directors Meeting – March 1 to 2, 2022

Vanh Gwiinzii Gwich'in Participants:

To ensure ongoing, timely communication with the Gwich'in Nation, it is my pleasure to provide the following Board Summary regarding the GTC Board of Directors meeting in Inuvik on March 1 & 2, 2022. The meeting was originally scheduled to occur in Tsiigehtchic however due to the community lockdown was required to be relocated to Inuvik.

At this meeting, the following directives were provided by the Board:

- Accept the nomination of Abe Wilson and Grace Martin from the Tetlit Gwich'in Council to the GTC Board of Directors. Other Directors include Barry Greenland and Chris Smith from the Nihtat Gwich'in Council, Michael Greenland and Danny Greenland from the Ehdiiat Gwich'in Council and Mavis Clark and Angela Koe from the Gwichya Gwich'in Council.
- A new Code of Conduct for the Gwich'in Tribal Council. This policy document applies to all staff members and can be adopted by the Gwich'in Councils.
- Director Code of Conduct with each Board member acknowledging and signing the document.
- Approval to hire a Coordinator and begin planning for the 30th Anniversary of the *Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA)* to be held in Fort McPherson on Friday, April 22, 2022.
- Approval of \$5,000 to support graduation fundraising activities for the four communities in May/June 2022 (\$1,250 per community school).

Presentations

The following presentations were delivered by GTC staff to the Board:

- Senior Implementation Officer (Diane Baxter) – a presentation on progress towards implementation of the GCLCA.
- Chief Operating Officer (Sharla Greenland) – Gwich'in Wellness Camp update and preparations for upcoming AGA on Mar. 29-31, 2022. Upon the wrap-up of the meeting on March 2, some of the Directors toured the Wellness Camp facility just south of Inuvik.



- Manager of Health and Wellness (Susan Keats) – presentation on the various health and wellness programs undertaken by the GTC.

Executive Updates

Grand Chief Ken Kyikavichik and Interim Deputy Grand Chief Kelly McLeod advised the Board on the following:

- The current COVID-19 situation in the Northwest Territories. There are currently 95 cases in the Beaufort-Delta and there have been 19 deaths in the Northwest Territories as a result of the pandemic.
- Gwich'in Government – reviewed the Agreement-in-Principle which will be presented to the upcoming 2021 Annual General Assembly on March 29-31, 2022 in Inuvik.
- Community Proposal Writer – The Board discussed the idea of hiring a proposal writer to represent all four Gwich'in communities. There is a need for regional support for the Gwich'in Councils to access Federal and Territorial dollars for programming.

Next GTC Board Meeting

The next meeting for the GTC Board of Directors is scheduled for **June 22-23, 2022** in Teetł'it Zheh.

Should there be any questions or concerns regarding the March 2022 GTC Board Meeting, please feel free to contact our new Chief Executive Officer, Tom Weegar, via email at tom.weegar@gwichintribal.ca or by phone at (867) 777-7927.

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Ken Kyikavichik
Grand Chief