



Board Meeting Summary

Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) Board of Directors Meeting in Inuvik
February 21 – 22, 2024

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I am pleased to provide the following Board Summary regarding the GTC Board of Directors (the 'Board') meeting on February 21 & 22, 2024 in Inuvik. In attendance was Grand Chief Ken Kyikavichik, Nihtat President Kelly McLeod (Vice Chair), Ehdiitat President Michael Greenland, Director Danny Greenland (Ehdiitat), Director Chris Smith (Nihtat) and Director Grace Martin (Tetlit).

The following items were presented, discussed and/or voted on by the Board:

- Approval of the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year budget of \$48.9 million. Major increase is due to forecasted housing and infrastructure expenditures of over \$18 million.
- An update regarding the Tetlit Gwich'in Council (TGC). TGC funding has been re-instated following the resignation of Abe Wilson. In accordance with the TGC By-Laws, confirmation of a Special Assembly is required to fill the vacated TGC President position and at least one vacated Director position.
- An update regarding the Gwichya Gwich'in Council (GGC). A decision from the Supreme Court of the NWT is pending regarding the ongoing litigation on the validity of GGC's election in the Spring of 2023. Participants John Norbert and Brandon Stewart have been appointed by the Board as interim Directors until a decision can be made regarding the authority of the GGC and its adherence to the GGC's By-Laws.
- Approval of the allocation of \$1.85 million from the community allocation for Teet'it Zheh from the GCLCA Negotiations Loan Repayment to assist with the outstanding lease and term loans for the Rat River Development Corporation (RRDC) and West Delta Properties. This will enable the RRDC to resume making regular payments on the loan from their leasehold revenues from the Government of the NWT for an office building in Teet'it Zheh that was constructed in 2020-2021.
- Approval of the amalgamation of 6354 NWT Limited and/or Mackenzie Valley Construction Ltd. with the Gwich'in Development Corporation for corporate planning purposes.
- An update on the Forensic Audit by Deloitte which confirmed an amended report was provided to the RCMP in January. The auditors also noted difficulties in acquiring required information from the staff at the GGC and TGC which is impacting finalization and confirmation of findings.
- Reviewed a Dispute Notice received from the GGC on February 16, 2024 regarding the



2023 Annual General Assembly and the requirements under the GGC and GTC By-Laws in the context of Gwich'in Values.

- Confirmation of a plan to fill upcoming term expiries for GTC representation in 2024 on the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board and the Gwich'in Land & Water Board.
- Appointed the GTC Director, Nation Building and Self-Determination (Sharla Greenland) to the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Council International for an indefinite period.
- Approval of an updated Donations Policy.
- Approval of the Board meeting schedule until February 2025.

Presentations

- An update was provided by Devlin Fernandes, Executive Director for the Gwich'in Council International (GCI), on the past, current and future activities of the GCI.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular GTC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **April 10 & 11, 2024** in Inuvik to discuss the upcoming General Election for the Grand Chief position.

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Angela Tripathy
Chief Executive Officer