



## **Intergovernmental Meeting between Délıne Got'ıne Government and Government of the Northwest Territories**

**VIRTUAL (February 9, 2022)** – Premier Caroline Cochrane, Minister Diane Archie, Minister R.J. Simpson, Minister Julie Green, Minister Paulie Chinna, Minister Caroline Wawzonek, and Minister Shane Thompson met virtually with the Délıne Got'ıne Government ʔekw'ahtıdó Leeroy Andre, ʔekw'ahtı Leonard Kenny, K'aowədó Danny Bayha, K'aowədó Tommy Betsidea, K'aowədó Gina Dolphus, and K'aowədó Walter Bezha, the Elders lead from the Délıne ʔohda K'áowə Kə on Monday, February 7, 2022. This was their second bilateral meeting under the intergovernmental memorandum of understanding.

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- continuing to share information and working together to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and transitioning from pandemic to endemic response;
- working together on initiatives designed to improve educational outcomes in the community;
- advancing housing priorities by working together on the community housing plan and at the NWT Council of Leaders Officials' Housing Working Group;
- continuing to explore options to ensure safe and continued winter road access to Délıne; and
- supporting work towards designating the Great Bear Lake Watershed (Tsá Tué) as an Indigenous Protected Conservation Area by the Délıne Got'ıne Government.

This was the second meeting of the two governments and continues to build on the strong relationship by collaborating and addressing key issues impacting Délıne residents.

## **Quick Facts**

- The Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the D  l  n   Got  l  n   Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- The agreement commits both governments to meet at least once per year.
- The Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding between the D  l  n   Got  l  n   Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories was signed in June 2019 for a four-year term.

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