



## **Intergovernmental Meeting between Sahtu Secretariat Inc. and the Government of the Northwest Territories**

**YELLOWKNIFE, NT (April 26, 2023)** – Premier Caroline Cochrane, Minister Diane Archie, Minister R.J. Simpson, Minister Shane Thompson, Minister Caroline Wawzonek, and Minister Paulie Chinna met with Chair Charles McNeely, Vice-Chair Edwin Erutse (Yamoga Land Corporation), President Sherry Hodgson (Norman Wells Land Corporation), President David Menacho (Tulita Land Corporation), Director Joseph Kochon (Ayoni Keh Land Corporation), Director Robert Overvold (Fort Good Hope Métis Land Corporation), President Lindsay Norwegian (Fort Norman Métis Community), and ʔek'wahtı́dǎ Danny Gaudet (Délı́nǎ Got'ı́nǎ Government). Government of Northwest Territories hosted the in-person meeting in Yellowknife on April 26, 2023.

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- Education Initiatives with a focus on improving student outcomes;
- Mackenzie Valley Highway project;
- Public Health issues including the impact of illegal drugs on the communities and how to work together to address this issue; and
- Non-Insured Health Benefits – Medical travel.

### **Quick Facts**

- Strengthening relationships with Indigenous governments is a priority of the 19th Legislative Assembly.
- The Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the SSI and the GNWT.
- The agreement commits the governments to meet once per year.
- The agreement was first signed in June 2015 for a five-year period and was renewed in January 2021 for another five-year term.

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