



Intergovernmental Meeting between Gwich'in Tribal Council and Government of the Northwest Territories

INUVIK, NT (June 7, 2023) – Premier Caroline Cochrane, Minister Diane Archie, Minister R.J. Simpson, Minister Caroline Wawzonek, Minister Paulie Chinna and Minister Julie Green met with the Gwich'in Tribal Council Grand Chief Ken Kyikavichik, Nihtat Gwich'in Council President Kelly McLeod, Director Grace Martin; Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council President Michael Greenland; Elder Annie Jane Charlie, and Youth Delegate Aiden Kunnizzi. The meeting was held in-person in Inuvik on June 7, 2023.

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- working to address the health needs and the communication of current public health issues in the Gwich'in Settlement Area;
- ways to address Mental Health and Addiction issues in the Gwich'in Settlement Area, including the utilization of the Gwich'in Wellness Camp;
- housing needs, including working towards the finalization of a Collaboration Agreement with Housing NWT;
- Economic issues, including the finalization of an Economic Cooperation Agreement and continued support for the Inuvik High Point Wind Project and the Inuvik Airport Project; and
- advancing the Gwich'in Government negotiations.

Quick Facts

- The Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- The agreement commits both governments to meet once per year.
- The *Gwich'in Tribal Council/GNWT Umbrella Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Intergovernmental Cooperation and Coordination* was initially signed in October 2012 and renewed in May 2017 and renewed again in April 2022.

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