

## **Health in the Northwest Territories: Trilateral Meeting Held in Yellowknife**

**Yellowknife (February 13, 2024)** – Indigenous leaders, Executive Council of the Northwest Territories, the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health Canada and the Honourable Patti Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada met in Yellowknife today.

The trilateral meeting was a commitment of the Government of Canada related to “Working together to improve health care in Canada” and is part of ongoing commitment amongst governments that serve the Northwest Territories, and in particular Indigenous populations, to collaborate further.

Leaders discussed territory-wide health issues that are of interest to all governments and work to be advanced towards solutions, including implementation of the new bilateral agreements and ongoing negotiations around Non-Insured Health Benefits, particularly medical travel.

Leaders attending the meeting included:

- Grand Chief Ken Kyikavichik, Gwich'in Tribal Council (virtual)
- Grand Chief Herb Norwegian, Dehcho First Nations
- Grand Chief Jackson Lafferty, Tłıchǫ Government
- Chief Clifford Daniels, Tłıchǫ Government (virtual)
- Chief Alfonz Nitsiza, Tłıchǫ Government
- Chief Doreen Arrowmaker, Tłıchǫ Government (virtual)
- Chief Adeline Football, Tłıchǫ Government
- Chief Eugene Hope, Acho Dene Koe First Nation
- Chair Charles McNeely, Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated
- Ȥekw'ahtı́dǫ Danny Gaudet, Délı́nę Got'ı́nę Government (virtual)
- President Marc Whitford, North Slave Métis Alliance
- Chief April Martel, Kátł'odeeche First Nation
- Chief Steve Vital, Nahanni Butte Dene Band
- Acting Chief Brad Laviolette, Salt River First Nation
- Councillor Kendra Schaefer, Salt River First Nation
- Vice President Paul Harrington, Northwest Territory Métis Nation
- Premier R.J. Simpson, Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs and Minister of Justice, GNWT
- Minister Caroline Wawzonek, Deputy Premier; Minister of Finance; Minister of Infrastructure; Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation, GNWT
- Minister Caitlin Cleveland, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment; Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, GNWT

- Minister Lucy Kuptana, Minister Responsible for Housing NWT; Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, GNWT
- Minister Jay MacDonald, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Minister Vince McKay, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs; Minister Responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission; Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board, GNWT
- Minister Lesa Semmler, Minister of Health and Social Services, GNWT
- Minister Mark Holland, Health Canada
- Minister Patty Hajdu, Indigenous Services of Canada

Delegates also attended from the following governments:

- Evelyn Storr, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

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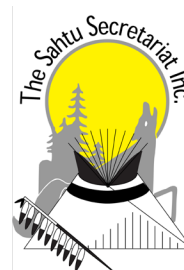
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