



## **Intergovernmental Meeting between Kátł'odeeche First Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories**

**Yellowknife (February 19, 2021)** – Premier Caroline Cochrane, Minister Diane Archie, Minister R.J. Simpson, Minister Shane Thompson, Minister Caroline Wawzonek and Minister Julie Green met Chief April Martel and Councillors Peter Sabourin and Joyce Studney of the Kátł'odeeche First Nation (KFN) virtually on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- sharing information and working together on the COVID 19 response and vaccine rollout to keep NWT residents safe;
- advancing the KFN Treaty Land Entitlement land shortfall negotiation;
- finalizing the transfer of the Dene Wellness Centre to KFN;
- the federal *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families*; and
- engagement around modernization of the *Education Act*.

The Kátł'odeeche First Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories renewed their intergovernmental memorandum of understanding for another four-year term, confirming their commitment to work together to continue to build a strong government-to-government relationship.

## **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 Kátł'odeeche First Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- The agreement was first signed in September 2016 for a four-year term and was renewed in February 2021 for another four-year term.
- The agreement commits both governments to meet at least once per year.

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