



WORKING TOGETHER

INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM

OF

UNDERSTANDING

between the

TŁIČHǪ GOVERNMENT

and

GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

December 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. On August 4, 2005, the *Tłıchǰ Agreement* came into effect and the Tłıchǰ Government was established, complete with lawmaking powers associated with areas of jurisdiction. The *Tłıchǰ Agreement* has the force of law.
- 1.2. The *Tłıchǰ Agreement* provides for the creation of a number of intergovernmental agreements and bodies, including the Tłıchǰ Intergovernmental Services Agreement, Tłıchǰ Community Services Agency, Tłıchǰ Implementation Plan, and the Tłıchǰ Implementation Committee, to ensure the effective implementation of the Tłıchǰ Agreement and the coordination of the activities of governments.
- 1.3. The Tłıchǰ Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) acknowledge their unique and evolving government-to-government relationship and agree to work with one another on the basis of mutual respect, recognition, and responsibility. Both governments now wish to continue their formalized government-to-government relationship through a renewed Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed previously in June 2012 and October 2014.
- 1.4. The Memorandum of Understanding will be known as the Tłıchǰ Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding.

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1. The Tłıchǰ Government and the GNWT recognize and respect the diversity of cultures, history, and traditions among the people of the Northwest Territories and respect that different governments may have unique political and policy priorities.
- 2.2. The Tłıchǰ Government and the GNWT welcome the opportunity to continue to deepen their understanding of each other's views and

commit to working together to make progress and achieve outcomes on matters of mutual interest.

- 2.3. The Tłıchǵ Government and the GNWT agree to work together to achieve a respectful, strong, and meaningful government-to-government relationship, with effective communication and information sharing.
- 2.4. The Tłıchǵ Government and the GNWT recognize that, in addition to the intergovernmental agreements and bodies identified in the *Tłıchǵ Agreement*, additional bilateral arrangements and agreements may be appropriate in order to facilitate cooperation between their respective governments.
- 2.5. The Tłıchǵ Government and the GNWT commit to constructive collaboration, in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, knowing that cooperation will help to maximize the benefits for the people served by each respective government.
- 2.6. The Tłıchǵ Government and the GNWT recognize that there may be different perspectives on various issues and that agreement may not always be achievable on all issues.

3. AREAS OF COOPERATION

- 3.1. The purpose of the Tłıchǵ Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding is to enhance the relationship between the Tłıchǵ Government and the GNWT and provide a framework within which the two governments can work together.
- 3.2. Areas of cooperation and discussion will include, but not be limited to:
 - Housing
 - Caribou management
 - Regional and community infrastructure needs
 - Community government issues
 - Areas of duplication, overlap, potential harmonization and

- compatibility within their respective areas of jurisdiction
- Status and progress of implementation obligations under the *Tłıchǫ Agreement*
- Any other areas of mutual interest identified by the Tłıchǫ Government and the GNWT.

4. MEETINGS

4.1. Meetings of Elected Leaders

- 4.1.1. There shall be two meetings a year between the Tłıchǫ Government Chiefs Executive Council and the GNWT Executive Council.
- 4.1.2. Meetings will rotate between the Tłıchǫ Government and the GNWT hosting.
- 4.1.3. In advance of the meeting, the Tłıchǫ Government and the GNWT will reach agreement on an agenda that has been jointly developed by senior officials from both governments. Where applicable, briefing materials, reports, or other documents may be shared between governments.
- 4.1.4. Prior to the end of each meeting, the Tłıchǫ Government and the GNWT will agree upon a joint summary of commitments and a joint communique.

4.2. Meetings of Senior Officials

- 4.2.1. Senior officials from the Tłıchǫ Government and the GNWT shall work together to plan and prepare for meetings of the elected leaders, including developing a joint agenda and shared lead notes and briefing materials, where applicable, and developing a joint summary of commitments and joint communique.

4.2.2. Senior officials from the Tłıchq Government and the GNWT shall develop and maintain a matrix of commitments and, when necessary, develop a workplan, to ensure that meeting commitments are followed up on.

4.2.3. Senior officials will meet quarterly to review the commitment matrix and work plans in support of the meetings to ensure that meeting commitments are followed up on.

4.2.4. As appropriate, senior officials from the Tłıchq Government shall be invited to the GNWT Deputy Ministers' Committee and the North Slave Regional Management Committee meetings.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

5.1. The Tłıchq Government and the GNWT agree to share information with respect to matters of mutual concern in an open and timely manner. The Tłıchq Government and the GNWT will adhere to protocols for effective communication between governments.

5.2. Protocols include each government notifying the other of upcoming activities, regional visits and/or emergent issues of concern. More specifically, the GNWT shall advise the Tłıchq Government Grand Chief, the appropriate Tłıchq Community Chief(s), and the Tłıchq Executive Officer when Ministers are intending to visit Tłıchq communities.

5.3. The protocol for formal correspondence between elected leaders includes, but is not limited to:

5.3.1. GNWT correspondence addressed to the Tłıchq Government Grand Chief or the Tłıchq Community Government Chief(s) shall be copied to the:

- Premier of the Northwest Territories
- Principal Secretary
- Secretary to Cabinet

- Tłıchǫ Executive Officer
- Deputy Secretary, Indigenous and Intergovernmental Affairs, Executive and Indigenous Affairs

5.3.2. Tłıchǫ Government correspondence addressed to the Premier of the Northwest Territories shall copied to the:

- Principal Secretary
- Secretary to Cabinet
- Deputy Secretary, Indigenous and Intergovernmental Affairs, Executive and Indigenous Affairs

5.3.3. Tłıchǫ Government correspondence addressed to Ministers of the GNWT shall copied to the:

- Premier of the Northwest Territories
- Principal Secretary
- Secretary to Cabinet
- Deputy Secretary, Indigenous and Intergovernmental Affairs, Executive and Indigenous Affairs

5.4. Without altering protocols set out in the foregoing provisions, to facilitate the effective and efficient ongoing exchange of information for specific operational processes, the elected leaders may be asked to identify a senior official properly mandated and authorized to coordinate on behalf of their respective government, if it is other than the elected leader.

5.4.1. Formal correspondence addressed to a properly mandated and authorized senior officials shall be copied to:

- Grand Chief of the Tłıchǫ Government
- Premier of the Northwest Territories
- Principal Secretary
- Secretary to Cabinet
- Tłıchǫ Executive Officer
- Deputy Secretary, Indigenous and Intergovernmental Relations, Executive and Indigenous Affairs

5.5. GNWT correspondence addressed to the Tłıchq Community Governments shall be copied to the Tłıchq Executive Officer.

6. JOINT COMMUNICATIONS

6.1. The Tłıchq Government and the GNWT recognize the importance of issuing joint letters, press releases, statements, or other communications on matters of mutual interest and concern (“Joint Communications”).

6.2. Joint Communications include, but are not limited to, any communication, document or materials bearing the logos of, or using the letterheads of, both the Tłıchq Government and the GNWT.

6.3. The Tłıchq Government and the GNWT recognize the importance of ensuring that any Joint Communications have been duly reviewed and approved by both senior officials and elected officials of their respective governments prior to release or publication of the Joint Communication.

6.4. Any request by either the Tłıchq Government or the GNWT for the issuance of any Joint Communication, including the use of the other government’s logo or letterhead on any materials whatsoever, shall be made at least 48 hours in advance, in writing, to the Tłıchq Executive Officer on behalf of the Tłıchq Government and to the Principal Secretary on behalf of the GNWT.

6.5. The agreement of Tłıchq Government and the GNWT to the issuance of any Joint Communications shall be given in writing by the Tłıchq Executive Officer on behalf of the Tłıchq Government and by Principal Secretary on behalf of the GNWT.

6.6. No Joint Communications shall be issued that have not followed, and been duly approved, pursuant to the above protocol.

7. EFFECT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 7.1. Nothing in this Tłıchq Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding creates legal obligations.
- 7.2. Nothing in this Tłıchq Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding shall constrain the respective governments from exercising their powers and responsibilities, nor impose any financial obligation.
- 7.3. Nothing in this Tłıchq Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding prevents the Tłıchq Government and the GNWT from participating in other intergovernmental processes or agreements.

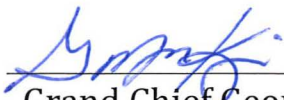
8. TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 8.1. The Tłıchq Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding shall be in effect for a period of four years from the date of signing.
- 8.2. The Tłıchq Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding may be periodically reviewed and, upon written consent, may be renewed for a further term as agreed to by both governments.
- 8.3. This Tłıchq Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding may be reviewed and amended upon written notice being given to the other government at least 60 days in advance with the mutual agreement of both governments.
- 8.4. This Tłıchq Government / GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either government upon written notice to the other government at least 60 days in advance of the termination date.

SIGNATORIES

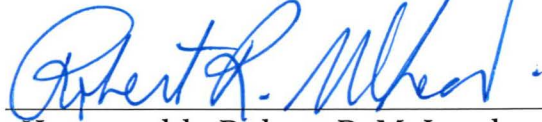
The Tłıchǵ Government / Government of the Northwest Territories Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding is renewed by the Tłıchǵ Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories on this 13th day of December 2018.

FOR THE TŁIČHǴ GOVERNMENT



Grand Chief George Mackenzie

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



Honourable Robert R. McLeod
Premier of the Northwest
Territories