

Gwich'in Self-Government Negotiations
Amending Agreement to the Process and Schedule Agreement

Among

The Ehdiitat Gwich'in, Tetl'it Gwich'in, and Gwichya Gwich'in as represented by the
Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council, the Tetl'it Gwich'in Council and
the Gwichya Gwich'in Council
("Regional Gwich'in Collaborative")

And

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Department of Crown
Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
("Canada")

And

The Government of the Northwest Territories, as represented by the Department of the
Executive and Indigenous Affairs
("GNWT")

(hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party")

Whereas Chapter 5 of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement ("GCLCA") provides for negotiations of self-government agreements and that self-government can be exercised as close to the community level as is reasonably possible;

Whereas the Process and Schedule Agreement for Gwich'in Self-Government Negotiations ("Process and Schedule Agreement") was entered into on July 20, 2007;

Whereas the 2018 Gwich'in Special Assembly resolved that the Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council, Tetl'it Gwich'in Council and Gwichya Gwich'in Council would continue negotiating self-government with the Gwich'in Tribal Council, using a collaborative, community-based approach (Annex A);

Whereas the 2018 Gwich'in Special Assembly acknowledged the Nihtat Gwich'in's decision to pursue their own community self-government process (Annex A);

Whereas on June 10, 2019 the Nihtat Gwich'in Council agreed in writing to withdraw as a party to the Process and Schedule Agreement (Annex B); and

Whereas section 11 of the Process and Schedule Agreement provides that the agreement may be amended in writing by agreement of the Chief Negotiators;

Now Therefore, the Parties agree to amend the Process and Schedule Agreement as follows:

1. All references to "Memorandum of Understanding" are deleted and replaced with "Agreement-in-Principle".

2. Section 1 is amended through the addition of the following:

1.2 Canada, the GNWT, and the Regional Gwich'in Collaborative, will enter into self-government negotiations, to exercise self-government at the community level and regional level, based on the collaborative, community-based approach.

3. Section 3 is amended as follows:

3.1 The Parties to the Agreement-in-Principle and the Final Agreement shall be:

- a) The Ehdiiat Gwich'in, Tet'it Gwich'in, and Gwichya Gwich'in as represented by the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Ehdiiat Gwich'in Council, the Tet'it Gwich'in Council and the Gwichya Gwich'in Council Designated Gwich'in Organizations ("Regional Gwich'in Collaborative");
- b) Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Department of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada ("Canada"); and The Government of the Northwest Territories, as represented by the Department of the Executive and Indigenous Affairs ("GNWT").

4. Section 6.2 is amended as follows:

6.2 The Parties may use the June 15, 2017 rolling draft Agreement-in-Principle to assist in negotiations.


5. Section 6.3 is added as follows:

6.3 The Parties may use a phased approach to self-government negotiations.


6. The Parties agree that all other provisions of the Process and Schedule Agreement remain in force and continue to apply.

7. This Amending Agreement may be executed in counterpart and exchanged by electronic means of transmission.

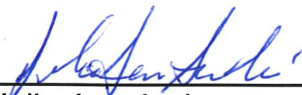
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