



Intergovernmental Meeting between Sahtu Secretariat Inc. and the Government of the Northwest Territories

NORMAN WELLS, NT (April 28, 2022) – Premier Caroline Cochrane, Minister Diane Archie, Minister R.J. Simpson, Minister Shane Thompson, Minister Caroline Wawzonek, Minister Paulie Chinna and Minister Julie Green met with Chair Charles McNeely, Vice-Chair and Director Joseph Kochon; (Ayoní Keh Land Corporation), President Sherry Hodgson (Norman Wells Land Corporation), Director Dawn Widow (Tulita Land Corporation), President Edwin Erutse (Yamoga Land Corporation), Chief Tommy Kakfwi (Fort Good Hope Dene Band), Director Robert Overvold (Fort Good Hope Métis Land Corporation); President Lindsay Norwegian (Fort Norman Métis Community), and Director Gina Dolphus (Délı́nē Got'ı́nē Government). Sahtu Secretariat Inc. hosted the in-person meeting in Norman Wells on April 26, 2022.



The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- opportunities for economic recovery and economic development in the Sahtu;
- sharing information on pathways to employment for Sahtu beneficiaries, and
- opportunities for employment and advancement within the GNWT for Indigenous residents of the NWT.

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 Sahtu Secretariat Inc. and the GNWT.
- The agreement commits the governments to meet once per year.
- The agreement was first signed in June 2015 for a five-year period and was renewed in January 2021 for another five-year term.

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