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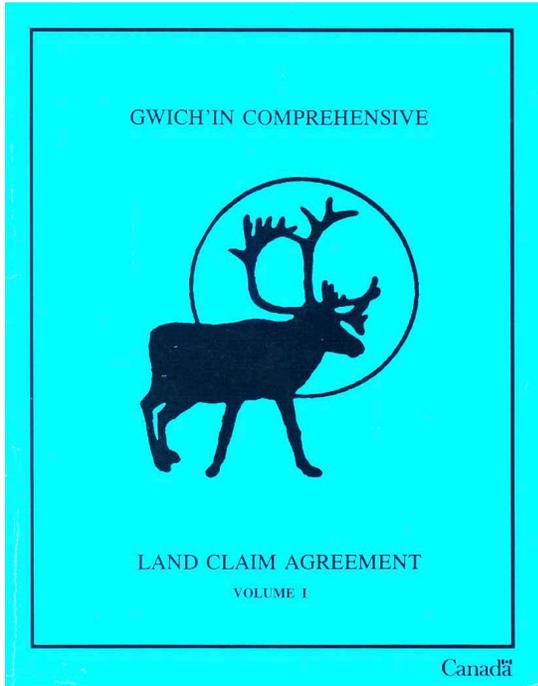
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT**

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
COMMITTEE ROOM A/ZOOM
10:30 A.M.**

AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
4. Public Matters
 - a) Northern Business Engagement Presentations
 - i. 10:30AM – Grand Chief Ken Kyikavichik, Gwich'in Tribal Council
5. In-Camera Matters
 - a) Statutory Review of the *Wildlife and Species at Risk Act*
 - i. *Draft Committee Report*
 - ii. *Stakeholder submission summary table*
 - iii. *Stakeholder submissions*
 - b) Confidential Correspondence
 - i. 2022-01-24 – Minister of ENR
 - ii. 2022-01-25 – Minister of ITI
 - iii. 2022-01-25 – Minister of Lands
 - iv. 2022-01-26 – Minister of INF
 - v. 2022-02-11 – Minister of ITI
 - c) Committee planning document
6. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday, March 3 at 10:30am

7. Adjournment



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Ken Kyikavichik, Grand Chief

February 24, 2022

Key Points

- **Lands and people are the greatest resources** for the Northwest Territories.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that as much as we try, **we cannot insulate ourselves from what is happening nationally and globally** both from a health and wellness point of view but also from an economic development perspective.
- We must **think outside of the box and collectively articulate a Vision** for the NWT.



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Emerging Stronger

Economy

- Indigenous Procurement Policy – does not supersede the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA)
- Negotiated Contracts Policy – in need of an update. There is no mention of 'Aboriginal' or 'Indigenous' other than:
 - *Nothing in this Policy should prejudice any present or future land claim, self-government or treaty land entitlement agreements.*
- GNWT Commercial Process and Strategies – reliance on the Executive Cabinet to make key decisions with respect to direct negotiations and work to uphold the commitments in our respective modern treaties.



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Health and Wellness of Residents

- We need to look after our people, particularly vulnerable populations (homeless and those with addictions). Efforts by the GTC to retrofit the Gwich'in Wellness Camp (15 kilometres south of Inuvik on the East Branch of the Nagwichoonyik/Mackenzie River).
- Improved liaison services for non-Yellowknife residents particularly those with an Indigenous language as a first language.
- Opportunities to formalize Intergovernmental Service Arrangements/Agreements with the Yukon for Health services.

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Education

- Dependence upon workforce of Early Childhood and K-12 Educational Supports.
- Student Financial Assistance (SFA) Program – review and update.

Workforce Development and 'Green' Technologies

- Early success with Delta North Alliance in Beaufort-Delta however early and quality Engineering and Technical work from the GNWT is insufficient.
- Need for development of Arctic and Permafrost construction expertise.
- Inuvik Wind Project

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Business Support

- Prioritize Tourism and Hospitality sectors. Seek and support 'big-box' and franchise placement in Yellowknife and regional centres.
- Expedited payment for Indigenous and local vendors - ≤ 14 days
- Expertise – EDOs in the communities
- Stand-alone Equity Investment Program for new business start-up and on-going support.

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Expand and Diversify the Economy

- Regulatory review – the NWT is not a place to invest for both small and large scale developers outside of real estate.
- Transportation, logistics, food, power and heat costs are the major barrier to future success. We must invest in our network to see any potential future growth.
- Hiring of full-time Harvester positions in our communities.
- What has worked in the past will not work into the future. We must find new ways.
- Gwich'in Government Agreement. Development of 'Gwich'in Lands' for Business Development.

Closing

- Update of Economic Measures MOU with a more-tangible document to meet the needs of the Gwich'in and follow the spirit and intent of Chapter 10 of the GCLCA.
- The BIP has had limited effectiveness in relation to our success and development for Gwich'in businesses. Our businesses have suffered and continue to suffer from the unequal playing ground that we find ourselves in.
- UNDRIP – Articles 3, 5, 20, 21, 23 and 32.
- We require inclusion in the decision-making process from start to finish. This is achieved through communication such as the sharing of plans and schedules for Government projects.
- Focus on development of our lands and people. Responding to what is happening around us by preparing our residents and coming up with new ways and approaches for the future success of the NWT.



*Gwich'in nan, nakhwek'yùu ts'àt gwitr'it
tthak nakhwidavee gwiheezàa eenjit*

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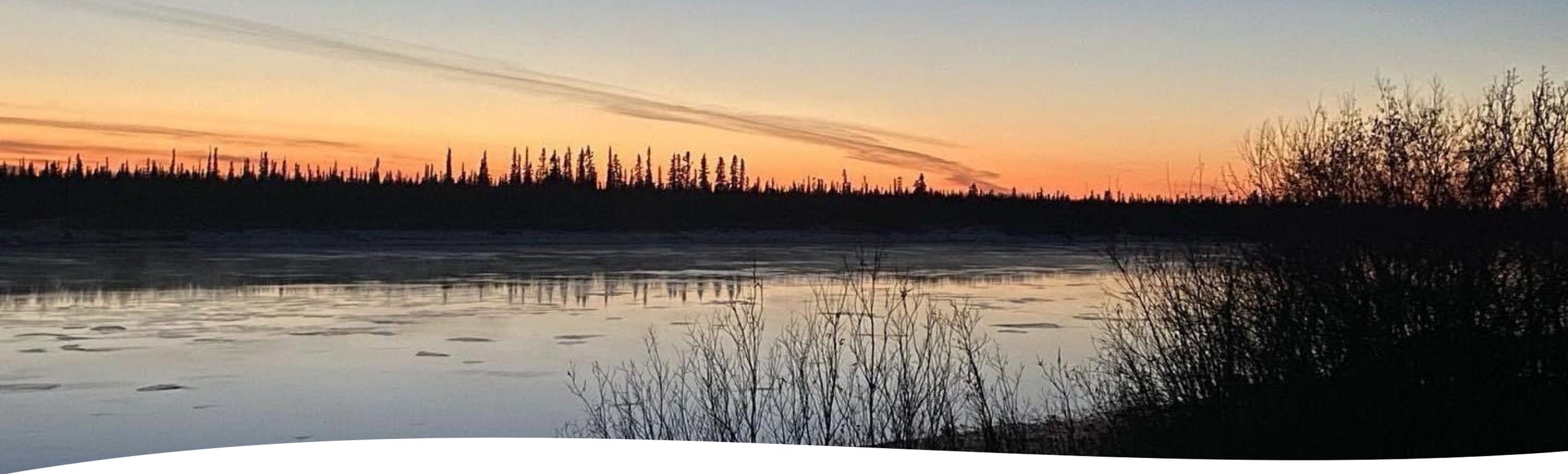
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Gwich'in Tribal Council

- Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) is the overarching organization that represents the Gwich'in Nation of the Northwest Territories; created in 1992 with the Land Claim
- The GTC's head office is located in the Jim Koe Building in Inuvik and they also maintain an office in the Charles Koe Building in Teetl'it Zeh.
- Designated Gwich'in Organizations (DGO's)/Gwich'in Councils are located in each Gwich'in community. The Gwich'in Councils each appoint two persons to the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors also includes the Grand Chief & Deputy Grand Chief, which are elected every four (4) years.
- The Leadership Team of the GTC consists of a Grand Chief, Deputy Grand Chief, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer.





Key Objectives

- Protect and preserve the rights, interest and benefits of the Gwich'in under the Treaty 11, the *Constitution Act* and the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA);
- Overseeing the use, ownership and management of lands, waters, and resources in the Gwich'in Settlement Region;
- Retain, preserve and enhance the traditional and cultural values, customs and language of the Gwich'in in a changing society;
- Develop and promote economic, social, educational and cultural programs that will enable the Gwich'in to become self-sufficient and full participating members in a global society; and,
- Receive, preserve and enhance the capital and the lands and other benefits transferred to the Gwich'in pursuant to the GCLCA which was signed on April 22, 1992 in Teetl'it Zheh (Fort McPherson, NT).



Governance

GTC is comprised of a number of institutional structures that were created as a result of the Land Claim.

Assemblies are the ultimate governing body of the GTC, setting objectives in accordance with the Land Claim.

GTC Board of Directors set the overall direction for management and operation of the Tribal Council.

GTC Executive are responsible for overall management and operation of the Tribal Council in accordance with: By-laws, Assembly Resolutions, the Land Claim, and direction from the GTC Board.

Land Claim Participants are represented through community-based Gwich'in Councils at both the Annual General Assembly and through representation on the GTC Board of Directors.

Mission, Vision and Values

- Wholly owned business arm of the Gwich'in Tribal Council
- **Mission:**
 - To create wealth by generating business through acquisitions, investments and partnerships
- **Vision:**
 - To generate sustainable long-term wealth for all Gwich'in participants and create economic opportunities that enrich the lives of people in the Gwich'in Settlement Area.
- **Values:**
 - Respect, Trust and Diligence



Existing Business Sectors

- **Essential Care & Hospitality**

Larga Ltd., Inuvik Capital Suites & Gwik'atr'inaati Ltd. (catering and facilities management)

- **Real Estate**

Zheh Gwizuh LP - Inuvik Commercial Properties

- **Construction**

GDC Civil Ltd., Delta North Alliance (50% partnership with IDC), DNA/EGTNW Joint Venture

- **Transportation & Logistics**

Gwich'in Helicopters Ltd.

- **Energy**

Aadrii Ltd.

- **Engineering & Tech Support**

Deetrin Geomatics Ltd.

- **Supply Chain**

Future Opportunities

