

DÉLİNEŦ GOT'İNEŦ GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT

JUNE 2016

The Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę Government enacts as follows:

Citation

1. This *Act* shall be cited as the *Government Organization Act*.

Application

2. This *Act* applies to the Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę Government, its Institutions, Public Officials and representatives.

Definitions

3. In this *Act*:

“?ekw’ahı̨ı̨de” means the leader of the Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę Government elected under applicable election laws, or the person appointed as Acting ?ekw’ahı̨ı̨de under this *Act*;

“?qhda” means Dene elders;

“Acting ?ekw’ahı̨ı̨de” means the person appointed as such under section 14 of this *Act*;

“Authority” means any power other than Jurisdiction;

“Beneficiary” means a person enrolled in the enrolment register pursuant to Chapter 4 of the SDMCLCA;

“Chief Executive Officer” (“CEO”) means the person appointed to that position under Part 2 of this *Act*;

“Chief Financial Officer” (“CFO”) means the person appointed to that position under subsection 7(2) of the Délı̨nę *Financial Administration Act*;

“Community of Délı̨nę” means the area described in Schedule B of the DFSGA;

“Councillor” means a councillor of the Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę Government elected in accordance with applicable election laws;

“Délı̨nę ?qhda K’áowə Kə” means the body of ?qhda described in section 3.4.1(c) of the DFSGA and Part 1, Division 3 of this *Act*;

“Délı̨nę District” means the lands set out in Schedule A of the DFSGA;

“Délı̨nę Final Self-Government Agreement” (“DFSGA”) means the Délı̨nę Final Self-Government Agreement negotiated between the DFN Band and the Délı̨nę Land Corporation, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada;

“Délı̨nę First Nation Band” (“DFN Band”) means the band recognized by Canada pursuant to the *Indian Act* (Canada) and bearing number 754;

“Dél̃nē Got’ínē ʔezadó” means the Constitution of the Dél̃nē First Nation, as amended from time to time;

“Dél̃nē Got’ínē Government” (“DGG”) means the Dél̃nē Got’ínē Government and its Institutions as outlined in the DFSGA and Part 1 of this *Act*;

“Dél̃nē K’aowadó Kə” (“DKK”) means the body described in section 3.4.1(b) of the DFSGA and established by Part 1, Division 2 of this *Act*;

“Dél̃nē Lénats’ehdā Dzené” means a meeting of the DFN Citizens and Residents of the Dél̃nē District referred to in section 3.9.1 of the DFSGA and Part 3 of this *Act*;

“Dene Gha Gok’ə réhkw’i” (“DGGR”) means the body comprised of DFN Citizens who are Beneficiaries established in accordance with section 3.2.9 of the DFSGA and Part 1, Division 5 of this *Act*;

“Dene K’ə Dats’eredi Kə” means the body described in Chapter 17 of the DFSGA and Part 1, Division 4 of this *Act*;

“Designated Sahtu Organization” (“DSO”) means a designated Sahtu organization pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 7 of the SDMCLCA;

“DFN Citizen” means a person who is a citizen pursuant to Chapter 5 of the DFSGA or pursuant to the *Citizenship Act*;

“Effective Date” means the date on which the DFSGA comes into force;

“Executive Committee” means the body described in section 3.4.2 of the DFSGA and Part 1, Division 6 of this *Act*;

“Institutions” means institutions created by the DGG pursuant to section 3.6.1(b) of the DFSGA;

“Jurisdiction” means the power to make laws;

“Parties” means parties to the DFSGA as of the Effective Date;

“Public Official” means any elected, appointed or designated representative of the DGG, the DGGR, and any employee;

“Registrar of Laws” means the person appointed by the DKK under Part 2 of this *Act*;

“Registry of Laws” means the registry of laws established in Part 4 of this *Act*;

“Residents” means residents of the Dél̃nē District;

“SDMCLCA” means the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement; and

“**Secretary**” means the person appointed by the DKK to record the minutes of Council meetings pursuant to Part 4 of this *Act*.

PART 1 – COMPONENTS OF DÉLİNE GOT’İNE GOVERNMENT

Structure of the Délıne Got’ıne Government

4. The Délıne Got’ıne Government shall be comprised of:

- (a) the ʔekw’ahtıde;
- (b) the Délıne K’aowadó Kə;
- (c) the Délıne ʔqhda K’áowə Kə; and
- (d) the Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə.

Jurisdiction of the Délıne Got’ıne Government

5. The DGG has Jurisdiction with respect to the administration, management and operation of the DGG, including:

- (1) the creation of elected and non-elected Institutions of the DGG acting on behalf of the DGG;
- (2) acting as a DSO in accordance with the SDMCLCA and the DFSGA;
- (3) the establishment of corporations and societies pursuant to federal or territorial law;
- (4) appointing the members of the Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə;
- (5) the exercise of Jurisdiction and Authorities as set out in the DFSGA;
- (6) providing for the privileges or immunities for the members of the DKK consistent with those applicable to the members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories;
- (7) limiting the personal liability of elected or appointed members, officials, employees and agents of the DGG and Institutions of the DGG, provided that the DGG retains liability for their acts or omissions pursuant to the doctrine of vicarious liability;
- (8) providing for the financial administration of the DGG; and
- (9) providing for privacy and access to information.

Location of Head Office

6. (1) The head office of the DGG shall be located in the Community of Délıne.

Accountability

7. (1) The DGG, its Institutions, Public Officials and representatives are accountable to DFN Citizens and to Residents of the Délıne District.
- (2) The DGG is accountable to all Beneficiaries in relation to matters arising from the management and administration of the SDMCLCA through the DGGR.
- (3) The DGG, its Institutions, Public Officials and representatives shall exercise all powers and authorities in a manner consistent with the Délıne Got'ıne ʔezadó and Délıne Law and shall:
- (a) act with respect and fairness and without discrimination or abuse;
 - (b) strive to consult with and to seek consensus of all DFN Citizens, particularly in relation to important community decisions;
 - (c) allow for and encourage the full and free expression and participation of all DFN Citizens [and Residents];
 - (d) protect the lands, waters and resources of the Délıne people, including the protection and enhancement of all living things; and
 - (e) give priority to teaching and educating DFN Citizens and to capacity building in the community of Délıne.

Official Languages

8. (1) The official languages of the DGG shall be North Slavey and English.
- (2) All persons have the right to communicate with and receive available services from the DGG and its Institutions in either North Slavey or English.

Application of Laws

9. (1) The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* applies to the DGG, its Institutions and DGG Law.
- (2) The *Statutory Instruments Act* (Canada) and the *Statutory Instruments Act* (GNWT) do not apply to DGG Law.
- (3) [The *Interpretation Act* (Canada) and the *Interpretation Act* (NWT) apply to the DGG, its Institutions and DGG Law.]

Legal Status

10. The DGG is a legal entity with the legal capacity of a natural person.

Delegation

11. (1) The DGG may delegate any of its Jurisdictions to another government, body or institution with the written agreement of the Parties.
- (2) The DGG may delegate any of its Authorities so long as such delegation maintains public accountability to the DGG electorate.
- (3) The DGG may enter into agreements to receive Authority by delegation.
- (4) A delegation as outlined in subsection (1) to (3) above must be in writing and must be agreed to by the person or entity receiving the delegation.

DIVISION 1 – THE ʔEKW’AHTİDÉ

The ʔekw’ahtı́dé

12. The ʔekw’ahtı́dé is:
- (a) the leader of the DGG; and
 - (b) the presiding officer and voting member of the DKK, the Executive Committee and the DGGR.

Responsibilities of the ʔekw’ahtı́dé

13. (1) The responsibilities of the ʔekw’ahtı́dé shall be exercised and performed in a manner consistent with the Délı́ne Got’ı́ne ʔeʔadó and include:
- (a) upholding the dignity and honour of the office of the ʔekw’ahtı́dé;
 - (b) understanding, respecting and practicing Dene culture, heritage, language and traditions, and following the wisdom of the ʔqhda and ancestors;
 - (c) representing, protecting and promoting the interests of the Sahtúot’ı́ne people;
 - (d) overseeing the activities of the DGG; and
 - (e) representing the DGG as required at ceremonial, official and other events or activities in Canada and elsewhere.
- (2) The ʔekw’ahtı́dé may, when he or she is temporarily unable to fulfil his or her responsibilities, delegate or assign the powers, duties or responsibilities of the ʔekw’ahtı́dé, or any one or more of them to:

- (a) the DKK; or
 - (b) a member of the DKK,
- or to any combination thereof.

Vacancy in the Office of the ?ekw'ahtidé

14. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the ?ekw'ahtidé, the members of the DKK must appoint an Acting ?ekw'ahtidé from among themselves.

Acting ?ekw'ahtidé

15. (1) An Acting ?ekw'ahtidé has the same authority, duties, functions and responsibilities as the ?ekw'ahtidé.
- (2) The Acting ?ekw'ahtidé holds office as the ?ekw'ahtidé at the pleasure of the DKK, until the ?ekw'ahtidé is able to resume office or a new ?ekw'ahtidé is elected.
- (3) An Acting ?ekw'ahtidé is entitled to be paid at the same rate as the ?ekw'ahtidé while the Acting ?ekw'ahtidé holds office.

DIVISION 2 – THE DÉLİŇ K'AOWƏDÓ KƏ

The DélıŇ K'aowədó Kə

16. (1) The DKK is composed of:
- (a) the ?ekw'ahtidé;
 - (b) six Councillors elected in accordance with applicable election laws; and
 - (c) one ?qhda representative appointed in accordance with section 27 of this *Act*.

Responsibilities of the DélıŇ K'aowədó Kə

17. (1) The DKK shall be the legislative body of the DGG and is responsible for upholding the DélıŇ Got'ıŇ ?ezadó and exercising the Authorities and Jurisdictions granted to it in the DFSGA.
- (2) The DKK shall manage lands and other assets it holds by virtue of being a DSO in accordance with the SDMCLCA.
- (3) The DKK shall work with and receive advice from the DGGR and the DélıŇ ?qhda K'áowə Kə.
- (4) The DKK shall hold a DélıŇ Lénats'ehdə Dzené once each year as required by the DFSGA and in accordance with Part 3 of this *Act*.

(5) The DKK shall be responsible for the prosecution of violations of DGG Law and the conduct of other matters arising out of DGG Law before the courts of the Northwest Territories and shall:

- (a) appoint persons responsible for the prosecution of violations of DGG Law or enter into agreements with existing prosecution services; and
- (b) ensure that the prosecutorial services are consistent with standards of a public prosecutor for the prosecution of similar types of offences in Canada.

(6) The DKK is responsible for the enforcement of DGG Law and may provide for:

- (a) the appointment of officers to enforce DGG Law in accordance with the DFSGA; and
- (b) powers of enforcement, provided such powers shall not exceed those provided by federal or territorial law for officers enforcing similar laws in the Northwest Territories.

(7) The DKK may set salaries for the Public Officials of the DGG, as well as for members of the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə, and such salaries shall be comparable to the salaries of other officers and employees with similar positions in the Northwest Territories.

Meetings of the Délıne K'aowədó Kə

18. (1) The DKK will conduct its business and affairs pursuant to the *Conduct of Meetings Act* and any other DGG Law.

Structure of Departments and Administration

19. (1) The DKK may make laws or regulations, subject to any other DGG Law or regulation:

- (a) establishing departments to administer the functions of government, including the Department of Finance and the Department of Lands, Resources and Environment; and
- (b) respecting the preparation and delivery of any reports and information to the DGG or otherwise from time to time as is required.

(2) The ʔekw'ahtıde may assign duties and responsibilities to each member of the DKK, including assigning a member of the DKK to be responsible for the administration of a department or other component of government or all or part of a DGG Law.

DIVISION 3 – DÉLĪNĚ ʔQHDA K'ÁOWƏ KƏ

Establishment of the DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə

20. The DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə is hereby established as an Institution.

Composition of the DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə

21. The DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə shall determine its composition.
22. All male ʔqhda and all female ʔqhda shall meet separately to select their DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə members on the day of each general election.
23. The minimum age to sit as a member on the DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə is 60.
24. The DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə may develop additional rules or procedures for the selection of its members.

Role of the DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə

25. The DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə may provide advice on any matter to the DKK, the Executive Committee, the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə and the DGGR.
26. Except for the ʔqhda Representative, no member of the DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə may at the same time sit on the:
 - (a) DKK;
 - (b) Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə;
 - (c) DGGR; or
 - (d) other DélĪnĚ Institutions.

Appointment of the ʔqhda Representative

27. (1) By 11:59 p.m. on the day of a general election, the DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə must appoint a representative who is a Beneficiary from among its members to sit on the DKK as a voting member for the term of the DKK.

(2) The DélĪnĚ ʔqhda K'áowə Kə shall strive to reach consensus in choosing the ʔqhda Representative but where consensus cannot be achieved, the representative may be chosen by a vote where he or she receives a majority of the support of those ʔqhda present for the vote.

DIVISION 4 – THE DENE K’Ə DATS’EREDİ KƏ

Appointment of the Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə

28. The DKK may appoint a Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə in accordance with the Délıne Got’ıne ʔezadó and this *Act*.

Composition of the Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə

29. The Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə will consist of three members.

Persons Not Eligible

30. No members of the Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə may:
- (a) be a Councillor;
 - (b) be an Employee of the DGG; or
 - (c) have been convicted of an indictable offence under the *Criminal Code of Canada* within seven years immediately before the term of office begins.

Appointment of the Chair

31. The members of the Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə shall appoint a chair from among themselves.

Term of Appointment

32. Members of the Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə will be appointed for a term of four years. Upon expiration, the terms of appointment may be renewed.

Responsibilities of the Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə

33. The Dene K’ə Dats’eredı Kə shall be responsible for:
- (a) conducting its affairs in accordance with customary practices;
 - (b) the administration of sanctions for violations of DGG Laws;
 - (c) the administration of alternative dispute measures programs and extra-judicial programs;
 - (d) the performance of dispute resolution functions;
 - (e) the hearing of appeals or re-hearings in relation to administrative decisions of the DGG and Institutions made pursuant to DGG Laws; and
 - (f) such other duties and functions assigned to it under DGG Laws.

Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə to be Independent

34. The Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə shall exercise its judicial functions independently from other branches of the DGG.
35. The DGG shall provide the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə with the administrative support necessary to reasonably meet the needs of the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə in carrying out its functions and responsibilities under this *Act* and other DGG Laws.
36. Members of the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə must have knowledge and understanding of Dene Laws and traditions pursuant to the Délıne Got'ıne ʔezadó.

Process and Procedures for the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə

37. The Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə may establish its own process and procedures for performing its duties and responsibilities.

Grounds for Removal from the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə

38. Members of the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə shall not be removed from the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə without proper cause, including incapacity, conviction of an offence under the *Criminal Code* or judicial misconduct.

Vacancy

39. In the event of a vacancy on the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə as a result of removal of a member under section 44 or resignation, the DKK must immediately appoint a new member to the DKK in accordance with this Division.

Transition

40. Until the DKK appoints the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə, all appeals, complaints or grievances must be sent directly to the ʔekw'ahtıde for consideration by the DKK.

DIVISION 5 – THE DENE GHA GOK'Ə RÉHKW'ı

Establishment of the Dene Gha Gok'ə réhk'ı

41. The DGGR shall be composed of (3-5) resident or non-resident DFN Citizens who are chosen for a term of four years to coincide with the term of the elected members of the DKK.
42. The ʔekw'ahtıde shall be a member of the DGGR.
43. The other members of the DGGR shall be Beneficiaries who are DFN Citizens chosen at the Délıne Áénats'ehdə Dzené.
44. No less than 60 days prior to such meeting of the Délıne Áénats'ehdə Dzené, there shall be a call for nominations for the DGGR and all nominations received shall be reviewed

by a Nominations Committee appointed by the DKK, which shall report to and make recommendations to the Déḻnɛ Áénats'ehḏ Dzené.

45. (a) Notwithstanding sections 43 and 44, after the passage of this Act the DKK shall appoint four DFN Citizens to serve as the first members, in addition to the ʔekw'ahṯḏé, of the DGGR for a term of two years to coincide with the first term of members of the DKK;
- (b) at least two of the said appointees shall be a non-resident of Deline;
- (c) applications for appointment as a first member of the DGGR under this clause shall be submitted by July 11, 2016 by any Beneficiary supported by a resume, a description of the nominee's qualifications and experience and the application form signed by a nominator;
- (d) prior to making the decision to appoint the first members of the DGGR under paragraph (a) above, the DKK shall seek the advice of the AKK and consider the comments of Beneficiaries.

Responsibilities of the Dene Gha Gok'ə réhkw'i

46. The DGGR shall advise the DKK on:
- (a) the management of land and other assets held by the DGG as a DSO;
- (b) the management and exercise of rights and benefits provided under the SDMCLCA to Beneficiaries who are DFN Citizens;
- (c) the investment in businesses and use of funds received by the DGG under the SDMCLCA, including investment in business; and
- (d) such other responsibilities as may be provided in DGG Law.
47. No decision to exercise a jurisdiction or authority relating to the powers of the DGG as a DSO shall be taken by the DKK without the consent of the DGGR.
48. The members of the DGGR have the right to attend and provide advice to the DKK at all meetings at which land claim matters are to be discussed. The DGGR will receive notice of such meetings.
49. The DGGR has primary responsibility for the administration and management of Settlement Lands and financial and other assets which are owned by the DGG as a DSO in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act* and DGG operating procedures.
50. The DGGR may consult with Beneficiaries from time to time as required and shall report to the community at the Déḻnɛ Áénats'ehḏ Dzené.

DIVISION 6 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of the Executive Committee

51. The DKK shall appoint three of its members, including the ʔekw'ahtǫ́dé, to sit on an Executive Committee.

Role of the Executive Committee

52. The Executive Committee will act as a sub-council of the DKK.
53. The Executive Committee will:
- (a) act as the oversight body of the Directorate of Lands, Resources and Environment;
 - (b) comprise the Finance Committee; and
 - (c) perform such duties and functions as are assigned to it by the DKK.

Process and Procedures for the Executive Committee

54. The Executive Committee may establish its own process and procedures for performing its duties and responsibilities.
55. Where practicable, the CEO and CFO shall attend every meeting of the Executive Committee.

PART 2 – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Position of Chief Executive Officer

56. (1) The position of CEO of the DGG is established.
- (2) The CEO must be appointed by the DKK.
- (3) The CEO reports to the ʔekw'ahtǫ́dé and is responsible to the DKK.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer

57. (1) The CEO is responsible for the management and administration of DGG.
- (2) The CEO is also the Secretary of the DKK and the Registrar of Laws.
- (3) The responsibilities of the CEO include:
- (a) exercising control and management of the administrative business and affairs of DGG in accordance with DGG Law;
 - (b) ensuring the efficient and effective operation of government;

- (c) establishing and overseeing administrative policies, practices and procedures necessary to effectively implement DGG Laws, and the policies and programs of the DGG, including preparing and maintaining a current organizational chart and making it available to the public;
 - (d) establishing and overseeing human resource, policies and practices;
 - (e) advising the ?ekw'ahtǵdé and the DKK;
 - (f) ensuring the decisions of the DKK are implemented;
 - (g) ensuring the accountability of the operations of DGG, including the activities of management;
 - (h) supervising and managing Employees in accordance with any DGG Laws and directing persons who are retained to provide services for the DGG;
 - (i) performing any other duties and responsibilities as are given, delegated or assigned by DGG Law or by the DKK; and
 - (j) overseeing and administering contracts and agreements entered into by the DGG on behalf of the DFN Band.
- (4) The CEO may, in writing, delegate, sub-delegate or assign any of his or her duties and responsibilities to another person, but a delegation, sub-delegation or assignment does not relieve the CEO from responsibility to ensure the delegated, sub-delegated or assigned duties or responsibilities are carried out.

Operations Manual

58. (1) The CEO must prepare and maintain a current operations manual respecting every element of the DGG's financial and administrative system.
- (2) The operations manual must be made available to the DKK, members of the Department of Finance, all other DKK committees and Public Officials.
- (3) If any part of the operations manual is relevant to the services being provided by a contractor or agent of the DGG, that part of the operations manual must be made available to the contractor or agent.

PART 3 - DÉLĠŇÉ LĚNATS'EHĐĀ DZENÉ

Calling of a DélġŇé LĚnats'ehđĀ Dzené

59. (1) The DKK must call a DélġŇé LĚnats'ehđĀ Dzené of DFN Citizens and Residents at least once each calendar year.
- (2) The DKK may call other gatherings as it considers necessary.

Notice of Déḻṉ Lénats'ehḏ Dzené

60. (1) Reasonable notice of the Déḻṉ Lénats'ehḏ Dzené or of any other gathering must be given to DFN Citizens and Residents by:
- (a) posting written notice of the gathering in the DGG administrative office; and
 - (b) publishing the notice in the DGG community newsletter.

Responsibilities at the Déḻṉ Lénats'ehḏ Dzené

61. (1) At the Déḻṉ Lénats'ehḏ Dzené the DGG shall report, in writing and otherwise, on all financial, administrative and operational matters of the DGG and its Institutions and shall outline the financial, administrative and operational plans of the DGG.
- (2) The DGG shall table the audited financial statements of the DGG and its Institutions at the Déḻṉ Lénats'ehḏ Dzené.
- (3) The DGG and DGGR shall provide a written report to the Beneficiaries at the Déḻṉ Lénats'ehḏ Dzené on the management and administration of assets, lands and responsibilities under the SDMCLCA.

PART 4 – REGISTRY OF LAWS

Establishment of the Registry of Laws

62. (1) The Registry of Laws is hereby established.
- (2) The Registry of Laws must:
- (a) be administered and maintained by the CEO or by a person designated in writing by the CEO; and
 - (b) be located in the head office of the DGG.

Public Inspection of Registry

63. (1) There must be kept in the Registry of Laws, for public inspection during normal office hours:
- (a) the DFSGA;
 - (b) the Déḻṉ Got'̱ṉ ʔeʔaḏ;
 - (c) every DGG Law and amendment;
 - (d) all DFN Band Council Resolutions and Charter Community by-laws not repealed by the DGG; and

- (e) every final decision of the Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə on appeals.
- (2) The CEO or designate must maintain the documents described in subsection (1) in hard copy and may establish and maintain electronic loose-leaf versions.

Deposit of Laws in Registry

- 64. (1) Every DGG Law, and every amendment to any of them, must be deposited in the Registry of Laws.
- (2) A DGG Law or amendment is deposited in the Registry of Laws when the CEO, or person authorized in writing by the CEO, certifies the deposit by writing or stamping on the document words to the effect that the document is deposited in the Registry of Laws and the date it is deposited and is signed by the CEO or his or her delegate.

Language

- 65. (1) The Délıne Got'ıne ʔezadó and all DGG Laws must be available in English and North Slavey, however, only the English version will be official.

Responsibilities

- 66. (1) The CEO is responsible for:
 - (a) keeping accurate and orderly written records of DGG Laws and any amendments made to them;
 - (b) providing certified copies of DGG Laws and amendments made to them;
 - (c) establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible electronic database of DGG Laws and amendments to them;
 - (d) maintaining a secure record of DGG Laws, amendments to them, the date DGG Laws are passed and the date they come into effect; and
 - (e) performing any other functions and responsibilities specified by the DKK.

Proof of Law

- 67. In any proceeding, a copy of a DGG Law certified as a true copy by the CEO is, without proof of the CEO's signature or official character, evidence of its making on the date specified in the law.

PART 5 – LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Enactment of DGG Law

- 68. A proposed DGG Law shall be submitted to the Executive Committee.

69. A consultation period, of at least 60 days and ending no later than two weeks before the meeting at which the DKK is to consider the proposed DGG Law, shall be held for each proposed DGG Law submitted under section 68.
70. After considering any comments or other information received during the consultation referred to in section 69, the Executive Committee shall recommend to the DKK through the CEO that the proposed DGG Law
 - (a) be enacted without any changes;
 - (b) be enacted with changes as recommended by the Executive Committee; or
 - (c) not be enacted.
71. The DKK may:
 - (a) enact the proposed DGG Law, with or without any changes;
 - (b) defer enactment of the proposed DGG Law until the next meeting of the DKK for the purposes of additional consultation; or
 - (c) refuse to enact the proposed DGG Law.

Amendment and Repeal of Acts

72. For greater certainty, amendment and repeal of DGG Law shall proceed in accordance with this Part.

Emergencies and Housekeeping Amendments

73. Notwithstanding sections 68 – 71, where in the opinion of the Executive Committee there are circumstances which require the DKK to immediately consider a proposed DGG Law or a DGG Law requires minor changes, they may, by order, abridge the requirements for the consultation period described in section 69.
74. Where the Executive Committee takes action under section 73, the CEO shall submit the proposed DGG Law or the order referred to in section 73, with written reasons for the order, to the DKK who may
 - (a) enact the proposed DGG Law or amend the DGG Law, as the case may be;
 - (b) defer consideration of the proposed DGG Law or amendment of the DGG Law, as the case may be, until the next meeting of the DKK for the purposes of consultation in accordance with section 70; or
 - (c) refuse to enact the proposed DGG Law or amend the DGG Law, as the case may be.

75. A DGG Law or amendment passed in accordance with section 73 and 74 shall only be in force until the next Délıne Łénats'ehda Dzené at which the DKK must affirm approval of the DGG Law or amendment, as the case may be.

PART 6 – TRANSITION, INTERPRETATION AND COMMENCEMENT

Transition

76. The first ʔekw'ahtıde and Councillors of the DGG elected in accordance with applicable election laws and the appointed ʔohda representative constitute the DKK under section 16 of this *Act*.

Band Council Resolutions

77. Band council resolutions passed by the DFN Band which are in force on the Effective Date shall remain in effect until revoked or replaced by DGG Law.

Charter Community By-laws

78. By-laws made by the Charter Community shall be deemed to be DGG Law until repealed or replaced by DGG Law.

Assets and Liabilities

79. (1) On the Effective Date, the claims, rights, titles, interests, assets, obligations and liabilities of the DFN Band, including any Indian monies held by Canada for the use and benefit of members of the DFN Band, shall vest in the DGG.
- (2) On the Effective Date, the claims, rights, titles, interests, assets, obligations and liabilities of the Charter Community shall vest in the DGG.
- (3) On the Effective Date, the claims, rights, titles, interests, assets, obligations and liabilities of the Délıne Land Corporation shall vest in the DGG.

Oath of Office

80. Each Public Official of the DGG, other than Employees, shall take the oath of office contained in Schedule A before starting his or her duties as a member of the DGG.

Liability

81. No member of the DGG is liable to any civil action or prosecution, arrest, imprisonment or damages by reason of any matter or thing brought by him or her before the DGG by petition, bill resolution, motion or otherwise, or anything said by him or her at a meeting of the DGG.

Commencement

82. This *Act* comes into effect on the date of its enactment.

Conflict

83. In the event that the provisions of this *Act* conflict with the provisions of the DFSGA, the provisions of the DFSGA prevail.
84. In the event that the provisions of this *Act* conflict with the provisions of the Délne Got'ne Zezadó, the provisions Délne Got'ne Zezadó prevail.
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SCHEDULE A

OATH OF OFFICE

“I, _____ (name of member), do swear that I will respect and honour DFN Citizens, the Délıne Got’ıne Government, Délıne Got’ıne Ƴezadó and the Délıne Final Self-Government Agreement. I will carry out my duties as a member of the Délıne Got’ıne Government with honesty, impartiality and integrity so help me God.

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