

OUR PEOPLE
OUR FUTURE
OUR DÉLĪŅĒ

your vote

DélĪŅĒ Self-Government

DélĪŅĒ Constitution

DélĪŅĒ Got'ĪŅĒ ?e?adó

The Constitution

The Constitution sets out the principles to be followed by the Délı̄nẹ́ Got'ı̄nẹ́ Government. (FSGA 3.3.1)

The Constitution must be approved by the members of the Délı̄nẹ́ First Nation Band and the Délı̄nẹ́ Land Corporation. (FSGA 31.1.1)

The Constitution does not need to be approved by Canada or the GNWT.

The Constitution describes:

- the institutions of Délįnę Got'įnę Government,
- the principles of good government,
- how Délįnę Government will work,
- who is a Citizen,
- how the Constitution can be amended.



Preamble of Constitution

- we are the Sahtuto'ine, the descendants of Eht'se Aya.
- we honour Great Bear Lake.
- we live in harmony with the lands, waters and animals.
- we respect the wisdom of the Prophet, our ancestors and our elders.
- we respect our traditional knowledge.
- we respect our language.
- we have negotiated to establish a unified government at the community level.

Principles of Government

Délıneę will be governed:

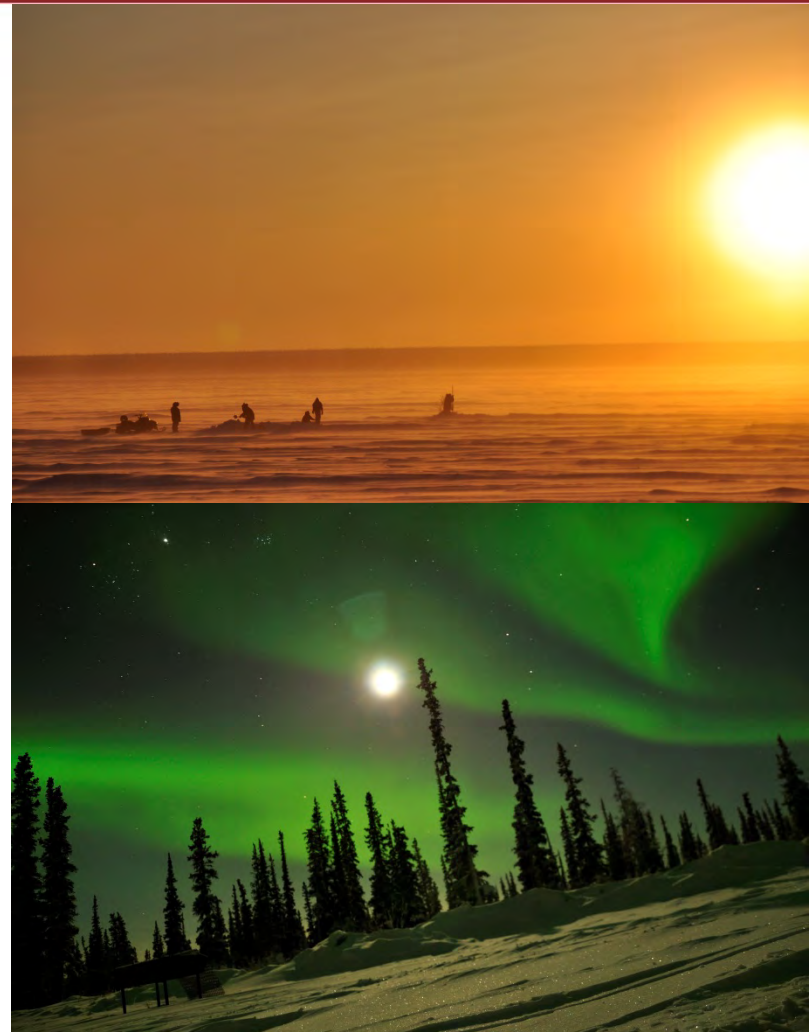
- as one people under a single institution: the Délıneę Got'ıneę Government.

The Government will:

- respect the Sahtu Land Claim Agreement.
- observe openness and transparency.
- respect our traditions and culture.
- collaborate with other Aboriginal people, our neighbours, non-Aboriginal residents and other governments.

As a government, the DGG must:

- act with respect, fairness and without discrimination,
- consult with all Dëlįnę citizens on important decisions,
- encourage free expression and participation of all Dëlįnę citizens,
- act to protect lands, waters and resources and all living things.



Déljné Got'jné Laws

The FSGA describes the powers and responsibilities of the DGG.

The FSGA will be protected as a treaty.

The DGG may pass laws as set out in the FSGA.

All laws must comply with the Charter (Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms) and follow the FSGA.

Déljné Got'jné Government Includes

- The ʔekw'ahtjédé (Chief).
- The Deline K'áowədó Kə (Council).
- Deline ʔq̄hda K'áowə Kə (Elders Council).
- Deline K'a Dats'eredi Kə (Justice Council).
- Beneficiaries Board (Land Claim Board).
- Deline Łénats'ehdǎ Dzené (Community Gathering)



ʔekw'ahtǫ́dǫ́ (Chief)

4 year term.

Chosen by DFN Citizens.

Qualifications:

- A DFN citizen,
- Resident of Délǫ́nǫ́ ,
- Minimum age limit.

Déłıne K'awəđó Kə (Council)

8 – 12 members, 4 year term

- ʔekw'ahtı́dé,
- Elders representative,
- Members at large.

Runs the Government.

Passes Laws.

Deline ᑭᓱᓄᓐ ᑭᓐ (Elders Council)

All elders.

Gives advice to Council.

Appoints a representative to Council.



Déljñę K'a Dats'eredi Kə (Justice Council)

3 – 5 members, 4 year term.

Independent Body

- Dispute resolution,
- Violations of DGG Law,
- Appeals from DGG decisions.

Beneficiaries Board

3 – 5 Members, 4 year term.

Elected by resident and non-resident land claim beneficiaries.

Manages land claim monies and lands.

Gives direction to Council on land claim matters.

Déljñę Łénats'ehdá Dzené (Community Gathering)

Meets once a year at least.

All DFN Citizens.

All residents of Deline District.

Receives reports from DGG.

Receives reports on Land Claim Matters.



DFN Citizens

1. Members of the Délıne First Nation Band and
2. Members of the Délıne Land Corporation will be citizens of Délıne First Nation.

Exception

A person who is a citizen of another self-government agreement is not eligible to be a DFN citizen.

Duties of Citizens

Work together, to seek consensus and harmony.

Help each other and respect one another.

Help the community.

Respect our elders, our leaders and support the youth.

Live in harmony and protect the land, the environment, the waters, the animals and plant life.

Official Languages

The official languages of the DGG are North Slavey and English.

All persons may communicate with the DGG in either language.



Accountability

The DGG is accountable to DFN Citizens and to residents of the Délıne District.

The DGG must give annual reports to the Délıne Łénats'ehdół Dzené (Community Gathering) about its work and the administration of the land claim.

Amendment of Déilneḡ Got'ineḡ ʔeʔadó (Constitution)

- Secret ballot
- 60% majority of those who vote
- At least 25% of DFN citizens have to vote

Amendment of FSGA

- Secret ballot,
- 60% majority of those who vote,
- 25% of DFN citizens have to vote.

Exception

Minor amendments to FSGA can be approved by Deline K'awəđó Kə (Council) provided the amendment has been previously reported to the Délįnę Łénats'ehđó Dzené (Community Gathering).

