



Factsheet #10

Looking after our land claim: The Déljıne Beneficiaries Board

One of the reasons that Déljıne decided to negotiate self-government was to have one government in the community. Under the Déljıne Got'jıne Government (DGG), the Déljıne First Nation, Déljıne Land Corporation and the Charter Community will be combined into one organization.

The Déljıne Land Corporation is created by the Sahtu Land Claim. As a Designated Sahtu Organization, it represents and looks after the rights, lands, money, and other assets of the Déljıne beneficiaries of the Sahtu Land Claim.

Under self-government, the DGG will become a Designated Sahtu Organization. It will take on the responsibilities of the Déljıne Land Corporation. The DGG must make sure that the rights, lands, money and other assets of the beneficiaries are used only for the benefit of the beneficiaries. It will also ensure that only Déljıne beneficiaries, no matter where they live, make decisions about the land claim rights, lands, money and other assets.

A Beneficiaries Board will advise the DGG for decisions about the land claim rights, lands, money and other assets. The Beneficiary Board will be established by the Déljıne Final Self-Government Agreement (FSGA) and the Community Constitution. The DGG will pass a law that will describe the Beneficiary Board, its responsibilities and how it will function.

Here are some other important facts about the Beneficiaries Board.

- *It will be made up of eligible Délı̄ne Sahtu Land Claims beneficiaries, no matter where they live (Délı̄ne residents and non-residents).*
- *All eligible Délı̄ne Sahtu Land Claim beneficiaries, no matter where they live, will be able to vote for the Beneficiary Board members.*
- *All beneficiaries must be consulted about the law establishing the Beneficiaries Board.*
- *The Board will manage and give direction with respect to land claim rights, lands, money and other assets. The DGG will be responsible for making sure those decisions are acted on.*
- *If the DGG has to make decisions about land claim matters, only DGG Main Council members who are also Beneficiaries can make decisions on land claim matters.*
- *Before the DGG Main Council makes a decision about a land claim matter, it has to get the consent of the Beneficiaries Board. If the DGG Council and the Beneficiaries Board do not agree, then the Main Council will need to work with the Beneficiaries Board to reach agreement before the Main Council can make its decision.*
- *At the Community Gathering, the DGG must report on all of the decisions it has taken with respect to land claim rights and assets.*

****For an illustration of the proposed structure of the Beneficiaries Board, see diagram #5 in this information kit.***