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# Transition Planning – Progress and Next Steps Deline Self Government

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## December 2013 - December 2014

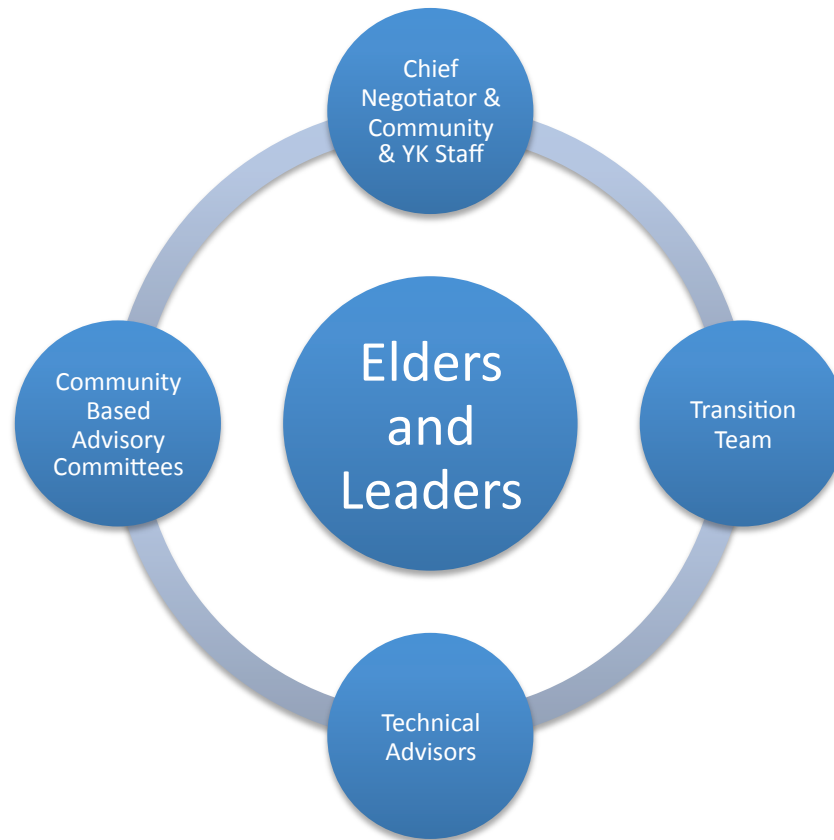
- Work on ratifying the self government agreement from September 2013 to early March 2014;
- The agreement was ratified March 2014 by 84% of beneficiaries;
- Our web site continues to be updated and responds to questions;
- Began planning for how to implement the agreement between April – June 2014; hired technical advisors; had meetings to discuss going forward with governments;
- June – October: developed a comprehensive internal implementation plan.



### OVERVIEW: 2014 - 2015

- Planning work began during June 2014;
- Undertook a review of the Tri-Partite Implementation Plan that tells us how Canada, GNWT and Deline will work together to set up the Deline Gotine Government;
- Undertook a review of what Deline needs to do internally to set up the Deline Gotine Government;
- Developed a work plan and identified a technical team required to assist with this work;
- Developed a comprehensive Transition Implementation Plan (TIP) that identifies all of the work required, and who will be responsible for doing the work;
- Staged over the next 2 – 3 years, and the Deline Gotine Government will be in place to begin operating on Effective Date (2016 or 2017).

## Who is involved?



## Who are the staff and technical advisors?

### Staff:

- Danny Gaudet, Chief Negotiator;
- Patricia Modeste, Administrator (Deline);
- Raymond Tutcho, Communications Officer;
- Ron Cleary, Director Intergovernmental Relations;
- Anne Bayha, Administrator (YK);

### Technical Staff:

- Stephanie Irlbacher-Fox, Implementation Director;
- Alex Ker, Technical Advisor, Implementation;
- Jessica Iveson, Internal Transition Legal Counsel;
- Shannon Ward, Lands Advisor;
- Brian Crane, Legal Counsel, Negotiations

## Who gives them direction?

- Leaders and Elders;
- The Transition Team: managers of the organizations that will be combined into the DGG: Paulina Roche, Kirk Dolphus, Christine Allen, and also Phebie Kenny, Housing Manager
- Community Based Committees which will guide the planning and development of how the new government will operate in areas including:
  - Lands
  - Governance
  - Justice
  - Human Resources





## Transition Plan: 14 Parts

1. DGG Governance (Councils)
2. Beneficiaries Board
3. Dissolving DFN, CDD, DLC
4. Citizenship
5. DGG Administration
6. Justice
7. Language and Culture
8. Lands and Resources
9. Economic Development
10. Taxation
11. Local Services
12. Beneficiaries Services
13. Financing Agreement
14. Intergovernmental Relations



### What main tasks must be done?

- Plan the new government organization: Where will employees be located? Who will work there? What will they do? How will the organization function?
- Plan how the new DGG Council, Justice Council, Elders Council and Beneficiaries Board will operate and work together;
- Write the laws that have to be in place so that the DGG can function on Effective date;
- Set up an accounting system – a way to keep track of money, pay the bills and the employees;
- Make sure that a Lands Department looking after land claim-based lands and environmental management responsibilities is set up;
- Dissolving the First Nation, DLC and CCD while making sure all programs and services continue without interruption.



## RON CLEARY: Culture & Human Resources

- Ron Cleary will work with all of the technical advisors in all areas as they plan how the government will run, to make sure that as much as possible, culture and language will shape how the DGG operates.
- Ron Cleary will review the positions required by the new government, and work with technical advisors to ensure that beneficiaries have opportunities to fill those positions and to take training to assist them in developing skills to make those positions work.



## JESSICA IVESON: Work Completed

- Review of Starter Kit of Laws
- Identification of changes required
- Identification of additional laws and regulations that need to be drafted
- Preparation of material to seek drafting instructions from Deline
- Meetings with Self-Government Team



## JESSICA IVESON: WORK PLAN

- Workshop(s) in Deline
- Meeting with Elders Committee and other Implementation Committees
- Drafting laws and regulations
- Developing policies
- Commencing preparation of inventories of: BCRs, By-laws; obligations, liabilities, assets, monies and other interests held by DFN, CCD, SSI, DLC, DFC; and professional services used by DFN, CCD and DLC





## Lands – What Has Been Done To Date?

- **Spring/Summer**

- ✓ New Advisors hired and provided with Terms of Reference (S.Ward and D.Boote)
- ✓ Begin research and planning including:
  - Transfer of Commissioner’s Lands;
  - Identifying Impacts/opportunities of external initiatives, including Regulatory Reform, Devolution, Sahtu Land Use Plan, Biosphere Reserve Project;
  - Amending *the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*;
  - Process for developing DGG laws and regulations for community and settlement lands and future stewardship of the Déline District.



- **Fall**

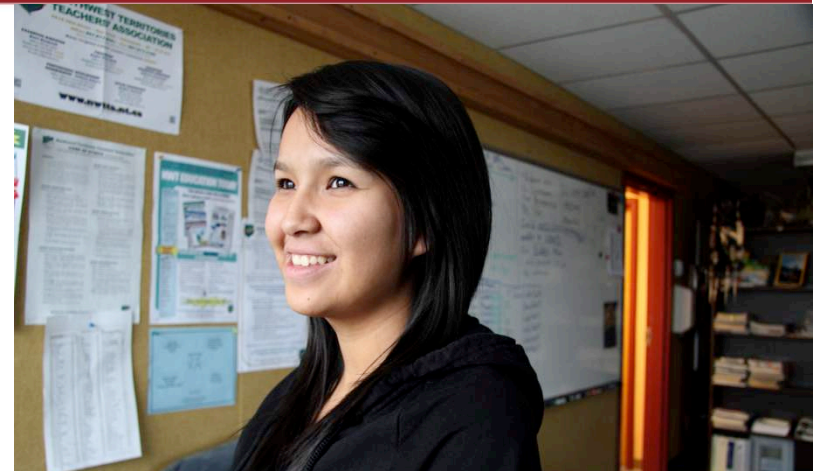
- ✓ Introductory meeting with the GNWT Implementation officials on lands file and begin technical discussions with GNWT on transfer of Commissioner’s Land
- ✓ A letter drafted to SSI regarding the future of intergovernmental relations (DGG/GNWT) on lands and resources in Déline District.
- ✓ Refine research and planning approaches (TIP Chapter 8)

## Lands – What will be done by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015?

- **Building a Land Management Framework for the Déline District**
  - Hold a workshop (January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>) to talk about:
    - Changes the Self-Government Agreement will bring respecting lands and resource management?
    - Changes in the District due to Devolution, regulatory reform, the Sahtu Land Use Plan and potential for a Biosphere Reserve?
    - The jobs that need to get done before Effective Date and who will do them?
    - Your vision for stewardship of the District and how this should be reflected in DGG laws, policies and management approaches; and,
    - Next steps
  - Develop a plan from workshop that will help guide development of laws, rules, decision-making, relationships with partners.
- **Assist with MVRMA Amendments (Brian Crane)**
- **Continue to track the progress of the GNWT on transfer of Commissioners Lands**

### What is our timeline?

- Effective date will depend on when Canada passes the Self Government Agreement into federal law.
- This could result in the Effective Date being anywhere between April 2016 and April 2018.
- If the agreement take effect later than we planned, this gives us more time to do our work.
- 2014-2015: Planning
- 2015-2017: Designing how things will work, consulting and getting community approvals
- 2018: DGG begins operating





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