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Déljné Got'jné Government Intergovernmental Relations Update

May 2024



Ministerial Level Meetings



Advocating for Great Bear Lake Remediation Project Resources in Ottawa May 01, 2024

On May 01, ʔek'wahtǵdǵ Danny Gaudet and DKK Members and Remediation Operation Committee Members Leonard Kenny and Gina Bayha, along with CEO Paulina Roche and Director of Core Governance Jessica Iveson, met with Northern Affairs Minister Dan Vandal and his Deputy Minister Georgina Lloyd and staff, and MP Michael McLeod.

The focus of the discussion was to secure significant long term funding to support Remediation capacity building and activities. While the remediation activities have received funding, the Remediation team led by Remediation Manager Diane Andre, have been working hard to obtain adequate

resources over a ten year time span to provide the resources and stability to undertake remediation activities in a good way. Minister Vandal and his Deputy Minister committed to continue working with in their government to seek additional resources required to support the community's efforts.

ʔek'wahtǵdǵ and DKK members Kenny and Dolphus also raised the issue of the 26 Recommendations of the Canada-Déjłnǵ Uranium Table. Many of the recommendations have not been addressed by governments, and the Minister acknowledged the importance of taking action to address the outstanding recommendations and to re-energize efforts toward completing the outstanding recommendations.



Modern Treaty leaders with prime Minister Trudeau and members of the federal Cabinet.

Modern Treaty Leaders, Including ʔek'wahtǵdǵ and DKK Members, See Results on Modern Treaty Implementation Issues with Prime Minister Trudeau and Federal Cabinet at Annual Modern Treaty Intergovernmental Leaders Forum

After over 20 years of advocacy by the Land Claims Agreements Coalition, representing most modern treaty governments in Canada, the Government of Canada announced a Collaborative National Modern Treaty Implementation Policy. Along with all other modern treaty organizations in Canada, Déljñę Got'jñę Government officials worked with the federal government to create a policy to ensure that the federal government would take a whole of government approach to implementing modern treaties.

The new policy marked a turning point and new approach by the federal government. The Auditor General of Canada for decades has called on the federal government to do a better job of implementing modern treaties. The new policy provides guidance and creates requirements of all federal departments and officials to implement modern treaties.

The annual Intergovernmental Leaders Forum is a forum created through the policy, which guarantees that the Prime Minister will meet with modern treaty leaders every year to hear their concerns and respond to those concerns. These meetings require months of work by officials to set an agenda reflecting the shared priorities of all modern treaty leaders,

and to ensure federal officials work collaboratively with modern treaty officials to understand resolve the priorities to ensure that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet can discuss decisions on the priorities at the annual Intergovernmental Leaders Forum.

The agenda for the four hour 2024 meeting on May 02, 2024 in Ottawa included ten items, ranging from the toxic drugs crisis, the collaborative fiscal process, which addresses how self governing Indigenous governments will be funded by Canada, to emergency management authorities and funding required by self governing and modern treaty governments.

During his opening remarks, the Prime Minister announced the creation of a new parliamentary officer: a Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation. This officer will be independent of the government and play a watchdog role, monitoring and reporting on how well Canada is doing on implementing modern treaties.

This announcement is the result of over twenty years of advocacy by the Land Claims Agreements Coalition. The federal government will invest \$10 million over 5 years to establish the Commissioner and support their work. The

Commissioner will report annually to Parliament, and provide modern treaty leaders with the ability to bring their concerns to a higher and consistent level of attention, and important

development to secure the relationship between modern treaty organizations and the government of Canada.



(L to R) ʔek'wahtǵá Danny Gaudet, Déłjñę K'aowáó Kə member Leonard Kenny, Déłjñę K'aowáó Kə member Gina Dolphus, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer Paulina Roche, Core Governance Director Jessica Iveson, and Sahtu Secretariat representative David Codzi.

Advocating for Shared Indigenous Government – GNWT Priorities at the Council of Leaders Virtual Meeting, May 15, 2024

On May 15, the Council of Leaders of the NWT met to discuss their shared priorities for advocacy with the Government of Canada. Chaired by Premier Simpson, the meeting was focused on reviewing a wide range of items where both the

GNWT and Indigenous governments in the NWT can work together to discuss and seek solutions on issues that are within areas of federal authority and resources.

The meeting was attended from Déłjñę by ʔek'wahtǵá Danny Gaudet, who spoke to DGG priorities shared with GNWT and NWT Indigenous Governments.

Intergovernmental Relations

Intergovernmental Relations(IGR) staff include Paulina Roche, CEO; Cynthia Modeste, Government Relations Officer; Alex Ker, Fiscal Advisor, and Stephanie Irlbacher-Fox, Director of Intergovernmental Relations.

The IGR staff are responsible for all files that involve other governments. They support leadership to secure Ministerial meetings to advocate and resolve issues, and through their day to day work, respond to and manage interactions with other governments and organizations.

The IGR team participates in a variety of working groups and initiatives, and produces research and takes action to effectively implement the self government agreement and land claim. They ensure that Déljine Got'jine Government leaders have all the information they need to make decisions, and meet with other governments to discuss issues, and ensure that Déljine Got'jine Government interests are represented, protected, and advocated for, in all intergovernmental forums.

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