



Intergovernmental Meeting between Tłıchǫ Government and Government of the Northwest Territories

Yellowknife, NT (August 18, 2026) – Tłıchǫ Government Grand Chief Jackson Lafferty, Chief Bertha Rabesca Zoe, Chief Doreen Arrowmaker, and Chief Adeline Football met with Premier R.J. Simpson, Deputy Premier and Minister Caroline Wawzonek, Minister Vince McKay, Minister Caitlin Cleveland, Minister Lucy Kuptana, and Minister Jay Macdonald on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 in Yellowknife, NT

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- Strengthening government-to government collaboration as Treaty partners on all aspects of wildlife management
- Working together to advance an early learning and childcare system that is founded in Tłıchǫ language, culture and way of life and that reflects the needs of Tłıchǫ children, families, and community members.
- Continuing to work together to offer skills and training opportunities that help residents prepare for employment.
- Deepening collaboration on shared priorities related to economic opportunities, socio-economic well-being, attracting investment, and developing the capacity of communities.
- Continuing to advance the establishment of a distinct Tłıchǫ Administrative Region within the GNWT.
- collaboration to improve community safety and well-being, support families, and reduce the impacts of illicit drugs in communities, while ensuring alignment with Indigenous governance, knowledge, and community-identified priorities.

Both Governments continue to work in collaboration to address important issues impacting Tłıchǫ citizens.

Quick Facts

- The Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the Tłıchǫ Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- The agreement commits both governments to meet at least twice per year.
- The *Working Together: Tłıchǫ Government/GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding* was signed in June 2012 and was renewed three times to date.

For more information, contact:

Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs,
Public Affairs and Communications
Government of the Northwest Territories
EIA_FINComms@gov.nt.ca

Tłıchǫ Government
Communication & Media Relations
media@tlicho.ca