



Inaugural Intergovernmental Meeting between Acho Dene Koe First Nation and Government of the Northwest Territories

ECHAOT'L KOE (FORT LIARD), NT (October 3, 2022) – Acho Dene Koe First Nation Sub-Chief Brenda Berreault, Councillor Donny Bertrand, Councillor Julia Capot-Blanc, Councillor Maurice McLeod, and Councillor Dennis Nelson met with Premier Caroline Cochrane, Minister Diane Archie, Minister Paulie Chinna, Minister Shane Thompson, Minister Caroline Wawzonek, Minister R.J. Simpson, and Minister Julie Green October 3, 2022, in Fort Liard, Northwest Territories.

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- advancing economic development opportunities, including oil and gas reclamation and abandonment opportunities;
- supporting the development of the Prairie Creek Mine, within the context of robust, collaborative regulatory and engagement processes;
- working together to explore the potential of geothermal;
- improving access to medical, mental health and addiction services in Fort Liard;
- continuing to collaborate and have respectful dialogue on wood bison management;
- exploring options to support human resource capacity both within the Government of Northwest Territories and Acho Dene Koe First Nation; and
- collaborating on housing issues, including a review of the housing inventory.

This was the inaugural intergovernmental meeting between the Acho Dene Koe First Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories and was established under the *Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding between the Acho Dene Koe First Nation and Government of the Northwest Territories* that was signed on October 3, 2022. The Agreement outlines the commitment of the two governments to work together to build a strong government-to-government relationship.

Bilateral meetings between Acho Dene Koe First Nation and the Government of Northwest Territories provide an important forum to identify areas of mutual interest and concern so that the two governments can better work together to bring benefits to Northwest Territories residents.

Quick Facts

- The *Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding* was signed between the Acho Dene Koe First Nation and Government of the Northwest Territories on October 3, 2022, for a four-year term.
- The Agreement recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the Acho Dene Koe First Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- The Agreement commits the two governments to meet once per year.

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