



Dechıni Nagoehsee Wegodiı Forest Regrowth News

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The Tłıchq Government has begun an exciting multi-year project to help forests recover following last summer's wildfires. Through this project the Tłıchq will plant one million trees, support Tqdzı habitat restoration and create green jobs in the region.



Looking for planting sites in September 2022, the onsite planning group, including Elders, environmental monitors and forestry experts, touched down along the old Whatı winter road.

L to R: Damian Grosco, Herb Markgraf, Crawford Young, Paul Cressman, Joe Mackenzie, George Mackenzie, Lisa Marie Zoe, David Tonken.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

The Tłıchq Government is working together with Tree Canada and Let's Plant Trees to combat the effects of climate change by planting one million tree on Tłıchq land. This project combines traditional knowledge and modern science to support the recovery of our forests. A focus of this project is building skills and capacity for people in the Tłıchq region. We are building relationships with industry partners to help us become leaders in Tree Planting in the NWT.

CREATING JOBS THROUGH TREE PLANTING

WHAT WILL BE PLANTED?

Elders have asked that we plant Black Spruce, White Spruce, Birch and Tamarack trees. These trees are preferred by Tòdzì, and support the growth of mosses, lichen and other low lying plants that attract martens and other animals important to the environment. We will be planting, berries, willows and other plants that support the natural ecosystem.

The project will include 'Fire Smart' planting, to create a fire break to help protect the community of Behchokò.



Collecting Black Spruce cones on Tłıchǵ land, October 2023

L to R: Joe Mackenzie, David Tonken

WHERE WILL THE TREES BE PLANTED?

Guided by traditional knowledge from community Elders, and supported by modern scientific methods, a site has been selected to the West of Marion Lake and James Lake between Whatì and Behchokò. This site was chosen because it is a recent burn site in an important Caribou migration route.

Tłıchǵ Jobs

Tłıchǵ Government will be hiring Elders, environmental monitors, bear guards, and brush cutters from May 27 - June 5, 2024 when forestry experts will be in Behchokò to speak with Elders, and develop the full planting plan for the coming year. More information will be posted on the Tłıchǵ Facebook page and www.tlichoc.ca/events

Our goal in 2025 is to develop green jobs to support employment opportunities for camp staff, cooks, boat drivers, truck drivers, and tree planters from across the Tłıchǵ region.



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