

## Goal 5: Strengthening Governance

### Introduction

The Tłıchǫ Government is a new government established in 2005. The Tłıchǫ Government is committed to the ongoing development and practice of a government based on our Tłıchǫ language, culture and way of life, and a strong organization that can implement the work of our government.

### Accomplishments

- Improving communication between the Tłıchǫ Government and citizens through the initiation of two community tours this past year.
- Continuing development of a social media presence, especially for young people, on [www.tlicho.ca](http://www.tlicho.ca) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Tlicho](http://www.facebook.com/Tlicho).
- Approval of the Capital Transfer Interim Protection Law.

### Work in Progress

- Continuing development of an organizational policy framework to guide administration, financial services and donations.



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## Goal 6: Building Human Resource Capacity

### Introduction

The Tłıchǫ Government is committed to develop a representative, skilled and effective workforce within our government. Our government also sees our role as encouraging Tłıchǫ workforce development in associated boards, agencies and businesses, and with other government and business partners in the region.

### Work in Progress

- The development of a comprehensive professional development and training plan for Tłıchǫ Government staff.
- The development of an integrated human resources/pay and benefits system.



## Goal 7: Strengthening Program and Service Delivery

### Introduction

The Tłıchǫ Government delivers First Nations programs and services that are funded by the Government of Canada and only available to Aboriginal people. Under self-government the Tłıchǫ Government will become responsible to deliver more programs and services. The Tłıchǫ Government is committed to improving the quality of program and service delivery in our communities.



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### Work in Progress

- Development of a self-government timeline and corresponding internal capacity to deliver programs and services identified within the Tłıchǫ Intergovernmental Services Agreement.
- Restructuring the Tłıchǫ Government to improve program and service delivery.



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## Goal 8: Managing Effective Intergovernmental Relationships

### Introduction

The Tłıchǫ Government engages with the Government of the NWT and the Government of Canada in a broad range of activities. The Tłıchǫ Government reviews and provides commentary on their proposed legislation, policy, and program and services initiatives as appropriate. The Tłıchǫ Government also participates in activities for the protection and support of Aboriginal rights in Canada.

### Accomplishments

- Opening a new dialogue with the GNWT on improving government relationships by improving communication and seeking the harmonization of initiatives.
- Collaboration with northern Aboriginal governments to review the proposed GNWT Wildlife Act and federal Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act changes.



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### Work in Progress

- Review and renewal of the Tłıchǫ Financing Agreement with Canada to seek adequate resources for the mandates and operation of the Tłıchǫ Government.
- Development of a Tłıchǫ Government response to devolution.
- Involvement in the Land Claims Agreement Coalition to address ongoing concerns related to the implementation of modern treaties.

“*Du sa naet'aa, du deh nıııı, du de nągoèhdǫ-le nıde, asıı wets'à goet'ǫ hǫııı ha-le.*”  
– Monfwi, 1921

“*As long as the sun will rise, as long as the rivers will flow, if the land is not moved, we cannot be limited from our way of life.*”  
– Monfwi, 1921



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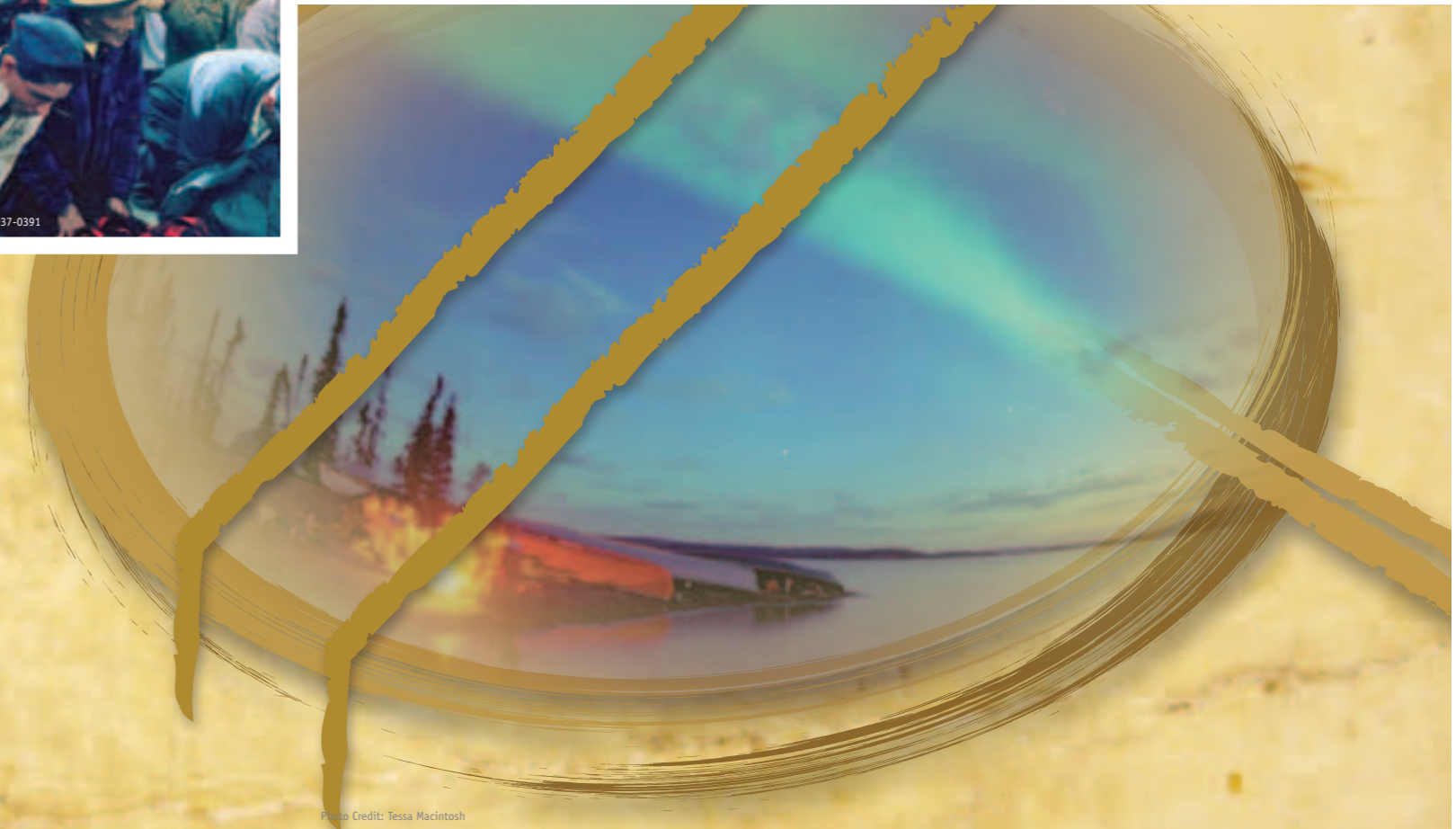


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*Hè dǫ gha gǫta...  
In Tłıchǫ Unity...*



# Message from the Grand Chief

I am pleased to provide this brief overview on highlights of this past year. Much has been accomplished and much work has begun. I am hopeful that the work of our government will build our strengths as a people and make a positive difference in the life of our communities.

We have made significant progress this year by completing a strategic framework and intentions for our government. In Whati, in February, the Tłı̨chǫ Assembly approved "Itè dǫ gha gǫta... In Tłı̨chǫ Unity..." and "Nàdàa Gètsètj...Looking Forward...", which describe our basic commitments as a government. From these basic commitments, this Annual Report provides you with an overview of accomplishments and work in progress in eight key areas.

Over the past year, our government has made progress in building a government to government relationship with the Government of the NWT, planning and preparing for self-government, and building capacity within our government to take on more challenges. Our strategic framework speaks to our strength as one people. This unity "Itè dǫ gha gǫta" will help us build a strong government and achieve our intentions. The unity of our people provides an example for our young people to live like their elders before them. "In Tłı̨chǫ Unity" means that we are connected to those who have come before us and we must always ensure that their strengths remain in us and in our work.

We have one year left in our mandate of the 2nd Assembly 2009 to 2013 and there are still many things that we want to achieve. I welcome a conversation with you on the work of the Tłı̨chǫ Government.

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Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus



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## Goal 1: Sustaining Our Lands and Environment

### Introduction

The Tłı̨chǫ Government accepts our responsibility to serve as custodians of our lands, waters and resources "for as long as this land shall last". We are committed to the protection of Tłı̨chǫ lands and wildlife according to our traditional values, raising awareness and involvement in these issues, especially amongst our youth, and the development of environmentally sustainable practices in our communities, our homes and offices.

### Accomplishments

- Collaborative work with the GNWT developing a management plan for the Bathurst Caribou herd.
- Extending the moratorium on Tłı̨chǫ lands to allow for more community and other input into the draft Land Use Plan.
- Research and piloting development of alternative energy sources for communities, especially in Behchokǫ.
- Traditional Knowledge Report on Boreal Caribou.
- Kwe Beh Working Group secured Traditional Knowledge Agreements with Fortune Minerals, BHP Billiton and Seabridge.



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### Work in Progress

- North Arm Protected Areas Strategy
- Marion Watershed Stewardship Program
- Indak'eti Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring project on Marion and Russell Lakes.
- Traditional knowledge work on the Dennison Winter Road.
- Review of MVRMA amendment issue.



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## Goal 2: Sustaining Our Language, Culture and Way of Life

### Introduction

The Tłı̨chǫ Constitution states that the purpose of the Tłı̨chǫ Government is to preserve and protect our Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and our language, culture and way of life. Thus, a core goal of our government is to support a variety of initiatives that will help our people preserve and practice our Tłı̨chǫ language, culture and way of life.

### Accomplishments

- Establishment of an award-winning, summer Imbe cultural program for youth.
- Supporting Tłı̨chǫ "traditional practices" such as hunter and trappers assistance, the development of a market for handicrafts, and events such as the Men's and Youth Hand Games Tournaments in Behchokǫ.
- Partnership with the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre and CBC to produce a CD of traditional Tłı̨chǫ drum dance music.
- Development of the online store <http://www.tlicho.ca/tlicho-onlinestore/catalog> for the sale of artists work and traditional handicrafts.

### Work in Progress

- Draft policy on Tłı̨chǫ knowledge to ensure considerations of Tłı̨chǫ language, culture and way of life inform all activities of the Tłı̨chǫ Government.
- Development of a comprehensive database to allow easy, wide access to Tłı̨chǫ traditional knowledge and resources.



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## Goal 3: Strengthening Our Communities, Our People

### Introduction

It is one of the intentions of the Tłı̨chǫ Government to improve the life of our communities and build strengths in our people. Wherever possible, the Tłı̨chǫ Government will make contributions to fill gaps and supplement existing programs and services that promote wellness, spirituality and our traditional cultural activities.

### Accomplishments

- Increase funding by 30% to \$800,000 a year to encourage and financially support all Tłı̨chǫ citizens who are post-secondary students.
- Implementation of a Harvesting Subsidy Program of over \$1,000,000, which was distributed to all Tłı̨chǫ citizens.
- Providing over \$480,000 in support to families in time of crisis because of severe illness, including bringing elders and families together for funerals.
- Providing an Elder's Fuel Subsidy to elders who own their homes.
- Providing a Coordinator for the Edzo Youth Centre.
- Partnership with GNWT to provide a winter road to Wekweèti.



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### Work in Progress

- Partnership with GNWT to train Tłı̨chǫ citizens for employment in the new, expanded elders' home in Behchokǫ.



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## Goal 4: Increasing Financial Strength and Economic Development

### Introduction

The Tłı̨chǫ Government strives to increase the financial strength and economic development of our communities, primarily through the initiatives of the Tłı̨chǫ Investment Corporation (TIC), which undertakes commercial activities on behalf of our government.

### Accomplishments

- TIC has a large number of businesses performing in many sectors of the northern economy, including mining, transportation, remediation, construction, hospitality, retail business services and power generation.
- The Tłı̨chǫ Government Community Presence Office is nearing completion in Whati.

### Work in Progress

- Tłı̨chǫ Construction is beginning the construction of the new Jimmy Erasmus Seniors' Home in Behchokǫ.
- Tłı̨chǫ Construction is beginning the construction of the Tłı̨chǫ Government Community Presence Office in Gamèti.



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