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Chief Jimmy Bruneau leading hand games, likely in 1962.
Photograph in June Helm and Nancy Lurie's 1966 research
"The Dogrib Hand Game".

Ikè dọ gha gorta... In Tłıchọ Unity...

Message from the Grand Chief

I am pleased to provide this brief overview of highlights in the Annual Report. The Annual Report 2019 is an opportunity to tell our citizens about many of the activities and achievements of the Tłıchq̓ Government over the past year. The Government has put forth an ambitious agenda that reaches into all of our communities. A broad range of activities have been undertaken to address Tłıchq̓ issues as well as deliver an ongoing variety of programs and services for our people. On behalf of the Chiefs of the Chiefs Executive Council, I welcome you to speak to us about your concerns and issues.

One of the six major goals of our Government is to build Tłıchq̓ prosperity and employment through economic development. I believe strongly in the need to improve our Tłıchq̓ businesses as they are very important in building our future prosperity as a people. This past year, our Government has worked closely with the Tłıchq̓ Investment Corporation to assist with the restructuring of that organization's Board and improving its financial position.

My priorities continue to be working to unify the Tłıchq̓ Nation. I believe we have important work to do as the Tłıchq̓ Government grows and takes on more responsibilities. Our staff is larger than it has ever been, delivering more and more programs and services within our communities. We are working hard to develop strategies that will support our staff so they can, in turn, support Tłıchq̓ communities and our citizens. I am committed to working with our Elders and our young people and strengthening the language, culture and way of life of our people.

Before becoming Grand Chief, I spent many years in our schools working as an educator, with a team of Tłıchq̓ Elders as well as teachers and other staff, to develop a broad range of cultural programs. We developed experiences for our students where they learned by practicing our culture, both on the land and within the schools. We wanted to develop students who are "strong like two people". Drumming and hand games have been particularly important as a showcase for Tłıchq̓ culture. Today, the hand games tournaments sponsored by the Tłıchq̓ Government attract thousands of people from across northern Canada, and even Alaska. One of the highlights of these tournaments over the past few years has been to extend the tournaments to youth as well. In this one activity, we help to unify our Nation and strengthen the language, culture and way of life of our people.

We have two years left in our mandate and there are many things that we would still like to achieve.

Iłè d̓ q̓a g̓oita: In Tłıchq̓ Unity



Grand Chief George Mackenzie



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Tessa Macintosh

Highlights from the 4th Tłıchq Assembly



The members of the 4th Tłıchq Assembly are: Chief Clifford Daniels, Cody Mantla and Nora Wedzin from Behchokq̄; Chief Alfonz Nitsiza, George Nitsiza and Leon Nitsiza from Whatı; Chief David Wedawin, Henry Gon and Frank Arrowmaker from Gametı; and Chief Charlie Football, Joseph Dryneck and Gordon Judas from Wekweëti. George Mackenzie is the Tłıchq Grand Chief.

The 4th Assembly has been busy in 2018-2019. The following activities have been among the priorities focused on by the Assembly and the Chiefs Executive Council (CEC):

Housing and Homelessness

Homelessness and housing issues have reached a crisis point in the Tłıchq region and, despite efforts by the NWT Housing Corporation, programs do not appear to be meeting the needs of Tłıchq citizens.

The Tłıchq Government, in collaboration with the University of Alberta, conducted research to better understand the issues surrounding homelessness and the effectiveness of the current suite of programs offered by the GNWT and Tłıchq Government.

The Tłıchq Government and the GNWT formed a Housing Working Group in 2017 to look at the issues surrounding housing and homelessness and explore how programs could be changed to provide better outcomes for Tłıchq citizens.

A report was developed and presented to the CEC in January 2019, which included 39 priority actions to address the housing crisis. The CEC is now working with the GNWT to find ways to implement those actions.

Tłıchq Regional Infrastructure Plan

The Tłıchq Government appointed the Tłıchq Regional Infrastructure Working Group (TRIWG), consisting of representatives of the Tłıchq Government, Tłıchq Investment Corporation, community governments and the Tłıchq Community Services Agency (TCSA) to develop an Infrastructure Plan for the region.

The Plan will include existing infrastructure plans of the GNWT and community governments, and will also identify infrastructure needed or desired to improve the lives of Tłıchq citizens within the region.

The Plan is intended to guide the TG when making decisions about infrastructure in the communities and region. A consultant has been hired to assist the committee with the preparation of the Plan.

Several meetings of the Working Group and TG officials have been held to assist in determining infrastructure needs for the region.

Representatives of the TG and the consultant held meetings with community government leadership and Tłıchq citizens in each of the Tłıchq communities during June. A draft Infrastructure Plan is proposed to be presented to the CEC in August, with completion of the Plan and presentation to the Tłıchq Assembly in November 2019.

CEC Cabinet Meetings – The Working Together MOU

The Tłıchǫ Government/GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the Tłıchǫ Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

This agreement commits both governments to meet at least twice per year.

CEC met with Cabinet in September and December 2018, and in April 2019. At these meetings, issues of importance to Tłıchǫ citizens and communities were discussed and commitments made to address concerns.

Over the last year, discussions have included, among other issues: caribou, housing, Dinàgà Wek'èhodì, the renewal of the Intergovernmental Services Agreement, GNWT legislative drafting and the need for an RCMP detachment in Gametì. Issues for discussion are identified by both the GNWT and the Tłıchǫ Government.

Intergovernmental Council

A key feature of the Devolution Agreement is the creation of an Intergovernmental Council (IGC) that allows Indigenous governments and the GNWT to cooperate and collaborate on matters related to lands and resource management.

Annual meetings are held that includes leadership from the GNWT, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Northwest Territory Métis Nation, Sahtú Secretariat Incorporated, Gwich'in Tribal Council, Tłıchǫ Government, Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Salt River First Nation, Denínu Kúé First Nation and the Kátł'odeeche First Nation.

In September 2018, the IGC met and discussed a range of lands, water and resources issues, including the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the federal Arctic Policy Framework and collaborative drafting of territorial legislation.



GNWT Legislative Development Processes

A priority of the current Assembly of the Government of the Northwest Territories is to develop and change a number of pieces of legislation relating to land and resources. This included the *Protected Areas Act*, *Forest Act*, *Mineral Resources Act*, *Waters Act*, *Environmental Rights Act* and *Environment Protection Act*.

Through our membership in IGC, we worked with the GNWT departments of Industry, Tourism and Investment and Environment and Natural Resources to ensure territorial legislation incorporates the values and perspectives of Indigenous groups, involves them in the management of lands and resources, and our rights in the Tłıchq Agreement are not impacted.

MVRMA and Bill C-88

In late June 2019, the Government of Canada passed Bill C-88, *An Act to Amend the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Bill C-88 was developed by Canada at the strong urging of the Tłıchq Government and other Indigenous groups, particularly the Gwich'in and Sahtú.

Now that it is passed, Bill C-88 will undo the attempt by the prior Harper Government to dismantle the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board, and the other regional land and water boards, and replace them with a "super board".

Bill C-88 is important legislation and will ensure the Tłıchq Agreement and the co-management system set out in the Tłıchq Agreement is respected and preserved. The passage of Bill C-88 is a huge success for the Tłıchq Government and finally ends a very long fight that the Tłıchq Government led to protect the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board and to ensure Canada respects the Tłıchq Agreement.

Fortune Minerals Ltd.

The Tłıchq Government (TG) has met with Fortune Minerals on a regular basis to discuss the Access Agreement and Impact and Benefits Agreement for the proposed Nico mine.

The Tłıchq Government and Fortune have agreed to a Memorandum Agreement that sets out the terms for negotiations as well as the key topics for negotiations. At this time, negotiations are continuing with Fortune to ensure that if this mine moves ahead, Tłıchq people and Tłıchq companies are assured maximum benefits while the land, water and its resources are protected.

Tłıchq All-Season Road

Breaking ground on the construction of the Tłıchq All-Season Road is expected to happen in the near future. In late 2018, the GNWT announced that Northstar Infrastructure, a company owned by Keiwiit – a multi-national construction company – had been awarded the contract to build and operate the road to Whatì.

The Tłıchq Government and Tłıchq Investment Corporation have partnered with Northstar to move this important project forward and bring benefits through jobs and opportunities for Tłıchq people and companies. The Tłıchq Government has also entered into an equity investment with Northstar, which will bring financial returns from our involvement in the project.

The Tłıchq Government is also working with the road constructor, the GNWT, the community governments of Whatì and Behchokq, and the Tłıchq Community Services Agency to ensure all of the approved measures from the environmental assessment report are implemented and ensure that the project is developed in a way that will minimize impacts to our communities, land, wildlife and way of life.



Tłı̨chǫ Agreement 23.4.1 Implementation

The Tłı̨chǫ Government has been working with the federal government and the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop measures required to implement section 23.4.1 of the Tłı̨chǫ Agreement.

Section 23.4.1 is the section of the Agreement that requires the proponent of a “major mining project” to enter into an Impact and Benefits Agreement with the Tłı̨chǫ Government. These measures have now been developed and we look forward to full implementation of this important part of the Tłı̨chǫ Agreement for any new mining project within Mǫwhì Gogha Dè Nı̨łtèè.

Tłı̨chǫ Investment Corporation

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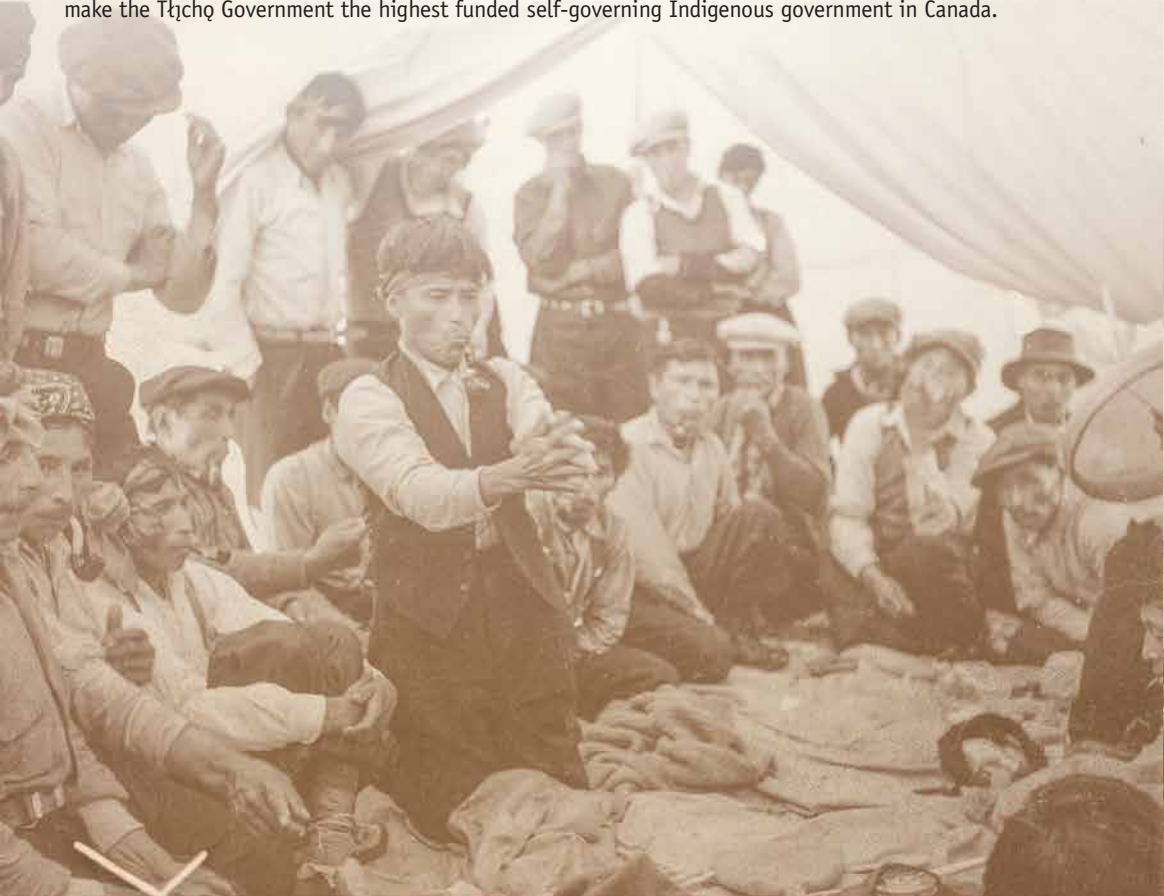
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Fiscal Negotiations

Canada provides a direct financial contribution to the costs of Tłı̨chǫ Government and the implementation of the Tłı̨chǫ Agreement through an Agreement called the Tłı̨chǫ Financing Agreement. We are now in the process of finalizing a third Tłı̨chǫ Financing Agreement, which is expected to be signed later this summer.

The third Tłı̨chǫ Financing Agreement will contain funding based on Tłı̨chǫ’s expenditure need, what it actually takes to run the Tłı̨chǫ Government. If the third Tłı̨chǫ Financing Agreement is approved, it will make the Tłı̨chǫ Government the highest funded self-governing Indigenous government in Canada.



Our Strategic Plan

The vision of our Government is “In Tłıchǫ Unity”, which has been affirmed by each successive Assembly since 2005 and speaks to being one people, united by a shared history and experiences, shared lands, language, culture and way of life.

Our mission emerges from section 2.1 of our Tłıchǫ Constitution, created by our Tłıchǫ Elders and approved at a meeting in Behchokǫ in 2000. The mission tells us, in simple words, the purpose of our Government, which is to “preserve and protect our land, our language, culture and way of life... as long as this land shall last.”

To achieve this mission, the Tłıchǫ Government has six strategic intentions, which emerge from the Constitution, the Tłıchǫ Agreement and the expectations of our communities, as voiced by our Chiefs and Assembly members.



Our Elders and Youth

from past and present in celebration of the
2019 Annual Gathering in Gameti



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Activities by Departments and Community Presence Offices

Department of Culture and Lands Protection

This is the largest department in the Government, with four sections: Lands Protection, Lands Regulation, Research and Operations, and Cultural Practices. The following are some of the projects over the past year.

Dinàgà Wek'èhodi

Chapter 16 of the Tłıchq Agreement obligates the responsibility to the parties concerned in developing a protected area within Mqwhì Gogha Dè Nııtlèè to negotiate a bilateral agreement with the Tłıchq Government on the management and governance of any such area. The Tłıchq Government and the GNWT are involved in ongoing conversations and negotiations on a bilateral establishment agreement for Dinàgà Wek'èhodi.

Tłıchq Land Use Plan

The Tłıchq Land Use Plan was developed and ratified in 2013 and recommends a review every five years of implementation. 2018 registered exactly five years of implementation, which then triggered a review process to evaluate the effectiveness of the Plan's directives and where changes are necessary. The next steps involve workshops to discuss approach, strategy, timelines and budget. A comprehensive Plan review will take approximately 12 to 18 months.

Tłıchq Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program (TAEMP)

Our community-driven project, the Tłıchq Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program, is collecting baseline information on fish habitat to compare future changes and develop a way to monitor fish that builds on both traditional Tłıchq knowledge and science. The Tłıchq Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program started as a collaboration between the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board, the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board and the Tłıchq Government. Each summer, the project rotates to a different Tłıchq community and information is exchanged between Elders, fishers, youth and Tłıchq scientists. Participants share Tłıchq perspectives on assessing ecosystem health and take part in hands-on scientific monitoring activities such as collecting fish tissues, water and sediment samples for analysis.

Marian Watershed Stewardship Program (MWSP)

The Marian Watershed Stewardship Program is contributing to a growing body of knowledge and capacity-building for a community-based aquatic effects monitoring program in the Marian Watershed prior to any proposed developments. We monitor cumulative effects of development, land disturbance and climate change, drawing on both western and Indigenous science to obtain a clear picture of baseline conditions and potential changes over time.



K'ichì (Whitebeach Point)

A major accomplishment was the delivery of Campfire at Whitebeach Point (K'ichì Xàgots'eèk'ò). Camp K'ichì was set up for the purpose of Tłı̨chų citizens to get back to the North Arm of Great Slave Lake (Dinàgà Wek'èhodì) to gather around the campfire sharing stories about our people who travelled this beautiful land. Camp K'ichì welcomed over 200 people during the two weeks the camp was in operation. We are very proud of the work that staff, partners and participants continue to accomplish in sustaining our Tłı̨chų lands, language, culture and way of life.

Lands Regulation

A new section, Lands Regulation, was established in the fall of 2018 due to increased mineral development activities in the Slave Geological Providence of the NWT and the need for the Tłı̨chų Government to fully participate. At the Geoscience Forum in November 2018, the Tłı̨chų Government released their Engagement and Consultation Guidelines.

Tłı̨chų staff and Elders continue to be involved with Traditional Knowledge Workshops on Closure and Reclamation of both the Diavik and Ekati mines. As always, the Elders enjoyed the De Beers Snap Lake annual fish camp. Discussions continue with other potential mines on Tłı̨chų lands.

The Tłı̨chų Government has been consulting with CIRNAC on monitoring Colomac and the cleanup of Rayrock. Our Tłı̨chų Elders continue to give guidance on these two old abandoned mines located on Tłı̨chų lands.



To date, several remediation projects have been undertaken with the employment of summer students and Tłı̨chų citizens who have previous BEAHR Contaminated Sites training.

Research and Language

The Research section provides direction, management, coordination and support for the promotion of research of value within the Tłı̨chų region.

We have been involved in preparing traditional knowledge monitoring plans for new and former mines, gathering traditional knowledge on forest fires and caribou habitat. Ekwò Nàxoède K'è (formerly called Boots on the Ground) remains one of our main projects.

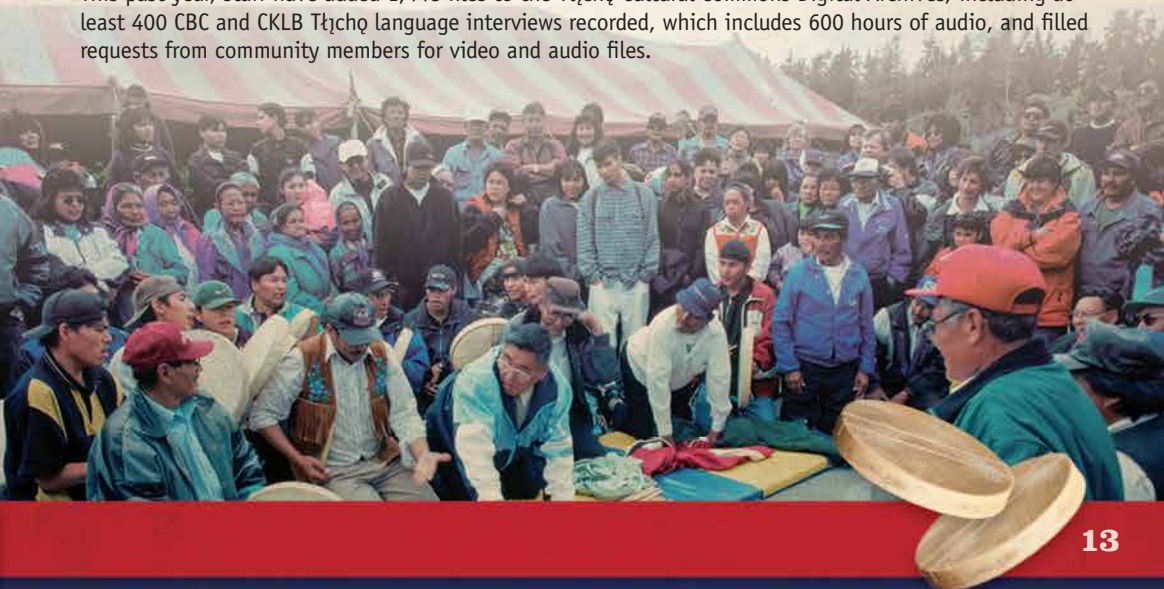


Regional Tłı̨chų Language Fund

The research department also holds the files for the Regional Tłı̨chų Language Fund and the research manager trainee acts as the Regional Language Coordinator. In our Language Plan, we have the Elder biography project, storytelling, radio station operation, language classes and song writers workshop among other items.

Tłı̨chų Cultural Commons Digital Archives

This past year, staff have added 1,448 files to the Tłı̨chų Cultural Commons Digital Archives, including at least 400 CBC and CKLB Tłı̨chų language interviews recorded, which includes 600 hours of audio, and filled requests from community members for video and audio files.



Language Revitalization Training

Sixteen participants were funded for the University of Alberta CILLDI Linguistic Courses and University of Victoria Community Aboriginal Language Revitalization Courses were offered.

Staff updated the TK policy and created a DCLP Elders' Advisory Committee.

Other activities included our Ekwò Nàxoède K'è (Boots on the Ground) project, Elder biography project, Elder monthly storytelling nights, Radio broadcasting training held for community members, and Harvesters and Elders TK workshops.



Trails of Our Ancestors Canoe Trip

After the 2018 Trails of Our Ancestors Canoe Trip to Whatì, the program has been under review. Feedback from participants, Elders, parents and general community members have been compiled and integrated into planning for the 2019 Trails of Our Ancestors Canoe Trip to Gametì.

Tł̥chq̥ Dq̥taàts'eedi

Tł̥chq̥ Dq̥taàts'eedi is a program that ran in all communities, with funding from the Climate Change Health Adaptation Program. The program paired youth in the community with experienced harvesters. Together they went out to harvest traditional foods (fish, moose, berries) and sometimes gather firewood as well. They brought the food back to the communities and distributed it to.

The goals of the program were to build cultural skills and resilience in youth, provide a traditional diet to Elders, help harvesters use and pass on their traditional skills, and create opportunities for youth and Elders to interact in a positive way. The program was run in different forms in each community, but it was overall a success.

Museum Assistance Program



The Museum Assistance Programs involves documenting and recording Elders making traditional tools and clothing that are rarely made today. These videos will be a documentation of tools and clothing that our ancestors have made and used. When the projects are all completed, these items will be on display in the new Behchokq̥ Culture Centre until we have our own Tł̥chq̥ museum.

The Traditional Classroom Project was a week-long sewing workshop that we ran with funds from the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

The program helped support Elders to teach sewing skills to interested people in the community. About 40 people attended and everyone said they would like to have workshops like that every month.

Community waterways clean up took place in Gametì and Whatì over the summer of 2018. This work involved community Elders, adults and summer students. Working together out on the land to ensure our land, water and environment is clean is a great way to spend the summer.

Sewing classes continue to be popular in the Tł̥chq̥ region, especially leading up to Christmas and Men's Hand Games.



Men's and Youth Hand Games

Men's and Youth Hand Game tournaments are the places to be during the winter months. These special gatherings celebrate the men and their skill in playing hand games as well as the women and their elaborate skills in sewing. Vests of all colours, shapes and sizes are proudly worn by the hand games' participants.

Material, beads, embroidery thread, patterns, colours and new ideas are shared amongst the women. Win or lose, being together and practicing our cultural traditions passed on from our ancestors, is what the gathering is all about.

Department of Community Programs

Our Department of Community Programs is responsible for the coordination of community action research that identifies, addresses and prioritizes issues related to health, wellness and justice faced by Tłıchǫ citizens.

Our staff strive to develop culturally sensitive, community-based initiatives related to the implementation of government priorities and improving the quality of life for Tłıchǫ citizens in the areas of health, wellness, social activities and justice.

Services to Victims of Crime

Our staff provide services to victims of crimes to assist with the emotional and physical consequences of crime and the related justice processes, and the development of crime prevention programs for Tłıchǫ citizens as well as the development of alternative sentencing programs and services for Tłıchǫ citizens.

Our staff also develop programs and services to support healthy outcomes for moms, babies and families.

Early Childhood

The Tłıchǫ Government early childhood programs focus on children and attempt to build on each child's knowledge and interest in the world.

Programs are based on the belief that children learn through play and include many traditional and modern aspects of Tłıchǫ culture.

There are strong speech and language development components in each program and early childhood educators are encouraged to speak and teach both Tłıchǫ Yatì and English. A speech pathologist has been visiting the programs this year, providing support to staff, parents and children in the area of speech development.

Early childhood programs provide families who work with quality daycare, helping parents to attend high school, upgrading or training opportunities, and providing much needed respite for families and children with special needs.

An Early Headstart family resource program is located in the Kó Gocho complex in Behchokò. This is a new program where families and children come together to learn and play, and where parents are supported in learning parenting skills.



Department of Client Services

The Department of Client Services includes the following teams: Career Development; Communications and Social Media; Economic Development; Enrolment and the ONE Program.

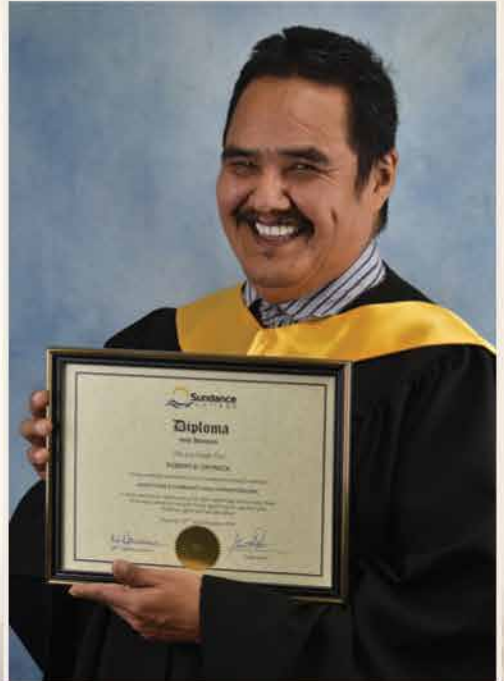
Client Services is responsible for providing leadership and direction in all areas of programming related to: training, capacity development and literacy; economic development; communications and the enrolment of Tłıchǫ citizens, including the communications and social media presence of the Tłıchǫ Government online, and the enrolment of Tłıchǫ citizens.

Career Development

The annual ASETS Program operating plan included individualized training such as driver's licences class 1 and 3, and drug and alcohol testing, as well as the proposed Heavy Equipment Operators partnership training, in preparation to the Tłıchǫ All-season Road development in 2019.

Staff coordinated a Hospitality and Tourism business course in Whatı, based on the Introduction to Retail and Hospitality coursework and incorporating elements from small business courses.

Staff coordinated wilderness safety training in Behchokǫ as well as an introduction to warehousing and inventory control, a wellness workshop and industrial safety training. This training was developed to coincide with the industrial safety training as part of our Job Readiness Program. We offered two deliveries in Behchokǫ due to the high volume of applications.



Partnership Training with SPF

Six out of 12 individuals participated in the wilderness safety training under the ASETS Program. This training consists of trip plans and TG policies, health and wellness, Canadian Firearms Safety course, maps and GPS, bear safety, bear guard, trip planning, trip emergency and crisis scenarios, snowmobile safety, chainsaw orientation and safety.

We assisted with living allowances for individualized training with a Geoscience Field Assistant, a Wildlife Monitor, Building Trades Helpers and the Introduction to the Mining Industry coursework in Fort Smith. These programs addressed a variety of topics related to roles and responsibilities of a Geoscience Field Assistant, and the duties and responsibilities of a Wildlife Monitor, careers in underground and surface mining and mineral processing.

Our staff coordinated small equipment training in Wekweètì and Whatì. The small equipment training consisted of transportation of dangerous goods, chainsaw operator training, brush cutter operator training and confined space entry hazard awareness.



Northern Youth Abroad – January to December 2018

Our Government assisted eight Tłı̨chǫ youth to participate in the Northern Youth Abroad program. Participants who complete the program earn valuable employment related skills and the confidence to positively contribute to their home communities.

They also earn high school credits as well as continue on the path to complete high school. This program helps strengthen their ability to gain work experience, career awareness, develop job skills, commit to living a healthy lifestyle, achieve short, medium and long-term goals, increase self-confidence and independence, and build leadership capacity.

In April, the Tłı̨chǫ Government and Canada entered into a Skills and Partnership Fund (SPF) agreement to support the delivery of training within the Tłı̨chǫ region. Activities identified in this agreement are the result of the ongoing work of TREDWG and based on the Tłı̨chǫ Training and Economic Development Strategy. This contract and related funding is based on commitments and support from various project partners: Career Development, Community Government of Behchokò, Whatì, Gametì and Wekweètì, the GNWT and Aurora College.

In partnership with Career Development, we move forward, providing additional training deliveries for Tłı̨chǫ citizens. Visit your Career Development Officer today in your community to help assist in your career planning, resources and services to help you in your career goals.



Communications and Social Media

The website and Facebook help the Tłıchǫ Government provide up-to-date news and information to Tłıchǫ citizens, and others interested in the activities and work of the Tłıchǫ Government. The website is also intended to be a celebration of all things Tłıchǫ, and has sections on our communities, our culture and Tłıchǫ history. Over the past year, we have had over 56,000 people visit the site.

Economic Development

Our focus for economic development is to develop collaborative partnerships in the Tłıchǫ region for the long-term, ongoing framework and strategic economic development plans that meet client, community and regional goals and objectives. The Tłıchǫ Regional Economic and Development Working Group have published the Tłıchǫ Tourism Strategy, and Tłıchǫ Artisan and Artists Strategy. The Economic Development Officers held a Tourism Conference in Behchokǫ for the Tłıchǫ people living in the region to focus on getting market ready and marketing your tourism business. Economic development teams, in partnership with Career Development, have developed workshops to be delivered in each Tłıchǫ community. Each Tłıchǫ community has an Economic Development Officer to help provide information and services to help local business grow and prosper.

Enrolment

There are 4,467 Tłıchǫ citizens. Enrolment provides a variety of services for Tłıchǫ citizens.

Community Presence Offices in Behchokǫ, Gametì, Wekweètì and Whatì

Our Presence Offices in Behchokǫ, Gametì, Wekweètì and Whatì are active in their communities and sponsor a number of community events each year, often in conjunction with the Department of Community Social Programs, which frequently provides funding and staff to help coordinate and deliver the activities. For instance, activities in Wekweètì in 2018-2019 included a Tłıchǫ Immersion Camp working with Alexis Arrowmaker School and the Tłıchǫ Dotaatseedi Program where youth and hunters harvested traditional food and distributed to community Elders and residents.



ONE Program

The Tłıchǰ Government's ONE program: One Nation Education Student Financial Support Program for post-secondary students has provided supplementary funding for post-secondary training or education programs for Tłıchǰ citizens since 1997. By financially assisting students who are attending post-secondary educational programs, the Tłıchǰ Government is helping to strengthen our people, their families and our communities.

ONE program is for all Tłıchǰ citizens. Eligibility to receive ONE funding requires you to be a Tłıchǰ citizen, attending full-time in an approved program at a designated post-secondary institution, which will lead to a certificate, diploma, undergraduate, masters or doctoral degree.



2018-2019 Numbers and Location of Students Accessing the Tłıchǰ Government ONE program

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| 94 students accessed the ONE program in 2018-2019: 88% were women and 12% were men; 37% of these students had dependents. | Students from the Tłıchǰ Communities | 46% |
| | Students from the Provinces and Nunavut | 54% |

Top Areas of Interest in 2018-2019

- 30% of our students are attending degree-type programs
- 27% are in diploma programs, 22% record and 20% certificate programs
- 30% of the Tłıchǰ students are enrolled in bachelor programs focused on arts, education and science, followed by 15% in OCAP and UCAP, 8% in office administration and 5% child care

For more information, please see our presence on the website at www.tlicho.ca, or if you have questions, email us at one@tlicho.com.

Thank You to Our Partners!

Since 1997, our corporate partners have been contributing to the success of our students! Their financial assistance is greatly appreciated and we look forward to their continuing participation in this wonderful program. Ması Cho!



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as̄u wets’à goet’o h̄ōl̄ 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

