

**Tłchq Assembly
20th Session Directive
December 16, 2008**

The Tłchq Assembly held its 20th Session in Behchokò on December 9 - 16, 2008 and approved the following:

1. Extension of Assembly Session

The 20th Session of the Tłchq Assembly is extended to Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

2. Tłchq Community Land Lease

The Tłchq Government will contribute to the Behchokò Community Government funds up to \$98,000 from the Community Support Funds to do work with the other Tłchq Communities to work towards resolving the issue of the GNWT \$2.00/year lease agreements for 99 years. (see item #8)

3. 2008-2009 Quarterly Financial Report

Tabled until next Assembly Session.

4. 2008 Audited Financial Statements

Tabled until next Assembly Session.

5. Board Appointments

The Assembly appoints the following individuals to the following Boards:

Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board:
Moise Rabesca

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board:
Nora Doig and Leon Weyallon as alternate

Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board:
Joe Rabesca and Mike Nitsiza

6. New Positions

The Tłchq Executive Officer is authorized to hire an individual for a term of three months and this individual will assist in ensuring that the directives and decisions made by the Assembly are followed up and completed.

7. Caribou Collars

The Elders Advisory Council made the following recommendation to the Assembly:

As per the 19th Session Directive, the Elder's Advisory Council has met to discuss the request from Environment and Natural Resources to review the continuation of existing collars at 20 and to increase collared caribou from 20 to 30. The Elders Committee met with representatives of Environment and Natural Resources and Wek'èezhù Renewable Resources Board to better understand why they have requested to continue the 20 existing collars and to increase the number of collared animals and to review the collaring process, including viewing the actual collars. Based on these meetings and our discussions, the Elders make the following recommendation:

The caribou collars should remain at the existing 20 and not be increased to 30 until such as time as the collars are redesigned.

The Tł̨chq̨ Assembly accepts the recommendation provided by the Elders Advisory Council. The Tł̨chq̨ Government shall provide a letter to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to this effect.

8. Tł̨chq̨ Community Projects

The Assembly approves the following projects and amounts:

Organization/Community	Project	Amount
Behchok̨ Friendship Center	Traditional Caribou Conservation: Youth and Elders Working Together	\$ 50,000.00
Whatì	Traditional Caribou Conservation: Youth and Elders Working Together	\$ 50,000.00
Gamètì	Traditional Caribou Conservation: Youth and Elders Working Together	\$ 50,000.00
Wekweètì	Traditional Caribou Conservation: Youth and Elders Working Together	\$ 50,000.00
Jesse James Gon	Production of CD	\$ 9,657.25
Tł̨chq̨ Government	Tax Software	\$ 900.00
Wekweètì Justice Committee	Youth On the Land Program	\$ 13,625.00
Whatì Parish Council	Work for Whatì Church and Church Trailer	\$ 16,949.45
Alexi Arrowmaker School	Kids on the Land Trapping Program	\$ 31,007.00
Northwestel	Upgrades	\$ 150,000.00
Lac La Martre Development Corporation	Whatì Arbor	\$ 103,269.00
St. Michael's Parish	Broadcast to Senior's Home	\$ 6,117.28
Wekweètì Community Government	Skating Rink	\$ 260,000.00
Behchok̨ Community	Cover cost of architectural drawing of a new	\$ 60,000.00

Government	youth centre in Edzo	
Gameti Community Government	Contribute to the employment of a Community Cultural Worker	\$ 30,000.00
Behchoko Community Government	See item #2	\$ 98,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 959,524.98

9. **Land Claims Agreement Coalition Implementation Policy**

Tabled until the next Assembly Session.

10. **Winter Road Route – Change to an all land winter road**

The Tłıchq Government will support work towards the present winter road on ice to be realigned to an all land winter road towards Whatì, Gamètì and Wekweètì as soon as possible.

11. **John Mantla Petition**

The TEO will get a legal opinion on the nature of petitions and the petition itself. A report will be provided at the next Tłıchq Assembly Session.

12. **Emergency Cabin**

Wekweètì will develop cost for an emergency cabin and table it at the next Tłıchq Assembly Session.

13. **Youth Coordinator**

The Tłıchq Executive Officer to look into an interim Youth Coordinator to work with youth in the region on traditional and current activities. The Tłıchq Executive Officer will also work with the individual identified and table cost associated with this position for Assembly consideration at the next Session.

14. **Planning Session**

The schedule from the December 3 – 4, 2008 planning session is approved as listed:

January 7-8, 2009 Tłıchq Government meeting with Tłıchq Investment Corporation - Behchokò

January 9, 2009 Tłıchq Government policy review - Behchokò

January 21-23, 2009 Tłıchq Government meeting with Tłıchq Community Services Agency

January 26, 2009 Tłıchq Government meeting with RCMP

January 27-29, 2009 21st Tłıchq Assembly Session – Behchokò

February 2-5, 2009 Tłıchq Government meeting on Implementation

February 5-6, 2009 Tłıchq Government meeting on programs and services

February 17-20, 2009 Tłıchq Government along with Elder Advisory Council meeting with GNWT on caribou tags.

February 24-26, 2009 22nd Tłıchq Assembly Session

March 24-26, 2009 23rd Tłıchq Assembly Session
April 14-16, 2009 Tłıchq Government review Tłıchq Laws
April 28-30, 2009 24th Tłıchq Assembly Session
May 26-28, 2009 25th Tłıchq Assembly Session

15. Whatı Motel/Restaurant/Store

The Tłıchq Government will raise this request at the upcoming meeting with the Tłıchq Investment Corporation and will report back to the next Tłıchq Assembly Session.

16. Review Assembly Members Fee

Tabled until the next Assembly Session.

17. Elders Fuel Subsidy

The Tłıchq Government will assist elders, those with privately owned homes in the communities, with up to 500 litres of fuel or equivalent cost for wood. Elders that currently receive Canada Pension qualify for this assistance. The Tłıchq Government will raise the Elders fuel subsidy issue with Tłıchq Community Services Agency and GNWT at their upcoming meeting.

18. Bison Tags

Tłıchq Government to conduct research into whether unrestricted hunting is allowed for bison by Tłıchq citizens on Tłıchq lands. GNWT make available additional bison tags for community and commercial purposes. A report will be presented at the next Assembly Session.

19. Media Release

The Tłıchq Government will consider the development of a Tłıchq Government Newsletter at the next Tłıchq Assembly Session.

20. Scheduling

The 21st Tłıchq Assembly Session will be held January 27 – 29, 2009 in Behchokq.

Signature: _____



Grand Chief George Mackenzie signed this Directive on December 16, 2008.