

**5<sup>th</sup> Tłıchq Assembly**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Session Directive**  
**September 30, 2021**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Tłıchq Assembly held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Session by electronic means over Zoom on September 30, 2021 and approved the following:

1. **Appointment of Acting Grand Chief**

**WHEREAS** recently, there has been an outbreak of Covid-19 in the communities of Behchokq and Whati and effective September 9, 2021 the Chief Public Health Officer of the NWT issued 19 restrictions under her Public Health Orders.

**AND WHEREAS** the Registrar determined that the conduct of the 2021 Tłıchq Grand Chief election was directly impacted by the presence of Covid-19 in the community of Behchokq and ordered that the 2021 Tłıchq Grand Chief election would be postponed and will proceed on a revised Election Day of November 18, 2021. On Tuesday, September 21, 2021, the Chiefs Executive Council (CEC) acting as an appeal body has confirmed the decision of Tłıchq Grand Chief Election Registrar Gabrielle Mackenzie Scott to postpone the Tłıchq Grand Chief election to November 18, 2021.

**AND WHEREAS** the term of Grand Chief Mackenzie expires at 12:01 A.M. MST September 30, 2021 and the postponement of the 2021 Grand Chief election leaves Tłıchq Government without a Grand Chief for the period between September 30, 2021, and when a new Grand Chief is elected.

**AND WHEREAS** The Tłıchq Assembly has determined that during these unprecedented and challenging times, the Tłıchq Nation and Tłıchq Government benefits from having the position of Grand Chief occupied in order to meet the roles of the Grand Chief set out in the Tłıchq Constitution.

**AND WHEREAS** this determination is due to the expiry of the term of the Grand Chief, the postponement of the Grand Chief election and finally the need for an Acting Grand Chief to fulfill the role up to when the next Tłıchq Grand Chief of the Tłıchq is elected.

**AND WHEREAS** the Tłıchq Assembly acknowledges Grand Chief George Mackenzie for his service to the Tłıchq Nation during his term.

**AND WHEREAS** the Tłıchq Constitution has a process for naming an acting Grand Chief.

**IT IS DECLARED THAT** Sonny Zoe, is appointed as Acting Grand Chief effective September 30, 2021 and will serve at the pleasure of the Tłıchǫ Assembly until the next Grand Chief of the Tłıchǫ is elected.

2. **Tłıchǫ Land and Resource Management Law**

Tłıchǫ Assembly directs staff to implement the workplan for the development of Tłıchǫ Land and Resource Management laws

3. **Schedule of Tłıchǫ Assembly workshops**

- a. Jan 12-13, 2022, Yellowknife
- b. Feb 8-10, 2022, Yellowknife (finance)
- c. June 28-29, 2022, Behchokò

4. **Schedule of Tłıchǫ Assembly Sessions**

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> session, December 1-3, 2021, Behchokò
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> session, February 22-24, 2022, Whatì
- c. 5<sup>th</sup> session, May 17-19, 2022, Gamètì
- d. 6<sup>th</sup> session & 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering July 12-15, 2022, Whatì

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acting Grand Chief Sonny Zoe**  
**September 30, 2021**