

GTC Annual General Assembly, Tsiigehtchic, August 13-17, 2007



Robert Charlie, Assembly Co-chair (left, standing), Vice-President Mary Ann Ross, President Fred Carmichael and Chief Operating Officer Tom Williams (sitting, L-R) check for a quorum.



Chief Frederick "Sonny" Blake, Jr. welcomes delegates of the 24th assembly to Tsiigehtchic.



Youth delegates Justin Frost (L) and Kevin Mitchell of the Nihtat Gwich'in Council



The Honourable David Krutko, MLA Mackenzie Delta



CKLB-Radio staff William Greenland (L) and Jasmine Netsena provide live coverage of the proceedings.



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EGC delegate Fanny Greenland chats with Tetlit Zheh Elder Charlie Snowshoe



CFO Greg Cayen (far right) receives his Fellowship of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants from Charles Jeffrey, President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of the NWT.



EGC delegates Mary Greenland (far left), Mildred Edwards, Mae Greenland, and James Edwards (standing) caucus on a topic.



Robert Charlie (L) of Inuvik and former Chief Peter Ross of Tsiigehtchic co-chair the Assembly (and call out winning door prize numbers)



GTC President Fred Carmichael displays 8-years growth of tackling tough issues (an impromptu presentation from Tsiigehtchic resident Wayne MacDonald).



Nihtat Gwich'in Council delegate James Martin studies the delegate binder

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OUR LAND CLAIM MONEY INVESTORS

Phil Anselmo, RBC Dominion Securities; Ted Gibson, UBS Global Assets Management (Canada) Co.; John Stetler, KPMG; unidentified; Arden Buskell, First Nations Bank of Canada; unidentified



Tetlit Gwich'in Council delegates Frank Firth (left), Andrew Stewart, and Rebecca Francis



NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Arden Buskell (top, left), President / Chief Operating Officer; Keith Martell, Chair, Board of Directors, First Nations Bank of Canada; Greg Cayen, GTC CFO

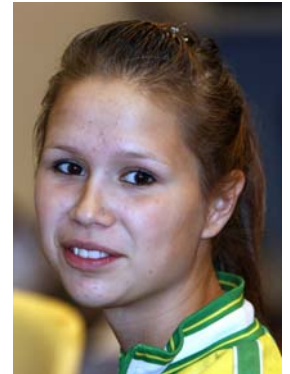
Former long-time Chief Robert Hager and his wife, Christine, from Mayo, Yukon



Assembly Page
Andrew Andre



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Alison Clark



Nihtat Gwich'in
Council member
Celina Jerome



Nihtat Gwich'in
Council delegate
Lillian Wright



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Greta Sittichinli (left) and Liz Dietrich, Aurora College



Rosie Potts, sister of the late Frederick Firth of Tetlit Zeh, takes in the assembly proceedings.

Shawn McCann (below, left), Manager, Public Affairs and Gloria Iatridis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Advanced Education & Careers, GNWT Education, Culture & Employment



Mary Ann Ross (below, left), V-P; Victor Stewart, A/Manager, Regional Wellness; and Denise Kurszewski, Director, Regional Wellness, field questions from delegates.



Vern Jones, President, and Earl Jacobson, Executive Director, Northwest Territory Métis Nation



Mary Andre of Tsiigehtchic is part of the cooking team that kept delegates fed with delicious snacks and meals.



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Delegations also included (from top to bottom, left) Grand Chief Andy Carvill, Council of Yukon First Nations; Marie-Anick Elie, Northern Gas Secretariat; Joe Tetlich, Porcupine Caribou Management Board; and Garth Walbridge, NorthwesTel.



Tsiigehtchic resident Agnes Francis delivers a speech to the Assembly.



Izhii K'aiikit Tat Gwich'in representatives Fred Koe (top, left) and Bella Husky make presentations to the Assembly.



Youth presentations included Rena Squirrel of Hay River (bottom, right) and George Stewart, Tetlit Gwich'in Council (bottom).



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Adorned with a moosehide jacket from the Gwich'in Chiefs Council (and made by Ruth Wright of Inuvik), President Carmichael addresses his (very) last assembly.



NWT Commissioner Anthony Whitford (right) presents President Carmichael a plaque and gift from for his years of service to the people of the North.



President Carmichael presents a pair of snowshoes to former Chief Peter Ross for his years of service to the GTC Board of Directors.

Vice-President Mary Ann Ross (left) presents Astrid McDonald with the first James McDonald, Sr. Award, a tribute by the regional Renewable Resource Councils in recognition of the many years of services from James, plus to recognize Gwich'in Youth who practice their traditional skills.



Also receiving gifts are former Tetlit Gwich'in Council Sub-Chief Eileen Koe (left) and Chief Johnny Kay (Peter Kay accepting on his behalf),



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