



GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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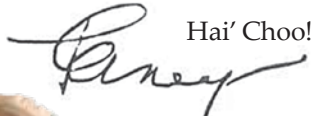
President's Message

Welcome to our first Assembly newsletter! We hope that you enjoyed the highlights and summarized GTC Executive, Staff and other presentations made at the Annual General Assembly. We continue to seek your input, guidance and encouragement into our Strategic Plan and would encourage you to contact us. The leadership believes the world views our communities and organization through your leadership, and we continue to work hard to make this a reality through hard work, dedication and commitment. In 1996, the Assembly passed a motion to have sober leadership, and I am pleased to say that I have been committed to living an alcohol and drug free life style and have done so for 14 years.

There are many important milestones to consider for the Gwich'in Nation. Treaty 11 is a foundation our ancestors provided for us and the GCLCA was signed 19 years ago. These two constitutional protected agreements preserve and protect Aboriginal and Treaty rights and interests. Gwich'in Leadership continue to protect our rights and interests for future generations. One example would be the signed Devolution AIP, which has

been a much publicized issue of debate and one that we do not support under the current terms and conditions. We continue to work to resolve the outstanding differences with respect to the Devolution AIP and our position has been supported by the AGA through Motion #07:2011.

Mahsi' Choo for your on-going support, encouragement, advice where you felt it was needed and confidence in my leadership.



Hai' Choo!
Richard Nerysoo
President



President Richard Nerysoo & Co-Chair Peter Ross



AGA Delegation



Auditor - John Stelter, CFO - Angela Adler

Day 1 – Investment Performance – Keith Tomchuk (Towers Watson), Deborah Lewis (CIBC), Phil Anselmo (RBC), Ted Gibson (UBS)

As at March 31, 2011, the portfolio investments were valued at \$101,230,404 up from \$93,112,077 in the prior year. All asset classes posted positive returns for the year.

The investment advisor and three fund managers all stressed that there will be periods of volatility in the financial markets and reiterated the need to keep a long term view. In the three months following the year-end, the value of the portfolio investments decreased by approximately \$1.9 million.

Since 1996, the fund has returned approximately 6.7% per year, ahead of the policy benchmark by 0.1%. Annual returns have varied from 23.4% to -19.9%. Returns have been positive in 10 of the last 14 years. Over the long term, the fund has done quite well.

To improve accountability and ensure the information is understandable, future presentations will be made by the GSC investment committee and investment advisor (Towers Watson) instead of bringing in the fund managers (CIBC, RBC, and UBS).

For more information, please see the Gwich'in Settlement Corporation section of the 2010-2011 Annual Report. Copies of the investment advisor and fund manager reports are also available upon request.

Day 1 – Financial Statements – Angela Adler (Chief Financial Officer), John Stelter (KPMG)

In the context of a challenging economic environment, the March 31, 2011, year-end financial results for the GTC have demonstrated an overall stability of operations with the achievement of an annual consolidated surplus of

\$313,687 compared to a consolidated deficit in the prior year of \$1,628,329. This corresponds to the increase in the accumulated surplus from \$124,324,799 to \$124,638,489.

The Gwich'in Development Corporation demonstrated improved performance with \$472,045 in net income for 2011 compared to a net loss of \$56,497 in the prior year.

The market value of portfolio investments improved significantly and exceeded cost at year end by approximately \$6 million.

A new budgeting system was implemented in 2011 and approved by the Board of Directors, with increased interim reporting requirements and accountability to the Board. Through variance reports, more detail and information is being provided on the various projects and departmental activities. The auditor commented that this was the best and most organized year for an audit in the last 15 years.

Concerns were raised over insufficient funding for the Gwich'in Wellness Camp. The department is currently being restructured and a strategic review will be completed.

For more information, please see the 2010-2011 Annual Report Supplement.

Day 1 – Other Speakers

Council of the Yukon First Nations – Ruth Massie, Grand Chief

Two key mandates of the CYFN:

1. Implement Yukon Umbrella Agreement
2. Promote and assist the 11 self-governing First Nations

Two main priorities of the CYFN strategic plan:

1. Unify all 14 Yukon First Nations
2. Improve the capacity needs of individual First Nation communities

Inuvialuit Game Council – Frank Pokiak

By working together, Gwich'in and Inuvialuit can preserve our wildlife:

- Porcupine and Bluenose Caribou herd – Encourage people to be careful about harvesting the animals to ensure the herds can survive for future generations.
- Dolly Varden Char – Declining population with restrictions on harvesting.

NWT Housing Corporation & MACA –

Minister Robert C. McLeod

A lot of work has been done to collect outstanding rents and address the rent scale issue. Money through CMHC has been reduced, affecting funds available for repairs. MACA-providing assistance to communities and youth centres has been the priority for this department.



Vice-President - Mary Ann Ross

Day 2 – Executive Reports

Richard Nerysoo, President

- Pleased with all accomplishments over the past year, including operational changes to policies and procedures to strengthen accountability and transparency.
- Five-year strategic plan was updated this year to reflect changing priorities.
- Received a “low risk” rating related to the management of funding agreements from the federal government.
- Board meetings are held quarterly and taking further steps to strengthen accountability through a Board training manual, Board development workshops, and a new Conflict of Interest policy.
- Looking at a unified approach with Yukon First Nations on struggles with governments in regard to implementing the land claim, which includes issues like royalties, land use, protection and water.
- Communication to external agencies and Gwich'in participants are a priority to ensure that information is shared.



Chief Phillip Blake, Vice-President Mary Ann Ross, COO Wanda McDonald, Chair Fred Koe, Co-Chair Peter Ross

Mary Ann Ross, Vice-President

- We need to work on the issues while still being respectful to each other and focus on collaborating more with the communities.
- The status of the Gwich'in Harvesters Assistance Trust is closely monitored and the Board decided to hold off on increasing funding levels until the Trust had accumulated a sufficient surplus in order to withstand market fluctuations.
- Protecting and preserving our culture and language are a key focus, and we must address issues of significant government funding cuts to the Gwich'in Social & Cultural Institute.

Wanda McDonald, Chief Operating Officer

- Improve internal staff capacity through developing individual work plans, professional training and workshops, and engaging senior management in strategic planning and the budgeting process.
- Operations funding is approximately 67% restricted third-party contribution agreements, 18% resource royalties, and 15% settlement funds.

Please see 2010-2011 Annual Report for the full Executive reports.

Are you moving? Please help us keep in touch with you!

Please advise us of any changes to your current contact information so you won't miss any future newsletters, mail outs, distribution cheques, etc.

Day 2 – Devolution

On January 26, 2011, the Government of Canada, the GNWT, and two Aboriginal groups signed a draft Devolution Agreement in Principle. This document facilitates the final phase of negotiations for a Devolution agreement that would transfer the ownership, management and control of public lands and resource development in the NWT to the Territorial Government.

Since then, Main Table negotiations have begun in order to work out the fine print of the Devolution agreement.

The Gwich'in and other Aboriginal groups have made various attempts to address a number of concerns with the draft AiP. These repeated efforts have been ignored or rebuked by Canada and the GNWT.

The Gwich'in position is clear:

- We support Devolution, but not this AiP because it works against the long term interests of the Gwich'in and of all Northerners.
- A fair deal does not take 50% of Resource Revenues off the table before negotiations begin.
- A fair deal does not place the entirety of the GNWT's oil and gas workforce in Yellowknife.

A fair deal is not one negotiated bilaterally between the Government of Canada and the GNWT, with Aboriginal governments forced to deal with the consequences of this agreement after the fact.

If you would like more information, please contact our office or download a copy of the "Report re Fiscal and Self-Government Issues in connection with Devolution" from our website at <http://www.gwichin.nt.ca/Notice-Board>

Day 2 – Departmental Reports

Business Development – Wanda McDonald, Chief Operating Officer. Goals are to develop competencies and expertise, to ensure that opportunities are offered to Gwich'in businesses, and to increase Gwich'in wealth. Capacity building initiatives are based on needs identified by the community and the availability of funding. Please visit the Gwich'in Business website at www.gwichin.biz for more information.

Gwich'in Services – Robert Charlie, Director of Gwich'in Services. The report focused on education, which is a high priority. The new ASETS program (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy) replaced AHRDA (Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement) last October. The new program is challenging to deliver with respect to the criteria set by Canada.

Lands Administration & Resource Management – Mardy Semmler, Director of Lands & Resources. Activities over the last year consisted of participating in policy legislation and guideline reviews, managing Gwich'in lands in Yukon and NWT, and initiatives involving resource planning. When recommending no development for lands, concerns were raised over various levels and types of protection, including restrictions on cabins and trapping.

Day 3 – Departmental Reports - continued

Regional Wellness – Matilda DeBastien, Events & Logistics Coordinator. Last year, programs focused on three main areas: (1) addictions and/or addiction-related issues, (2) elders as the teachers and youth and the future, and (3) residential school legacy. In June, the Gwich'in pre- and post- TRC events were completed and very well received by visitors.

Self-Government – Mary Ann Ross, Senior Negotiator. A great deal of work was completed last year and all parties have a better understanding of the respective

positions and mandates. Over the next year, the focus will be in the areas of completing Governing Structures (models, constitutions, and principles), Jurisdictional Authority, Citizenship and Elections, and Financing.

Intergovernmental Relations – Patrick Tomlinson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations. This is a newly created department which encompasses self-government, claim implementation, devolution, and other government relations. The new director, Patrick, made a presentation at the AGA and will be starting full-time in October.

Please see 2010-2011 Annual Report for the full departmental reports.

GTC Employee Long Term Service Awards:

Alestine Andre –
Heritage Researcher,
GSCI – 16 years

Victoria Villebrun –
Senior Finance & Administration
Officer, GTC Fort McPherson –
15 years

Norma Blake –
Senior Finance Officer,
GTC Fort McPherson – 15 years



Whitehorse Delegate Rosie Simon & Yellowknife Delegate Susan Vogt - Photo credit Robert Alexie Jr



Tsiigehtchic Elder - John Norbert - Photo Credit Robert Alexie Jr

Day 3 – Gwich'in Organizations

Izhii K'aaiikit Tat Gwich'in (Yellowknife) – Annie Firth & Sue Vogt. The group fundraises with bingos for cultural activities and to hold bi-weekly “Gwich'in nights” (sewing and chatting). GTC Leadership and staff held an information session in Yellowknife last November with a feast and dance.

Whitehorse Gwich'in Delegation – Rosie Simon. Sewing classes are being held to get together and learn traditional skills. Requests were made to send more traditional foods to students. GTC Leadership and staff also held an information session, feast, and dance in Whitehorse last November that was enjoyed by all.

Gwich'in Elders – John Norbert, Richard Wilson, Eliza Greenland, Lillian Wright. This year Brighter Futures funded a successful lunch and exercise program for Elders. A request was made to have traditional foods available for patients at the Larga home in Edmonton.

Youth Representatives – Marion Robert, Carol Ross, Marissa Mitchell, Trisha Greenland. Requests were made for training and support in leadership. Concerns were raised of “social passing.” The Youth expressed an interest in forming groups and reporting to the next AGA.

Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute – Sharon Snowshoe, Executive Director. GSCI's mandate is to document, preserve and promote Gwich'in culture, language, and traditional knowledge and values. GSCI continues to compile, update and digitize all research materials from the last 19 years.



GSCI - Alestine Andre & Sharon Snowshoe

Day 3 – Other Speakers

NWT Water Strategy – Stephen Kakfwi. Participation is being sought from all levels of governments, including Aboriginal, to protect and preserve water. People are encouraged to read the strategy and action plan and provide feedback for the governments on how to proceed.

MP for Western Arctic –Dennis Bevington. MP Bevington is the newly appointed official opposition critic for northern development. He referenced the high cost of living, regulatory boards, progress made on the Mackenzie Valley Highway, as water pollution. He also reiterated concerns that money is tight due to world influences, which may mean cutbacks.

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development – Trish Merrithew-Mercredi, Regional Director General. A new document has been developed to enhance government transparency called “the year in review.” New status cards are available, which will help prevent fraud and abuse. A suggestion was made to provide pensions to Chiefs similar to elected



Chief Phillip Blake, President Richard Nerysoo, Premier Floyd Roland - Photo credit Robert Alexie Jr

government officials, but AAND lacks the authority and ability to implement this.

Government of the Northwest Territories – Premier Floyd Roland. Premier Roland indicated that he will not be seeking re-election this fall and provided an overview of key issues, including the water strategy, oil sands effects, and devolution. As an outgoing government, they cannot

provide any new commitments but simply wind down operations as of September 4, 2011.

Language Commissioner of the NWT – Sarah Jerome. Ms. Jerome is responsible for investigating complaints regarding translation/transcription services in any sector. Her Inuvik office is at the Capital Suites and the toll free number is 800-661-0889.

AGA Resolutions

Motion #05:2011 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31, 2011, be approved as presented.

Moved by: President Charlie Furlong

Seconded by: Carolyn Lennie

Question called: CARRIED unanimously

Motion #06:2011 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for the Gwich'in Tribal Council for the year ended March 31, 2012.

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: Diane Baxter

Question called: CARRIED unanimously

Motion #07:2011 AGA

WHEREAS, the Leadership of the Gwich'in Tribal Council has discussed the issues of concern in the NWT Devolution and Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement in Principle dated September 17, 2010, and commissioned a Report re: Fiscal and Self-Government Issues in Connection with Devolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council have reviewed the finding of the report for the Gwich'in Tribal Council entitled “Fiscal and Self-Government Issues in Connection with Devolution prepared for Richard Nerysoo, President, Gwich'in Tribal Council”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors have agreed to a strategy on next steps to address the concerns of the Gwich'in Tribal Council about the fiscal and guiding principles of the NWT Devolution and Revenue Sharing Agreement in Principle; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors support the recommendations of the Report re: Fiscal and Self-



Aklavik delegation



Diane Baxter, Vice-President Mary Ann Ross, Matilda Debastien

Government Issues in Connection with Devolution submitted to Richard Nerysoo, President, Gwich'in Tribal Council prepared by Peter Eglington and Lew Voytilla dated January 25, 2011.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 28th Annual General Assembly supports the decisions of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to approve the amended draft report and the recommendation contained in the report entitled: Report re: Fiscal and Self-Government Issues in Connection with Devolution; and

FURTHER that the 28th Annual General Assembly approves and supports the implementation of the next steps to address the concerns of the Leadership of the Gwich'in Tribal Council in the process leading to an Agreement in Principle, the terms set out in the Agreement in Principle and the process to complete an agreement with Canada respecting Devolution and Resource Revenue Sharing in the Northwest Territories; and

FURTHER that the 28th Annual General Assembly supports the efforts of the President to work with the Dene Leadership in the development of a unified position on the matter of devolution and resource revenue sharing, which will be in the interest of all residents of the NWT and improve the financial terms of any

agreement on devolution and resource revenue sharing.

Moved by: Bert Bullock

Seconded by: Eliza Greenland

Question called: CARRIED unanimously.

Motion #10:2011 AGA

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Tribal Council has an election manual it uses to help administer elections for the Gwich'in Tribal Council Executive; and

WHEREAS in 2008, a report was tabled suggesting a number of recommendations to improve the procedure with respect to elections; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement these changes, it is necessary to make changes to By-law No. 1.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations and associated changes be made to By-law No. 1 as noted below:

1. **Recommendation: Lengthen the election period by 30 days**

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) In Section 7.4 of By-law No. 1, replace the reference to "thirty (30) days" with "sixty (60) days."
- ii) In Section 7.7 of By-law No. 1, replace the reference to "fifty (50) days" with "seventy (70) days."

2. **Recommendation: Have polling stations in centres where there are more than 100 participants residing.**

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) Replace Section 7.13 of By-law No. 1 with the following wording:

"7.13 Casting of Ballots. The Chief Returning Officer shall establish poll booths in each Gwich'in Community and in any community where there are at least 100 eligible voters residing and each eligible voter shall place his or her ballot in the ballot box at the designated poll booth for that eligible voter. The casting of ballots shall be by secret ballot. Anyone who does not reside in a location where there is a poll booth shall specify which Gwich'in Community they have been associated with for purposes of enrolment and to arrange (with the Chief Returning Officer) to vote by mailing in a ballot prior to the date of the election."

- ii) In Section 7.7 of By-law No. 1, add the following words after "Community":

"and each community where there are at least 100 eligible voters residing"

3. **Recommendation: changes in respect to who is eligible for nominations**

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) Amend the first sentence of Section 7.8 so that the sentence begins:

“Any two (2) Active Participants...”

4. **Recommendation: Eligibility**

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) Add the following Section 7.25:

“Gwich’in Tribal Council Employees.

Any Gwich’in Tribal Council employee or staff member, whether with the GTC, a designated Gwich’in organization or a board of management (as such term is defined in the Election Policy and Procedures Manual), shall, before filing nomination papers for any election, either tender their resignation or have sought approval for and received an approved leave of absence effective from the time that nomination papers are filed until the results of the election are declared.”

5. **Recommendation: Participants**

CHANGES TO BY-LAW NO. 1

- i) Change references to “Active Participants” and “Active Participant” to “Participants” and “Participant”.

Moved by: Barry Greenland

Seconded by: James Cardinal

Question called: CARRIED unanimously

Motion #11:2011 AGA

WHEREAS:

The Gwich’in retain the inherent right of self-government under Section 35(1) of the *Constitution of Canada, 1982*;

The Gwich’in have constitutional commitments from the Crown in Right of Canada in the *Gwich’in Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement 1992*, to negotiate self-government for the Gwich’in;

The Gwich’in have now established an effective and respectful negotiating relationship on a self-government agreement with the Crown in Right of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories;

The Gwich’in Leadership, including the Gwich’in Executive, the Gwich’in Chiefs, Elders, Youth and advisors have conducted twelve strategy workshops between October 2009 to July 2011 to develop negotiating options and positions in order to advance to Main Table negotiations with Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories and this workshop format will continue to inform the negotiating options and positions of the Gwich’in on self-government matters;

The strategic options developed in these workshops have provided a solid foundation to continue self-government negotiations with Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories based upon Gwich’in Leadership direction and Gwich’in community consultations on the Gwich’in self-government positions and options being advanced; and

A workplan to complete a draft Agreement in Principle by December 31, 2012, on Gwich’in self-government has been accepted by the Gwich’in, Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The 28th General Assembly confirms and re-affirms its support for the principles, options and positions being advanced at the Gwich’in Self-Government Main Table, based upon the advice and direction of the Gwich’in Leadership, Elders, Youth and Gwich’in communities;
2. Further that the Gwich’in Senior Negotiator will provide community updates and Leadership reports on the progress of the self-government negotiations as may be directed by the Board of Directors or the Gwich’in leadership from time to time;
3. Further that an update be provided at the 29th General Assembly by the Gwich’in Senior Negotiator; and
4. Further that the 28th General Assembly continues to support the Gwich’in self-government negotiation team and encourages them to continue good faith negotiations to achieve a good and effective draft Agreement in Principle on Gwich’in self-government with the Crown in Right of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Moved by: Ellen Smith

Seconded by: Maureen Clark

Question called: CARRIED unanimously

Motion #12:2011 AGA

WHEREAS questions have been raised about:

- (a) the relationship between the Gwich’in Tribal Council and the Designated Gwich’in Organizations and, in particular, whether the relationship as currently constituted is the most advantageous for Gwich’in Participants; and
- (b) the differing policies and procedures of the various Designated Gwich’in Organizations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich’in Tribal Council, in consultation with the Designated Gwich’in Organizations, be directed to:



AGA Delegation - Photo Credit Robert Alexie Jr

- i) consider the nature of the relationship between the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Designated Gwich'in Organizations; and
- ii) evaluate the effectiveness of the overall Gwich'in organizational structure and, in particular, the effect of having differing policies and procedures amongst the Designated Gwich'in Organizations;

with a view to ensuring that the relationship and structure is the most advantageous to Gwich'in Participants having regard at all times to the provisions of the *Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement*.

Moved by: Archie Norbert

Seconded by: James Cardinal

Question called: CARRIED unanimously

Motion #13:2011 AGA

WHEREAS the community of Tsiigehtchic is the only one of the four Gwich'in communities without a high school, such that it is a parental responsibility to find appropriate accommodations for children - either in Inuvik or Fort McPherson;

AND WHEREAS the community of Tsiigehtchic remains concerned about the lack of facility where their children can reside while going to school;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council be directed to research the costs of a home boarding facility versus the existing arrangements (billeting) with a view to determining the economic feasibility of a home boarding facility.

Moved by: John Norbert

Seconded by: John Firth

Question called: CARRIED unanimously

Motion #15:2011 AGA

WHEREAS it is critical to continue capacity building within the Gwich'in Settlement Area of businesses in which the Gwich'in have significant interests;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates of the 28th Annual General Assembly give the general direction that the Gwich'in Tribal Council make Mackenzie Valley Construction Ltd. (or any successor company or entity) the company of choice for work on all highway/road systems that lie within the Gwich'in Settlement Area; provided always that such direction is subject to the legal duty of the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board to act in the best interests of the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Moved by: Bert Bullock

Seconded by: Barry Greenland

Question called: CARRIED, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions (Chief Herbert Blake, Diane Baxter, Chief Philip Blake and Johnny Charlie declared conflict for this motion and did not participate in the vote or discussion.)

Motion #19:2011 AGA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of the Gwich'in Tribal Council supports the President to continue discussions as laid out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Gwich'in and the Nacho Nyak Dun.

Moved by: Archie Norbert

Seconded by: Bert Bullock

Question called: CARRIED unanimously

The complete set of resolutions can be downloaded from our website at <http://gwichin.nt.ca/AGA-Resolutions>



Tsiigehtchic - Photo credit Robert Alexie Jr

Gwich'in Achievement Awards

Aklavik: Velma Illisiak (Community), Florence Furlong (Community & Volunteer), Lee Ann Nerysoo (Community & Volunteer), Dustin Lee Edwards (Art & Personal Excellence)

Inuvik: Diane Baxter (Community Service), Bernice Furlong (Community Service), Ruth Ann Blake (Community Service), Julie Ann Andre (Lands & Culture), Elizabeth Crawford Hansen (Community Service & Life time Achievement), Clarissa Neyando (Personal Excellence), Jason Baxter (Youth Sport), Rebecca Baxter (Youth Sport)

Fort McPherson: Alice Snowshoe (Community Service), Richard Wilson (Community Service), Ina Koe (Community Volunteer & Sport), Wayne Greenland (Community Volunteer & Sport), James Ross (Community Volunteer & Sport), Gina Neyando (Community Volunteer & Community Support), Elizabeth Wright (Community Volunteer & Sport), Leslie Blake (Business Owner), Neil Colin (Story Teller & Historian), Hanna Alexie (Community & Volunteer),



Abe Wilson & Johnny Charlie - Photo credit Robert Alexie Jr

Louisa Kay (Community Volunteer), Bertha Francis (Language & Interpretation), Mary Teya (Language and Interpretation), Mary Effie Snowshoe (Language & Interpretation), David Krutko (Political Leader & Advocate for Gwich'in), Eric Blake (Youth)

Tsiigehtchic: Billie Veryl Clark (Community Service & Elder), Charlene Blake (Community Service & Elder), Jared Blake (Youth & Culture)



- In Memory -

Elizabeth Crawford-Hansen

November 13, 1939 - August 29, 2011

Lifetime Achievement Award &
Community Service Award

Dedicated to language preservation, involved with the Gwich'in Social & Cultural Institute, 35 years of teaching, culture, curriculum development, member of the Nihatat Gwich'in Council, Renewable Resource Council and Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board.





Bertha Francis - Photo credit Robert Alexie Jr



Evening entertainment

Outside of the GSA: Kevin Koe (Sport – Curling), Jamie Koe (Sport – Curling), Kerry Koe-Galusha (Sport – Curling), Lois Lafferty (Teacher & Volunteer)

Evening Events

Drum Dance with Tulita Drummers, Community Feasts, Talent Show, Jiving Contest, Stick Gambling Competition (Tsiigehtchic Youth vs Team of GTC Staff/Delegates), and Recognition of Carol Norwegian's walk from Inuvik to Tsiigehtchic for Cancer.



Noel Andre, Martina Naditchie-Slaven



Photo credit - Robert Alexie Jr



Carol Norwegian, Pearl Norwegian, Chief Phillip Blake - Photo credit Robert Alexie Jr

THANK YOU

The GTC would like to express our sincere appreciation to the community of Tsiigehtchic and Chief Phillip Blake for hosting our 28th Annual General Assembly. We would like to recognize the following individuals for their contributions to the success of this year's AGA: Fred Koe (chair), Peter Ross (co-chair), Louise Lennie (coordinator), Bertha Francis (translator), Joanne Snowshoe (translator), Virginia (Loddy) Benoit-Cardinal (head cook), Greta Villebrun (cook), Leeann Lennie (cook), Andrea Benoit-Cardinal (cook), Jemma Clark (page), Marrence Cardinal (page), Robbie McLeod-Blake (page), Louis Cardinal (security), Lawrence Francis (security), and Mary Becket (minute taker). We would also like to recognize the Denendeh Development Corporation, KPMG, Mackenzie Aboriginal Corporation, and ESSO for their donations. A big thank you to all the billets, delegates, and our staff!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please call, write, email, or stop by our offices if you want further information. Your feedback is important to us and we will always accept collect calls from our Gwich'in Participants:

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