



Inye dóhúch'í (how are you)

## DECLARATION AND RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN TUTCHONE FIRST NATIONS



Chief Sharon Nelson of Selkirk First Nation met recently with Chief of Little Salmon Carmacks, Russell Blackjack, and Chief of First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun, Simon Mervyn, to reaffirm the joint responsibility to protect our Aboriginal Title and Rights under an Intergovernmental Accord signed by the Northern Tutchone (NT) Nations in 2016.

The NT Chiefs reaffirmed their desire to implement the Intergovernmental Accord and set three priority areas for our officials to begin working on:

1. Overlap (based on principles in the accord) and to develop Land Use Planning and Resource Management action areas;
2. Wellness; and
3. Develop strategic work planning items to bring action to the Chief's priorities.

The Northern Tutchone Chiefs have a long history of working together on matters of common interest. The

first Accord was signed in 1995 under former Chiefs Pat Van Bibber, Eric Fairclough, and Robert Hager. The original Accord functioned under these specific principles:

1. We have one common area of management for all Northern Tutchone;
2. As Northern Tutchone, we are free to continue to exercise our aboriginal rights throughout our land;
3. We will share all of the benefits that flow from our land and resources;

4. All Northern Tutchone are entitled to programs and services throughout the land; and
5. We will work together to ensure that the needs of future generations will be protected.

In 2016, the Northern Tutchone Council organization was dissolved and an Intergovernmental Accord. "The implementation of this Intergovernmental Accord will strengthen our relationship and also enable us to have a stronger voice as Northern Tutchone nation," stated Chief Nelson.

## PEMBRIDGE RESOURCES

In June 2019, Pembridge Resources purchased Minto Mine. Pembridge Resources is a mining-focused special purpose acquisition company based in London, United Kingdom. CEO David Linsley of Pembridge, and Minto Explorations CEO Peter Bojtos visited Pelly in June 2019 for a community update meeting to discuss their recent purchase of the Minto Mine. Bojtos spoke of Pembridge's alternative operating philosophy from Capstone, as they will be owner-operator rather than using contractors. Once in full production, Pembridge plans to hire a similar number of employees as Capstone. The Minto Explorations Cooperation Agreement with Selkirk First Nation will remain in effect.

## *It Is Our Time* - YUKON FIRST NATION JURISDICTION OF EDUCATION

Many of the Yukon First Nations' (YFN) leaders have agreed to create an Education Directorate in order to begin negotiating an Education Framework Agreement. The purpose of the Education Directorate is to provide a quality education model of a First Nation education system that meets the cultural, linguistic and holistic needs of our students. The vision is to have unified control over First Nations' education so we can empower our people in ways of knowing and prepare our children to be active participants in society. Presently, a three-year plan is being developed to guide the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Education.

The Framework Agreement will allow each YFN to develop an education system/schools specific to the individual First Nation's needs and

wants. The data collected on Yukon students show a decline in Yukon First Nation student's attendance and lower test scores. A 2017 study showed that YFN students make up 31% of the student population, and less than half of all YFN students meet or exceed academic expectations for reading and numeracy when they graduate.

The YFN plans to establish a primary and secondary school system in the Yukon that provides quality education that is built on First Nation's cultural values, principles, and perspectives. Unified control over First Nations

education would empower our people and prepare our children for the future.

CYFN presented the proposal of an Education Framework Agreement to Selkirk First Nation Council; however, Council has not signed it since the Agreement requires legal review and consultation with Citizens of Pelly Crossing. Council was informed that there will be no template that meets the needs of all Yukon communities and each community's education system will be unique to the community's needs.

## GRADUATION 2019:



Amber Baker, Sheilyn Alfred-Hager, Morgan Williams, Margareta Toews, and Yzerman Simon

Families and community members gathered at the Link building to welcome and congratulate Selkirk's 2019 graduates: Amber, Morgan, Margareta, and Yzerman. (Sheilyn was not able to attend the celebration). The Selkirk Spirit Dancers gave the Grads a grand welcome as proud smiles of the Chief, Council, family, friends, and Citizens spread across the room. Chief Sharon Nelson congratulated the graduates: "We, Selkirk First Nation, are very proud of our graduates and wish them well with every success in life."

## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SAM SILVERFOX CO-ED SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT

Selkirk First Nation's Recreation is hosting a softball tournament on **August 9-11<sup>th</sup>**

Entry Fee  
**\$300 per team.**

Cash prizes:

**1<sup>ST</sup> - \$2300**

**2<sup>ND</sup> - \$1100**

**3<sup>RD</sup> - \$600**



Deadline to enter is:  
**Wednesday,  
August 7th, 2019.**

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