



Intergovernmental Meeting between Northwest Territory Métis Nation and Government of the Northwest Territories

FORT SMITH (February 25, 2020) – Premier Caroline Cochrane, Minister Diane Thom, Minister R.J. Simpson, Minister Shane Thompson, Minister Caroline Wawzonek, Minister Paulie Chinna and Minister Katrina Nokleby met with the Northwest Territory Métis Nation President Garry Bailey, President Lloyd Cardinal, President Trevor Beck and President Allan Heron in Fort Smith, NT on Monday, February 17, 2020.



Premier Caroline Cochrane and President Garry Bailey agree that the bilateral meetings continue to strengthen the government-to-government relationship, including additional engagement, as outlined in the *Memorandum of Understanding* to facilitate our respective perspective views and to share information.

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and New Forums for NWT-wide Engagement
- Land Claim Negotiation Issues
- Rights-based cabins

- Taltson Hydro Expansion Project
- NWTMN Card Recognition
- Métis Health Benefits
- Former Fort Resolution Nursing Station Building
- Addictions Treatment
- Establishment of the Road and Impact on Caribou
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- Transformation of Aurora College to a Polytechnic University
- Pan-Northern Climate Statement

The NWTMN supports the GNWT Mandate priority to increase the number and variety of culturally respectful, community-based mental health and addictions programs.

The GNWT and the Northwest Territory Metis Nation remain committed to collaborating, sharing information and providing updates on barren-ground caribou and management.

The GNWT and the NWTMN committed to collaborate on engagement on the transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university and the desire to provide all residents with increased opportunities to gain post-secondary education.

The GNWT and the Northwest Territory Métis Nation agreed to advancing discussions to develop an agreement under Section 20(1) of the *Wildlife Act*.

The GNWT and Northwest Territory Metis Nation agreed to work together on alignment for federal and territorial engagement involving the management, mitigation, and adaptation efforts of climate change.

Quick Facts

- The Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the Northwest Territory Métis Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- The *Memorandum of Understanding between the Northwest Territory Métis Nation and the GNWT* was initially signed in November 2012 and was renewed in December 2017 for another four-year term.

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