

Message from the Chief of Wekweètì

Greetings,

As the Chief of Wekweètì, it is my honour to welcome you to the 20th Tłıchq Annual Gathering and the 16th Session of the 5th Tłıchq Assembly. The community of Wekweètì is proud to be the host community to our Chiefs, Assembly Members, Elders, and visitors, and wish you all a pleasant stay in our beautiful community located on the shore of Snare Lake.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to those people who come to Wekweètì by travelling on the Trails of Our Ancestors. Travelling on the traditional trails help keep our history alive and provide a valuable way to share our rich culture, language, and traditions with our youth.

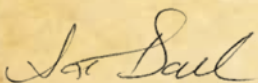
Annual Gathering is an occasion to celebrate our identity as Tłıchq people and to hear from our citizens. It is also a time to inform people of the work of your government, ask questions, and give feedback and direction to the leadership. We encourage you to attend the sessions and read the 2023-2024 Annual Report to become informed about the issues and the work done by your government.

In the Tłıchq Government's 19 years of existence, Annual Gathering has been a time to reinforce the important values of our heritage. It is an opportunity to remember the strength of our nation. Our strength is drawn from our unity, our understanding of co-existence and our respect for others. Each year presents us with new challenges, like the forest fire evacuations faced in 2023 and global warming. Regardless of what we face each day, our strength comes from our people and our land.

The Annual Gathering is a time for us to celebrate all the important parts of being Tłıchq and what it means to be Tłıchq in 2024. I encourage all citizens, delegates, and participants to celebrate who we are as Tłıchq people. Please join us as we practice our culture and way of life, visit and listen to each other, attend the feasts, share food, and participate in drum dances and traditional hand games.

I look forward to meeting and talking with each of you during the 20th Annual Gathering, and wish you and your family the very best in Wekweètì.

In Tłıchq unity,



Chief Adeline Football

