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Whereas the TłıchŦ Government was required, pursuant to Chapter 24 of the TłıchŦ Agreement, to repay the Government of Canada a total of \$31,266,379 in capital and interest for negotiation of the TłıchŦ Agreement;

Whereas the TłıchŦ Government fully repaid its Treaty Negotiation Loans in 2012;

Whereas Federal Budget 2019 contained a promise to forgive all outstanding comprehensive claim negotiation loans and to reimburse Indigenous governments that have already repaid these loans;

Whereas the reimbursement of Treaty Negotiation Loans was not contemplated at the time the TłıchŦ Agreement was negotiated, and as such, the TłıchŦ Constitution never dealt with how to treat Reimbursed Loans;

Whereas Federal Budget 2019 notes that loan reimbursement is intended to allow Indigenous governments to reinvest in priorities that will strengthen their communities and increase the health and well-being of their citizens;

Whereas the TłıchŦ Government has received two of five equal installments of the \$31,266,379 total to be reimbursed by the Government of Canada pursuant to Federal Budget 2019, and will receive the remaining three installments in Fiscal Years 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025;

Whereas the TłıchŦ Assembly has determined in accordance with the principles of the TłıchŦ Constitution that a portion of the Reimbursed Loans should be used to address social wellbeing gaps for TłıchŦ Citizens in areas including housing, infrastructure, and addictions, and that a portion of the Reimbursed Loans should be held in a reserve account for the future use and benefit of TłıchŦ Citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the TłıchŦ Assembly enacts as follows:

Title

1. This law shall be cited as the *Tłıchq Agreement Loan Reimbursement Law 2021*.

Definitions

2. In this law,

“Assembly” has the same meaning as in the Tłıchq Constitution.

“Fiscal Year” means the period from April 1st of one year to March 31st of the following year.

“Reimbursed Loans” means the Treaty Negotiation Loans to be reimbursed to Tłıchq Government by the Government of Canada totalling \$31,266,379 and to be paid to Tłıchq Government in five equal installments of \$6,253,275.80 beginning in Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and ending in Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

“Treaty Negotiation Loans” means the loans provided to Tłıchq Government by the Government of Canada for negotiation of the Tłıchq Agreement and repaid by Tłıchq Government to the Government of Canada pursuant to Chapter 24 of the Tłıchq Agreement.

Social Well-being Gaps

3. The following amounts will be allocated from the Reimbursed Loans to address priority needs of Tłıchq Citizens in respect of social well-being gaps in areas including housing, infrastructure, and addictions:
 - a. \$6,253,275.80 of the Reimbursed Loans received by Tłıchq Government in Fiscal Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022; and
 - b. Half of each installment of Reimbursed Loans to be provided in Fiscal Years 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025.

Funds to be Held in Reserve Account

4. To ensure that a portion of the Reimbursed Loans are used to address the future needs and priorities of Tłıchǫ Citizens, the following amounts will be placed in a reserve account:
 - a. \$6,253,275.80 of the Reimbursed Loans received by Tłıchǫ Government in Fiscal Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022; and
 - b. Half of each installment of Reimbursed Loans to be provided in Fiscal Years 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025.

Coming into Force

5. This law comes into force on the date the Grand Chief signs this law.