

Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi:

Tłıchọ Government Guidelines for
Proponents of Development

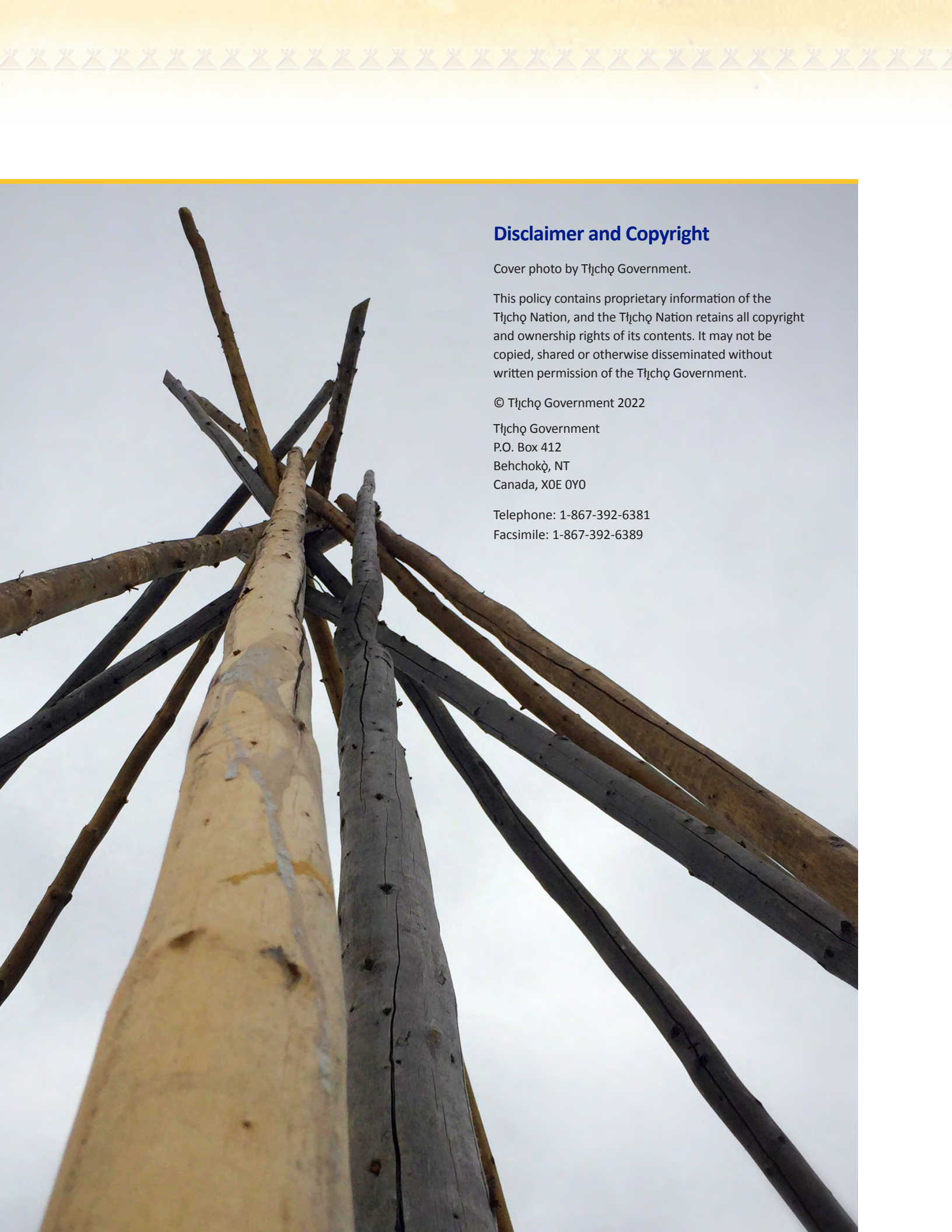
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1.0

Purpose

The purpose of the *Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi* is to provide direction to proponents and external governments in their consultation and engagement with the Tłıchq Government and the four communities of Behchokq, Whatı, Gametı and Wekweetı in relation to new and existing developments. Our hope is that the *Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi* will help developers build strong relationships with the Tłıchq Government, communities, and Citizens so we can work together to enable investment and balanced development in the region.

2.0

The Tłıchq Government

The traditional territory of the Tłıchq is vast, as is the network of hunting trails extending far into every corner of the region. The four Tłıchq communities of Behchokq, Whatı, Gametı and Wekweetı and the traditional land-use areas of the Tłıchq lie within the boundary known as “Mqwhı Gogha Dè Nııtlètè,” which was outlined by Chief Mqwhı during the negotiations of Treaty 11 in 1921 and is set out in the Tłıchq Agreement. The traditional land consists of the area between Great Slave Lake and Great Bear Lake, from the Horn Plateau in the southwest to Koketı (Contwoyto Lake) in the northwest (see map in Appendix C).

On August 4, 2005, the Tłıchq Agreement came into effect. This Agreement was signed by the Tłıchq and the Government of Canada, and established the Tłıchq Government's full powers and jurisdiction over 39,000 square kilometres of Tłıchq lands, wildlife and resources. The Tłıchq Agreement created the Tłıchq Government and set its mandate to preserve, protect and promote Indigenous and Treaty rights and way of life—including culture, language, heritage, lands, economy and resources—for all Tłıchq today and for future generations.

Under the Tłıchq Agreement, Tłıchq Citizens have ownership of 39,000 square kilometres of land surrounding the four Tłıchq communities, including surface and subsurface rights. The Agreement guarantees participation in the Wek'èezhı Renewable Resource Board and the Wek'èezhı Land and Water Board, the co-management boards governing natural resources within Wek'èezhı. The Tłıchq have their own lawmaking power over all Tłıchq Citizens, including aspects of land and resource management, education, child and family services, income support, social housing and other services.

The Agreement also recognizes and reaffirms the Tłıchq traditional territory of Mqwhı Gogha Dè Nııtlètè, requires proponents of major mining projects to negotiate agreements with the Tłıchq Government, gives the Tłıchq Government authority to refer any development proposal directly to Environmental Assessment (EA), and, for developments on Tłıchq lands, gives the Tłıchq Government decision-making authority for EA.

We encourage all proponents to educate themselves about Tłıchq people and Tłıchq culture. To begin, there is a wealth of information available at tlicho.ca and tlichohistory.ca.

The Tłıchq Government structures are listed in Appendix B and at tlicho.ca. In addition to the Mines Liaison Coordinator position, key departments that interface with resource development projects are: Culture and Lands Protection (regulatory processes, access to Tłıchq lands, land use planning, wildlife etc), Dept of Client Services (employment and training), and Department of Planning and Partnerships (agreements and intergovernmental relations). Internally, these functions are coordinated through the Tłıchq Government Resource Management Working Group (RMWG). The Working Group and all departments work to fulfill the Strategic Intentions set by the Tłıchq Assembly and take direction from the Chief's Executive Council (CEC).

3.0

Definitions and Abbreviations

CEC	Chief's Executive Council
Dè	Land
Development	Any undertaking, or any part or extension of an undertaking, that is carried out on land or water (as defined in s.111 of the MVRMA). The focus of the <i>Weghàà Èfeyatits'eedi</i> is development that requires a land use permit or water licence.
Èfeyatits'eedi	Understanding each other's words — "words" in this case also includes the knowledge and teachings from those words being shared
GNWT	Government of the Northwest Territories
Gonaèwo	Our way of life
Listening Post	The RMWG group, through the Listening Post, are available to meet with workers who have concerns with their positions they hold in the mines, and supports them in their consideration of their issues with the mines
Mqwhì Gogha Dè Njìtìèè	The traditional area of the Tłıchq, described by Chief Mqwhì during the signing of Treaty 11 in 1921, and described in the Tłıchq Agreement
MVLWB	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
NWT	Northwest Territories
RMWG	Tłıchq Government's Internal Resource Management Working Group
TCSA	Tłıchq Community Services Agency
TEO	Tłıchq Executive Officer
Tłıchq Agreement	Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement among the Tłıchq and the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada
Weghàà	According to it or by following it
Weghàà Èfeyatits'eedi	By following this we can better understand one another
Wek'èezhìi	The co-management area within Mqwhì Gogha Dè Njìtìèè
WLWB	Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board
Tłıchq Wenek'e	The Tłıchq Land Use Plan
Yatì	Language

4.0

Authority

The *Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi* formalizes the procedures for engagement and collaboration on proposals for development in Mòwhì Gogha Dè Nìtìlèè. The guidelines recognize that information requirements will vary depending on the type and scale of development. The *Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi* also explains that funding may be required from proponents to facilitate Tìchq participation in the review of proposed developments in Mòwhì Gogha Dè Nìtìlèè.

The sections of the Tìchq Agreement that mandate the development of the *Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi* include but are not limited to:

Section 7.4 of the Tìchq Agreement

The Tìchq Government has the legislative authority and jurisdiction to write laws, develop its own strategies, as well as control and effectively manage its lands, which includes matters related to industrial development and economic development opportunities.

Engagement and Consultation Requirements in the Tìchq Agreement

23.2.1 Any person who, in relation to Crown land wholly or partly in Mòwhì Gogha Dè Nìtìlèè (NWT) or Tìchq lands subject to a mining right administered by government under 18.6.1, proposes to

- (a) explore for or produce or conduct an activity related to the development of minerals, other than specified substances and oil and gas, if an authorization for the use of land or water or deposit of waste is required from government or a board established by government to conduct these activities; or
- (b) explore for or produce or conduct an activity related to the development of oil or gas, shall consult the Tìchq Government.

23.2.2 The consultations conducted under 23.2.1 shall include

- (a) environmental impact of the activity and mitigative measures;
- (b) impact on wildlife harvesting and mitigative measures;
- (c) location of camps and facilities and other related site specific planning concerns;
- (d) maintenance of public order including liquor and drug control;
- (e) employment of Tìchq Citizens, business opportunities and contracts, training orientation and counselling for employees who are Tìchq Citizens, working conditions and terms of employment;
- (f) expansion or termination of activities;
- (g) a process for future consultations; and
- (h) any other matter agreed to by the Tìchq Government and the person consulting that government.



5.0

Guideline Development

These guidelines were developed by the Tłıchq Government. They are informed by and are intended to complement the Tłıchq Wenek'e, the Tłıchq Agreement, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits* (2014) and the MVLWB *Engagement and Consultation Policy* (2013). The *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* are based on Tłıchq Government's experience with dialogue processes as a First Nation and Indigenous Government, legal and policy research, scoping sessions with Tłıchq Government staff, as well as guidance and knowledge of the Elders. The guidelines have been approved by the CEC.

6.0

Guideline Application

The *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* applies to companies, external governments, and other proponents wishing to conduct commercial or other development activities in Mqwhì Gogha Dè Nı́tlèè. Those subject to the *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* include, but are not limited to, resource extraction companies (in all stages of development from exploration through to closure and reclamation), outfitter lodges, hydropower developers and operators, among others, and federal or territorial government work related to resource management.

The *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* does not apply to research licences, unless the research is related to a development project or commercial activity.

The *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* applies to proponents already working in Mqwhì Gogha Dè Nı́tlèè who have existing relationships with the Tłıchq Government, as well as to proponents who are new to the region.

The *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* provides direction on engagement activities. There are other requirements and obligations under the Tłıchq Agreement that must also be met.

Compliance with the *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* guidelines does not guarantee the Tłıchq Government will grant access or rights or will support a project or development.

7.0

Goals

The goals of the *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı*, in alignment with Section 1.2.2 of the Tłıchq Wenek'e, are to:

1. Provide parties with appropriate methods of engagement with the Tłıchq Government;
2. Ensure all parties are reasonable in their engagement practices and expectations;
3. Promote a Tłıchq approach to engagement and consultation;
4. Protect and promote Tłıchq language, culture and way of life; and
5. Ensure effective participation of Tłıchq Citizens and Elders in the review of projects or activities that will affect their way of life.

Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı: By following this we can better understand one another.

8.0

Guiding Principles for Engagement, from Gonaèwo

The guiding principles for Tłıchq way of life Gonaèwo (our way of life) are based on the guidance of the Elders, including leaders such as Edzo and Mqwhì. These principles should be used to guide engagement approaches taken throughout the region.

Respect: Engagement activities by all parties must be grounded in respect for the land, water, people, animals and resources. This includes Tłıchq culture, yatì (language), and way of life. Parties are expected to become familiar with and respect Tłıchq laws and protocols when conducting business or activities on Tłıchq lands.

Coexistence: The Tłıchq have coexisted with the land, its animals and resources since time immemorial. The reciprocity between the Tłıchq people, the land and animals is central to their peaceful coexistence, as well as their ability to survive and thrive as a Nation today. The same principles apply to newcomers to Tłıchq lands. Parties are encouraged to enter into discussions and relationships with the Tłıchq Government and Tłıchq communities with the spirit of cooperation and reciprocity.

Inclusiveness: Dialogue between parties will be conducted with the intention of unity and acting collectively. Opportunities will be given to Tłıchq Citizens and community members (from all communities) to be heard and involved, including Elders, women and youth.

9.0

Weghàà Eleyatits'eedı – these Guidelines

For many years, the Tłıchq Government has worked collaboratively with industry and other governments on a variety of engagement processes. The Tłıchq Government and communities take pride in their relationships and collaborations with newcomers to Tłıchq lands.

The *Weghàà Eleyatits'eedı* is intended to provide parties working in the Tłıchq region with the necessary tools and knowledge for how to conduct business respectfully.

The Tłıchq Government expects that all parties will be familiar with and adhere to related policies (see Appendix A) in the region regarding engagement with the Tłıchq Government and Tłıchq communities.

Tłıchq Government expects to be contacted by a proponent in advance of an application or initialization of a project. It is the responsibility of the proponent to initiate contact with the Tłıchq Government regarding their proposed plans, projects and/or activities. The best approach is to contact Tłıchq Government as early as possible, to receive further information about engagement expectations.

10.0

Engagement Process

This section is written in alignment with Section 2.0 of the MVLWB *Engagement Guidelines*.

The process for engagement with the Tłıchq Government may vary depending on the type of development a proponent wishes to carry out. For example, written or telephone communication may suffice for a smaller or less complex project. A larger and more complex project, however, may require multiple face-to-face meetings, workshops, and/or community public meetings.

For all projects within Mq̄whì Gogha Dè Nı̄łtìèè, including projects in the Wek'èezhìi co-management area and projects on Tłıchq lands, the Tłıchq Government is the primary contact.

If a project is being proposed within the boundary of a Tłıchq Community, permission from the Tłıchq Community Government will be needed and there may be specific community-based requirements to follow.

10.1 Initial Engagement

Parties should refer to Appendix B of the MVLWB Engagement Guidelines for what is required in a written notification to the Tłıchq Government.

Proponents who are new to the region or who do not have an established engagement plan with Tłıchq Government must contact the Mines Liaison Coordinator prior to initiation of a project and in advance of permit applications. Proponents will need to:

1. Explain the purpose of their proposed dialogue and provide any relevant information and maps;
2. Provide project timelines;
3. Describe the proponent's understanding of the potential for impacts on the land, water, wildlife or to the Tłıchq way of life;

4. Provide the Tłıchq Government with a draft engagement plan.

The Tłıchq Government may request additional information from parties to understand the breadth and scope of the proposed project. In general, the information needed for engagement is similar to what is required in permit applications (see Appendix D), but for initial engagement information can start out less detailed.

At a minimum, the Tłıchq Government requires the following criteria be fulfilled in advance of a proponent's application to the land and water boards:

1. Provide a record of written communication;
2. Develop an agreed upon engagement plan;
3. Participate in a meeting between with the Tłıchq Government designate.

10.2 Engagement Plan

Regulators, such as the MVLWB and Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB), all require an engagement plan in applications for water licences and land use permits.

Proponents are expected to provide a draft engagement plan to the Tłıchq Government at the outset of engagement. Refer to Section 3.0 of the MVLWB Engagement Guidelines (page 11) for a step-by-step guide to developing an engagement plan and record. The Tłıchq Government will provide guidance on finalizing a plan that is mutually agreeable.

To avoid duplication, a single engagement plan may be submitted to fulfill the requirements for the MVLWB/WLWB and the Tłıchq Government. The Tłıchq Government may also request more specificity than what the regulators require.

10.3 Fees

The Tłıchq Government will assess the costs for engagement on a case-by-case basis. The nature and complexity of a project will determine the number of hours, personnel and resources that the Tłıchq Government must invest in order to adequately respond to a proponent's application.

Costs for engagement may include, but are not limited to:

- Traditional Knowledge research;
- Staff time and travel;
- Consultant and professional fees;
- Engagement with Elders and community members, including honoraria and expenses;
- Translation and interpreter fees;
- Meeting expenses;
- Administration.

10.4 Ongoing Dialogue

The engagement plan will provide an outline for ongoing engagement moving forward. This may include regular face-to-face meetings, community public meetings and/or workshops. The proponent should refer to Appendix B of the MVLWB Engagement Guidelines when relying on these types of approaches with the Tłıchq Government.

The Tłıchq Government and proponents may cooperatively revise the engagement plan as and when needed.

10.5 Ways of Talking Together

The Tłıchq Government and proponent should discuss the type of engagement most appropriate for the Tłıchq Government, the communities, and Tłıchq Citizens. Below are descriptions of the types of dialogue that an applicant might engage in, provided as general guidance for the purposes of developing an effective engagement plan. **See Appendix B for specific Tłıchq Government contacts for particular issues and types of engagement.**

Meetings with Staff

Proponents may request meetings with Tłıchq Government staff. The staff from all Departments responsible for the implementation of the *Weghàà Eleyatits'eedi* can be contacted, and proponents can participate in face-to-face or telephone meetings to seek guidance or clarification. The Tłıchq Government RMWG also holds monthly meetings where new proponents can make introductions and established proponents can provide major updates to multiple departments and staff in a single venue.

Tłıchq Community Meetings

Community meetings may be proposed by developers or requested by the Tłıchq Government or a community. Any community meetings should be arranged with direction and collaboration from the Tłıchq Government. The Tłıchq Government has offices in all Tłıchq communities that can assist with meeting arrangements once the Tłıchq Government has agreed to community meetings.

Types of engagement that occur at the community level include the review of proposed projects that impact Tłıchq lands or Tłıchq rights and interests throughout Mqwhì Gogha Dè Nıtlèè. Community meetings are appropriate to gather community-based views and strengthen understanding of concerns. For projects in or near a Tłıchq community, more extensive engagement directly with the affected community may be needed.

Community and Cultural Events

Community and cultural events are important public celebrations for Tłıchq people. There may be times when these events are an appropriate setting for conducting certain types of business, and may be conducive to building strong relationships. However, cultural events are a busy time in the community and it may not be the right time for proponent dialogue or project review. It is at the discretion of the Tłıchq Government and communities to invite parties to these cultural events for business-related purposes.

Meetings with Chiefs or the Chief's Executive Council

Tłıchq Government staff provide regular updates to leadership. Requests for leadership meetings should be made through staff (see Appendix B). It is the responsibility of the Tłıchq Executive Officer to facilitate requests for leadership meetings. The CEC may also direct when discussions will occur and may request direct dialogue with a proponent at any time. The *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* does not limit the ability of the CEC to talk directly with companies, but companies must follow the process set out in these guidelines and begin by contacting the designated staff listed in Appendix B.

Project Site Visits

Proponents that wish to host staff, Tłıchq Citizens, or leaders at their project site should contact the Mines Liaison Coordinator. The Tłıchq Government expects that companies will give notice of at least one month.

Engagement of Tłıchq Citizens (for example Elders, harvesters, women and youth)

Our Elders are a precious resource to us. If the engagement would benefit from having Elder guidance, then the Tłıchq Government (through the appropriate Department) will provide advice on who to include. There are many different types of experience, expertise, and approaches. At minimum, the Tłıchq Government requires that:

- There be one month advance notice for any Elder participation.
- Outside agencies pay honoraria for Elders' time (in alignment with Tłıchq Government policy).
- There be arrangements made for care. Elders often need services to ensure their safety and well-being – they may need pick up and drop off when they arrive for trips, bilingual staff to support them, and other attention to their well-being.

Tłıchq Traditional Knowledge

The Tłıchq Government has a Tłıchq Training and Research Institute, which conducts Traditional Knowledge research that is in alignment with Tłıchq culture, language and way of life. It is our expectation that all Tłıchq Traditional Knowledge studies will be undertaken through our own research department. Companies should not be conducting or interpreting Traditional Knowledge research without the explicit direction of the Tłıchq Government.

Tłıchq Government Traditional Knowledge research will be timely, effective and will match the type, size and complexity of the project and the issues being considered.

10.6 Notification Approaches

The Tłıchq Government requires written notification regarding proposed developments using the primary contacts listed in Table 2 of Appendix B.

Specific notification approaches for each proposed development should be agreed upon and set out in the engagement plan. In the event that there is public outreach, there should be direction from the Tłıchq Government to the proponent for each type of engagement.

Social media is not considered to be an appropriate medium for engagement with the Tłıchq Government. While social media may be relied on for communicating information regarding public notices, events, and networking, etc., proponents are expected to comply with the types of dialogue approaches outlined in this document and in the MVLWB Engagement Guidelines.

Table 1: Engagement Table

Type of Engagement	Written Notice to Appropriate Tłıchǵ Contact	Meeting with Tłıchǵ Designate	Audience with the CEC	Community Public Meeting
When is it required?	Required for all projects (always follow-up by phone)	Required if a reasonable request has been made and the Tłıchǵ Government sees opportunity for further collaboration	Required only if advised by the Tłıchǵ Government designate	



11.0

Monitoring and Evaluation

11.1 Guideline Evaluation

The Tłıchq Government will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı*. Primarily, the Tłıchq Government will base this evaluation on feedback from Tłıchq Communities and Tłıchq Citizens. Input from external parties, such as the WLWB, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Northwest Territories & Nunavut Chamber of Mines, proponents, and others, will also be sought regarding the efficacy of the guidelines.

The Tłıchq Government may also apply the performance measurement framework described in the MVLWB Engagement Guidelines.

The *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı* will be reviewed and amended as needed on an ongoing basis.

11.2 Evaluation of Proponents

Companies will be evaluated based on their adherence to the *Weghàà Eleyatıts'eedı*. If the proponent does not adhere to the guidelines:

1. The Tłıchq Government will contact the proponent in an effort to fulfill the requirements;
2. The Tłıchq Government will request that the respective regulatory body (i.e. MVLWB or Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board WLWB) intervene; or
3. The Tłıchq Government will carry out any actions available to it to remedy any infractions and ensure the Tłıchq engagement principles and the intent of the guidelines is achieved.



Appendix A:

Supporting Resources

Tłıchq Government Resources

- Government of Canada. 2003. Tłıchq Agreement.
- Tłıchq Government. 2013. Tłıchq Wenek'e: Tłıchq Land Use Plan. Behchokq, NWT. <https://tlicho.ca/news/tlicho-wenekee-tlicho-land-use-plan>
- Tłıchq Research and Training Institute. 2003. Gonaewo Our Way of Life. Film published by the Tłıchq Government. <http://film.tlicho.ca/films/tlicho-government/gonaewo-our-way-life>
- Tłıchq Government History website. <https://tlichohistory.ca/>
- Tłıchq Government. Ilè dq gha gqita - In Tłıchq Unity: Our Strategic Framework and Intentions 2021-25. <https://tlicho.ca/documents/strategic-framework-strategies>.

Policies, MOUs and Guidelines

- Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board. 2014. [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits](https://wlwb.ca/resources/policies-and-guidelines). Yellowknife, NWT. <https://wlwb.ca/resources/policies-and-guidelines>
- Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board. 2013. [Engagement and Consultation Policy](https://wlwb.ca/resources/policies-and-guidelines). Yellowknife, NWT. <https://wlwb.ca/resources/policies-and-guidelines>
- Government of the Northwest Territories and the Tłıchq Government. 2014. *“Working together”: The Tłıchq Government/GNWT Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding*. Yellowknife, NWT.

Please refer to Appendix D of the MVLWB Engagement Guidelines for a comprehensive list of supporting documents and references.

Appendix B:

Tłıchq Government Departments and Contact List

Table 1: Tłıchq Government Departments (more information & contacts at Tłıchq.ca)

Department	Responsibilities	Tłıchq Government	Community Government
Chief's Executive Council (CEC)	- Includes the Grand Chief and the Chiefs from the four Tłıchq communities - Role is to oversee the implementation of Tłıchq laws	√	
Assembly	- Comprised of 13 elected members, which includes the CEC and 2 representatives from each community government - Assembly is the law-making body for the Tłıchq Government. Their role is to implement the Tłıchq Agreement - The Assembly ensures good governance of the Tłıchq Government	√	
Office of the TEO	- Role is to support the CEC and Assembly - Responsibilities include policy development, special community projects and proponents liaising	√	
Culture and Lands Protection	- Support and promotion of Tłıchq language, culture, and way of life - Regulatory reviews - Research and Tłıchq Research and Training Institute - Protection and management of Tłıchq lands, wildlife, and renewable resources	√	
Community Programs	- Community, social and Community Action Research Team programs - Community justice - Victim services - Daycare and early childhood education	√	

Department	Responsibilities	Tłıchq Government	Community Government
Client Services	• Career development and training • Communications • Economic development • Training and education	√	
Corporate Services	• Finance • Human resources	√	
Planning and Partnerships	• Establishing and documenting Tłıchq Government priorities • Coordinating and facilitating relationships and partnerships with other governments and key external stakeholders	√	
Community Presence Offices	• Liaison between Tłıchq Government and communities • Community cultural events and programs	√	
Community Government of Behchokq	Each Community Government is responsible for: • Management of community lands • Community planning • Public works and community improvements • Public utilities such as water delivery and wastewater services • Emergency response planning and fire protection • Recreation • Other services such as bylaw enforcement Community Governments administer all lands within municipal boundaries and regulate land use and development through Community Plans, Zoning By-laws, leasing, and Development Permit processes.		√
Community Government of Whatì			√
Community Government of Gamètì			√
Community Government of Wekweètì			√
Tłıchq Community Services Agency (TCSA)	Child and family services, education and health programs and services in the four Tłıchq communities of Behchokq, Gamètì, Whatì and Wekweètì	*TCSA is managed through the GNWT and is a part of Tłıchq community program delivery.	
Tłıchq Research and Training Institute	Oversight body for all research activities being conducted in the Tłıchq region, in Tłıchq communities, and with Tłıchq Elders, youth and community members	√	

Table 2: Tłıchq Government Primary Contact List

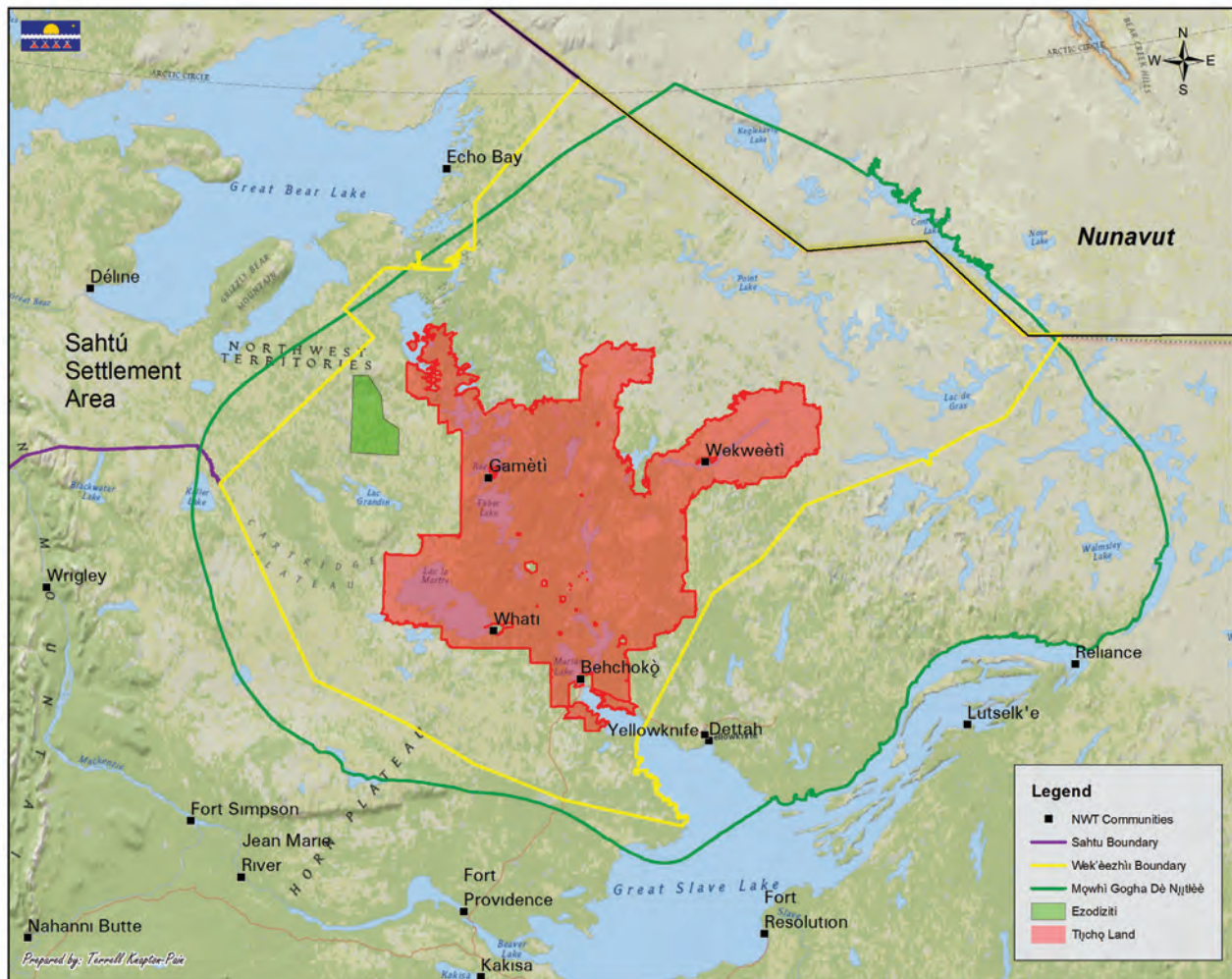
The contact listed below includes key contacts that are likely to be involved in engagement with proponents, such as companies, government, researchers or other organizations. This contact list is intended to provide proponents with a first point of contact to establish clear lines of communication with the Tłıchq Government.

For the most up to date contact information please see tlichq.ca/government/directory.

For companies new to the region, initial contact should be made through the Mines Liaison Coordinator who will direct proponents to the appropriate contact. If you already have an engagement plan, use the contacts in the plan. Otherwise, use the contacts below.

Title	Department	Contact Information	Relevant Issues
Manager of Lands Regulation	Culture and Lands Protection	867-392-6381 lands@tlichq.ca	• All land use permit and water licence submissions • Tłıchq Lands access • Reclamation
Manager of Research Operations & Training	Culture and Lands Protection	867-392-6381 research@tlichq.ca	• Research permits • Traditional Knowledge research • Archaeological permits
Manager of Lands Protection and Renewable Resources	Culture and Lands Protection	867-392-6381 lands@tlichq.ca	• Environmental monitoring • GIS and data access • Land use planning • Wildlife and renewable resources • Protected areas
Mines Liaison Coordinator	Office of the TEO	867-766-4003	• Initial contact for new proponents • General corporate giving • Coordinate RMWG and assist with proponent access to these monthly meetings • Socio-economic and proponent-related matters • IBA implementation • Listening Post • Miscellaneous site activities • Community visits
Tłıchq Executive Officer	Office of the TEO	867-766-4003	• Inquiries to the CEC • All other Tłıchq Government matters

Appendix C: Map of the Tłıchǫ Region



Appendix D:

Application Package Requirements

Land Use Permits and Water Licences

There are two regulatory authorities that issue land use permits and water licences within M̐qwhì Gogha Dè N̐j̐t̐t̐èè:

- WLWB: responsible for issuing land use permits and water licences within the Wek'èezhìi boundary.
- MVLWB: responsible for issuing land use permits and water licences outside of settled claim regions and for transboundary projects.
- The application process is consistent between the boards. Please refer to the [WLWB](#) or [MVLWB](#) websites for detailed information regarding application requirements for land use permits and water licences.

Access to T̐j̐ch̐q lands

- Before submitting a permit/licence application to the WLWB, proponents who are interested in accessing T̐j̐ch̐q lands must consult with the Department of Culture and Lands Protection. On T̐j̐ch̐q Lands, even activities that do not require a land use permit require permission and an access agreement from T̐j̐ch̐q Government. The department will provide information on application requirements, conformity with the T̐j̐ch̐q Wenek'e, and the review and approval process for access to T̐j̐ch̐q lands. [Link to application form.](#)

Access to T̐j̐ch̐q Community Lands

Permission from the Community Government is required to access lands within a T̐j̐ch̐q community boundary.

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