

Tłchq Community Services Agency Board Meeting Minutes March 9-11, 2022

In Attendance: Alex Nitsiza – Acting/Chairperson and Whatì Representative
Irene Mantla, Gametì Representative
Rosa Mantla – Behchokò Representative
Marie Adele Football – Wekweetì Representative

Executive and Staff: Kevin Armstrong- Chief Executive Officer
Sara Nash- Executive Director, Operations & Program Integration
Linsey Hope - Director of Education
Rose Jiang - Director of Corporate Services

Regrets: Ted Blondin – Chairperson Day 1

Call to Order - Day 1

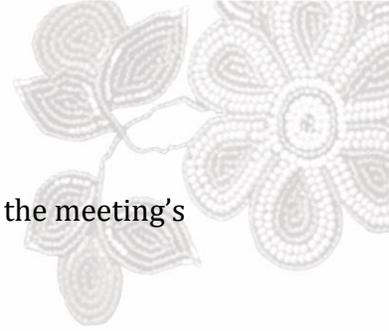
The meeting was called to order at 9:13am. A/Chairperson Alex Nitsiza welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer provided by Marie Adele Football.

Occupational Health and Safety

The Chief Executive Officer reviewed the Safety Plan for the board meeting including the emergency evacuation protocols. Kevin Armstrong reviewed the COVID-19 safety plan for the board meeting. All questions were answered, and all attendees confirmed their understanding of the plan.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

To perform good governance, TCSA Board meetings begin with a declaration of any real or perceived conflict of interest by board members. Conflict of interest declarations help ensure public confidence in the Board as they make decisions that affect strategic and



financial actions of the TCSEA. Conflict of interest declarations are recorded in the meeting's minutes.

The respective Northwest Territories Conflict of Interest Act states:

2. (1) *Where a member, either on his or her behalf or while acting for, by, with or through another, has any direct pecuniary interest*

(a) in a contact or proposed contract with the municipality or board,

(b) in a contract or proposed contract that is reasonably likely to be affected by a decision of the council or board, or

(c) in a manner in which the council or board is concerned,

and is present at a meeting of the council, board, or committee of the council or board at which the contract, proposed contract or other matter is the subject of consideration, the member shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of the meeting, disclosed his or her interest and the extent and nature of the interest, and

(d) Shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any such question with respect to, the contract, proposed contract, or other matter, or attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question.

2. (2) *Where the interest of a member has not been disclosed as required by subsection (1) by reason of his or her absence from the meeting referred to in subsection (1) or by reason of the interest having been acquired or having come to his or her knowledge after the meeting, the member shall disclosed his or her interest and otherwise comply with subsection (1) at the first meeting of the council, board or committee that he or she subsequently attends.*

No conflicts of interest were declared relevant to the agenda for this meeting of March 9-11, 2022.

Approval of Current Agenda

Be it resolved that the Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency Board amends and approves the agenda for March 9-11, 2022. Motioned by: Marie Adele Football. Seconded by: Rosa Mantla. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Be it resolved that the Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency Board approves the minutes for the regular board meeting held on December 1-3, 2021 and the special meetings





held on January 6, 2022, January 18, 2022, and February 1, 2022. **Motioned by: Marie**
Goal Football. Seconded by: Irene Mantla. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Previous Meetings

Any new actions that arise during a board meeting are tracked in the Action Log. As actions are completed, they are removed from the log.

Action items since the December 1-3, 2021, Board Meeting were reviewed. No new action items added to the log from this meeting.

Chairperson's Report

The Chief Executive Officer provided a written report on behalf of the Chairperson dated March 9, 2022. Items discussed include a review of the Chairperson's events attended since the December 2021 Board meeting including Education Leaders with Minister of Education, TCSA Board meetings, and NTHSSA Leadership Council meetings. Key updates include quality improvement efforts for Health & Social Services and governance of the Education System.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer was present to deliver a written report dated March 9, 2021. Specific items discussed included the following:

Education Act Modernization

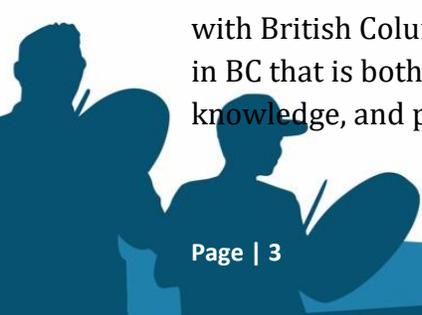
TCSA and Tlı̨chǫ Government are working together on one consultative process for the region.

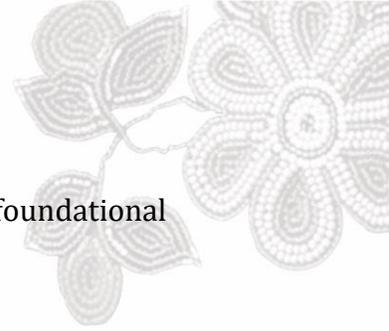
- ***The GNWT and Tłı̨chǫ Government commit to a collaborative drafting process for the Education Act modernization, similar to the Intergovernmental Council legislative development protocol process.***
- ***The GNWT and Tłı̨chǫ Government commit to have further discussion on legislative drafting at the Modern Treaty and Self-Government Partners forum.***

ECE looks to be working on a phased approach for changing the Education Act.

JK-12 Curriculum Renewal

After consultation across the territory the GNWT announced that it would be partnering with British Columbia moving forward to transition to the progressive curriculum offered in BC that is both competency based and strongly influenced by Indigenous worldviews, knowledge, and perspectives. The territory will keep locally developed courses (such as





(Tłıchǫ Agreement) and will continue to use Dene Kede as its foundational curriculum documents.

Mental Health & Addictions Update

The TCSA Board had a meeting with CEC on February 2, 2021. A motion was passed to work together on Mental Health and addictions.

In March of 2021 the Tlıchǫ Assembly held a workshop to discuss mental health and addictions. At the end of the workshop it decided to develop a community based mental health & addictions strategy. Twelve action items were identified as first steps. Tlıchǫ Government Assembly Members proposed a funding commitment of 15 million dollars or 3 million a year for the next 5 years. The Tlıchǫ Assembly later affirmed its decision on April 22nd, 2021 when it passed “Tlıchǫ Loan Reimbursement Law.”

Since April, two Tlıchǫ Government staff and one TCSA staff have been working on the twelve action items. Limited progress has been made due to Covid restrictions & Tlıchǫ Government elections. An additional TCSA employee has been assigned to work on the initiative as of November 29, 2021.

The long term goal is to have a fully integrated program with Tlıchǫ Government.

GNWT – OAG Report

TCSA will be responding to the OAG report as part of the larger Territorial response. The OAG report will be tabled to the legislative assembly in Summer 2022.

Tłıchǫ Government and Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency are working in partnership to develop a community based mental health and addiction strategy for the region. We hope to build an integrated programs and services delivery model that is built on the foundation of Tłıchǫ culture, language, and way of life. At the same time we will continue to work with the GNWT to improve programs and implement recommendations made in the report.

TCSA Strategic Plan 2022-2026

The TCSA’s 2022-26 Strategic Plan is grounded in current research and best practice for health and social programs serving indigenous communities, it is built upon the strengths and successes of our programs and services to date, and it reflects the new and continuing priorities of the Tłıchǫ Government and of the Government of the Northwest Territories. We look forward to continuing the intergovernmental and territory-wide partnerships that strengthen the TCSA’s program delivery in the service of those who live in the Tłıchǫ region. Our strategic priorities guiding our work include:

- Developing strong, capable, healthy Tłıchǫ individuals, families, and communities,
- Supporting the best health and wellness of people in the Tłıchǫ region,





Improving the quality of services provided to vulnerable children, families, and communities, and

- Enhancing organizational sustainability by developing our people and enhancing our organizational processes.

Be it resolved that the Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency Board approves the 2022-2026 TCSA Strategic Plan. Motioned by: Irene Mantla. Seconded by: Marie Adele Football. Motion Carried Unanimously.

End of Day 1 – 4:00pm

Call to Order - Day 2 Start at 9:00am

The second day of the meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Finance and Corporate Services Report

Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Rose Jiang, was present to provide a written report dated March 9, 2022. Items discussed include: a detailed review of the 2022-23 Budget for Health & Social Services; a review of the 3rd Quarter Variance Report for the TCSA Health & Social Services Division; a review of TCSA's Finance and Corporate Services quality improvement initiatives including: corporate visa management, variance reporting process, IT Infrastructure, and cellular phone upgrades.

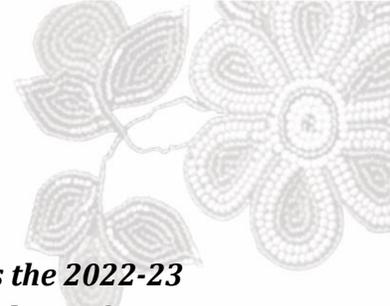
Be it resolved that the Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency Board approves the 2022-2023 TCSA Health & Social Services Budget. Motioned by: Rosa Mantla. Seconded by: Irene Mantla. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Education Report

The Director of Education, Linsey Hope, was present to provide a written report dated March 9, 2022.

Items discussed include staffing recruitment and retention planning, staff training and orientation, certificate and diploma programs, and student support specialists. A status update for the 2021-2022 strategic and operational goals was provided to the Board. Regional goals include literacy, lifelong learning, wellness and student support, and culturally responsive programs and services.

A review of the 2022-23 School Calendar was discussed with the Board, including the selection of dates, alignment with Yellowknife School Boards, NDL, and winter road considerations.



Be it resolved that the Tłchq Community Services Agency Board approves the 2022-23 School Calendars as presented with a review at the beginning of the school year for any amendments. Moved by: Irene Mantla. Seconded by: Marie Adele Football. Motion Carried Unanimously.

End of Day 2 – 5:00pm

Call to Order – Day 3 at 9:15am

The third day of the meeting was called to order at 9:15am.

Health and Social Services Report

The Health and Social Services report dated March 9, 2022 was delivered by Sara Nash.

Items discussed include recruitment challenges in all program areas and potential solutions, especially with healthcare provider positions such as community health nurses, nurse practitioners, EMRs as well as CSSWs; ongoing COVID-19 pandemic outbreak management and response; a detail review of HSS core programs including Community Health, Home and Continuing Care Review, Mental Health & Wellness, and Child & Family Services.

Quality Assurance Committee – Committee of the Whole

Sara Nash presented a written report dated March 9, 2022. The Board members reviewed the associated attachments including the TCSA RL6 Incident Reports

TCSA 2022-23 Operating Plan

Be it resolved that the Tłchq Community Services Agency Board approves the 2022-2023 TCSA Operating Plan. Motioned by: Marie Adele Football. Seconded by: Irene Mantla. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

The 2022-23 schedules of TCSA Board meetings were reviewed and the next regular quarterly meeting date is tentatively scheduled for June 13-16, 2022.





Board Meeting Evaluation Forms

Board members were asked to complete the meeting evaluation forms and return to Sara either in hard copy before the end of the meeting, or to send afterward (via email, or fax).

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 2:55pm.

Be it resolved that the Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency Board closes the March 9-11, 2022 meeting on March 11, 2022 at 2:55pm

End of Day 3 - 2:55pm

Chairperson Signature

June 13, 2022

Date

Chief Executive Officer Signature

June 13, 2022

Date