



## Tłchq Community Services Agency Special Board Meeting Minutes September 2, 2021

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**In Attendance:** Alex Nitsiza – Vice Chairperson and Whatì Representative  
Henry Gon, Gametì Representative  
Janita Etsemba – Behchokò Representative  
Noella Kodzin – Wekweetì Representative

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**Executive and Staff:** Kevin Armstrong- Chief Executive Officer  
Linsey Hope - Director of Education

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**Regrets:** Ted Blondin – Chairperson

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Acting Chairperson Alex Nitsiza welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Opening Prayer

Henry Gon led the TCSA Board in an opening prayer.

### 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 TCSA. 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 September 2, 2021.**

### **Approval of Current Agenda**

This is a special meeting to review the NWT COVID-19 situation and school opening recommendation.

**Be it resolved that the Tlicho Community Services Agency Board approves the agenda for September 2, 2021. Moved by: Noella Kodzin. Seconded by: Henry Gon. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

### **TCSA School Opening Recommendation**

Kevin Armstrong, CEO reviewed the most recent information on COVID-19 in the Northwest Territories, specifically the Tlicho region and Yellowknife. A review of the region's cases, vaccination rates, and wastewater surveillance was discussed. An overview of the enhanced safety measures and protocols implemented in the schools was reviewed.





**Be it resolved that the Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency Board approves the Elizabeth Mackenzie Elementary School and Chief Jimmy Bruneau School in Behchoko, as well as the Jean Wetrade Gameti School in Gameti to reopen in person learning on September 7, 2021. Moved by: Noella Kodzin. Seconded by: Henry Gon. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Closing Prayer** – Noella Kodzin

Noella Kodzin led the TCSA Board in a closing prayer.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:30am.**

**Be it resolved that the Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency Board closes the Special September 2, 2021, at 10:30am. Moved by: Henry Gon. Seconded by: Janita Etsemba. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Chairperson Signature

March 11, 2022

Date

Chief Executive Officer Signature

March 11, 2022

Date

