



Intergovernmental Meeting between Kát'odeeche First Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories

- **Hay River Dene Reserve (October 3, 2024)** – Premier R.J. Simpson, Minister Caroline Wawzonek, Minister Caitlin Cleveland, Minister Lesa Semmler, Minister Vince McKay, Chief April Martel, Sub-Chief Irene Graham, Councillor Peter Sabourin, Councillor Robert Lamalice, Councillor Michael Sunrise, Councillor Shirley Lamalice, and Councillor Rebecca Aylward of the Kát'odeeche First Nation (KFN) met on Thursday, October 3, 2024.

Key discussions included:

- **Health and Social Services:** the importance of ongoing efforts to increase awareness and visibility of public health issues, campaigns, and messaging.
- **Health and Social Services:** a commitment to discuss health and social services issues of concern, including discussion on the Kát'odeeche First Nation health centre, reviewing the location of the health boxes planned for Hay River, mental health and addictions support, and medical travel.
- **Education and Training:** a commitment to collaborate on initiatives to increase the high school graduation rate and access to post-secondary schooling for KFN members in order to enhance employment opportunities and overall community well-being.
- **Dene Wellness Center:** a commitment to work together on the future of the Dene Wellness center.
- **Housing:** noted the importance of continuing discussions on housing, including ongoing multi-lateral engagement to discuss programs and services.

Quick Facts

- Strengthening relationships with Indigenous governments is a priority of the 20th Legislative Assembly.
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- The Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the Kátł'odeeche First Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- The agreement was first signed in September 2016 for a four-year term and was renewed in February 2021 for another four-year term till February 2025.
- The agreement commits both governments to meet at least once per year.

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