

Tłegohłj Got'jne Government

“The Government of the People Where the Oil Is”

Why self-government now?

- Ratifying the Final Self-Government Agreement negotiated over the last 17 years will fulfill the promise of having self-government as set out in the Land Claim.
- We keep the Rights we have under the Land Claim Agreement and also the Rights some of us have as registered Indians under the Indian Act.
- If ratified, our Self-Government, as a “government within the constitutional framework of Canada,” will be in a position to protect our Inherent Rights advocating directly to other Canadian governments.

What are we now?

- We are not an “Indian Act Band” or “First Nation” in Norman Wells.
- We are not governed by federal Acts that apply to First Nations, e.g. the First Nations Financial Transparency Act. We have never received federal funding based on per capita to operate like a First Nation under the Indian Act.
- We are a Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act corporation governed by that federal Act and its Regulations, no different from any other federally incorporated not-for-profit corporation governed by that Act and its Regulations that you or I could incorporate.
- Our funding is what we can get through contribution agreements with Canada and the GNWT.

Can members that have been adopted into TGG Inc. Vote on Self-Government?

- Yes; if their names are on the Official Voters List.
- This is because the Official Voters List is based on the most current list of Sahtu Dene and Metis participants enrolled with TGG Inc. as their Land Corporation under Chapter 4 of the Land Claim Agreement.
- Who prepares that enrolment list? The Sahtu Enrolment Board.

- The Sahtu Enrolment Board is not controlled by TGG Inc.
- The Sahtu Enrolment Board is an independent Board set up by the Land Claim Agreement specifically to decide who are and are not Sahtu Dene or Metis entitled to be enrolled as a participant under the Land Claim Agreement.
- Challenges to the Enrolment Board's decisions go to the Supreme Court of the NWT.

- When you became participants under the Land Claim Agreement you, or your parents, had the right to choose which Sahtu community to affiliate with and you , or your parents, chose Norman Wells.
- No matter where you live in this world you are Sahtu Dene and Metis of Norman Wells – the Tłegohłj Got'jne.
- Your self-government, the Tłegohłj Got'jne Government, needs to be based in Norman Wells, in the heart of your ancestors' traditional territories, to directly represent you to governments and to Industry in the Sahtu.
- Just as there is no distinction if you are adopted in or blood related, there is no “northern” or “southern” distinction.

What is a Self-Government?

- The self-government agreement is an add-on to the Rights you have under the Land Claim Agreement. To Land Rights (Inherent and Treaty) it adds recognition of your Inherent Right of self-government.
 - In addition to being participants under the Land Claim Agreement you are Tłegohłj Got'jneq Government Citizens under the FSGA.
- Your self-government has the right to make your own laws for the Tłegohłj Got'jneq, laws that will be recognized by other Canadian governments, Industry and the Courts.
- Your self-government will be a “government within the constitutional framework of Canada”, a government to represent you to Canada, GNWT and Industry.
- The Land Claim Agreement was a big step forward recognizing and protecting, in the 1990's, your Land Rights, the FSGA is the next step forward recognizing your Inherent Right to self-government.

Self-Government vs. Land Claim

Self-Government	Land Claim
Direct Representation to Canada and GNWT, your own voice	Being represented as 1 of 5 communities through the Sahtu Secretariate Inc. (SSI)
Create your own laws under the FSGA	Continue to utilize provisions under the land claim
You have your own Constitution: it can evolve as and when you want to	Corporate By-Laws under the Canada Not-for-Profit Act
Long-term Core Governance Funded by Canada: Financial Stability	Short-term Government Program Contribution Agreements: Financial Instability

What is the difference between TGG Inc. and TGG (the self-government)?

TGG, the self-government	TGG, the non-profit
Be recognized and operates as Government in the constitutional framework of Canada	Operating as a non-profit organization
Receives <u>core governance funding</u> annually from Canada	Does not have any sort of guarantee funding or funding sources
Enables the creation of our own programs and services for the Tłegohłj Got'jneę without geographical restrictions imposed by Canada or the GNWT	Programs and services are created by Canada or the GNWT and restricted to the people within geographical boundaries set by the funding governments (“Contribution Agreements”)

What is Core Funding from Canada?

- If you vote yes to ratify the Final Self Government Agreement and Constitution, Canada will be obligated to fund your self government in the minimum amount of \$4.6 million every year.
- There is no “renegotiation” or need to “re-apply”. We will receive a base of \$4.6 million every year. This funding arrangement will be reviewed with Canada every 5 to 7 years to adjust for inflation.

On-Going Governance and Administration Funding



Funding for governance and administration functions includes **base** and **incremental** costs of self-government. The amount of funding is developed collaboratively within the Fiscal Working Group according to Canada's Collaborative Self-Government Fiscal Policy.

- **Base costs** are associated with governance activities required regardless of population, geographic location or other circumstances.
 - **Incremental costs** are associated with activities that are expected to increase as a result of population growth, program responsibilities of the government, total revenues, and purchases.
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Governance and Administration functions include:

- Executive and legislative decision-making;
 - Intergovernmental and legal affairs;
 - Centralized administration and policy development; and
 - Finance and corporate services.
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Ongoing Governance and Administration funding is transferred to groups on an annual basis beginning on effective date.

This is very different from what we have today as a Not-for-Profit Corporation

- Currently, TGG Inc's day-to-day operations are paid for by administrative fees from contribution agreements with the GNWT and Canada, a similar agreement with the Norman Wells Financial Corporation that provides for the delivery of Chapter II Land Claim programs, topped up by our own money.
- Excluding the funds we receive under contribution agreements from Canada for self-government negotiations, we currently receive less than \$1.5 million from our current contribution agreements.
- Our self-government negotiation funding ends on March 31, 2025 (Ratification Day). If the FSGA is not ratified there will be no more self-government funding available.

How will your Self-Government get started?

- If you ratify the FSGA and Constitution on March 31, 2025, there will be a 1-year period to transition from a not-for-profit corporation to a self-government.
 - During this 1-year transition we will, along with other things, create a basic set of laws.
 - These laws will be a starting point enabling the Tłegohłj Got'jneq Government to begin operations on the Effective Date (April 1, 2026).
 - Once the Tłegohłj Got'jneq Government starts operating, if those basic set of laws need amending, they can be amended to better reflect how you want your government to operate.

Examples of a Basic Set of Laws

- Financial Administration
- Election
- Disclosure and Transparency
- Privacy Protection
- Appointments of non-elected positions

Why aren't social programs in the basic set of laws?

- The FSGA lists TGG's jurisdictions over areas of social programs such as adoption, income support, education, social housing, etc.
- The reason why these types of social programs are not in the basic set of laws is because our elected government will need to ensure it has the capacity to take on such important programs.
- Until then, these programs will continue to be provided by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).
- Once TGG has the basic set of law to operate as a government, it can consider what other laws, including social programs, might be enacted under the FSGA to benefit the Tłegohłj Got'jneq.

- Even during the one-year transition period, if the basic set of laws has been worked out and is ready to be enacted on the Effective Date, (hopefully April 1, 2026), nothing stops TGG Inc from starting to consider what other laws might be enacted to benefit the Tłegohłj Got'jne.
- Examples of such programs that have already been discussed that would benefit Tłegohłj Got'jne citizens regardless where they live, include:
 - Lowering the elder's assistance age (from 60 years old to 55 years old)
 - Low Income and Living Standards Assistance in:
 - Utility expenses
 - Grocery expenses
 - Childcare expenses
 - Sports and Culture Assistance (e.g. sports equipment for kids)
 - the availability of home renovation and maintenance programs to every TGG household across Canada

How will the Transition Year be Funded?

One-Time Start-up Funding



One-Time Start-Up Funding is a **one-time grant payment** to support activities associated with a group's transition to self-government.



One-Time Start-Up funding **targets key areas** such as, but not limited to:

- Development of core laws;
 - Setting up new governance and administration systems;
 - Communications and consultation; and
 - Transition-related training for staff.
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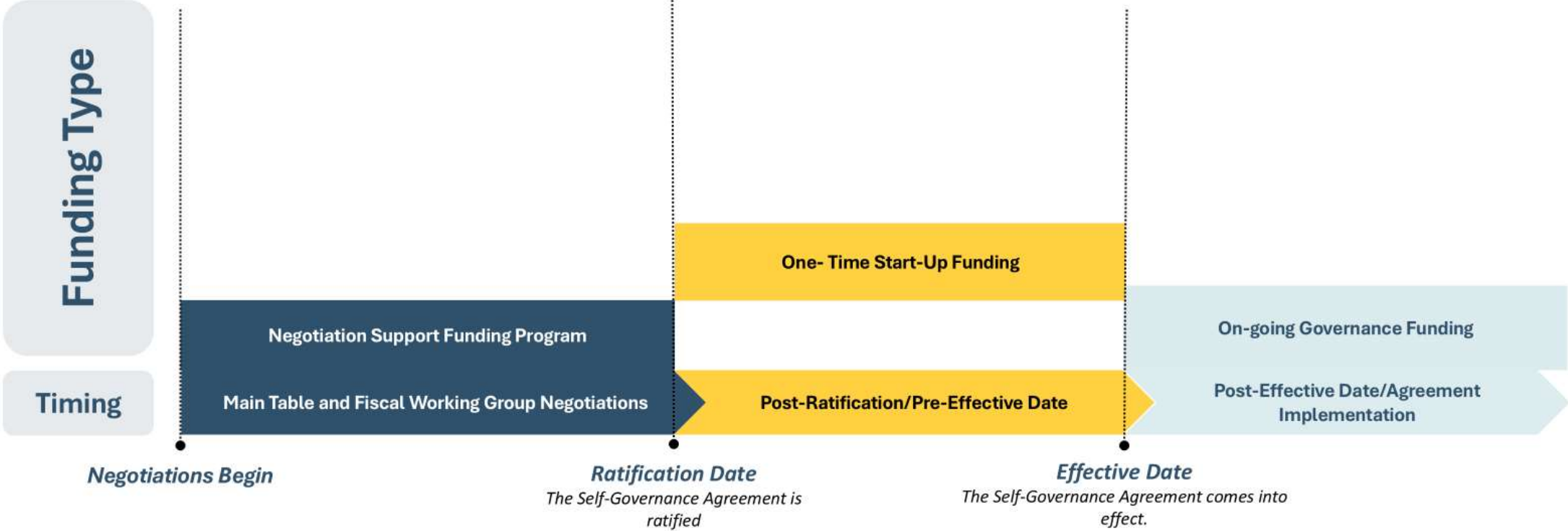


The amount of funding is determined by the work needed to be done by a group to prepare for effective date. This includes community meetings, existing staff training, incremental office space and equipment and other start-up activities.



One-Time Start-Up Funding is transferred following a successful community ratification up until the Effective Date of the agreement, at which point Ongoing Governance and Administration Funding begins.

Timeline of Funding



First Election of the Legislative Council

- There are currently 8 directors on the board (and 1 vacancy). On the effective date, these directors will become the legislative council.
- The first election for the legislation council must take place within 2 years of the effective date.
- We will elect 4 councillors and a president for a 4-year term and we will elect 4 more councillors for a 2-year term. After that, there will be an election every 2 years for 4-year terms.

Participation by Non-Residents

- Currently non-residents cannot be on the board of directors.
- Under the Constitution, 4 of the 9 legislative councillors could be non-residents.
- All Tłegohłj Got'jneę, resident and non-residents, will be Citizens on effective date.

What kind/type of Self-Government will you be voting for?

- As a Citizen you will cast a vote for the President and for each of the 8 other Council positions in staggered elections held every 2 years under the Constitution.
- Under the Constitution the President must be a resident of Norman Wells; but up to 4 of the 8 councillors could be non-residents.
- Council can then make appointments to non-elected positions within the Government.

How can I participate in Self-Government?

- Regardless where you live in Canada, under the proposed Constitution, you can run for a seat on your Legislative Council
- Regardless where you live in Canada, you may be the best candidate for appointment to the Institutions that the Legislative Council may establish to provide programs or services or to represent your Self-Government in negotiations with other governments.

What will I be voting on? Two Things

- **The Final Self-Government Agreement for the Tłegóhı́ Got'ınê**
 - Like the Land Claim Agreement it will be a constitutionally protected treaty
 - See the Summary of the Final Self-Government Agreement
 - Can only be amended by agreement between you and Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories
- **The Tłegóhı́ Got'ınê Government Constitution**
 - This is your Self-Government's Constitution governing how your Self-Government will exercise the jurisdictions and authorities set out in the Final Self-Government Agreement
 - You can amend the Constitution without asking or requiring the consent of Canada or the Government of the Northwest Territories

Both Documents must be Approved by you in the Ratification Vote.

If you want your voice to be heard, and if you want to make a difference, you need to cast your vote.

50% plus 1 of you must vote and of the votes cast, 50% plus 1 must be in favour of both documents.

How to Fill out the Mail-In Ballot

BALLOT

**Final Self-Government Agreement for
the Tłegòhłj Got'jneq**

(which Agreement was Initialed by the Tłegòhłj Got'ine Government Incorporated,
the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada on
November 19, 2024)

and

Tłegòhłj Got'jneq Government Constitution

(dated October 31, 2024)

Ratification Vote
March 31, 2025

Having had full opportunity to review and consider both the **Final Self-Government Agreement for the Tłegòhłj Got'jneq** and the **Tłegòhłj Got'jneq Government Constitution**, do you approve and authorize the President of the Tłegòhłj Got'ine Government Incorporated to sign the **Final Self-Government Agreement for the Tłegòhłj Got'jneq** and do you approve and ratify the **Tłegòhłj Got'jneq Government Constitution**?

YES **NO**

Mark this Ballot by placing a mark which must be an **X** in **one** of the above boxes.

DO NOT make any marks on this Ballot that may identify you.

Step 1

Fill Out the Ballot

Ensure you fill in only one box, and it must be clearly marked with an **X**

A

SECRECY SLEEVE

Step 2

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Fold the Ballot along the perforations so the writing is on the inside and place the Ballot inside the envelope marked


A Secrecy Sleeve

then seal the envelope.

B		DECLARATION ENVELOPE	
		To be completed by voter	
In the matter of the Ratification Vote for the Final Self Government Agreement for The Tłı̨gǰı̨ł Gół'ı̨ng and the Constitution			
Voter Declaration	I, _____		solemnly declare that:
	I am enrolled only with the Sahtu community of Norman Wells as a participant under Chapter 4 of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement and I am not enrolled with any other Sahtu community or under any other Land Claim Agreement or any other Self-Government Agreement.		
	I was born on: _____ Day Month Year		
	I am or will be eighteen (18) years or over on March 31, 2025.		
	I have read and understood the Mail-In-Ballot Package sent to me, and of my own free will, without compulsion or undue influence from anyone, have answered the ballot question by marking the ballot and have placed it in the A Secrecy Envelope.		
	I understand that once my mail-in ballot has been received by the Chief Ratification Officer, I will not be permitted to vote in person or by mobile poll.		
	I understand that it is an offence to make a false statement in this declaration.		
	I declare before the witness believing this Declaration to be true and knowing that it has the same force and effect as if made under oath.		
	DATE: _____	SIGNATURE: _____	
Witness	TO BE COMPLETED BY WITNESS (Must be 18 years of age or over):		
	____ I know the voter and I witnessed the voter's signature. OR		
	____ *I assisted the voter in marking the ballot according to the directions of the voter. * (witness must be a friend or relative to complete Declaration of Voting Assistant Form)		
	At _____ this _____ day of _____ 2025 Place		
	_____ Witness Print Name	_____ Signature	_____ Telephone Number
	_____ Witness Address	_____ City/Town	_____ Territory/Province
			_____ Postal Code

Step 3

Place the **Secrecy Sleeve A** into the **B Declaration Envelope** and seal the envelope.

B		DECLARATION ENVELOPE	
		To be completed by voter	
in the matter of the Ratification Vote for the Final Self Government Agreement for the Tsoggh-Got'ine and the Constitution (fig. 1)			
Voter Declaration	I, _____, solemnly declare that:		
	I am enrolled only with the Sathu community of Norman Wells as a participant under Chapter 4 of the Sathu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement and I am not enrolled with any other Sathu community or under any other Land Claim Agreement or any other Self-Government Agreement.		
	I was born on: _____ Day Month Year		
	I am or will be eighteen (18) years or over on March 21, 2025.		
	I have read and understood the Mail-in Ballot Package sent to me, and of my own free will, without compulsion or undue influence from anyone, have answered the ballot question by marking the ballot and have placed it in the A Secrecy Envelope.		
I understand that once my mail-in ballot has been received by the Chief Ratification Officer, I will not be permitted to vote in person or by mobile poll.			
I understand that it is an offence to make a false statement in this declaration.			
I declare before the witness believing this Declaration to be true and knowing that it has the same force and effect as if made under oath.			
DATE: _____		SIGNATURE: _____	
Witness	TO BE COMPLETED BY WITNESS (must be 18 years of age or over) (fig. 2)		
_____ I know the voter and I witnessed the voter's signature. OR			
_____ I assisted the voter in marking the ballot according to the directions of the voter (witness must be a friend or relative to complete Declaration of Voting Assisted Form)			
At _____ Place _____ Site _____ Day of _____ 2025			
Witness Print Name _____		Signature _____ Telephone Number _____	
Witness Address _____		City/Town Territory/Province Postal Code _____	
C RETURN ENVELOPE			
PO BOX 17009 Edmonton RPO Uptown, Edmonton, AB T5K 0G4			
TGG Vote PO BOX 17009 Edmonton RPO Uptown, Edmonton, AB T5K 0G4			
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Step 4

If you had help filling out the Ballot (you didn't mark it yourself), proceed to Steps 5 and 6.

Otherwise, fill out the front side of the **B Declaration Envelope** (fig.1) and sign in front of a witness who is at least 18 years old and knows you. That witness then completes and signs the bottom of the **B Declaration Envelope** (fig. 2) . Place the envelope into the

C Return Envelope and proceed to Step 7.

B		DECLARATION ENVELOPE	
		To be completed by voter	
In the matter of the Ratification Vote for the Final Self Government Agreement for The Tłeǵǵhł Got'ı̨ng and the Constitution			
Voter Declaration	I, _____		solemnly declare that:
	I am enrolled only with the Sahtu community of Norman Wells as a participant under Chapter 4 of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement and I am not enrolled with any other Sahtu community or under any other Land Claim Agreement or any other Self-Government Agreement.		
	I was born on: _____ Day Month Year		
	I am or will be eighteen (18) years or over on March 31, 2025.		
	I have read and understood the Mail-in-Ballot Package sent to me, and of my own free will, without compulsion or undue influence from anyone, have answered the ballot question by marking the ballot and have placed it in the A Secrecy Envelope.		
	I understand that once my mail-in ballot has been received by the Chief Ratification Officer, I will not be permitted to vote in person or by mobile poll.		
	I understand that it is an offence to make a false statement in this declaration.		
	I declare before the witness believing this Declaration to be true and knowing that it has the same force and effect as if made under oath.		
	DATE: _____	SIGNATURE: _____	
Witness	<p>TO BE COMPLETED BY WITNESS (Must be 18 years of age or over): <i>(fig. 1)</i></p> <p>_____ I know the voter and I witnessed the voter's signature. OR</p> <p>_____ "I assisted the voter in marking the ballot according to the directions of the voter." <small>*(witness must be a friend or relative to complete Declaration of Voting Assistant Form)</small></p> <p>At _____ this _____ day of _____, 2025</p> <p>_____ Place</p> <p>_____ Signature Telephone Number</p> <p>_____ Witness Print Name</p> <p>_____ City/Town Territory/Province Postal Code</p> <p>_____ Witness Address</p>		

Step 5

If you had help from a friend or relative to mark the Ballot (you didn't mark it yourself), that friend or relative (who is at least 18 years old) must complete and sign the bottom portion of the **B Declaration Envelope** (fig. 1) and then complete the **D Declaration of Voting Assistant** form. (Step 6)

D**DECLARATION OF VOTING ASSISTANT**

#1 Declaration of friend or relative providing assistance to a voter to vote on the Final Self Government Agreement for the Tłegóhli Got'ıne Constitution. *(fig. 1)*

Date: _____
 I, _____
 (First and Last name) Phone Number _____
 of _____
 City/Town Territory/Province Postal Code _____

solemnly declare and affirm as true that:

- a) I am a friend, the spouse, the common law partner, or other relative of _____, who is unable to mark their ballot in the usual manner because they cannot read or has a physical disability.
 (name of Voter requiring special assistance)
 b) I will read the ballot to the Voter.
 c) I will not influence the Voter in choosing an answer to the ballot question.
 d) I will mark the ballot in accordance with the Voter's instructions.
 e) I will keep secret all information which may come to me by virtue of assisting the Voter.
 f) I will place the ballot in the return envelope C with this declaration and place the envelope in a Canada Post mailbox, courier the envelope, or deliver it by hand to the Chief Ratification Officer, Deputy Ratification Officer or Polling Clerk.

 Signature of friend or relative – to be signed in front of a witness who is not the Voter. The witness then completes #2

#2. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE WITNESS (Must be 18 years of age or over): *(fig. 2)*
 Declared and affirmed before me at _____
 _____ on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

 Witness Print Name Signature Telephone Number

 Witness Address City/Town Territory/Province Postal Code _____

C RETURN ENVELOPE

PO BOX 17009
 Edmonton RPO Uptown,
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Step 6

The friend or relative who completed the bottom of the **B Declaration Envelope** in Step 5 then completes the **D Declaration of Voting Assistant Form**. (fig. 1)

Have this form witnessed by a third person (not the voter) who is at least 18 years old who then completes section **#2 of the D Declaration of Voting Assistant form**. (fig. 2)

Once the **D Declaration of Voter Assistant form** is completed, place the **B Declaration Envelope** and the **D Declaration of Voting Assistant form** into

C Return Envelope

C RETURN ENVELOPE

PO BOX 17009
Edmonton RPO Uptown,
Edmonton, AB
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TGG Vote
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Step 7

Seal the envelope. Place the postage prepaid **C Return Envelope** in any Canada Post mailbox, or courier the envelope, or deliver it by hand to the Chief Ratification Officer or the Deputy Ratification Officer at any [Polling Station](#).

Step 8

How to confirm your ballot has been received:

Phone [236-662-6810](tel:236-662-6810) if you wish to confirm that your mailed ballot has been received by the Chief Ratification Officer. Carolyn will ask you questions to confirm your identity, and if the answers are correct she will call you back at the phone number on file at the TGG Government Office and tell you whether the Chief Ratification Officer has or has not received your returned ballot package.

If the package is not received, you can still vote in person at any polling station.

NEED HELP?

CALL (236)-662-6810

Can you help us locate these members?

- Kirby, Glenn
- Kirby, Erik

Recent Questions Received by Email

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are posted on TGG Vote.ca and the FAQ posted have been updated after each Information Meeting and after emails received directly or sent to the Chief Ratification Officer.
- Some of the more recent questions received by email are:
 - Why can't members get emails and phone numbers for all of you when they ask for TGG Inc's membership list?
 - Why can't Ratification be paused to negotiate a perfect FSGA?
 - Why can't Ratification be paused so the FSGA can include mental health support, housing assistance, food subsidies and other social programs?
 - What's happened to our money?

Why can't members get emails and phone numbers for all of you when they ask for TGG Inc's membership list?

Answer:

As a Not-for Profit Corporation governed by the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and its Regulations, TGG Inc. has a duty to protect the privacy of the personal information of its Members, Employees and Contractors; just like Canadian governments have a duty to protect your personal information.

The Act and its Regulations make an express exception to this duty to protect your privacy by requiring TGG Inc to keep a membership list that contains your names and mailing addresses. The Act requires that TGG Inc give its membership list to a member who (1) asks for it and who also (2) swears that she will only use the information for corporate purposes.

TGG Inc cannot give any of your other personal information to anyone, not even a family members, without your consent.

Why can't Ratification be paused to negotiate a perfect FSGA?

Answer:

The FSGA being voted on has been negotiated over the last 17 or so years. We have negotiated with a Conservative and a Liberal federal government and with changing governments in Yellowknife. All issues were the subject of negotiations – very few provisions were quickly accepted by all three parties.

The basic structure of the FSGA, the structure of the Tłegohłj Got'jñę Government, its jurisdictions as a Exclusive Indigenous Government under Part II and its jurisdictions as a Public Indigenous Government under Part III were negotiated by our team lead by Larry Tourangeau between 2007 and 2020.

Since 2020, lead by Ethel Blondin Andrew, our team has negotiated a new Fiscal Relationship Chapter, an overhauled Tax Chapter, a revised Settlement Lands Chapter and a new Amendment Chapter. GNWT has dropped its earlier insistence on having oversight over TGG's social envelope Jurisdictions using GNWT's "Core Principles and Objectives ("CPOs")". Canada has also dropped its insistence on denying the Tłegohłj Got'jñę who are also status Indians their rights under section 87 of the Indian Act.

This FSGA is not a static agreement. It is an evolutionary, living document.

The new amendment Chapter expressly requires good faith negotiations between Canada, the GNWT and TGG every ten years to amend and update the FSGA.

The new amendment Chapter also provides that the FSGA can be amended by mutual agreement between us and Canada and the GNWT anytime before the first 10-year negotiations and at any time between 10-year negotiations thereafter.

If we paused now, before Ratification there is no guarantee:

- when we would get back to the negotiation table with Canada and GNWT.
- that the future federal or territorial governments will be as accommodating as they have been.
- that we would continue to get self-government negotiation support funding because all parties agreed last November that we have finished negotiating.

Why can't Ratification be paused so the FSGA can include mental health support, housing assistance, food subsidies and other social programs?

- This self-government agreement already recognizes that our Indigenous self-government, the Tłegohłj Got'jneᑦ Government, has the power and authority to create and provide, either by itself or by working together with other Canadian governments, social programs.
- The Constitution (section 9) provides that the Tłegohłj Got'jneᑦ Government must exercise “all powers and authorities in a manner consistent with Dene Law [as defined in section 3]”, the Constitution and Tłegohłj Got'jneᑦ Law; and “at all times, act fairly and without discrimination against, or abuse of, any individual.”
- If we put details specifying when, how and what specific social programs shall be provided to the Tłegohłj Got'jneᑦ into the FSGA we would need Canada's and GNWT's approval to make any changes to those social programs.
- Under this self-government the Tłegohłj Got'jneᑦ Government can be changed any of its social programs to meet changing and new circumstances without having to seek Canada's and the GNWT's agreement.

What's happens to our money?

- The money that your current and previous Boards of Directors spend on you through programs and services (“Our Own Money”) is the money in the Norman Wells Financial Corporation (NWFC”).
- NWFC’s only sources of revenue is the Sahtu Trust and “other revenue”, the interest it earns on the trust moneys on deposit in the bank.
- NWFC will not become part of TGG. It will continue to operation as a separate entity holding “Our Own Money” in trust until it can be spent on “permitted purposes” listed in Chapter 11, like Elders Payments, Scholarship Medical Emergencies, Bereavement, and “Christmas Turkey”.
- NWFC has no employees, so it gives Our Own Money to TGG Inc under a “contribution agreement” to fund the programs and services you receive as “permitted activities” and to off-set TGG Inc’s administration expenses.

What about the money at TGG Inc (NWLC)?

- 95% of TGG Inc's (NWLC's) money is from either the Government of Canada or the GNWT under contribution agreement, or from SSI and NWFC for designated purposes.
- This is not "Our Own Money" for TGG Inc to do with as it pleases.
- Under the contribution agreements with Canada and GNWT those governments money must be used to deliver those governments programs and services for purposes those governments have specified to the people those governments have identified within the Sahtu and to subsidize our administration expenses in delivering those GNWT and Canada programs.
- Under the agreements with SSI the money must be used for such designated purposes.
- Under the agreement with NWFC the money must be used for "permitted activities" under the Land Claim.
- These moneys cannot be reallocated and used on TGG Inc's own programs and services.

La version française suit le texte anglais.

Northwest Territories (January 20, 2025) – The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is now accepting funding applications for the 2025 Anti-Poverty Fund. This annual \$1.75 million fund supports poverty reduction initiatives in communities across the NWT.

Who Can Apply:

- NWT Indigenous governments and community governing authorities
- Non-governmental organizations demonstrating partnership or support from an Indigenous or community governing authority.

Eligibility Criteria:

Projects must:

- **Be located in the NWT**
- Align with at least one of the following Territorial Anti-Poverty Strategy priorities:
 - Children and Family Support
 - Healthy Living and Reaching Our Potential
 - Safe and Affordable Housing
 - Sustainable Communities
 - Integrated Continuum of Services

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, March 14, 2025

For More Information and to Apply:

- Application forms and guidelines can be accessed at <https://www.antipovertynwt.ca/>

For media requests, please contact:

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Government of the Northwest Territories
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NGO Stabilization Fund - CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

APPLICATION GUIDE for 2024-2025

Mandate

The NGO Stabilization Fund is an application-based contribution agreement program that provides special funding to non-governmental organizations (NGO) who deliver critical GNWT funded programs or services to the public to stabilize or develop their capacity to manage programs and services.

Contributions to stabilize and assist these NGOs with management, governance, organizational development and extraordinary operations costs may be made to NGOs based on their application for such funding.

Eligibility

- Eligible NGOs are those which:
 - a) Deliver critical GNWT-funded programs or services to NWT Residents,
 - b) Receive annual funding from the GNWT for the delivery of those critical services or programs **and** be in compliance with existing funding agreements,
 - c) **Be registered and in good standing in the NWT either as a society or association or as created under NWT or Federal statute**
- Support can be granted for eligible one-time general costs including:
 - a) General management costs that cannot be attributed to specific programs or services.
Examples are general administration and management, finances and book keeping.
 - b) Governance costs or board related costs.
Examples are governance and board training.
 - c) Organizational development costs related to the structure and processes of the organization.
Examples are communications, structure, roles and responsibilities.

What about expenses?

- TGG Inc has not run a deficit (net loss) since the early 2010's
- All Our Own Money is still in the NWFC, unless it has been used for "permitted activities" under Chapter 11 of the Land Claim.
- 95% of TGG Inc's activities, including self-government expenditures are paid for by GNWT or Canada under the contribution agreements with those governments. They are not paid for using Our Own Money.
- Canada and GNWT also require TGG to submit reports and financial audits every single year to ensure compliance with the contribution agreements.



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February 21, 2025

THE TLEGOHLI GOT'INE GOVERNMENT INCORPORATED
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Re: Acceptance of 2022/2023 Annual Audited Financial Statement

This letter is to advise that the Department has accepted your 2022-2023 Annual Audited Financial Statement

The review identified the following:

- There are no carry-forward amounts
- Holdbacks or pooled amounts can be released if all associated reports have been submitted and accepted

If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Karol Huber at (867)445-1631 or karol.huber@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca

Sincerely,
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November 28, 2024

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Re: Acceptance of 2021/2022 Annual Audited Financial Statement

This letter is to advise that the Department has accepted your 2021-2022 Annual Audited Financial Statement

The review identified the following:

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October 1, 2024

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Re: Acceptance of 2020/2021 Annual Audited Financial Statement

This letter is to advise that the Department has accepted your 2020-2021 Annual Audited Financial Statement.

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- Our Own Money has not paid and is not paying anyone for anything at TGG Inc., including the costs of the self-government negotiations and the Ratification process.
- If Ratification were paused or we do not ratify the FSGA we will have to use Our Own Money to cover our future operation expenses.
- That is what was done in the late 1990's and early 2000's. NWFC had to use Our Own Money so the Land Corporation could operate.

What's Next?

Advance Polls

Norman Wells –March 15-TGG Office

Yellowknife –March 17 – Explorer Hotel

Ratification Day –March 31

- In-Person Polls in: Norman Wells - TGG Office

 Yellowknife – Explorer Hotel

 Edmonton – Fairfield Hotel at Edmonton Airport
- Mobile assistance will be available
- Transportation expenses (taxi, Uber) – reimbursed. Details on website