



February 9, 2023

Honourable Diane Archie, Minister of Infrastructure
Honourable R.J. Simpson, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
Honourable Paulie Chinna, Minister for Housing NWT
Honourable Julie Green, Minister Health and Social Services
Honourable Shane Thompson, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
Honourable Caroline Wawzonek, Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment

RE: COMMUNITY VISIT TO LUTSEL K’E, FORT RESOLUTION, DETTAH AND NDILO

Dear Premier & Ministers

On behalf of Chief James Marlowe, Chief Louise Balsillie, Chief Edward Sangris, Chief Fred Sangris, Fort Resolution Mayor Patrick Simon and Fort Resolution Metis Government President, Arthur Beck, I am inviting you to visit the Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh communities of Lutsel K’e, Fort Resolution, Dettah and Ndilo.

During the visit, you will have an opportunity to tour the communities, meet with elected leaders and to learn what issues matter to them. I am confident that by working with our community leaders, we will understand the important role we play to help address community concerns and to provide improved support in areas such as municipal services, tourism and economic development, employment, housing, health and social services, infrastructure, recreations, land, and water protection, etc.

When the Premier tabled the Mandate of the Northwest Territories 2019-2023 on February 7, 2020, it outlined GNWT’s commitment to strengthen our working relationship with Indigenous peoples and advance reconciliation. I am hopeful we can implement our mandate goals by developing our government-to-government relationship with mutual respect and meaningful engagements.

On February 7th, 2023, I extended an invitation in the house to the Premier and all Ministers to visit the communities in Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh, and Minister Archie responded that the all the Ministers should find a schedule that works for every body to visit “some of the communities when and where we can”.

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I suggest we charter a flight to visit both Lutsel K'e and Fort Resolution on the same day and to visit to Dettah and Ndilo soon after.

I look forward to your commitment to visit the communities in my Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh riding.

Kind regards,



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Chief Louise Balsillie
Chief Edward Sangris
Chief Fred Sangris
Fort Resolution Mayor Patrick Simon
Fort Resolution Metis Government President Arthur Beck