

**Submission of the 2022-2023 Tłıchǫ Community  
Services Agency Capital Budget**



**Tlicho Community Services Agency**  
**Do, Nàke Lani Nàts'etso – Strong Like Two People**

March 7, 2023

Honorable R.J. Simpson  
Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

RE: Proposal for Replacement Vehicles  
Dear Minister Simpson,

As you are aware the Tlicho Community Services Agency (TCSA) is responsible for transporting up to 400 students daily between Edzo and Behchoko to attend school at Chief Jimmy Bruneau School. In completing a recent inspection of the buses, the licenced mechanic provided a summary of the concerns with two of the vehicles. He recommends both are taken out of commission due to several issues that impact the safe operation and inability to fix due to lack of parts and cost/value. The TCSA is requesting approval of the Capital Budget from the Minister under the Surplus Retention Guidelines for Vehicle Replacement (Section 1E) to replace both vehicles.

Proposed Plan:

Item	Cost
Replacement School Bus	\$170,000
Replacement Mini-Bus	\$90,000
Total	\$260,000

TCSA is requesting exemption from the Surplus Retention Guidelines for Vehicle Replacement and are requesting immediate approval so that the purchase of the vehicles begins without delay. This request is in alignment with the FAA Section 27. (3b) which allows a Public Agency to incur a capital investment in the fiscal year if the expenditure is “, in the opinion of the governing body of the public agency, essential to continue a current business activity of the public agency as set out in a plan for the public agency approved in accordance with the planning and accountability framework.” These urgent purchases are in the opinion of the TCSA essential and will continue to benefit the students of the Tlicho region access education at Chief Jimmy Bruneau School in Edzo.

We recognize that we are asking for an exemption to the policy by asking for capital purchases to address the urgent student transportation needs.

Sincerely,

Ted Blondin, Board Chair  
Tlicho Community Services Agency