



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON HOUSING

between the

DÉLJNÉ GOT'JNÉ GOVERNMENT

and

HOUSING NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

February 21, 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On June 7th, 2019, the Déljñę Got'jñę Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories ("GNWT") signed an Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding ("Intergovernmental MOU").
- 1.2 The purpose of the Intergovernmental MOU (section 1.1) is "to provide a framework for the Two Governments to identify matters of mutual interest and priority and establish a process to discuss and take action to address those matters" as well as to cultivate the government-to-government relationship, promote effective communication and constructive dialogue, and facilitate cooperation and collaboration.
- 1.3 Housing Northwest Territories¹ ("Housing NWT") is subject to the Intergovernmental MOU.
- 1.4 Section 3.1 of the Intergovernmental MOU specifically recognizes "Housing" as an area of cooperation and discussion.
- 1.5 This Memorandum of Understanding on Housing is to be read together with the Intergovernmental MOU, but in the event of an inconsistency or conflict between this MOU on Housing and the Intergovernmental MOU, the Intergovernmental MOU prevails to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

2. VENUE FOR COOPERATIVE DISCUSSIONS ON HOUSING

- 2.1 As soon as practicable after the approval of this MOU on Housing, the Déljñę Got'jñę Government and Housing NWT will establish a working group to be the primary venue for cooperative discussions and coordinating efforts on housing issues under this MOU on Housing.
- 2.2 The Déljñę Got'jñę Government designates its Chief Operating Officer and its Director of Housing and Infrastructure as its lead officials for purposes of this MOU on Housing.

¹ "Housing Northwest Territories" and "Housing NWT" means the corporation established by subsection 2(1) of the *Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act* R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c. N-1.

- 2.3 Housing NWT designates its President and CEO as its lead official for purposes of this MOU on Housing.
- 2.4 A Party may invite other staff and advisors, including Elders, to attend meetings of the working group.
- 2.5 Unless otherwise agreed, the housing working group established under this MOU on Housing will meet no less than once every year.

3. ADVANCING SELF-GOVERNMENT

- 3.1 Section 15.1.1 of the *Déljñę Final Self-Government Agreement* sets out the power of the Déljñę Got'jñę Government to enact laws with respect to social housing in the Déljñę District.
- 3.2 The parties to this MOU, with the participation of the GNWT Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs, will explore the coordination of their respective powers concerning the delivery of programs and services provided to residents of the Déljñę District. These discussions may include, but are not limited to, different models for consultation and mutual discussion concerning housing in the Déljñę District.

4. COMMUNITY HOUSING PLANNING

- 4.1 Housing NWT supports the creation of Community Housing Plans for communities in the Northwest Territories. A Community Housing Plan is a strategic document prepared with input from community members and takes into account social, cultural, economic, environmental, and other impacts on the housing situation in that community to better understand current and future housing needs. The Déljñę Gotine Government and Housing NWT intend to work toward the creation of a Déljñę Community Housing Plan. Housing NWT financial and staff support for the planning process will be provided in accordance with Housing NWT policy.

5. PROCUREMENT

- 5.1 The procurement of housing and housing-related infrastructure by Housing NWT in the Sahtu Settlement Area is subject to any applicable provisions of the *Sahtu Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement*, GNWT procurement policies and any agreements on procurement in effect between the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, the Déljñę Got'jñę Government and the GNWT in effect from time to time.

6. COORDINATED PROGRAM DELIVERY IN DÉLJÑĘ DISTRICT

- 6.1 The Déljñę Got'jñę Government and Housing NWT share the objective of coordinating their respective housing-related program delivery in the Déljñę District and maximizing their collective efforts to address housing needs in Déljñę.
- 6.2 To support the objective in 6.1, the Déljñę Got'jñę Government and Housing NWT may take joint actions including but not limited to:
- (a) training and capacity building, with a focus on youth (from meeting Sept. 27)
 - (b) exploring integrated approaches to housing, including involvement of other government service-providers (Sept. 27)
 - (c) coordinated planning, construction, repair and renovation of housing undertaken by the respective parties in the Déljñę District;
 - (d) commissioning research, studies, or other work specific to housing in the Déljñę District; and
 - (e) joint housing related communication and advocacy efforts.

7. INFORMATION AND DATA SHARING

- 7.1 In addition to the provisions in the Intergovernmental MOU with respect to the open and timely sharing of information on matters of mutual concern, the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding on Housing acknowledge that effective collaboration on housing requires the sharing of housing-related data including, but not limited to, data related to trends, demographics, unit adequacy, suitability, and operating costs and wait lists. The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding on Housing agree to maximize this sharing while recognizing limits to this sharing that may

be set out in the territorial *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or in a Déljñę Got'jñę Government policy or law concerning privacy.

8. EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON HOUSING

- 8.1 Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding on Housing creates legal obligations.
- 8.2 Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding on Housing shall constrain the Déljñę Got'jñę Government and Housing NWT from exercising their respective powers and responsibilities, nor impose any financial obligation.
- 8.3 Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding on Housing prevents the Déljñę Got'jñę Government or the GNWT from participating in other intergovernmental processes or agreements.


9. TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON HOUSING

- 9.1 This Memorandum of Understanding on Housing shall be in effect for a period of 4 years from the date of signing.
- 9.2 This Memorandum of Understanding on Housing may be periodically reviewed and, upon written consent, may be renewed for a further term as agreed to by the Déljñę Got'jñę Government and Housing NWT.
- 9.3 This Memorandum of Understanding on Housing may be reviewed and amended upon written notice being given to the other party at least 60 days in advance with the mutual agreement of the Déljñę Got'jñę Government and Housing NWT.

9.4 This Memorandum of Understanding on Housing may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party at least 60 days in advance of the termination date.

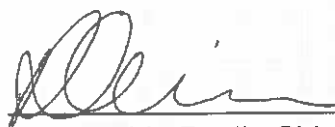
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