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Dené National Chief Norman Yakeleya encouraged by recent meeting with Northwest Territories MLAs on shared priorities

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[Yellowknife, Northwest Territories – February 6, 2020] – Earlier this week, leadership from the Dené Nation came together to meet with Northwest Territories’ MLAs to reaffirm a working relationship and set priorities for the next four years. This was the second meeting since the October 2019 territorial election.

As the territorial government enters the budget session, the Dené National office, along with their leadership will continue to advocate for the rights and interests and unity of all Dené Nation members. “These meetings reaffirm our commitment to work together with the territorial government and that together we can achieve more progress around critical issues facing the Dené Nation,” said Dené National Chief Norman Yakeleya, “ We believe in a collaborative approach, both hands on the pen, when any new legislation will direct impact the Dené Nation’s people while respecting both historical and modern treaties.”

For the Dené Nation, key issues around housing, economic development, land claims and education remain a top priority. “Investing in the future and sustainability of our people requires all levels of government to work with the Dené National office and we are pleased to see the territorial government take an active role in working with us to pursue self-determination. I want to thank the Premier and all the MLAs who attended and for their commitment to advancing our shared priorities,” continued Dené National Chief Norman Yakeleya.

The Dené Nation hopes these historical meetings will continue (monthly, twice a year, etc) for the remainder of the territorial government’s term. The Dené Nation is committed to upholding the rights and interests of the Dené , including rights and interests arising from Dené use and occupation of lands (“Denendeh”) and Dené rights and interests arising from Treaties.

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