



Dene National / Assembly of First Nations Office (NWT)

5120- 49th Street
P.O. Box 2338

Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2P7 Toll-Free: 1-866-511-4081
Website: www.denenation.ca

Phone: (867) 873-4081
Fax: (867) 920-2254



Housing Concerns Continue to be Priority for the People of Denendeh

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[Denendeh, Northwest Territories – December 9, 2021] – The Dene Nation Chiefs Housing Advisory Committee recently met in Yellowknife to address the housing crisis in Denendeh. Committee members focused on Northern Supply Challenges initiatives with Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

The Chief's Housing Advisory Committee focused on a united Dene Housing Strategy with partners like CMHC and NWT HC to develop the way forward using our Dene Laws.

"The Dene Nation has always believed that the housing to the Dene, as promised by the governments, will be honoured and respected. The Dene desire to design and build their blueprints for their housing, as witnessed from Fort Good Hope's community housing initiatives that has received national recognition. We have the tools and people to make these initiatives happen. No longer can we allow the governments to do it for us. The government promised us many things to come off the land to live in communities, education, health schools, housing. Our Elders spoke of these promises, and today, we still hold to these words. We have kept our promises; has the government kept their promises? Together we will find a way." Chair, National Chief Norman Yakeleya.

The Dene Nation Chief's Housing Advisory Committee is united working on the strategy, with support from CMHC and the NWT Housing Corp to ensure a way forward in making this a reality.

"There has been a lot of work completed to date on this file, but we still need to push this critical initiative forward with territorial and federal governments. No one government can go it alone, and the status quo is no longer good enough – we have to do better, and the Dene can be a part of the solution". Vice-Chair, SLFN Chief, Gerry Cheezie.

We will continue building this blueprint with the hands of the Dene. Our priority is to ensure that our young people have the opportunity.

- 30 -

Dene Nation Media Inquiries: Leanne Goose - communications@denenation.com

Head Office
P.O. Box 3090, Lot 185, Hay River, NT X0E 1G4 Tel: 867-874-4441



Dene Nation Chief's Housing Advisory Committee meeting in Yellowknife
December 6-8, 2021
Photo Credit: Dene Nation