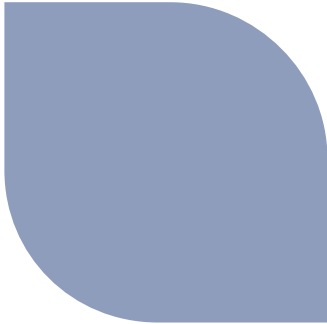


UPDATE Athabasca Denesųliné North of 60 Agreement

SUMMER 2021



Protecting
Nuhenéne



“Because of pressure from other parties, we can’t go back. We must move forward. Move forward based on our rights and advice given to us by our Elders before us.”

– Martin Broussie
(Black Lake)



It has been a long journey to reclaim our rights North of 60, but the words and advice of our Elders guides us and gives us strength.

Canada paused our negotiations in 2019 to do more consultation in the NWT. Those consultations are now over and did not cause any significant changes to our agreement.

We are focussed on finishing the negotiations so we can bring members an agreement to vote on. We do not have a date for the vote yet, but we will keep the pressure on and keep you informed!

NORTH OF 60

DRAFT AGREEMENT AT A GLANCE

GOVERNANCE

- A new organization called Nı̄h hoghedi Kóe will manage our rights and obligations under the Agreement. It will be governed by representatives of our three communities and have permanent staff.
- We will have one regional and three community Nakorił?ı Dené (Hunters and Trappers Organizations) to support our harvesters and look after our harvesting.

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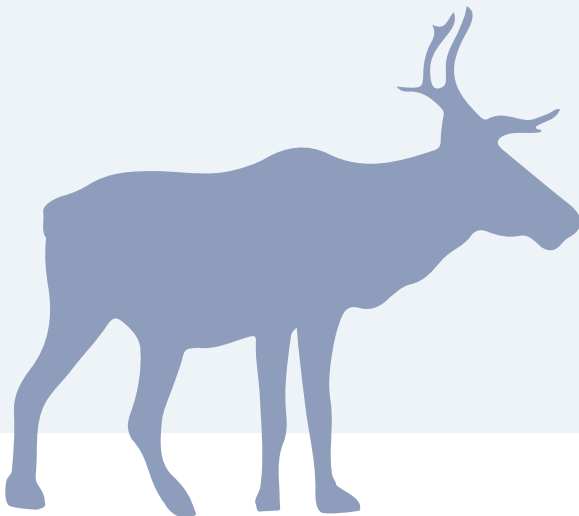
- This will be our settlement area of more than 160,000 square kms, which covers most of our use North of 60.
- Governments will have to consult us before making decisions that might affect our rights in Nuhenéné.

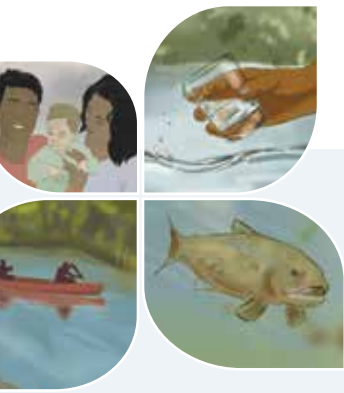
HARVESTING RIGHTS

- We will have the right to hunt, fish, trap, and to harvest trees and plants in Nuhenéné and the Nunavut Harvesting Zone at any time of the year, by any method. There will be some limits for conservation and public health and safety.
- We will be able to regulate, monitor and manage the harvesting of our own members through our Nakorił?ı Dené.
- We can seek harvester compensation for damages to equipment or impacts to our ability to harvest.

COMPENSATION

- Canada will give us financial compensation in recognition of our rights and to compensate us for past wrongs.
- This is NOT in any way about buying or selling land.
- We must set up a Trust to receive and manage the money to help implement the Agreement and for the benefit of future generations.
- We will decide how the money should be invested and managed.





LAND OWNERSHIP

- We will own the surface of 34 parcels, called Denéñh Néné. Some are in the NWT and some are in Nunavut.
- Parcels were selected based on advice from our Elders, land users and leadership.
- Some parcels in Nunavut will be jointly owned with Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene (Manitoba).

WATER

- We will have the exclusive right to use water on, in, or flowing through the lands we own (Denéñh Néné).
- We have the right to ensure that the quality, amount, and flow of water that passes through or next to Denéñh Néné remains the same.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- We will have equitable representation on all relevant boards in the NWT and Nunavut that exist now and in the future.
- We will participate in managing wildlife, protecting the land and water, reviewing proposed projects, and doing land use planning in both territories.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- There will be new employment, partnership and business opportunities for members.
- We will be in a good position to partner and negotiate benefits from industry and developers who wish to mine or do other activities on Denéñh Néné or in Nuhenéné.

IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING

- We will receive some funding from Canada to get set up, and then every year after so that we can fulfill our roles and responsibilities under the Agreement.

SHARING

- In many of these areas, our rights and benefits will overlap with other Indigenous groups like the Ghotelnene K'odtineh Dene (Manitoba), the Inuit, the Akaitcho and the Northwest Territory Métis Nation. This will require collaboration and sharing.



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7 IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE NORTH OF 60 AGREEMENT

- 1 We will be able to hunt, fish and trap any animals and harvest plants and trees at any time of year, by any method, without a licence in Nuhenéné. There will be some limitations for conservation and public health and safety.
- 2 We will own four times more land North of 60 than the size of our current reserves. We will own the surface rights for these lands and be able to use them for economic development.
- 3 We will have equitable representation on any current or future boards in the NWT and Nunavut that make decisions about the land, water and wildlife in our settlement area.
- 4 We will have significant and reliable long-term funding to implement the agreement and manage our rights and responsibilities.
- 5 We will be able to regulate, monitor and manage the harvesting of our own members through a Regional and three community Nakoril?i Dené (Hunters and Trappers Organizations).
- 6 Most of what we have gotten through negotiation probably could not have been achieved without a long and costly court action. Even then, the court might only have recognized harvesting rights and directed us to negotiate with Canada to define those rights.
- 7 The North of 60 Agreement is about having our rights respected and addressing past wrongs. **Nothing in the agreement says anything about buying or selling land.**

Have questions? Want to know more?

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