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Ministers visit Old Crow

Joint news release

Chief and council of the Vuntut Gwitchin Government were happy to welcome three Government of Yukon ministers to their Traditional Territory this week.

Old Crow Member of the Legislative Assembly and Minister of Environment and Health and Social Services Pauline Frost was joined by Minister of Education and Justice Tracy-Anne McPhee, and Minister of Community Services John Streicker. Council was happy to provide the ministers with a tour of Old Crow, which included a visit to the John Tizya Centre, the health centre, the incinerator, Chief Zzeh Gittlit School, existing solar panels as well as the site for the new solar project, and various other highlights around the community.

Vuntut Gwitchin Government chief and council and Yukon government ministers came together to discuss the renewed relationship between the Vuntut Gwitchin Government and the Government of Yukon, noting the government-to-government approach.

Vuntut Gwitchin chief and council were happy to host a community dinner for their guests. At the dinner they were proud to honour and acknowledge local youth Tyra Benjamin. With the help of family, friends and community, Tyra and others recently completed a return dog-sled and skidoo trip to Fort McPherson.

While there, ministers also announced a Community Development Funding Tier 3 grant of \$77,400 to install fencing around the new baseball diamond and soccer field at the Chief Zzeh Gittlit School.

Quotes

"It was a pleasure to be home in Vuntut territory to meet with the Vuntut Gwitchin Government chief and council to discuss our shared priorities for building community. I was proud to celebrate the accomplishments of local youth Tyra Benjamin and I look forward to seeing how the Community Development Fund funding will benefit sports in our community."

–Minister of Environment and Health and Social Services Pauline Frost

"We are working collaboratively with Yukon First Nations to build thriving communities by recognizing local needs, interests and solutions. Supporting these types of initiatives help Yukoners lead healthy, productive lives."

–Minister of Community Services John Streicker

"It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our community and sit down with the ministers to discuss our plans and priorities for the community. There's a lot of hard work ahead of us, but we're confident it can all be accomplished through collaboration and a renewed relationship with the Yukon government".

–Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Chief Bruce Charlie

Learn more: CDF Tier 3 funding announcement

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