



VUNTUT GWITCHIN GOVERNMENT

Government of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation

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Vuntut Gwitchin Government introduces three key documents in advance of General Assembly

OLD CROW, YUKON - The Vuntut Gwitchin Government (VGG) is pleased to announce the digital and print release of three important documents that will be discussed at the 2021 General Assembly. The documents are as follows:

- *The General Assembly 2021 Annual Report, Gugoontrii gweedhaa ji' yeenoo nits'oo tr'igwiindai' ganatr'agwaahandaii* (When times are hard, we remember our cultural teachings);
- *The Vuntut Gwitchin Government Communications Plan 2021-23 Łyaa Gijjih Nizii Nihts'an Tr'ahahtsyaa Ts'at... Gwiintl'oh Gwiinzii Tr'igiheekhyaa... Nihjih Kheh Ts'o* (We will exchange good words and have a strong back and forth conversation together); and
- *The Vuntut Gwitchin Government Governance Handbook.*

The GA report is meant to inform Citizens of what VGG has accomplished since the last General Assembly across all portfolios, including Council, Executive Office, Finance, Government Services, Health and Social, Education, Natural Resources, and Intergovernmental Relations and Governance.

The Communications Plan was informed by Citizens, staff and Council through surveys and workshops carried out between April and June 2021. It lays the groundwork and vision to improve internal and external communications. It will be the basis of a tactical plan that will outline and track work and progress toward high-functioning systems that Citizens and staff can rely on for collaborating and staying informed.

The Governance Handbook will play a key role in further implementing and promoting VGG good governance, including Council rules and procedures and policies that govern standing committees, conflicts of interest and communications. This document is intended to provide clarity on Council's responsibilities with regards to the Constitution, the General Assembly and Council meetings, to name a few. It also provides transparency to Citizens regarding how decisions are made and their role in the decision-making process. The Governance Handbook will serve as the foundation to a critical framework in our path forward as a Nation.

We look forward to gathering to discuss the challenges and success of the past year, and most importantly to engaging with you on the needs, issues and priorities of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.

How to view the documents:

- You can access links to each of the three documents at vgfn.ca.
- You can pick up a copy at the General Assembly.
- Paper copies are available at the Vuntut Gwitchin Government office in Old Crow.

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