

First Intergovernmental Council on Land and Resources
September 19, 2014
Yellowknife, NT

Summary of Outcomes

Leaders agreed to establish representation at the table that is limited. The meetings will be a closed intergovernmental process, but will include two elected leaders of each signatory to the agreement. One official of each signatory to the agreement may be in the room as observers. Outcomes and meeting summaries will be shared with stakeholders and the public.

Leaders agreed that if the Legislative Assembly was interested, the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) could appear before the Committee of the Whole or through another ex officio process.

Leaders directed the Secretariat to begin working on a number of shared priorities in moving forward with the IGC including:

- identifying priority legislation for review related to lands and resources;
- reviewing the Land Use Sustainability Framework and providing any agreed upon recommendations;
- reviewing processes for water management and planning and consider ways to improve baseline data related to water;
- recommending ways to improve Aboriginal government capacity; and
- beginning the negotiations referred to under section 4.6 of the *Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement* as soon as possible;
- establishing a financial working group to discuss options related to the administration of resource revenue allocations.

Leaders agreed to the Terms of Reference for a Secretariat to support the IGC.

Leaders directed that a technical working group led by the ICG Secretariat be established to research existing approaches and identify options, including ownership percentages around IBAs, with identified timelines for moving forward and reporting back by the next IGC meeting.

Leaders recognized that horizontal hydraulic fracturing is a contentious issue and work by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) on regulations needs to be balanced with work on water management and baseline water information, as well as public education in collaboration with Aboriginal governments.

Leaders directed the Secretariat to undertake preparatory work for the five-year review of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) under section 3.18 of the Devolution Agreement and to research and identify best practices for such a review.