

DÉLĪNEĖ GOT'ĪNEĖ GOVERNMENT

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS ACT

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The Délı̄nę Got'ı̄nę Government enacts as follows:

Citation

1. This *Act* may be cited as the *DGG Conduct of Meetings Act*.

Application

2. This *Act* governs the rules and procedures for the conduct of meetings of the DKK.

Definitions

3. In this *Act*:

“ᓃekw’ahᓄı̄dé” means the leader of the DGG elected under applicable election laws, or the person appointed as Acting ᓃekw’ahᓄı̄dé under the *DGG Government Organization Act*;

“Chairperson” or “Presiding Officer” means the person who presides over a meeting;

“Councillor” means a councillor of the DGG elected in accordance with applicable election laws;

“Délı̄nę District” means the area described in Schedule “A” of the DFSGA;

“Délı̄nę Got'ı̄nę Government” (“DGG”) means the Délı̄nę Got'ı̄nę Government and its Institutions as outlined in the DFSGA and Part 1 of the *DGG Government Organization Act*;

“Délı̄nę K'aowəᓄó Kə” (“DKK”) means the body described in section 3.4.1(b) of the DFSGA and established by Part 1, Division 2 of the *DGG Government Organization Act*;

“Délı̄nę Final Self-Government Agreement” (“DFSGA”) means the Délı̄nę Final Self-Government Agreement negotiated between the DFN Band and the Délı̄nę Land Corporation, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada;

“Délı̄nę First Nation Band” (“DFN Band”) means the band recognized by Canada pursuant to the *Indian Act* (Canada) and bearing number 754;

“Effective Date” means the date on which the DFSGA comes into force, which is September 1, 2016;

“Executive Committee” means the body described in section 3.4.2 of the DFSGA and Part 1, Division 6 of this *Act*;

“Institutions” means institutions created by the DGG pursuant to section 3.6.1(b) of the DFSGA; and

“Secretary” means the person appointed by the DKK to record the minutes of the meetings of the DKK pursuant to Part 2 of the *DGG Government Organization Act*.

Meetings of Délne K'aowádó Kə

4. (1) The first meeting of the DKK shall be held at 12:00 A.M. on the Effective Date.
- (2) The DKK shall meet at least once per month, on a day, hour and at a place to be stated in a notice given to each member of the DKK at least seven (7) days before the meeting.
- (3) No member of the DKK may be absent from three (3) consecutive DKK meetings without reasonable excuse.
- (4) The ɔkw'ahtǵdé may, at any time, call a special meeting of the DKK and shall summon a special meeting when requested to do so by a majority of the members of the DKK. The ɔkw'ahtǵdé shall provide reasonable notice of the day, hour and place of the meeting to each member of the DKK.
- (5) Meetings of the DKK shall be held in North Slavey and English.
- (6) The CEO shall be the Secretary of the DKK in accordance with the *DGG Government Organization Act*.

Order and Proceedings

5. (1) Five (5) members of the DKK shall constitute a quorum.
- (2) DKK members may attend meetings electronically in accordance with policies or procedures.
- (3) If no quorum is present within one (1) hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the Secretary shall call the roll and take the names of the Councillors then present, and the DKK shall stand adjourned until the next meeting.
- (4) The ɔkw'ahtǵdé shall be the presiding officer at all DKK meetings.
- (5) Upon a quorum being present, the presiding officer shall take the chair and call the meeting to order.
- (6) In the absence of the ɔkw'ahtǵdé, a presiding officer shall be chosen from among the members present by a majority vote.
- (7) The presiding officer shall maintain order and decide all questions of procedure.
- (8) Each resolution shall be presented or read by the mover, and when duly moved and seconded and placed before the meeting by the presiding officer, shall be open for consideration.
- (9) Any member may move or second a resolution but shall not do both with respect to that resolution.
- (10) After a resolution has been placed before the meeting it may be withdrawn by consent of the majority of DKK members.

(11) When any member desires to speak, he or she shall address his or her remarks to the presiding officer and confine those remarks to the question then before the meeting.

(12) In the event of more than one member desiring to speak at one time, the presiding officer shall determine who is entitled to speak.

Presiding Officer

6. (1) The presiding officer or any member may raise a point of order while speaking and the debate shall then be suspended and the member shall not speak until the point of order is determined by the presiding officer.

(2) A member may speak only once on a point of order.

(3) Any member may appeal the decision of the presiding officer to the DKK and all appeals shall be decided by a majority vote and without debate.

Questions

7. (1) All questions before the DKK shall, if consensus has not been reached, be decided by a majority vote of the Councillors present who are permitted to vote on that matter at hand.

(2) Every member present when a question is put shall vote thereon unless the member abstains, the DKK excuses the member or unless the member is personally interested in the question, in which case he or she shall not be obliged to vote.

(3) A member who abstains from voting shall not have his or her vote counted.

(4) Whenever a division of the DKK is taken for any purpose, each member present and voting shall announce his or her vote upon the question openly and individually to the DKK and, when so requested by any member, the Secretary shall record the same.

(5) Any member may require the question or resolution under discussion to be read for his or her information at any period of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member who is speaking.

Regular Meetings

8. (1) The regular meetings shall be open to the public.

(2) The presiding officer may exclude from any meeting any member of the public who causes a disturbance at the meeting.

(3) The DKK may develop its own procedures for the handling of confidential information and in-camera sessions.

Appointment of Committees

9. (1) The DKK may appoint any other standing or ad hoc committee necessary for the proper functioning of the DGG, and provide terms of reference for that standing or ad hoc committee.
- (2) A majority of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum, unless otherwise provided in terms of reference for that committee.
- (3) Unless otherwise provided in the terms of reference of that committee, the *ṛekw'ahtǫ́dǣ* shall *ex officio* be a member of all committees and be entitled to vote at all meetings thereof, and other members of the DKK may attend meetings of a committee and may, with the consent of the committee, take part in the discussion but shall not be entitled to vote.
- (4) Special meetings of committees shall be called at the request of the chairperson or a majority of the committee or, in the absence of the chairperson, on request of the *ṛekw'ahtǫ́dǣ*.

Additional Rules of Procedure

10. The DKK may make such rules of procedure as are not inconsistent with the rules in this *Act* in respect of matters not specifically provided for thereby, as it may deem necessary.

Amendment

11. This *Act* may be amended in accordance with DGG Law.

Commencement

12. This *Act* comes into effect on the date of its enactment.

Conflict

13. In the event that the provisions of this *Act* conflict with the provisions of the DFSGA, the provisions of the DFSGA prevail.
14. In the event that the provisions of this *Act* conflict with the provisions of the *Dǣlǫ́ṇǣ Got'ǫ́ṇǣ ṛǣzadó*, the provisions of the *Dǣlǫ́ṇǣ Got'ǫ́ṇǣ ṛǣzadó* prevail.
15. In the event that the provisions of the DFSGA conflict with the provisions of the *Dǣlǫ́ṇǣ Got'ǫ́ṇǣ ṛǣzadó*, the provisions of the DFSGA prevail.
16. In the event that the provisions of the DFSGA conflict with the provisions of the SDMCLCA, the provisions of the SDMCLCA prevail.