



STRATEGIC
Directions
2023



**Délne Got'ne
Government**

Our People. Our Future. Our Délne.

Déljine Got'jine Government (DGG) is the first combined Indigenous/public self-government within Canada, representing one government for all people of Déljine. The journey towards self-government was spurred by the Elders' vision of Our People, Our Future, Our Déljine. A milestone of this journey was the creation of the Déljine Self-Government Agreement in 2015. The Agreement provided a framework for establishment of the Déljine Got'jine Government and is now the one government the Elders envisioned.

It has been said *“If you do not know your history, then You do not know who you are”*. The *‘History of the Chiefs’* describes the beginning of a long road of discovery as well as documentation of *Sahtúot'jine* history. Placing spiritual practices and faith at the forefront, their role is to help the children to understand their past and create a framework for how to work towards the Déljine vision for the future.



Aims

In February Déljine K'aowedó Ke and directors initiated a process in 2023 to identify and move forward on Déljine Got'jine Government (DGG) strategic priorities and directions on behalf of all Déljine. The primary aims are to:

- Maximize internal alignment within DKK and its administration and entities
- Clarify the mandates of DGG's various functions and entities
- Enhance the well-being of people and sustainability of Déljine
- Ensure expectations of and within DGG match organizational capacity
- Focus DGG's requests of Federal and Territorial government agencies
- Advance progress of self-government implementation



A strategic process is like a bridge crossing the Great Bear River. On one side we know where we are, and the other side is where we want to be. The bridge enables us to cross this gap safely. Similarly, a strategic process requires us to envision the future while being aware of our current capacity so we can go forward with confidence.

Guiding Principles

Transparent Governance

by demonstrating accountability for and informing members of DGG decisions and actions

Mutual Respect

for others' views and roles within DGG, the community and of other entities

External Recognition

through proactive interagency relations, strategic requests and reconciliation efforts

People First

through decisions and as well as elected official and staff behaviour that focus on who we serve

Dene Wah

by promoting that people take care of themselves and help each other







Strategic Themes & Initiatives



Our People

We are self-reliant people, respecting our past and focusing on a sustainable future. We lead active healthy lives, are role models for our children and live in harmony with our environment and each other.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION –

childhood to post-secondary, careers and trades

TRADITIONAL JUSTICE –

a system customized to Déljine culture and needs

HEALTHY PEOPLE –

easy medical service access and active lifestyles

Our Déljine

Our people honour the wisdom of our ancestors, respect the teaching of Elders, embrace our culture and language, and tell the stories of our people.

LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION –

integration of verbal and written Sahtúot'ine Yaŋi

TRADITIONAL DENE LAWS –

utilization of traditional ways into contemporary DGG practices

CULTURAL CELEBRATION –

pride in our history and being Déljine



- *Community Wellness Plan*
- *Justice Strategy*
- *DGG Health Centre Feasibility*
- *Recreation, Culture & Arts Strategy*

- *Education Strategy*
- *Dene Kede Secretariat*



Strategic Themes



Our Future

We act with respect, fairness and without discrimination. We encourage participation of all Déljine citizens, collaborate with our neighbours and other levels of government, and act to protect land, waters and resources and all living things.



SELF-GOVERNMENT

IMPLEMENTATION – next steps to customize DGG to meet Déljine needs

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY – adequate human and fiscal resources to meet Déljine needs

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – recognition and contributions to Déljine's future sustainability

- *Human Resource Strategy*
- *Self-Government Implementation*
- *Financial Transfer Agreement*
- *Youth Council*

Our Land

Our people now, and for generations to come have a sustainable and secure future balancing our environment and harvesting, based on traditional knowledge and practices.

BIO-DIVERSITY –

habitat protection and harvesting control

DATA RESEARCH –

risk assessment and monitoring

CLIMATE CHANGE –

impact assessment and adaptation



- *Community Land Use Plan*
- *DRRC Integration Strategy*
- *One Tent Strategy*
- *Lands, Resource and Environment Strategy*





Our Traditional Economy

Our people have diverse opportunities, good jobs with an entrepreneurial spirit guided by the values and traditions of our people.



TRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT – natural resource and cultural opportunities

DGG ENTERPRISES – Déłjine retail and service needs

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – attraction and local entrepreneur support

Our Community

Our people live in a safe community with reliable services and diverse housing options to meet the needs of all.

COMMUNITY ACCESS – in and out transportation for people and goods

COLLECTIVE LIVING – inclusive and diverse housing for current and future Déłjine needs

RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE – modern services, facilities and utilities to meet Déłjine needs



- *Economic Development Strategy*
- *Hydro*
- *Techi?q Board*

- *Housing Strategy*
- *Winter Road*





We are the Sahtuto'ine, the descendants of Eht'se Aya. We honour Great Bear Lake, living in harmony with the lands, waters and animals. We respect our traditions, culture, language and the wisdom of our ancestors.



Taking Action

Sahtúot'ine Elders have believed in the importance of the protection of the Great Bear Lake and its watershed. It is not only important for the sustainability of Délıne, but also a divine responsibility to be good stewards.

Elders carry Traditional Knowledge which has been passed from generation to generation and helps to maintain a strong connection to the land. Délıne Got'ine Government is guided by this wisdom, focusing the vision for the future on the Elder's vision of *Our People, Our Future, Our Délıne*.