

2025 Council Resolutions

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1. Appointment of Deputy Chief

January 20, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-01

WHEREAS:

- A. The Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) shall consist of one (1) Chief and four (4) Councillors pursuant to Article VIII, s.2 of the VGFN Constitution;
- B. The Deputy Chief is appointed from the four Councillors pursuant to Article X, s.5 of the VGFN Constitution;
- C. VGFN elected a new Chief and Council on November 21, 2022;
- D. Over their four-year term, Chief and Council have discussed a desire to rotate the appointment of Deputy Chief amongst the Councillors to support capacity building;
- E. Council Resolution 01-20-2023-#01 appointed Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti as Deputy Chief of VGFN for the period of January 20, 2023 to January 20, 2024;
- F. Council Resolution 11-30-2023-#66 appointed Councillor Frost as Deputy Chief of VGFN for the period of January 3, 2024 to January 3, 2025;
- G. Council recognizes the need to balance the desire or rotating appointment of Deputy Chief to support capacity building with the need to account for other external pressures including the availability of Councillors who have other employment; and
- H. Council discussed the appointment of Deputy Chief with the Executive Committee of Elders on a meeting convened on December 18, 2024

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. Councillor Harold Frost Jr. is re-appointed as Deputy Chief for the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation for the period January 3, 2025 to January 20, 2026.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on January 20, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

Councillor Vernon Kyikavichik

2. Bank Signing Authority

January 20, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-02

This resolution involves the identification of who has authority to sign cheques and transfer funds on behalf of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on January 20, 2025, in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

Councillor Vernon Kyikavichik

3. Appointments to the Executive Committee of Elders

January 20, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-03

WHEREAS:

- A. Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First nation (“VGFN”) established an Executive Committee of Elders (“Committee”) through Council Resolution 02-16-2023-#03 to provide support, advice, and guidance to Council and preserve and protect VGFN traditional, customs, laws, culture and language;
- B. Council Resolution 03-13-2023-#13 made appointments to the Committee, consisting of full and alternate representatives;
- C. Council Resolution 03-30-2023-#18 established the Terms of Reference for the Committee;
- D. The Committee has requested additional members to support the work on the Committee;
- E. VGFN posted a request for Expression of Interest in community and on social media on December 10, 2024; and
- F. VGFN received an Expression of Interest from one citizen.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. The following individuals are appointed to the Committee, subject to their consent:
 - Louise Creyke

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on January 20, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

Councillor Vernon Kyikavichik

4. Respectful Behaviour Policy

January 20, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-04

WHEREAS:

- A. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN) Constitution establishes a Council;
- B. Council has the duties and powers prescribed to it under the Constitution to, among others, set clear policies and guidelines and ensure good management and reporting within the jurisdiction of the Council;
- C. VGFN provides services, programs, and recreation activities and individuals have a right to receive services or participate in programs and recreation activities in a safe, positive, and inclusive environment; and
- D. Council wishes to approve the Respectful Behaviour Policy.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. The Respectful Behaviour Policy is approved and effective immediately.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on January 20, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

Councillor Vernon Kyikavichik

5. Term Amendment to the Self-Government Financial Transfer Agreement

January 23, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-05

WHEREAS:

- A. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) entered into the VGFN Self-Government Financial Transfer Agreement with Canada effective April 1, 2019 (“SGFTA”) pursuant to 16.1 of the VGFN Self-Government Agreement;
- B. VGFN and Canada extended the term of the SGFTA by one year to a term that now ends March 31, 2025;
- C. Political uncertainty exists at the federal level that is impacting VGFN on several fiscal files, including our SGFTA and this uncertainty is likely to continue after the next federal election;
- D. VGFN and Canada now wish to amend the SGFTA to extend the Term of the SGFTA to March 31, 2030; and
- E. Council has reviewed and considered the SGFTA Term Amendment No. 2 Agreement attached to this resolution as Schedule 1.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that

- 1. Council approves the SGFTA Term Amendment No. 2 Agreement and authorizes the Chief to sign the SGFTA Term Amendment No. 2 Agreement on behalf of VGFN.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on January 23, 2025, in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

Councillor Vernon Kyikavichik (absent)

6. Appointment of Auditor for Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation

February 3, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-06

WHEREAS:

- A. Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN) Constitution (Article 16.6 Audit of Accounts) states “The books, accounts and records of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation shall be audited at least once a year by a chartered accountant and the report thereof shall be submitted to Chief and Council for approval and presented to the General Assembly”;
- B. The Vuntut Gwitchin Governance Act (Paragraph 31) states “The Council shall, by resolution, appoint a chartered accountant or a certified general accountant to be the auditor for the Vuntut Gwitchin Government”;
- C. In 2015, the associations for the Chartered Accountants and the Certified General Accountants merged to form the Chartered Professional Accountants; and
- D. M. McKay and Associated Ltd. are qualified and have several years’ experience conducting the annual audits for Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 2. M. McKay and Associates Ltd. are appointed as the Chartered Professional Accountant firm for conducting the required 2024-25 fiscal year audits for Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on February 3, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

7. Appointments to the Constitution Review and Legislation Development Committee

February 3, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-07

WHEREAS:

- A. Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) has struck a Constitution Review and Legislation Development Committee (Committee) as an advisory body to Council;
- B. Council Resolution CO2024-41 made appointments to the Committee, consisting of full and alternate representatives;
- C. Council Resolution CO204-66 made additional appointments to the Committee and approved the Terms of Reference for the Committee;
- D. The Committee has requested additional members to support the work on the Committee recognizing existing vacancies that were never filled and additional vacancies from appointed members who have since withdrawn from the Committee;
- E. VGFN posted a request for Expression of Interest in community and on social media on December 10, 2024, and again on January 4, 2025; and
- F. VGFN received an Expression of Interest from three citizens.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

1. The following individuals are appointed to the Committee:
 - Ryan Kyikavichik
 - Bruce Charlie
 - William Linklater

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on February 3, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

8. Agreement to Extend the Interim Justice Provisions under the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Self-Government Agreement

February 3, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-08

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 13.6.6 of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) Self-Government Agreement (“SGA”), as amended, provides that the provisions of 13.6.4 are interim provisions (the “Interim Justice Provisions”) which shall expire 7 years from February 14, 1995 or on the effective date of a VGFN administration of justice agreement concluded pursuant to 13.6.1 and 13.6.2, whichever is earlier;
- B. Section 13.6.6 of the VGFN SGA also provides that the 7-year period may be extended for such further time as may be agreed to in writing by VGFN, Canada and Yukon;
- C. VGFN has previously entered into agreements with Canada and Yukon to extend the Interim Justice Provisions pursuant to 13.6.6 of the VGFN SGA, including most recently on March 31, 2020 for a 5-year term expiring March 31, 2025;
- D. The Interim Justice Provisions will expire on March 31, 2025 if not extended for a further period by agreement of VGFN, Canada and Yukon; and
- E. VGFN now wishes to further extend the Interim Justice Provisions by agreement with Canada and Yukon pursuant to 13.6.6 of the VGFN SGA on the terms set out in the Agreement Extending Interim Justice Provisions attached to this resolution as Schedule A.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. Council approves and authorizes the Chief to sign the Agreement Extending Interim Justice Provisions attached to this resolution as Schedule A.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on February 3, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

9. Water and Fuel Delivery and Sewage Transportation Policy

February 3, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-09

WHEREAS:

- A. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN) Self-Government Agreement establishes the VGFN as responsible for the management, administration, and delivery of any program or service within the jurisdiction of the VGFN;
- B. The Department of Government Services is responsible for providing consistent and fair water and fuel delivery and sewage transportation services to residents of Old Crow; and
- C. To ensure that residents receive consistent and fair water and fuel delivery and sewage transportation services, Chief and Council have considered a policy that provides clear standards of operation.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. The Water and Fuel Delivery and Sewage Transportation Policy is approved and effective immediately.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on February 3, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

10. Agreement for Housing Warehouse and Assembly Shop

February 17, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-10

This Resolution involves the award of the contract for the Housing Warehouse and Assembly Shop to Johnston Builders Ltd.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on February 17, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

11. Chief and Council Leadership on Traditional Territory

February 17, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-11

WHEREAS:

- A. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Constitution calls for either the Chief or Deputy Chief to be present on the Traditional Territory at all times.
- B. From time to time the Chief and Deputy Chief must attend to matters outside the Traditional Territory, such as government business or family matters.
- C. Chief Pauline Frost and Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr. are each required to travel out of the Traditional Territory between February 22 to February 23, 2025.
- D. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Constitution states that in the event that both the Chief and Deputy Chief must be absent, an interim Deputy Chief shall be appointed.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. To ensure leadership presence on the Traditional Territory, Councillor Reti is appointed as interim Deputy Chief of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation from February 22 – February 23, 2025.
- 2. Councillor Reti will be present on Traditional Territory during the absence of Chief Pauline Frost and Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.
- 3. Chief Pauline Frost and Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr. will be available for remote communications to maintain quorum of the Council, to the extent that is practical.
- 4. In the event of any governance questions, Chief Pauline Frost will be the spokesperson.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on February 17, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

12. Note: The resolution number 'CO2025-12' was unintentionally skipped

13. Amendments to the Self-Government Financial Transfer Agreement

March 5, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-13

WHEREAS:

- A. Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation ("VGFN") entered into the VGFN Self-Government Financial Transfer Agreement with Canada effective April 1, 2019 ("SGFTA") pursuant to 16.1 of the VGFN Self-Government Agreement;
- B. Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation ("VGFN") and Canada extended the term of the SGFTA that now ends March 31, 2030;
- C. VGFN and Canada now wish to amend the SGFTA in accordance with its provisions to:
 - (1) provide a total of \$36,793 in funding per year for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year through to the end of the 2028-2029 Fiscal Year to support greater climate resiliency and deployment of structural mitigation strategies that protect communities, homes, and essential infrastructure from climate disaster as set out in the "Structural Mitigation Amendment" attached to this resolution as Schedule 1;
 - (2) provide a total of \$19,439 in enhanced funding for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and \$43,737 per year for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2028-2029 to help ensure that children have the food they need to get a fair start in life, regardless of their family's circumstance as set out in the "School Food Program Amendment" attached to this resolution as Schedule 2;
 - (3) provide a total of \$65,209 in funding to create lasting and meaningful improvements in the mental health of youth and their families. Canada and VGFN have agreed that the total amount of the 2024-25 to 2028-2029 Fiscal Years funding shall be included in the Annual Formula Grant for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year as set out in the "Youth Mental Health Fund Amendment" attached to this resolution as Schedule 3;
 - (4) provide a total of \$208,174 in enhanced funding for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, \$352,715 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, \$354,014 for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year, \$425,853 for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year, \$426,290 for the 2028-2029 Fiscal Year, and \$533,858 for the 2029-2030 Fiscal Year to enhance the quality, supply and affordability of housing for Indigenous people living in urban, rural and northern areas, as supported through its Urban, Rural and Northern Housing Strategy as set out in the "Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Amendment" attached to this resolution as Schedule 4;

- (5) provide a total of \$185,842 in funding per year for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 through 2029-2030 to support Indigenous-led approaches to increasing access to quality and culturally safe health care services as set out in the “Indigenous Health Equity Fund Amendment” attached to this resolution as Schedule 5;
- (6) provide a total of \$159,385 in enhanced funding for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year to support culturally relevant violence prevention programming as set out in the “Family Violence Prevention Program Amendment” attached to this resolution as Schedule 6.
- (7) provide a total of \$49,362 in enhanced funding for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, \$50,349 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, and \$51,356 for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year to support post-secondary students as set out in the “Post-Secondary Student Support Program Canada Amendment” attached to this resolution as Schedule 7;
- (8) provide a total of \$276,123 in enhanced funding for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and \$276,123 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year to support the efforts of Indigenous Peoples in the reclamation, revitalization and strengthening of Indigenous languages as set out in the “Indigenous Languages Amendment” attached to this resolution as Schedule 8;
- (9) (collectively, the “SGFTA Amendment Agreements”); and

D. Council has reviewed and considered the SGFTA Amendment Agreements.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. Council approves the SGFTA Amendment Agreements and authorizes the Chief to sign the SGFTA Amendment Agreements on behalf of VGFN.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on March 5, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

14. Amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee of Elders

March 5, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-14

WHEREAS:

- A. Council Resolution 02-16-2023-#03 established an Executive Committee of Elders;
- B. Council Resolution 03-30-2023-#18 established a Terms of Reference for the Executive Committee of Elders (“Terms of Reference”);
- C. There is a desire to amend the Terms of Reference to further clarify the role of the Executive Committee of Elders and its distinction from the Elders Council;
- D. Section 11 of the Terms of Reference specified that amendments to the Terms of Reference shall be done through Council Resolution

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. The Executive Committee of Elders Terms of Reference is hereby amended, including changing the name to Advisory Committee of Elders.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on March 5, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

15. Appointment of Executive Director

March 5, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-15

WHEREAS:

- A. Section 6 (1) of the Vuntut Gwitchin Governance Act, states “On the recommendation of the Chief, the Council shall, by resolution, appoint a person to be the Executive Director”;
- B. Section 6(2) states “The Executive Director is the senior administrative officer of the government and reports to the Chief”;
- C. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Chief and Council appointed Rodney D’Abramo as Acting Executive Director for Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation on December 11, 2024; and
- D. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Chief and Council wish to appoint an Executive Director.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. Kenneth William Kyikavichik is appointed as Executive Director for Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation effective March 05, 2025; and
- 2. Rodney D’Abramo’s appointment as Acting Executive Director for Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation ceases as of March 05, 2025.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on March 5, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

16. Bank Signing Authority

March 5, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-16

This resolution involves the identification of who has authority to sign cheques and transfer funds on behalf of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and replaces Council Resolution CO2024-72.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on March 5, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

17. Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Council Vacancy and Byelection

March 5, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-17

WHEREAS:

- A. The Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) shall consist of one (1) Chief and four (4) Councillors pursuant to Article VIII, s. 2 of the VGFN Constitution;
- B. A general election for VGFN Council was called for November 21, 2022 pursuant to the VGFN Constitution and Interim Elections Act (the “2022 General Election”);
- C. A vacant position on the VGFN Council in the office of Councillor has arisen since the 2022 General Election (the “Councillor Vacancy”);
- D. Article XIV, s. 7(b) of the VGFN Constitution provides that: “If the vacancy occurs when more than six months remaining before a General Election, a by-election will be held in accordance with the procedure set out in the Elections Act”; and
- E. The Council now wishes to hold a VGFN by-election for the Councillor Vacancy as soon as practicable and in accordance with the Interim Elections Act;

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. VGFN shall hold a by-election for the one (1) vacant position of Councillor on Council in accordance with the VGFN Interim Elections Act.
- 2. A returning officer will be appointed to conduct the by-election and voting procedure pursuant to s. 9 of the VGFN Interim Elections Act.
- 3. The date of the by-election shall be prescribed by the returning officer pursuant to s. 6 of the VGFN Interim Elections Act subject to the requirements of at least two (2) weeks advance notice of the voting date under s. 8 of the VGFN Interim Elections Act.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on March 5, 2025, in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

18. Chief and Council Leadership on Traditional Territory

March 5, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-18

WHEREAS:

- A. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Constitution calls for either the Chief or Deputy Chief to be present on the Traditional Territory at all times.
- B. From time to time the Chief and Deputy Chief must attend to matters outside the Traditional Territory, such as government business or family matters.
- C. Chief Pauline Frost and Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr. are each required to travel out of the Traditional Territory between March 12th and March 14th, 2025.
- D. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Constitution states that in the event that both the Chief and Deputy Chief must be absent, an interim Deputy Chief shall be appointed.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

- 1. To ensure leadership presence on the Traditional Territory, Councillor Reti is appointed as interim Deputy Chief of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation from March 12th to March 14th, 2025.
- 2. Councillor Reti will be present on Traditional Territory during the absence of Chief Pauline Frost and Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.
- 3. Chief Pauline Frost and Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr. will be available for remote communications to maintain quorum of the Council, to the extent that is practical.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on March 5, 2025, in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater (absent)

19. Purchase of Cabin from Garney Tizya

March 27, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-19

This Resolution involves the purchase of a cabin from Garney Tizya to support Land Guardian activities.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

Councillor Crystal Linklater(absent)

20. Removal from Office

March 27, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-20

WHEREAS:

- A. The Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the VGFN.
- B. Each Councillor has pledged an Oath of Office to accept the sacred responsibility of government, to uphold the laws and values of VGFN, to maintain confidentiality and to provide good, effective and accountable government.
- C. Councillor Crystal Linklater was on extended leave from her part-time Councillor duties from July 25, 2024 to January 6, 2025 to help support her through a personal matter in accordance with Council Resolution CO2024-76.
- D. Since January 6, 2025, Councillor Linklater has been on paid leave from her position as a part-time Councillor due to concerns raised by Council and communicated to Councillor Linklater in letters dated January 15, 2025 and February 20, 2025.
- E. Council determines its own rules and procedures under Article VIII of the VGFN Constitution.
- F. Council has the duty and power to:
 - (1) Set policies and guidelines that ensure good management in relation to all aspects under Article IX(3)(b) of the VGFN Constitution.
 - (2) Exercise such powers and doing such things as may be necessary to fulfill the objects of the VGFN Constitution under Article IX(3)(h) which includes objects to:
 - a. Promote and enhance the general welfare of VGFN under Article I(b); and
 - b. Do such things related to the foregoing as may be conducive to the general welfare and good government of VGFN under Article I(k).
- G. Pending the establishment of the Review Council as contemplated under the VGFN Constitution, the Council must exercise its powers and duties in accordance with past customary practices, to decide on matters of concern that may arise on a case-by-case basis in order to address the conduct of Councillors that is inconsistent with the fiduciary duties of Council, the Oath of Office and the references in the VGFN Constitution, Governance Act, Governance Handbook and Council Administration Policy that form the expectations of conduct for Council.
- H. Council has sought the advice of the Advisory Committee of Elders in relation to this matter.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

1. Crystal Linklater is hereby removed from office effective immediately; and
2. The additional vacancy for Council be filled through a by-election held pursuant to Council Resolution CO2025-17 and to the VGFN Interim Elections Act.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting convened on March 27, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti

21. First Appropriation Act 2025-2026

March 27, 2025 - Resolution CO2025-21

WHEREAS:

- A. The Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“Council”) approves of the budget estimates submitted by the Director of Finance for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation resolves that:

1. The First Appropriation Act 2025-2026 shall come into force and have effect as of 12:01 a.m. on the 1st day of April, 2025.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting convened on March 27, 2025 in Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

Deputy Chief Harold Frost Jr.

Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti