



**VUNTUT GWITCHIN GOVERNMENT**  
**Government of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation**

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**VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 03-02-2023 – #07**

**RE: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 17 OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) signed its Self-Government Agreement on May 29, 1993 and it came into effect on February 14, 1995.
- B. Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in finalized their Self-Government agreement at a later date and successfully included additional provisions in related to Education and a number of Yukon First Nation have passed resolutions to include similar provisions.
- C. Yukon Government and Canada have agreed to support these amendments.
- D. An amendment to the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Self-Government Agreement may only be given by the Chief and Council.

**THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION RESOLVES THAT:**

- 1. VGFN consents to amend its Self-Government Agreement as follows:

**Section 17.2 of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Self-Government Agreement is replaced by the following:**

- 17.2 The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation shall notify Government by March 31st of each year of its priorities for negotiations pursuant to 17.1, 17.7 and 17.9 for the fiscal year beginning April 1st of that year. Within 60 days of receipt of such notification, the Parties shall prepare a workplan to address the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation priorities for negotiation. The workplan shall identify timelines and resources available for negotiations.

**Section 17.0 of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Self-Government Agreement is amended by adding the following after 17.6:**

- 17.7 In relation to education, upon the request of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and the Yukon shall during the term of a self-government financial transfer agreement, negotiate the division and sharing of responsibility for the design, delivery and administration of programs delivered within the Traditional Territory, including programs relating to:

- 17.7.1 student counseling;
  - 17.7.2 cross cultural teacher/administrator orientation;
  - 17.7.3 composition of teaching staff;
  - 17.7.4 early childhood, special, and adult education curriculum;
  - 17.7.5 kindergarten through grade 12 curriculum; or
  - 17.7.6 the evaluation of teachers, administrators and other employees.
- 17.8 The negotiation of the division and sharing of responsibility for the design, delivery, and administration of programs related to education pursuant to 17.7 does not affect the ability of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation to negotiate an agreement pursuant to 17.1 in relation to education.
- 17.9 The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and the Yukon shall negotiate guaranteed representation for the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation upon any school committees, school councils or school boards which are involved in the design, delivery or administration of education in the Traditional Territory.
- 17.10 Unless otherwise agreed, if the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and the Yukon conclude an agreement pursuant to 17.1 in relation to education, then 17.7 and 17.9, and any agreements concluded pursuant to those sections, shall no longer be of any force or effect.

**THIS RESOLUTION** being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on March 2, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.

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