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Challenges, challenges we live for challenges, what will we ever do w/o them eh.

We have documents, lots of documents, negotiated till now and a draft # 29 Deline Final Self-Government Agreement (DFSA), what does this all mean? Well it means that the foundations of this government is settling in the form of a legal documents that will guide the Deline Government and build a structure that will form the beginnings of this new administration. Aside from all the complex processes that lead up to this agreement and all the legal forms that made the final product we still have to have a vision, a vision that the people of Deline will have to develop, a vision that they can call their own, something that they themselves see as a government that they can call their own. Quite different from the process that the self govt, it involves the individual and could basically be what you want for yourself and family. Providing services and a government that could deliver them is one of the fundamental building blocks that can help us understand what we need to do. Each one of us in Deline that want to participate can do so. Each one can be a part of this process weather many of us do so depends on the individual decisions. It is time to do away with the old thinking that encourages dependency, thinks that a final document is what Self government is about. This is so far from the truth, the document is just the beginning, it is still up to each one of us to make decisions for our government. A government by the people, for the people. How do each one of us think a govt shld operate. We can have mock trials to show our people what this gov't would look like and how it may operate. We can take for example the education portion and create a senerio where people would play roles as to how this may look like in the future. I would appreciate comments from anyone that is interested in talking about the future Deline Government. It is your government, made and formed by the people of Deline.

Almost two months since I wrote this in my computer and I don't expect things I read would change my initial thoughts. We have so much to look forward to, this will be a first Deline Gotine Government or I like to use words like Sahtu Government (we are Sahtugotine in reference to Sahtu, Great Bear Lake) Deline Gotine historically are the people that live in Deline. We come from all around Sahtu and many of our grandfathers are Shutagotine, Tsotine, Gwichin, and from outside the NT. A government that is negotiated by one community means that we are or will be making decisions ourselves through one body of people with a leader. Depending on how quickly we progress and how quickly the main council progress we can reach full responsibility of the powers in our agreement within a short period (10 years).

I initially applied for the Lands Management Position, and ended up with excepting the "Implementation Director job offer". I 'm glad I did, working in a team environment provides much more challenges, challenges that we face together. There was Shaun Doherty before me and from reading all the files I see they did a lot of work. Implementing, this means putting and setting up a gov't that the negotiating team made possible. We have some basic needs and certain laws in place as well as many lists of things to do before we can actually create a government. Both the main governing bodies in Deline will disappear, the Deline First Nation and the Charter Community of Deline. The Deline Lands Corporation will change also but all I know is that it will be a separate body with its own board. I get direction through the Deline Transition Team (formed to give direction to implementation) and advise on all implementation proposals that flow through from the negotiating table. We have some dates that would interest the public, dates like the April 2012 for signing and April 2013 for effective date, this means we have a around three years

before the new gov't comes into existence. That is if all goes well on a voting day (ratification date) where all the members would decide. This day could be within two years? We have a lot of files on this process and I would like to get as many people interested. As soon as our communications plans are approved we can start a full scale information distribution, in the meantime I am trying to get as many interviews with Mary Ann Williams on her morning Dene program and we also have Verna Firth joined our team to start work on communication projects. Verna is still employed by DLC, she just added some minor responsibilities.