

# Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Déłıne 2021  
Public Listening  
**Tłch'ádıı h́ Gots'edı**  
**Living with Wildlife**

Presented by Camilla Tutcho, SRRB *in Dene Kádá (Dene language)*  
April 25, 2022

- Prayer
- Welcome to this ʔelets'ewéhkwe Godı (Public Listening Session).
- We're working on an important topic: caribou relationships with other wildlife.
- It's great that we are gathering to share knowledge so that good decisions can be made.
- All the parties have worked hard to prepare their messages. They have given us written submissions already. Now they're going to present, comment on presentations, and ask questions to presenters.
- We're all going to listen to each other so good decisions can be made.
- This is not only for today and tomorrow but for our children's and grandchildren's future. So respect the speakers and don't interrupt. We have a lot of speakers so don't take too much time.
- This event is hosted by the ʔehdzo Got'ıne Gots'́ Nákedı in partnership with Déłıne.
- We have provided guidance so that this is a fair process and everyone has a chance to be heard.
- In this Public Listening Session we are respecting Dene law and we will also follow Canadian law. These laws give us recognized ways to support a fair process.
- We have our interpreters here, Sarah Cleary and Dora Duncan for Sahtúot'ıne and Dehlá Got'ıne Yahtı. Francis Zoe and Jonas Lafferty are here to interpret for Tłchq language.
- I want to thank the interpreters for being here for the elders who don't speak English, and for the English speakers as well. It brings everyone together when we have good interpreters. We hope that everyone will be able to understand each other across the cultures.
- I am here as Acting Chair of the ʔehdzo Got'ıne Gots'́ Nákedı, with Deb supporting me as Facilitator of our discussion.