



NWT Plain Facts

*On Land and
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Sahtu Self-Government Negotiations

Where are community self-government agreements in the Sahtu?

Déline

Déline was the first Sahtu community to pursue a self-government agreement, beginning negotiations in 1996. The residents of Déline will have greater control over decisions made for their community and a final agreement will see that they will have practical tools and opportunities to strengthen their social and economic well-being.

Negotiations are now well underway toward a Final Agreement. Working groups are completing finance and implementation agreements, thus moving towards the conclusion of the agreement.

Norman Wells

Negotiation of a Norman Wells Métis Government commenced with the Norman Wells Land Corporation (formerly the Ernie McDonald Land Corporation) in the fall of 2005. A completed Framework Agreement was initialled by all Parties in January 2006 and was approved by the Government of the Northwest Territories in the spring of 2006.

Negotiation of a self-government agreement in Norman Wells will lead to a governance system that addresses the needs of all residents. The Government of Canada is committed to working with the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Norman Wells Land Corporation to negotiate the Framework Agreement.

Tulita

Self-government negotiations between Tulita, the Government of Canada, and the Government of the Northwest Territories began in 2003. To ensure one voice for negotiations in Tulita, the Land Corporations, the Tulita Dene Band, and Métis Local have formed a Society incorporated under the *Societies Act* called the "Tulita Yamoria Committee Secretariat".



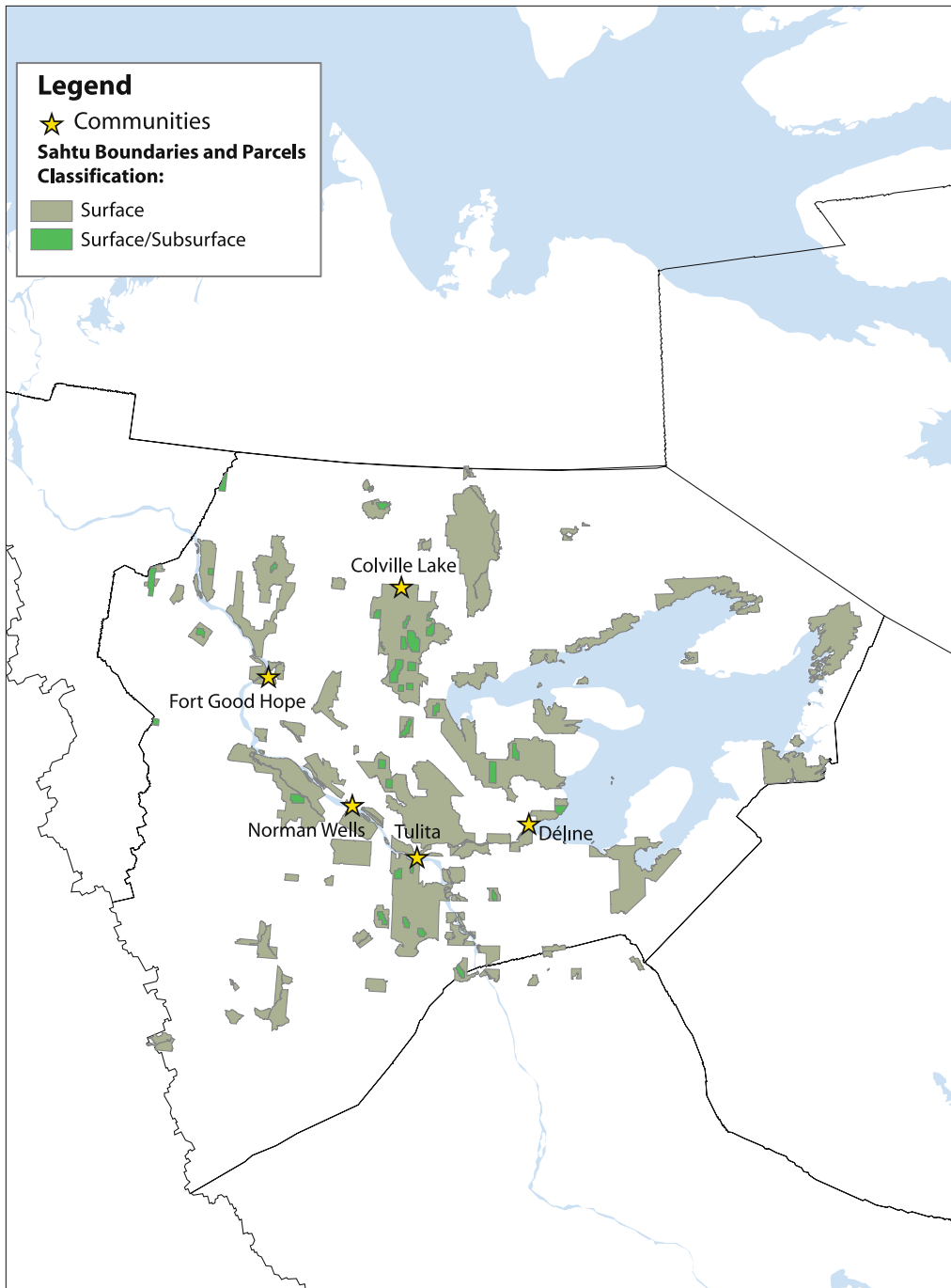
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Agreement-in-Principle negotiations have been underway for three years. With significant progress made towards the Agreement-in-Principle, a Final Agreement is expected to be completed within four years.

Fort Good Hope and Colville Lake

Both communities have now formally requested to begin negotiation of self-government and these processes are being initiated.





The Sahtu Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement included a promise by the Government of Canada to negotiate community self-government agreements with the five communities of Sahtu Dené and Métis.

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