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Vuntut Gwitchin Passes First Appropriation Legislation

Old Crow –Chief Joe Linklater of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation announced today the passing of their first Appropriation Act.

“This Act represents a new era in governance for the Vuntut Gwitchin and sets the stage for more open and accountable government in North Yukon,” said Chief Linklater. “By bringing our annual budgets before the community before we pass them into law, we believe we can develop a stronger and more inclusive government and community structure.”

The new legislative process for the Vuntut Gwitchin Government now requires the Chief and Council to pass appropriation legislation giving the First Nation the authority to allocate the annual budget. As Chief Linklater explains, “Our new legislative process requires Chief and Council to take any proposed legislation to the community before we pass it into law. In doing so, community members are able to ask questions of the Chief and Council about any piece of legislation, including the Appropriation Act, before it is passed”.

The “First Appropriation Act 2007 – 2008” has a total operations and maintenance and capital expenditures of \$9,722,028.00 and sets the framework for how the First Nation’s programs and services and capital projects will be carried out through the fiscal year. The Vuntut Gwitchin Government expects to have the legislation posted on its government website www.vgfn.ca early next week.

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