

RECLAIMING CHILD AND FAMILY JURISDICTION

# T̂SILHQOT'IN NIDLIN

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## JURISDICTION UPDATE

The T̂silhqot'in Nation continues to advocate for positive changes through Child and Family Jurisdiction.

We are working towards a 5-year Agreement with Canada and BC to expand prevention services and build towards full Jurisdiction. The Nidlin Advisory Team, which is made up of lawyers, negotiators, T̂silhqot'in knowledge holders, and service delivery experts, continue to attend regular meetings with BC and Canada to negotiate for the best agreement possible.

The team is also attending National conferences to learn from other First Nations who have exercised their Child and Family Jurisdiction.



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*" I know we'll get to an Agreement, and we'll change systems in the process. "*  
- Nidlin Advisory Team Member





# ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Our Nidlin Engagement team has been connecting with Community Members at many community and Nation events this summer and fall, including:

- 3 Frontline Workers meetings
- Nidlin Family Event at TNG Lakeside
- 10-Year Title Celebration
- Tsideldel Ride to Tl'etinqox
- Yunesit'in Indigenous Day
- Jack Palmatier Ranch
- Yunesit'in Culture Camp
- Denisiqi Nimpo Lake Blanketing
- Chief Ahan Memorial
- Anah Lake Tl'etinqox Culture Camp
- Denisiqi 20-year Anniversary
- Tsilhqot'in Nation Gathering
- Summer Salmon Ceremony hosted by Women's Council
- Tsiyi Cultural Heritage event
- Tsideldel Culture Camp
- Unity Gathering
- Truth and Reconciliation Day event at TNG Lakeside



# OTHER CHILD & FAMILY WORK

## TL'ETINQOX ?ELHELH GHIDELH AGREEMENT

Congratulations to the Tl'etinqox Government who signed the *?Elhelh Ghidelh: 'Moving Together' Agreement* on September 13, 2024. This Agreement ensures the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) collaborates with Tl'etinqox when they provide certain services to Tl'etinqox members. This will improve Tl'etinqox's relationship with MCFD until full Jurisdiction is exercised.

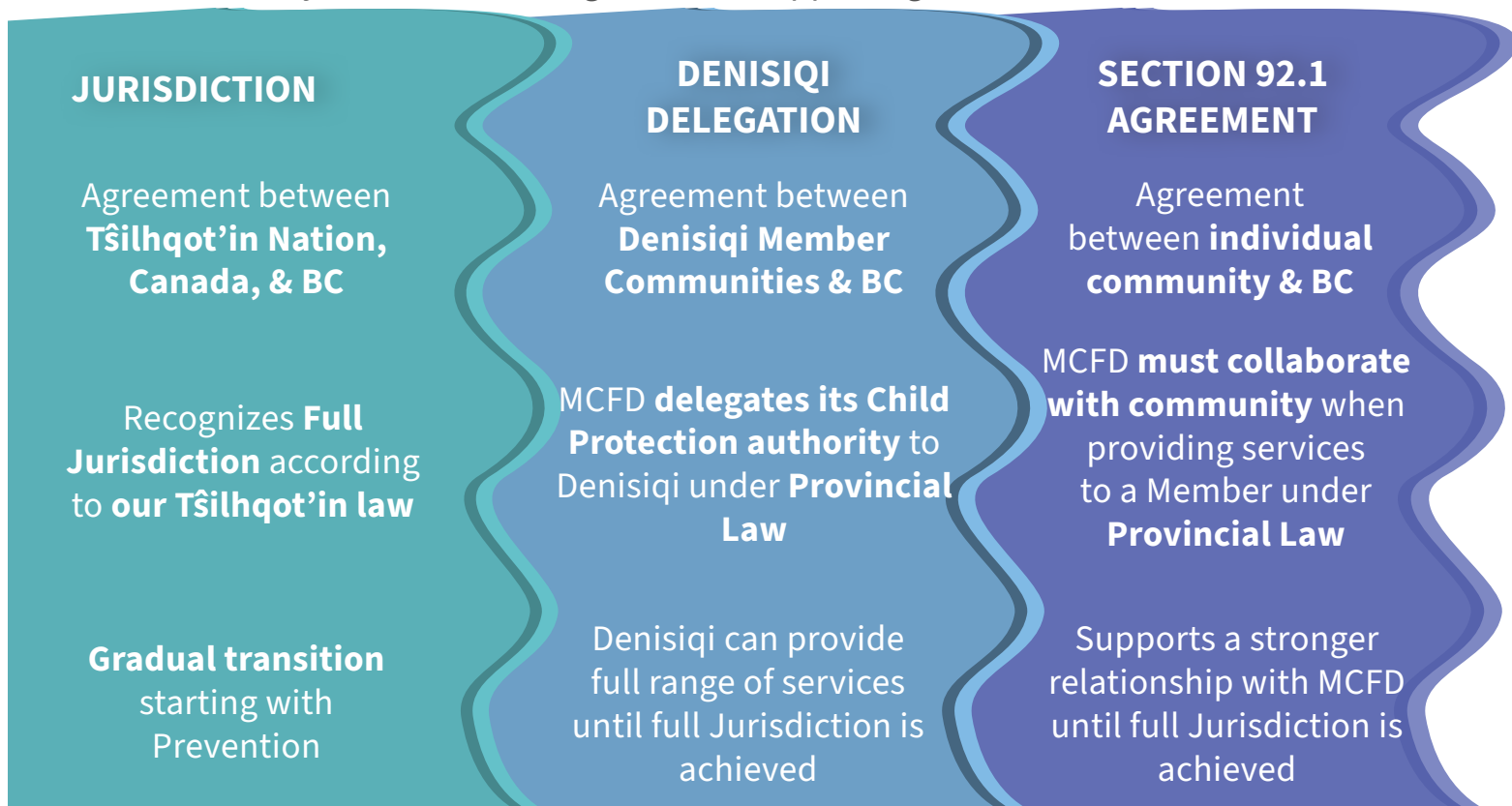


## DENISIQI CHILD PROTECTION DELEGATION

Denisiqui is also supporting the road to jurisdiction by working towards full child protection delegation. With the ability to deliver the full range of child welfare duties, communities will be able to use Denisiqui for all of their prevention and safety needs including child protection.

## THESE ARE SEPARATE PROJECTS, BUT THEY ARE ALL GOOD STEPS!

Here's a summary of the different agreements supporting children and families.





### Meet our Ambearrister: Ses Bob

In February, Dr. Cindy Blackstock honoured the T̓silhqot'in Nation with an Ambearrister (ambassador + barrister) to witness and support our work towards Child and Family Jurisdiction.

The Ambearrister is a friend of Spirit Bear, who witnesses all Canadian Human Rights Tribunal hearings on behalf of Indigenous children.

We held a contest at recent engagement events to choose a name for our bear. Thanks to T̓silhqot'in Members of all ages for suggesting names!

## NEXT STEPS

The next phase of engagement will focus on:

- Community and Nation-level governance structures
- Our T̓silhqot'in Law for children and families
- Sharing traditional teachings and protocols

***Stay tuned for upcoming events in your community!***

### Calling T̓silhqot'in Youth!

We are looking for Youth ages 10-21 to help us plan a Youth Conference! If you are interested, send an email with your contact information, age, community, and why you're interested to [tevens@tsilhqotin.ca](mailto:tevens@tsilhqotin.ca).



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