



# TSÚŪT'INÀ XÀKÚAGHÁ YĪNÁ TSÚŪT'INÀ NATION XÀKÍJÍ UWA XÀKÚJÁÁ YĪNÁ

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF XÀKIJÍ SÚH XÀKIJÀ AND THE OFFICE OF XÀKÚAGHÁ YĪNÁ – JANUARY 2026

*As we enter a new leadership term, our focus is clear: **strong governance, greater transparency, and a sustainable future for the next 20 years.** Leadership is committed to improving accountability, strengthening services, and creating opportunities that benefit all Tsuut'ina citizens.*

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### Portfolio Appointments

The following leaders have been appointed to oversee the following portfolios:

- **Community & Recreation** – Xàkújàà Corrine Eagletail, Xàkújàà Waylon Big Plume
  - **Social Development** – Xàkújàà Paula Big Plume, Xàkújàà LeeRoy Meguinis
  - **Education – Life Long Learning** – Xàkújàà Zachary Manywounds, Xàkújàà LeeRoy Meguinis
  - **Public Works** – Xàkújàà Hine Crowchild, Xàkújàà Twylla Starlight
  - **Lands Administration** – Xàkújàà Kendall Jacobs, Xàkújàà Tyson Heavenfire
  - **Governance Administration** – Xàkújàà Paul Whitney, Xàkújàà Jeanne Crowchild
  - **Language & Culture** – Xàkújàà Kelsey Big Plume, Xàkújàà Corrine Eagletail
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## Key Leadership Priorities

### Governance & Accountability

Leadership will fast-track policy approvals, strengthen legislative frameworks, and make the Nation's Constitution accessible to all citizens. Codes of conduct and governance policies will reinforce transparency and accountability.

### People & Workplace

A respectful workplace is a priority. Anti-lateral violence policies, leadership development, succession planning, and training initiatives will support employees and managers across the Nation. Human Resources practices will be reviewed and strengthened across Nation entities, including, the Grey Eagle Resort and Casino, TAZA Partnership and Tsut'ina Development Authority.

### Finance & Transparency

Clear procurement processes and plain-language financial reporting will improve transparency. Leadership will continue improving payment timelines for invoices and payroll, with citizen-focused financial information shared publicly.

### Public Works & Housing

Housing and housing maintenance remain top priorities. Leadership will enhance plans for roads, infrastructure, and asset management to support long-term community growth.



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## Health & Wellness

Major health investments are underway, including the Medical Center water line (\$16M) and the Recovery Center (\$4M). Leadership will present the current state of construction and plans for the programming this year. Health Services are a Treaty Right, and leadership will work to protect and uphold these rights while improving collaboration across health programs to support families in need. All programs will also be instructed to work together, including the required citizens engagement.

## Youth Engagement

A Youth Advisory Strategy is being developed to better engage young citizens. Existing youth groups will be supported and connected through digital outreach, community gatherings, and public events.

## Economic Development

Leadership is preparing for the **iGaming launch in July 2026** while building stronger partnerships to ensure Tsuut'ina Nation remains competitive in a rapidly evolving economy. A comprehensive review of our economic activities has shown that many areas are performing well, while others require targeted support and improvement. We are now looking at all sectors through a new lens. The economy has grown beyond the models and approaches used in the past, and our strategy must evolve with it. This includes rethinking how we support businesses, create opportunities, and remove barriers to participation.

Our goal is an economy that is inclusive, resilient, and driven by citizen participation — one that creates long-term prosperity for current and future generations.



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## Intergovernmental Relations

Engagement with Federal, Provincial, and Municipal partners is under way to advance shared priorities and collaborative opportunities. Strong relationships with Treaty 7 Nations and other First Nations continue to grow. Many thanks to Chief Knowlton, Chief Young, Chief Crowfoot and Chief Mycat for coming to celebrate with us during our Christmas Feast and Powwow. Additionally, we have received many invitations from other Chiefs for meetings to talk on all subjects affecting all First Nations.

Leadership will also engage directly with the agendas of **Prime Minister Carney** and **Premier Smith** to ensure Tsuut'ina Nation's interests are advanced at all levels of government.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Nation Meeting** – January 28, 2026 (Your voice matters—join us!)

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## Words from Xàkijí Sùh Xàkijà

*"Our commitment is to find out where we were, discover where we are and decide where we want to be for our future generations. Over the coming months, we will share our progress and seek your input. Your voice matters — join us at the upcoming Nation Meeting to help shape our path forward."*

With respect,

Xàkújághá yīnà

Tsúŭt'ínà Nation

