

# **Tulita Financial Corporation**

## **Child Care Policy**

The Tulita Financial Corporation (TFC) will make monthly payments to qualifying Members of the Tulita Land Corporation who have children under the age 5 years old. These payments will be made in accordance with sections 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule I to Chapter 11 of the Sahtu Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement as child care payments, as grants to low-income participants related to housing or as a public service for the general benefit of the Members.

An application form must be completed in which the applicant must certify that he or she has children under the age 5 years old who are living with the applicant and in legal custody of the applicant. The applicant must also certify that he or she is in need of financial assistance to do the following for those children.

- a) maintain a healthy diet,
- b) obtain medical, dental or other health care services,
- c) obtain help in cooking or cleaning or for personal care of those children.
- d) travel for medical, dental or mental health purposes
- e) in the case of parents who are low-income participants, acquire, maintain or improve their living quarters of those children.

In Schedule I, "low-income participant" means a participant enrolled under the Land Claim Agreement whose total income is less than 75% of the Northwest Territories average family income as set out in the last available census data published by Statistics Canada. Total family income is that of the father, mother, their natural and adoptive children and grandchildren and their spouse residing in the same household. The application form will contain the Northwest Territories average family income for the current year.

If the application relates to housing, it must be made annually and the applicant must certify that the applicant is a low-income participant.

The application will require the applicant to specify the amount that is needed for each of the categories listed above.

All applications shall be retained in case there are subsequent audits and the applicant must agree in the application to cooperate in any audit of the facts in the application conducted by TFC or the Canada Revenue Agency.

If any false statements are made in an application, the applicant may be required to repay all amounts paid under this policy together with interest at the rate of interest charged by the Canada Revenue Agency on unpaid taxes. The applicant

could also be subject to criminal prosecution and restrictions on accessing the programs of TFC.

The payments shall be for a maximum of \$100.00 per month. The payments are not taxable.

The Board of Directors shall review the budget annually and decide for each year whether the child care payments can be made and the amount of each payment (up to the maximum).

Approved

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President

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Date