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Hotiì ts'eeda partners with GNWT on “Information Is Medicine” COVID-19 interview series

Yellowknife (December 18, 2020) – Hotiì ts'eeda is pleased to share the first interview in a new virtual interview series titled “Information Is Medicine”, hosted by Tłıchq youth Jocelyn Zoe. In the series, Jocelyn will be talking with different Indigenous knowledge holders, including Elders and youth to explore important questions and concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We know that Indigenous people in NWT communities would like to hear from their own knowledge holders about the COVID-19 pandemic. We feel we can play a role in translating COVID-19 information and public health recommendations into concepts and language that is culturally safe and relevant for the Indigenous people and communities of the NWT. This can help people make good decisions for their own health and wellness,” says Dr. John B. Zoe, Chairperson of Hotiì ts'eeda.

In this first interview, Jocelyn talks with Shania Young, who is a Tłıchq Citizen and a Registered Nurse at Stanton Territorial Hospital. Shania talks about the concerns people may have about health care providers coming into their community from outside the NWT, especially if they are exempted from the 14-day self-isolation period.

The full interview and audio-only version are available on the Hotiì ts'eeda website (<https://nwtspor.ca/supported-projects/covid-19-information-medicine>) and on the Hotiì ts'eeda Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hotiitseeda>). The audio version was produced for use by community radio stations across the territory who may choose to share it on their airwaves as well.

Hotiì ts'eeda has taken a partnership approach to the Information Is Medicine series, working closely with Indigenous cultural knowledge holders and the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop the themes and content for the series.

Audio translations of the interviews into all Indigenous languages of the NWT are planned and will be developed and posted to the Hotiì ts'eeda website as they become available.

Hotiì ts'eeda would also like to acknowledge that the interview series is presented using artwork by Dehcho Dene artist Melaw Nakehk'ó and drumming music generously shared by the Délı̨ne Drummers.

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BACKGROUND

Hotiì ts'eeda is hosted by the Tłı̨chǫ Government. It is a SPOR (Strategy for Patient Oriented Research) Support Unit funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and supported by a partnership of NWT governments and organizations. Hotiì ts'eeda is a research support centre for community members, organizations, and researchers involved in NWT health and health research. It connects researchers with communities and Indigenous organizations, to support recognition of NWT health research priorities, and develop a health system that is culturally competent and inclusive of Indigenous methodologies and ways of knowing.