

**Northwest Territories Official Community Names
2010 – Unicode Update**

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Aklavik	—	<i>a-klah-vihk</i>	Aklarvik	<i>a-klah-vihk</i>	barrenground grizzly place	68°13'N/135°00'W / 107-B	Name suggested in 1910.
Behchokò	Rae Edzo	<i>beh-cho-konh</i>	—	—	Mbehcho's place	62°50'N/116°03'W / 85-K	Changed from Rae Edzo August 4, 2005. <i>Previously named from combined communities of Rae and Edzo.</i>
Colville Lake	—	—	K'áhbamjítúé	<i>k-ah-ba-meenh-tway</i>	ptarmigan net place	67°02'N/126°07'W / 96-M	Named by Franklin for Andrew Colville, Gov. Hudson's Bay Co. (1852-1856)
Déline	Fort Franklin	<i>day-linh-nay</i>	—	—	moving or flowing water	65°12'N/123°25'W / 96-G	Changed from Fort Franklin Jun. 1, 1993. <i>Previously named for Sir John Franklin's 1825-1827 expedition winter quarters.</i>
Detah	Dettah	<i>deh-tah</i>	T'è̂ehda	<i>t-eh-eh-da</i>	burnt point	62°25'N/114°18'W / 85-J	—
Edzo	—	<i>ed-zo</i>	Edzoo	<i>ed-zo</i>	—	62°47'N/116°02'W / 85-K	Locality in Behchokò; named for Tj̄chq̄ Chief Edzo.
Enterprise	—	—	—	—	—	60°33'N/116°08'W / 85-C	Origin unknown.
Fort Good Hope	—	—	Rádeȳl̄j̄kóé	<i>rah-day-inh-linh-kway</i>	rapids place	66°15'N/128°38'W / 106-I	For North West Co. post, built 1804.
Fort Liard	—	<i>... lee-ard</i>	Echaot'je Kúé	<i>etch-ah-oat-eenh-kwenh</i>	people from the land of giants place	60°14'N/123°28'W / 95-B	Hudson's Bay Co. post, Fort-Rivière-au-Laird, ca. 1800.
Fort McPherson	—	—	Teet'it Zheh	<i>tet-hlih-t-zhay</i>	at the head of the waters place	67°26'N/134°53'W / 106-M	Hudson's Bay Co. post; for Murdoch McPherson.
Fort Providence	—	—	Zhahti Kúé	<i>ja-tea-kwenh</i>	mission house place	61°21'N/117°39'W / 85-F	19 th C. mission on Mackenzie River
Fort Resolution	—	—	Denínu Kúé	<i>deh-nih-noo-kwenh</i>	moose island place	61°10'N/113°40'W / 85-H	Hudson's Bay Co. name for hardships encountered in establishing post.
Fort Simpson	—	—	Éídl̄ Kúé	<i>hlih-dlinh-kwenh</i>	place where rivers come together	61°52'N/121°21'W / 95-H	For Hudson's Bay Co. Gov. Sir George Simpson.
Fort Smith	—	—	Tthebacha	<i>T-theh-batch-ah</i>	beside the rapids	60°00'N/111°53'W / 75-D	For Donald A. Smith, Lord Strathcona.

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Gamèti	Rae Lakes	gah -meh-tea	Gahmjìti	gah -minh-tea	rabbit-net place	64°07'N/117°21'W / 86-C	Changed from Rae Lakes Aug. 4, 2005. <i>Previously named for Rae Lake, with addition of possessive 's'.</i>
Hay River	—	—	Xátì'odehchee	hat -hlow-deh-chee	hay river	60°49'N/115°47'W / 85-B	From abundant grass on river banks.
Hay River Dene Reserve	—	—	Xátì'odehchee	hat -hlow-deh-chee	hay river	60°48'N/115°44'W / 85-B	Name established February 26, 1974.
Inuvik	—	<i>i-noo</i> -vik	Inuvik	<i>i-noo</i> -vik	place of man	68°21'N/133°43'W / 107-B	Proclaimed 18 July 1958.
Jean Marie River	—	<i>jeen mah-ree</i> ...	Ttheh'èhdéłj	<i>t-theh-k-ay-day</i> -leenh	water flowing over clay	61°31'N/120°38'W / 95-H	Mission named for the river.
Kakisa	—	<i>kah-key</i> -sa	K'ágee	<i>k-a</i> -gay	between the willows	60°56'N/117°25'W / 85-C	Derived from traditional name.
Łutselk'e	Snowdrift	hloot -sul-k-ay	Łútsèłk'é	hloot -sul-k-ay	place of the <i>łútsèł</i> , a type of small fish	62°24'N/110°44'W / 75-L	Changed from Snowdrift Jul. 1, 1992. <i>Possibly named for Snowdrift River Mission (1860).</i>
Nahanni Butte	—	<i>na-han</i> -nee byoot	Tthenáágó	<i>t-theh-na-ah</i> -go	strong rock	61°02'N/123°23'W / 95-G	For the topographic feature (butte).
Norman Wells	—	—	Tłegóhtj	<i>t-hleh-gonh</i> -teenh	where there is oil	65°17'N/126°50'W / 96-E	For the oilfield discovered in 1920.
Paulatuk	—	pall -a-tuck	Paulatuq	pall -a-tuck	place of coal	69°21'N/124°04'W / 97-C	Derived from traditional spelling.
Rae	—	<i>ray</i>	Behchokò	beh -cho-konh	Mbehcho's place	62°50'N/116°03'W / 85-K	Locality in Behchokò. From Hudson's Bay Co. fort; for Dr. John Rae, 1813-93
Sachs Harbour	—	<i>sacks</i> ...	Ikaahuk	ih -kah-hook	place to which you cross	71°59'N/125°14'W / 97-G	For schooner <u>Mary Sachs</u> , Canadian Arctic Expedition, beached 1914.
Trout Lake	—	—	Saamba K'e	sahm -ba-k-ay	trout lake place	60°26'N/121°15'W / 95-A	From traditional name.
Tsiigehtchic	Arctic Red River	tsih -gay-chik	Tsiigehtshik	tsih -gay-chik	mouth of the iron river	67°27'N/133°44'W / 106-N	Changed from Arctic Red River April 1, 1994. <i>May refer to red silt of the river.</i>

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Tuktoyaktuk	—	<i>tuck-toy-yak-took</i>	Tuktuujaqrtuuq	<i>tuck-too-yak-took</i>	looks like a caribou	69°27'N/133°02'W / 107-C	From traditional name.
Tulita	<i>Fort Norman</i>	<i>too-lee-tah</i>	Tulit'a	<i>too-lee-tah</i>	where the waters meet	64°54'N/125°34'W / 96-C	Changed from Fort Norman Jan. 1, 1996. Junction Great Bear R. & Mackenzie River. Previously named for either Alexander Norman McLeod or Archibald Norman McLeod
Ulukhaktok	<i>Holman</i>	<i>oo-luke-hak-talk or oo-loo-hak-talk</i>	Ulukhaqtuuq	<i>oo-luke-hak-took or oo-loo-hak-took</i>	where there is material for ulus	70°44'N/117°47'W / 87-F	Changed from Holman April 1, 2006. Previously named for John R. Holman, asst. surgeon of "Diligence", 1853-54.
Wekweètì	<i>Snare Lakes Wekwetì</i>	<i>weh-kway-tea</i>	—	—	rock lake	64°11'N/114°11'W / 86-B	Changed from Snare Lakes Nov. 1, 1998, named for Snare Lake with addition of possessive's'. Changed from Wekweti Aug. 4, 2005.
Whatì	<i>Lac La Martre Wha Ti</i>	<i>wah-tea</i>	—	—	marten lake	63°08'N/117°16'W / 85-N	Changed from Lac La Martre to Wha Ti Jan. 1, 1996, named for lake. Changed from Wha Ti Aug. 4, 2005. Also "Tsòtì" (fouled water lake) or "Mìne Kò Golàa" (net fishing place with houses).
Wrigley	—	—	Pedzéh Kì	<i>pedh-zeh-keenh</i>	clay place	63°13'N/123°28'W / 95-O	For Hudson's Bay Co. fort (1880) named for Joseph Wrigley.
Yellowknife	—	—	Sòmbak'è	<i>sawm-ba-k-ay</i>	money place	62°27'N/114°22'W / 85-J	Named for the Yellowknives.