

Northwest Territories Official Community Names 2010

Official Name	Previous Names	Official Name Pronunciation	Traditional Name	Traditional Name Pronunciation	Translation	Latitude/Longitude/NTS Map Sheet	Name Origins / Remarks
Aklavik	—	<i>a-klah-vihk</i>	Akáravik	<i>a-klah-vihk</i>	barrenground grizzly place	68°13'N/135°00'W / 107-B	Name suggested in 1910.
Behchokò	<i>Rae Edzo</i>	<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'áhbamjítué	<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)
Déljne	<i>Fort Franklin</i>	<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	<i>Dettah</i>	<i>deh-tah</i>	T'èrehda	<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 Tłjchò Chief Edzo.
Enterprise	—	—	—	—	—	60°33'N/116°08'W / 85-C	Origin unknown.
Fort Good Hope	—	—	Rádeyǀǀkóé	<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'ǀe Kúǀé	<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	—	—	Zhahtǀ Kúǀé	<i>ja-tea-kwenh</i>	mission house place	61°21'N/117°39'W / 85-F	19 th C. mission on Mackenzie R. named for Old Fort Providence.
Fort Resolution	—	—	Denínǀ Kúǀé	<i>deh-nuh-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	—	—	ǀídlǀ Kúǀé	<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.

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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.
Gamèti	Rae Lakes	<i>gah-meh-tea</i>	Gahm̀ti	<i>gah-minh-tea</i>	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	—	—	Xátł'odehchee	<i>hat-hlow-deh-chee</i>	hay river	60°49'N/115°47'W / 85-B	From abundant grass on river banks.
Hay River Dene Reserve	—	—	Xátł'odehchee	<i>hat-hlow-deh-chee</i>	hay river	60°48'N/115°44'W / 85-B	Name established February 26, 1974.
Inuvik	—	<i>i-noo-vik</i>	Inuuvik	<i>i-noo-vik</i>	place of man	68°21'N/133°43'W / 107-B	Proclaimed 18 July 1958.
Jean Marie River	—	<i>jeen mah-ree ...</i>	Ttheh'édélj	<i>t-theh-k-ay-day-leenh</i>	water flowing over clay	61°31'N/120°38'W / 95-H	Mission named for the river.
Kakisa	—	<i>kah-key-sa</i>	K'ágee	<i>k-a-gay</i>	between the willows	60°56'N/117°25'W / 85-C	Derived from traditional name.
Łutselk'e	Snowdrift	<i>hloot-sul-k-ay</i>	Łúts̀k'é	<i>hloot-sul-k-ay</i>	place of the <i>łúts̀k'èl</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-nee byoot</i>	Tthenáágó	<i>t-theh-na-ah-go</i>	strong rock	61°02'N/123°23'W / 95-G	For the topographic feature (butte).
Norman Wells	—	—	Tłegóhtj	<i>t-hleh-gonh-teenh</i>	where there is oil	65°17'N/126°50'W / 96-E	For the oilfield discovered in 1920.
Paulatuk	—	<i>pall-a-tuck</i>	Paulatuq	<i>pall-a-tuck</i>	place of coal	69°21'N/124°04'W / 97-C	Derived from traditional spelling.
Rae	—	<i>ray</i>	Behchokò	<i>beh-cho-konh</i>	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	<i>ih-kah-hook</i>	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	<i>sahm-ba-k-ay</i>	trout lake place	60°26'N/121°15'W / 95-A	From traditional name.

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Tsigehtchic	<i>Arctic Red River</i>	<i>tsih-gay-chik</i>	Tsigehtshik	<i>tsih-gay-chik</i>	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>
Tuktoyaktuk	—	<i>tuck-toy-yak-took</i>	Tuktuujaqtuuq	<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. <i>Previously named for either Alexander Norman McLeod or Archibald Norman McLeod</i>
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. <i>Previously named for John R. Holman, asst. surgeon of "Diligence", 1853-54.</i>
Wekweètì	<i>Snare Lakes Wekweti</i>	<i>weh-kway-tea</i>	—	—	rock lake	64°11'N/114°11'W / 86-B	Changed from Snare Lakes Nov. 1, 1998, <i>named for Snare Lake with addition of possessive's'.</i> 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, <i>named for lake.</i> Changed from Wha Ti Aug. 4, 2005 Also "Tsòtì" (fouled water lake) or "Mjne Kò Golàa" (net fishing place with houses).
Wrigley	—	—	Pedzéh Kí	<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.