

Official NWT Community Names

| Official Name | Previous Names | Official Pronunciation | Traditional Name | Traditional Pronunciation | Translation | Latitude / Longitude / NTS Map Sheet | Origins / Remarks |
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| Aklavik | — | a-klah-vihk | Akᓴarvik | a-klah-vihk | barrenground grizzly place | 68°13'N/135°00'W / 107-B | Name suggested in 1910. |
| Behchokᑭ | Rae Behchokᑭ | beh-cho-konh | — | — | Mbehcho's place | 62°50'N/116°03'W / 85-K | Changed from Rae Edzo August 4, 2005. Previously named from combined communities of Rae and Edzo. |
| Colville Lake | — | — | K'áhbamᓴtúé | k-ah-ba-meenh-tway | ptarmigan net place | 67°02'N/126°07'W / 96-M | Named by Franklin for Andrew Colville, Gov. Hudson's Bay Co. (1852-1856) |
| Dettah | Detah | deh-tah | T'èᓇehda | t-eh-eh-da | burnt point | 62°25'N/114°18'W / 85-J | — |
| Délᓴᓇ | Fort Franklin | day-linh-nay | — | — | moving or flowing water | 65°12'N/123°25'W / 96-G | Changed from Fort Franklin Jun. 1, 1993. Previously named for Sir John Franklin's 1825-1827 expedition winter quarters. |
| Edzo | — | ed-zo | Edzoo | ed-zo | — | 62°47'N/116°02'W / 85-K | Locality in Behchokᑭ; named for Tᓴᓴᓴ Chief Edzo. |
| Enterprise | — | — | — | — | — | 60°33'N/116°08'W / 85-C | Origin unknown. |
| Fort Good Hope | — | — | Rádeyᓴᓴkóé | rah-day-inh-linh-kway | rapids place | 66°15'N/128°38'W / 106-I | For North West Co. post, built 1804. |
| Fort Liard | — | ... lee-ard | Echaot'ᓴe Kúé | etch-ah-oat-eenh-kwenh | 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 | tet-hlih-t-zhay | 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 | ja-tea-kwenh | mission house place | 61°21'N/117°39'W / 85-F | 19th C. mission on Mackenzie River |
| Fort Resolution | — | — | Denínu Kúé | deh-nih-noo-kwenh | moose island place | 61°10'N/113°40'W / 85-H | Hudson's Bay Co. name for hardships encountered in establishing post. |
| Fort Simpson | — | — | ᓴíidᓴ Kúé | hlih-dlinh-kwenh | 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 | T-theh-batch-ah | beside the rapids | 60°00'N/111°53'W / 75-D | For Donald A. Smith, Lord Strathcona. |
| Gamèᓴ | Rae Lakes | gah-meh-tea | Gahmᓴᓴ | gah-minh-tea | rabbit-net place | 64°07'N/117°21'W / 86-C | Changed from Rae Lakes Aug. 4, 2005. Previously named for Rae Lake, with addition of possessive 's'. |
| Hay River | — | — | Xát'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 | — | — | Xát'odehchee | hat-hlow-deh-chee | hay river | 60°48'N/115°44'W / 85-B | Name established February 26, 1974. |
| Inuvik | — | i-noo-vik | Inuuvik | i-noo-vik | place of man | 68°21'N/133°43'W / 107-B | Proclaimed 18 July 1958. |
| Jean Marie River | — | jeen mah-ree ... | Tthek'éhdélᓴ | t-theh-k-ay-day-leenh | water flowing over clay | 61°31'N/120°38'W / 95-H | Mission named for the river. |
| Kakisa | — | kah-key-sa | K'ágee | k-a-gay | between the willows | 60°56'N/117°25'W / 85-C | Derived from traditional name. |
| Nahanni Butte | — | na-han-nee byoot | Tthenáágó | t-theh-na-ah-go | strong rock | 61°02'N/123°23'W / 95-G | For the topographic feature (butte). |

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| Ndilq | Ndilo / Rainbow Valley | dee-low | — | — | end of the island | 62°28'N/114°20'W / 85-J | The previous names were Rainbow Valley (for the colourful painted houses) and Lot 500 (for the legal subdivision number). Rainbow Valley was officially changed to Ndilo in 1994 and finally to Ndilq in 2011. |
| Norman Wells | — | — | Tłegóhtq | t-hleh-gonh-teenh | where there is oil | 65°17'N/126°50'W / 96-E | For the oilfield discovered in 1920. |
| Paulatuk | — | pall-a-tuck | Paulatuuq | pall-a-tuck | place of coal | 69°21'N/124°04'W / 97-C | Derived from traditional spelling. |
| Rae | — | ray | Behchokq | beh-cho-konh | Mbehcho's place | 62°50'N/116°03'W / 85-K | Locality in Behchokq. From Hudson's Bay Co. fort; for Dr. John Rae, 1813-93 |
| Sachs Harbour | — | sacks ... | Ikaahuk | ih-kah-hook | place to which you cross | 71°59'N/125°14'W / 97-G | For schooner Mary Sachs, Canadian Arctic Expedition, beached 1914. |
| Sambaa K'e | Trout Lake | sahm-ba-k-ay | Sambaa K'e | sahm-ba-k-ay | place of trout | 60°26'N/121°15'W / 95-A | Changed from Trout Lake June 21, 2016. |
| 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. May refer to red silt of the river. |
| Tuktoyaktuk | — | tuck-toy-yak-took | Tuktuujaqrtauq | tuck-too-yak-took | looks like a caribou | 69°27'N/133°02'W / 107-C | From traditional name. |
| Tulita | Fort Norman | too-lee-tah | Tulít'a | too-lee-tah | 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 | Holman | oo-luke-hak-talk or oo-loo-hak-talk | Ulukhaqtuuq | oo-luke-hak-took or oo-loo-hak-took | 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 | Snare Lakes / Wekweètì | weh-kway-tea | — | — | 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 Wekweètì Aug. 4, 2005. |
| Whatì | Lac La Martre / Wha Ti | wah-tea | — | — | 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 'M]ne Kq Golàa' (net fishing place with houses). |
| Wrigley | — | — | Pedzéh Kí | pedh-zeh-keenh | clay place | 63°13'N/123°28'W / 95-O | For Hudson's Bay Co. fort (1880) named for Joseph Wrigley. |
| Yellowknife | — | — | Sqmbak'è | sawm-ba-k-ay | money place | 62°27'N/114°22'W / 85-J | Named for the Yellowknives. |
| Łutselk'e | Snowdrift | hloot-sul-k-ay | Łútsqłk'é | hloot-sul-k-ay | place of the łútsqł, a type of small fish | 62°24'N/110°44'W / 75-L | Changed from Snowdrift Jul. 1, 1992. Possibly named for Snowdrift River Mission (1860). |