



## **GWICH'IN LAND AND WATER BOARD**

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### **Reason for Decision**

Issued pursuant to paragraph 40(2)(c) of the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations* (MVLUR)

File Number:	G17X011	Type:	"A" Land Use Permit
Applicant:	GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs		
Activity:	Drilling Groundwater Monitoring Wells		
Board Meeting:	May 03, 2018		

With respect to this application, notice was given in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)*. There was no public hearing held in association with this application.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On December 13, 2017, the Government of the Northwest Territories-Municipal and Community Affairs Division (MACA) submitted an application to the GLWB for a Type "A" Land Use Permit for the purpose of drilling groundwater monitoring wells at landfills and sewage lagoons in two communities in the Gwich'in Settlement Area: Tsiigehtchic (13 wells) and Fort McPherson (8 wells). Applications were submitted to the SLWB for parallel activities in Norman Wells, Colville Lake, Fort Good Hope and Tulita, while similar permits were issued in 2016 in the Wek'èezhii, Decho and Akaitcho regions.

The proposed project will include borehole drilling, design and installation of monitoring wells, gate installation, monitoring well development and surveying, and groundwater sampling. The applicant requests a term of less than one year, with work to begin in early 2018. Board staff completed a conformity check of the documents submitted with the application and deemed it complete on December 22 2017. The application was distributed for comment and review on December 22, 2017, with reviewer comments due January 19, 2018. Submissions were received from GNWT Environment and Natural Resources, and the Gwich'in Tribal Council Department of Cultural Heritage.

## DECISION

After reviewing the submission of the Applicant and the written comments and submissions received by the Board, and having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope, and intent of the MVRMA and the Regulations made thereunder, the Board has determined that:

**Land Use Permit G17X011 be issued, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.**

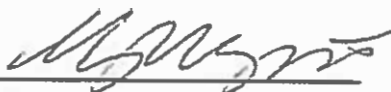
The Board's reasons for this decision are set out below:

- The Board is satisfied that adequate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA.
- No significant or unmitigable public concern was made known to the Board.
- The use of land proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the MVRMA.
- Any potential adverse environmental effects are insignificant or mitigable with known technology.
- The operation will likely contribute to the socio-economic well-being and economic development of the region.
- The Board has reviewed the information contained in the Staff Report dated January 29, 2018 regarding environmental impacts and/or public concerns.
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to G17X011, pursuant to the MVRMA, will significantly reduce the potential environmental impacts resulting from the project.
- The Board has notified the Applicant, through a statement included in the scope of this Permit, that compliance with the terms and conditions of this Permit does not absolve the Permittee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation.

## CONCLUSION

Land Use Permit G17X011 contains provisions that the Board feels necessary to ensure and monitor compliance with the MVRMA and the Regulations made thereunder and to provide appropriate safeguards in respect of the Applicant's use of the land affected by the Permit. The Board will provide additional referenced material or documents if requested in writing to do so.

## SIGNATURE



Elizabeth Wright  
Chair, Gwich'in Land and Water Board

May 03, 2018

Date