

Review Comment Table

Board:	GLWB
Review Item:	GNWT Department of Infrastructure - James Creek Highway Maintenance Camp (G20H006)
File(s):	G13H004 G20H006
Proponent:	GNWT - INF (Infrastructure)
Document(s):	Application Package (2.16 MB) DRAFT Permit (existing G13H004) (168 KB)
Item For Review Distributed On:	
Reviewer Comments Due By:	July 31, 2020
Proponent Responses Due By:	Aug 4, 2020
Item Description:	<p>The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Infrastructure (INF) has applied to the Gwich'in Land and Water Board (GLWB) for a one-year renewal of its Type A Land Use Permit for the Dempster Highway Maintenance Camp at James Creek (activities include fuel storage, worker camp, and associated facilities). Existing Land Use Permit G13H004 expires on August 11, 2020.</p> <p>Due to constraints caused by the COVID-19 emergency, INF was unable to gather the necessary information and conduct the pre-application engagement needed to fulfill the requirements of a new application prior to the expiry of its existing authorization. It has therefore requested that the GLWB extend the terms and conditions of G13H004 with no change in scope to operations, for one year, to allow time to conduct adequate engagement and complete the necessary bio-physical assessments of the project area</p> <p>Using the Online Review System (ORS), reviewers are invited to submit comments and recommendations on the documents linked below by the review comment deadline specified. Reviewers</p>

may also wish to consider providing an overarching recommendation regarding whether the Board should approve the submission, to provide context for the comments and recommendations and assist the Board with its decision. If reviewers seek clarification on the submission, they are encouraged to correspond directly with the Applicant prior to submitting comments and recommendations.

Under the Preliminary Screening Requirement Regulations, the Board must conduct a preliminary screening for a proposed development, unless it is exempt from preliminary screening in accordance with the Exemption List Regulations. Reviewers are encouraged to provide comments and recommendations (e.g., on impacts and mitigation measures) to assist with the Board's preliminary screening determination.

Under the Gwich'in Land Use Plan (GLUP), the Board must confirm the Application conforms with the GLUP. Reviewers are encouraged to provide comments and recommendations on conformity with the GLUP

Please be advised that comments made by reviewers regarding impacts of this project to wildlife and wildlife habitat in this preliminary screening will inform the GNWT Minister of Environment and Natural Resources' determination regarding whether a Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan will be required for this project as per section 95 of the Wildlife Act.

All documents that have been uploaded to this review are also available on our public Registry. If you have any questions or comments about the ORS or this review, please contact Board staff identified below.

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Comment Summary

ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response	Board Staff Response
2	General File	Comment (doc) GRRB Letter Recommendation		
1	GRRB Comments	<p>Comment Thank you for giving the GRRB the opportunity to provide feedback on this application. Our technical staff have reviewed it and no major conservation concerns were identified with providing a one-year renewal of this land use permit. Based on the information provided, we support this project, but would like to offer the following recommendation:</p> <p>&nbsp;</p> <p>Recommendation We recommend that you temporarily suspend operations if caribou, moose, sheep, bears, or muskoxen are spotted within 500 metres of any work site or camp. Work can be resumed once the animals have left the area. This is to avoid unnecessary stress to the animals and is very important as this site is directly on the Porcupine Caribou migration path.</p>	<p>Aug 4: Thank you for your comment. Your recommendation has been noted and communicated to the INF - Beaufort Delta Regional Office INF recognizes the importance of preventing unnecessary stress on the wildlife noted and will undertake all reasonable measures to ensure it does not happen. Please contact the GNWT - Department of Infrastructure - Beaufort Delta Regional Office if you wish to discuss further.</p>	

Gwich'in Tribal Council - Department of Cultural Heritage : Sharon Snowshoe

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2	General File	<p>Comment (doc) GTC DCH cover</p> <p>Recommendation</p>		
1	GTC DCH Comments	<p>Comment We have reviewed the above application, and have the following issues or concerns at this time. We have no concerns about the extension of existing activities, but if changes to the camp will be undertaken next year, the Territorial Archaeologist must be consulted as soon as possible in case there will be an archaeological assessment required before any ground-altering impacts. In addition, documentation about engagement with the Teetl'it Gwich'in RRC about any changes to this camp, in particular about traditional use and culture/heritage values, should be included in the next application.</p> <p>Recommendation As with any application, if archaeological or heritage materials are encountered during the development within the Gwich'in Settlement Area, all work must cease immediately as required by law, and the DCH and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife must then be contacted.</p>	<p>Aug 4: Thank you for your comment regarding this application for extension. Regarding future regulatory applications INF will continue to adhere to the regulatory permitting process as noted in the MVRMA, regulations, and identified by the GLWB at the time of application. This includes the steps noted in your comment, community/public engagement and archaeologist notification and file review. INF recognizes the cultural significance and value of archaeological and/or heritage materials, we are familiar with the process you have outlined and will continue to comply. Your recommendation has been communicated to the GNWT - Department of Infrastructure - Beaufort Delta Regional Office, please contact them if you wish to discuss further.</p>	