

Review Comment Table

Board:	GLWB
Review Item:	GNWT Department of Infrastructure - Geotechnical Drilling, Inuvik Airport (G20S002)
File(s):	G20S002
Proponent:	GNWT - INF (Infrastructure)
Document(s):	Application Package (4125 KB) Draft Land Use Permit (613 KB)
Item For Review Distributed On:	
Reviewer Comments Due By:	July 15, 2020
Proponent Responses Due By:	July 22, 2020
Item Description:	<p>The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT INF or the Applicant) has submitted an application for a type A land use permit (permit) for the purpose of geotechnical drilling at the Inuvik airport runway and adjacent quarries. The Applicant requests a permit term of five years</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 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>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</p> <p>Please note that the draft Permit has been developed using the MVLWB's current Standard Land Use Permit Conditions Template. The purpose of this draft Permit is to allow reviewers to comment on possible conditions. These draft materials are not intended to limit in any way the scope of reviewers' comments. The Board is not bound by the contents of the draft Permit and will make its decision at the close of the proceeding on the basis of all the evidence and arguments filed by all parties.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Comment Summary

GNWT - PWNHC (Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre (w/in ECE)): Glen Mackay				
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response	Board Staff Response
1	AIA-High Potential	Comment An Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA) has been completed for the geotechnical drilling project. The AOA identifies areas of high archaeological potential in the development area. An archaeological impact assessment (AIA) should be completed for the areas of high		

		potential prior to ground disturbance. Recommendation The Culture and Heritage Division recommends the addition of the standard AIA-High Potential condition to the land use permit.		
2	Archaeological Buffer	Comment Condition 18 in the draft conditions for the land use permit specifies an archaeological avoidance buffer of 150 m. Given that we have accurate spatial data for the sites near the quarry footprint, a 30 m avoidance buffer is sufficient. Recommendation Specify an archaeological avoidance buffer of 30 m in Condition 18 ;Avoidance by 30 m is not required in areas of the pit that have already been developed within 30 m of the archaeological site boundary, but the pit should not be expanded ;further in these areas.&		

Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board: Staff Gwichin Renewable Resource Board

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1	GRRB	Comment Thank you for giving the GRRB the opportunity to comment on this application. Our staff have reviewed it and we do not have any additional comments. Recommendation n/a		

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

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1	General File	<p>Comment (doc) GTC Department of Cultural Heritage Comments&nbsp; Recommendation</p>		
2	Comments	<p>Comment We have reviewed the above-noted application and have the following ; comments. An archaeological overview assessment (AOA) was completed for this area . There are known archaeological sites within the project area and multiple areas of high archaeological potential based on biophysical and archaeological criteria, as indicated by the Archaeological Overview Assessment. The AOA did not include the cultural data held by the Gwich ;in Tribal Council DCH. &nbsp; <p style="margin-left:21.8pt">There is also a cabin . Cabins are used traditionally by Gwich;;in participants and indicate a history of land use and occupation. Several trails run near by, used by Jimmy Adams and Edward Coyen. Trails are yet another indicator of use and importance. The lake has a traditional name, ;Chii Zhit Van. ;The area is considered good hunting territory for caribou and moose by Inuvik residents. In addition to hunting, the area is used for trapping and fishing as well. ;</p> <p>Due to the multiple areas of increased potential as identified by both the AOA and the DCH, the DCH requires that an archaeological monitor is present during any geotechnical work. An archaeological monitor will examine the backdirt of any</p>		

		<p>ground altering impacts and identify archaeological artifacts. Numerous Gwich'in Participants have worked with archaeologists in the past and will have training in this work and could be hired as an archaeological monitor, alternatively, the wildlife monitor may be trained to identify typical archaeological materials found in the area . If potential artifacts are found, the monitor could contact an archaeologist from Golder to make a more solid identification through; photographs.</p> <p>Recommendation The DCH requires that a traditional use/traditional knowledge project be undertaken before the next phase of this project, and a field-based AIA including sub-surface. 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 OCH and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife must then be contacted.</p>		
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