

Review Comment Table

Board:	GLWB
Review Item:	Transport Canada - Monitoring Well Installation - Inuvik Airport Former Landfill (G20X007)
File(s):	G20X007
Proponent:	Transport Canada
Document(s):	Land Use Permit Application Package (4.46 MB) Draft Land Use Permit (205 KB)
Item For Review Distributed On:	
Reviewer Comments Due By:	Aug 25, 2020
Proponent Responses Due By:	Sep 1, 2020
Item Description:	<p>Transport Canada (TC or the Applicant) has applied for a type A land use permit (permit) for drilling for the purpose of groundwater monitoring well installation at Inuvik Airport Former Landfill. The wells are being installed to assess current environmental conditions, and will inform future remediation work at location. The Applicant requests a ten month permit term with work beginning in October 2020</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</p>

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 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.

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

GNWT - ENR - EAM (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring): Central Email GNWT

ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response	Board Staff Response
2	General File	<p>Comment (doc) ENR Letter with Comments and Recommendations</p> <p>Recommendation</p>		
1	Topic: Wildlife: NWT Listed and Pre-listed Species at Risk	<p>Comment Section 76 and 77 of the Species at Risk (NWT) Act requires the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources to make a submission to the body responsible for assessing the potential impacts of a proposed development, or for considering a land use Permit or water Licence application, respecting the potential impacts of the proposed development, Permit or Licence application on a NWT-listed or pre-listed species or its habitat. NWT-listed species are those that are on the NWT List of Species at Risk. Pre-listed species are those that have been assessed by the NWT Species at Risk Committee (SARC) but have not yet been added to the NWT List of Species at Risk. The Proponent should be aware that NWT-listed or pre-listed species at risk and their habitat may also be subject to protection under existing sections of the NWT Wildlife Act. As a best practice, ENR encourages the proponent to consider potential impacts, mitigation measures and monitoring requirements for species at risk listed under the federal Species at Risk Act, as well as those designated as at risk by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) that may occur in the project area, and the prohibitions that may apply to these species under federal legislation.</p>		

		<p>The project area overlaps with the ranges of the following NWT-listed and/or pre-listed species; information on these species is available at https://www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca/SpeciesAtRisk: . Polar Bear - Special Concern in the NWT</p> <p>Recommendation 1) Although the project overlaps with the range(s) of the species listed above, ENR is of the opinion that the nature, scope, location and timing of the proposed project are such that the likelihood of impacts to NWT-listed or pre-listed species listed above can be avoided or minimized if ENR's wildlife recommendations in this letter are implemented as necessary, as well as the application of any wildlife mitigation and monitoring measures outlined in the Proponent's application and supporting documents.</p>		
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Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board: Staff Gwichin Renewable Resource Board

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1	GRRB Comments	<p>Comment Thank you for giving the GRRB the opportunity to comment on this application. We reviewed this project in April and the proponent has responded to our comments. We have no further comments at this time.</p> <p>Recommendation n/a</p>		

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

ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response	Board Staff Response
1	General File	<p>Comment (doc) GTC - Department of Cultural Heritage Letter</p> <p>Recommendation</p>		



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10/08/2020

Dear AlecSandra,

Re: Land Use Permit – G20X007

We have reviewed the above-noted application and have the following comments.

We have outlined our concerns in previous letters about adjacent development and activities, including a comment that repeated and separate applications are a burden on the Department to review.

This application indicates that the wells will be excavated in previously disturbed areas, although the airphoto shows mature vegetation. If the areas which will be drilled are not previously disturbed, an archaeological assessment must be carried out and an archaeologically-trained monitor should check backdirt piles after drilling. The DCH also recommends that the developer reach out to individuals who may have worked on the site when the dump was being used to gain a more thorough understanding of what happened, where various contaminants might be present, and to document the history of the site.

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.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 2020

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Dear Ms. MacDonald,

**Re: Transport Canada
Land Use Permit Application - G20X007
Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation - Inuvik Airport Old Landfill
Request for Review and Comments**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the application at reference based on its mandated responsibilities under the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Forest Management Act*, the *Forest Protection Act*, the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the *Waters Act* and the *Wildlife Act* and provides the following comments and recommendations for the consideration of the Board.

Topic 1: Wildlife: NWT Listed and Pre-listed Species at Risk

Comment(s):

Section 76 and 77 of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* requires the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources to make a submission to the body responsible for assessing the potential impacts of a proposed development, or for considering a land use Permit or water Licence application, respecting the potential impacts of the proposed development, Permit or Licence application on a NWT-listed or pre-listed species or its habitat. NWT-listed species are those that are on the NWT List of Species at Risk. Pre-listed species are those that have been assessed by the NWT Species at Risk Committee (SARC) but have not yet been added to the NWT List of Species at Risk.

The Proponent should be aware that NWT-listed or pre-listed species at risk and their habitat may also be subject to protection under existing sections of the NWT *Wildlife Act*.

As a best practice, ENR encourages the proponent to consider potential impacts, mitigation measures and monitoring requirements for species at risk listed under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, as well as those designated as at risk by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) that may occur in the project area, and the prohibitions that may apply to these species under federal legislation.

The project area overlaps with the ranges of the following NWT-listed and/or pre-listed species; information on these species is available at <https://www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca/SpeciesAtRisk>:

- [Polar Bear](#) – Special Concern in the NWT

Recommendation(s):

- 1) Although the project overlaps with the range(s) of the species listed above, ENR is of the opinion that the nature, scope, location and timing of the proposed project are such that the likelihood of impacts to NWT-listed or pre-listed species listed above can be avoided or minimized if ENR's wildlife recommendations in this letter are implemented as necessary, as well as the application of any wildlife mitigation and monitoring measures outlined in the Proponent's application and supporting documents.

Comments and recommendations were provided by ENR technical experts in the Wildlife and Fish Management Division and the Inuvik Region and were coordinated and collated by the Environmental Assessment and Monitoring Section (EAM), Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Division.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Clancy, Environmental Regulatory Analyst at (867) 767-9233 Ext: 53096 or email patrick.clancy@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Clancy', written in a cursive style.

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