



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

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Dear Ms. Montgomery:

RE: City of Yellowknife Status Update – Addressing Water Compensation Claims in the Giant Mine Remediation Project Water Licence Proceeding MV2007L8-0031

This letter is in response to the letter from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board dated February 2, 2020 requesting an update on the status of the City's claims for water compensation.

Water Pipeline Claim

As set out in the 'Engagement' section of the City's Claim Form, on August 14, 2019 the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) informed the City that it would not be negotiating a compensation agreement with the City.

The City has not been informed of any change in the Proponent's position, therefore there are no further updates to provide and the City reaffirms all previously submitted documents.

Town Site Claim

The 'Engagement' section of the City's Claim Form sets out the discussions that took place between the City and the GMRP prior to October 18, 2019. The parties have had numerous discussions focused on developing an access agreement that adequately minimizes the impacts that form the basis for the City's claim for compensation as contemplated by the GMRP's August 10, 2019 letter to the City (a "Revised Access Agreement"). Unfortunately no such agreement has been reached, and therefore as of the date of this letter the City's claim stands as previously submitted.

A summary of dates and the discussions towards a Revised Access Agreement are set out below:

- November 27, 2019: Meeting between the City and the GMRP to discuss terms of a Revised Access Agreement.
- December 10, 2019: Meeting between the City, the GMRP and representatives from both the Great Slave Sailing Club and the Great Slave Yatch Club to discuss the possibility of a Revised Access Agreement.
- December 23, 2019: The City first received a draft Revised Access Agreement.
- January 14, 2020: Meeting between legal counsel for the City and GMRP to discuss draft Revised Access Agreement.
- January 22, 2020: GMRP counsel sent follow-up to January 14, 2020 discussions.
- January 28, 2020: Meeting between the City and GNWT representatives on issues relating to the draft Revised Access Agreement.
- February 17, 2020: The City provided a response to GMRP counsel's January 22, 2020 correspondence.
- March 23, 2020: The City met with GNWT representatives at their request to discuss the draft Revised Access Agreement.
- March 24, 2020: The City provided a response as requested at the March 23, 2020 meeting.

No Revised Access Agreement or compensation agreement has been executed and therefore as of today's date the City's claim for compensation stands as written in the previously submitted documents. However, the City is hopeful that negotiations could continue and an agreement reached prior to the issuance of a licence by the Board.

Sincerely,



Kerry Penney
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