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December 20, 2009

Mr. Willard Hagen, Chair.
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.
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7th Floor, 4910-50th Avenue.
Yellowknife, NT. X1A 2P6.

Dear Mr. Hagen:

On November 13, 2009 Town of Hay River officials, including myself and the Senior Administration Officer, met with a stakeholders technical advisory group to discuss our application for a licence renewal. This meeting was very productive and covered all the technical aspects of the licence. The Town made several commitments to provide additional information that would further assist the Board and its Inspectors with administering our renewed licence. Several of these have already been completed at this time of writing.

Further, Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) representatives from the GNWT focused on several of their own departmental initiatives with respect to solid waste and hazardous materials management. The Town of Hay River made several commitments to ENR with respect to these initiatives and I was left with the understanding that ENR was well satisfied with the progress made.

Finally, First Nations representatives were present. There was only one principal concern raised; that being whether a sewage spill had been cleaned up. This concern was also noted in the consultation process prior to submission of the renewal application. In speaking with the First Nations representatives during and after the meeting, now satisfied that the spill was cleaned up to the satisfaction of the INAC Inspector, they had positive comments for our licence renewal.



The results of this meeting were discussed at length at a Town Council meeting on (date). Council was pleased with the renewal process to date and believed that all the issues that surround the renewal have been, or can be, resolved cooperatively between all parties. Therefore, Council believes that a public hearing is not necessary to facilitate the remainder of the licensing process. Please find attached the Council Motion requesting a public hearing not be held.

Sincerely,

Kelly Schofield
Mayor

TOWN OF HAY RIVER

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: WATER LICENCE RENEWAL TECHNICAL SESSION

DATE: December 7, 2009

On November 13, 2009 Mayor Schofield, the Senior Administrative Officer Terry Molenkamp, the Director of Public Works and Planning Michael Richardson and FSC Engineer Ron Kent Engineer consultant attended the Technical Session of the Town's Water Licence Renewal Application as required by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board. The purpose of the technical session is to address comments and concerns of the Board and other parties who are involved in the consultation process such as the aboriginal organizations, Departments of the Government of the Northwest Territories and Departments of the Government of Canada.

At the meeting the Town committed to provide answers, additional information and/or clarification to a number of questions that were posed. A copy of the Technical Session Commitments is provided. To date several of the items have been completed.

Overall the Technical Session was quite constructive and administration believes that the Town represented a positive attitude and wiliness to work with all parties on the issues that surround the renewal of our Water Licence; that the issues have been and can be resolved by working cooperatively with all parties involved.

Administration respectfully suggests that a public hearing is not necessary to facilitate the remainder of the Water Licence Renewal process.

MOVED BY: CLLR KRUGER

SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER

That the Council of the Town of Hay River advise the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board that they are pleased with the renewal process to date and feels that all the issues surrounding the renewal have been, or can be, resolved cooperatively between all parties. Therefore the Council of the Town of Hay River believes that a public hearing is not necessary to facilitate the remainder of the licensing process.

CARRIED