

## **Request to store/stage, on a temporary basis, empty fuel tanks at Mackay Lake Lodge**

*To; The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB)*

*From; True North Safaris Ltd (TNS)*

Attention; Jen Potten

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Background information following is my understanding of the evolution of events surrounding our request

A contract for the construction & maintenance of the southern portion of the Tippit to Contwoyto winter road has been granted to a Joint venture (JV) between Robinsons' Trucking (RTL) and the Tlicho Investment Corporation (TIC) for the next road season.

In addition to this, TIC and RTL are completing some work on the Tundra Mine site remediation project and this includes the removal of 7 empty fuel tanks. The tanks are 75,000 liters in size and are horizontal c/w secondary containment, rectangular housing. The JV is planning to position the tanks for possible use for fuel supply to the winter road operations in the future. One is tentatively going to the existing winter road camp at Dome Lake and one to Lockhart Lake. The JV has requested to stage 5 tanks at Mackay Lake Lodge (MLL) this winter until the final plan for future operations is developed.

TNS has tentatively agreed to the staging of the tanks at MLL in exchange for the JV trucks assisting in the removal of some old equipment and empty fuel drums from our lease. Plus we anticipate further discussion as to ways that TNS and the winter road JV could work together in the future.

RTL/TIC, contacted the Land Use Inspector, responsible and was told that the staging of the tanks could require an amendment to the LUP for MLL. After discussions with Dept. of Lands, in an attempt to understand what concerns the Land Use Inspector has, I have hereby taken our request to MVLWB.

- It is important to note that the staging of the tanks this year will have to be done prior to the closing of the current winter road, which is expected to happen before the end of March. It is not possible to request an amendment to our LUP because of the timing.
- There will be no negative environmental implications as the tanks will only be staged on our lease at this time. They will not be used for fuel.
- I could not find anything in our LUP that prohibits us from storing tanks. The only reference was to the number and amount of 45 gallon barrels that can be used for active fuel storage at any one time. ( These tanks will not be used for fuel at this time)

With respect to MVLWB role as a protector of the environment we will ensure that;

1. We will require that the JV ensure that the tanks are clean and empty
2. We will ensure that the tanks will not be used for the storage of any fuels unless a proper LUP is approved.

Mackay Lake Lodge is still called a Hunting and Fishing camp but we have been much more than that in the past. We have stated clearly in all of our communications with MVLWB, AANDC and GNWT that we have and want to continue being involved in mining exploration, training, workshops, conference and the ice road. The fact that these activities are not reflected in our lease and LUP is not our doing

A request for amendments to broaden our perceived activities could be undertaken over time.

Respectfully

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RTL, TIC, Dept. of Lands, Principal Secretary,