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From: Miki <mehrlich@mvlwb.com>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2015 11:28 AM
To: permits@mvlwb.com
Subject: FW: Implications for the lease ammendments for Mackay Lake Lodge

Please post to MV2013J0006 – Amendment application – Reports and studies
Title: TNS – TNS question to Lands on withdrawing requested change to “Use” clause in lease – Jan27-15

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Sent: January 27, 2015 9:43 AM
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Subject: Fw: Implications for the lease ammendments for Mackay Lake Lodge

FYI

From: [Sandra Bradbury](#)
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 8:04 AM
To: 'Gary Jaeb' ; [Shelley Hauck](#) ; [Kelly Kaylo](#) ; [Kris Johnson - ITI](#)
Cc: [Clint Ambrose](#) ; [Karen Polakoff](#) ; [Annette Hopkins](#) ; [Charlene Coe](#)
Subject: RE: Implications for the lease ammendments for Mackay Lake Lodge

Thank you Gary, a formal reply will be forth coming to the questions you raised.

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From: Gary Jaeb [mailto:gary@truenorthsafaris.com]
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Subject: Implications for the lease ammendments for Mackay Lake Lodge

Sandra Bradbury & Shelley Hauck Jan 26/15

We had a meeting in December with Ministers Robert C Mcleod and David Ramsey plus Cathy Bolstad and Don Morin from NWT Tourism and Craig Blackie from Plummer’s Lodge and talked about why some lodges have been required to get MVLWB permits and many have not. They are setting up a working committee to look at the implications for the Tourism Industry vs the Mining Exploration requirements.

I am now asking you to help me follow up on the issues that have affected Mackay Lake Lodge & True North Safaris .We are requesting that the GNWT Lands Department review the interpretation of policy which was established by AANDC, that resulted in our request to change the “Use” for the Mackay Lake Lodge lease and subsequently having had to go through a MVLWB land use permit application process.

At this time what are the implications if we just ask to have the requested change to our lease, with drawn.?

We are asking you to consider that as a lodge,

- we are licensed to provide accommodation and meal services to a range of clientele that has in the past included hunters, fishers, film crews, wildlife photographers, workshop participants, mining exploration crews etc.

- In addition to accommodations and meal services, we also offer guide and outfitting services, including facility and equipment rentals for fishing and hunting and are licensed by ENR and ITI to do so.

- Anyone including mining exploration companies, film production companies and airlines, that use our facilities as a base for their own operations has to have their own licenses and permits to do so and

- when they are using our facilities or on our leases, they must comply with the land use conditions provided for in our leases.

In 2010 a letter was sent to lodges and tourism operators advising that their leases would be grandfathered unless the use was changed and new leases would be subject to the MVLWB permitting.

In 2013 Mackay Lake Lodge was discussing a possible working relationship with Dominion Diamonds regarding use of the lodge for some exploration activities and we were then advised by AADC that we had to apply for a change to the leases and MVLWB for a permit. We agreed & thought that it would be somewhat of a formality until we got into it. I no longer believe that it is appropriate to apply the same approaches and technologies to the exploration and tourism industries.

If changes are to be applied to lodges it should be to all lodges and it should take into consideration existing traditional environmentally friendly practises and affordability.

Timing of approval of the Mackay Lake Lodge permit resulted in lost opportunity any way and increased capital and operating costs resulting from conditions in the MVLWB permit have contributed to our inability to operate the lodge, following the caribou outfitting ban by ENR.

The attached request to postpone the land use permit condition until June has been accepted and we await your advice on possible changes to the leases "use" and permitting requirement.

Gary Jaeb