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Staff Report

Applicant: GNWT – Department of Transportation	
Location: Yellowknife Highway – Ingraham Trail Corridor and Adjoining Roads	Application: MV2017X0008
Date Prepared: April 6, 2017	Meeting Date: April 20, 2017
Subject: Determination of Transboundary Application	

1. Purpose/Report Summary

The purpose of this Report is to present to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB/the Board), an application from the Government Northwest Territories – Department of Transportation (GNWT-DOT) for a new Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2017X0008. The Board will consider the transboundary nature of this application as per the Board’s October 2005 *Policy on Transboundary Applications*.

2. Background

- March 6, 2017 – Application received;
- March 10, 2017– Application deemed complete and review commenced;
- March 30, 2017 – Reviewer comments and recommendations due and received;
- April 6, 2017 – Responses received; and
- **April 20, 2017 – Presented to the Board for transboundary determination** (decision on Application to follow in separate Board package).

3. Discussion

On March 6, 2017, the GNWT-DOT submitted an application for a new Permit MV2017X0008 for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the existing NWT public highway system, specifically the Yellowknife Highway – Ingraham Trail Corridor, including Highway #3 and the community access roads for Behchokò and Dettah (attached).

The Board’s [Policy on Transboundary Applications](#) (approved October 26, 2005) notes that Board staff are to include in their analysis, information on the physical boundaries of the activities applied for, along with the direct implications the activities may have on the adjacent land management areas. Based on the Application, this land use operation is to take place between two regions of the Mackenzie Valley: the Akaitcho Region and the Wek’èezhìi Management Area.

As per subsection 103(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, applications that are deemed transboundary fall under the jurisdiction of the MVLWB.

4. Comments

Not applicable.

5. Reviewer Comments

Not applicable

6. Security

Not applicable

7. Conclusion

This land use operation is interdependent between the Akaitcho Region and the Wek'èezhìi Management Area because it cannot be completed without crossing between the two. As such, it meets the criteria for a transboundary development.

8. Recommendation

Board staff recommend that the Board declare this a transboundary application, and that the application and review be processed jointly by the MVLWB and the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board, through the MVLWB office in Yellowknife, NT.

9. Attachments

- [Application](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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