



Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

APR 17 2018

Mr. Jack Rowe
Rowe's Construction
25 Studney Drive
Hay River, NT X0E 0R6

Dear Mr. Rowe:

RE: Proposed Quarry – Hwy 1 Km 100

Thank you for the email from Florian Mandfeld of January 12, 2018 which notifies the Committee of proposed applications from Rowes Construction to the MVLWB and the GNWT for a five year land use permit and quarry permit to establish a new pit to remove gravel at km 100 on Highway 1. It is noted this proposed quarry is between existing GNWT and Rowes quarries.

It is not within the mandate of the Committee to provide letters of support for licences and permits. Currently, the draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan has not yet been approved and therefore does not apply to your proposed project. However, we can provide some comments on the application in the context of the current draft of the interim land use plan.

In late June 2016, the Committee provided a draft Interim Dehcho Land Use Plan to the Parties (Dehcho First Nations, GNWT and Canada) to the *Dehcho Interim Measures Agreement* to conduct an internal review. We expect that a final interim Dehcho Land Use Plan will not move forward for approval until early 2019.

As per your January 12, 2018 email, the proposed location for the quarry is within a proposed Conservation Zone – Hay River Corridor (Zone 12) and according to the draft Interim Land Use Plan, quarrying may be a permitted use in all zones. However, some conditions are proposed if a quarry is located in a Conservation Zone – specifically, the regulators would assess whether there is an immediate need for a quarry, whether the local community has been engaged in the location of the quarry and whether the applicant has included appropriate measures in the application to buffer ecologically and culturally sensitive areas from impacts of the proposed activities. For clarity, we reiterate the draft Interim Plan is not yet in effect.

Thank you for notifying the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee of the proposed applications for a new quarry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joachim Bonnetrouge', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Joachim Bonnetrouge
Chair,
Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

c Florian Mandsfeld
Environmental Co-ordinator, Rowes Construction

Her Worship Winnie Cadieux
Mayor, Hamlet of Enterprise

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