

APPENDIX A

CORRESPONDENCE - TOWN OF NORMAN WELLS

August 21, 2015

Mayor Gregor Harold McGregor
Town of Norman Wells
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Via e-mail: mayor_mcgregor@normanwells.com

RE: Norman Wells to Canyon Creek Access Road – Letter of Support Request

The Department of Transportation (DOT) would like to thank you for meeting with us on June 16, 2015 to discuss the Norman Wells to Canyon Creek access road project. The input received from the Town of Norman Wells (Town) for the development of this project was greatly appreciated.

As we discussed, the scope of this project is to permit, engineer, design, and construct the 14 km all-season access road from Norman Wells to Canyon Creek. The access road would replace the existing section of winter road that is constructed annually between Norman Wells and Canyon Creek. The proposed alignment of the access road, illustrated in the attached figure, would deviate from the current winter access road alignment by moving to the higher ground to the east.

The physical infrastructure of the access road would include an 8.5 metre wide gravel driving surface with a horizontal and vertical alignment designed to support an operating speed of 80 km/hour (posted speed limit).

It is our view that this project will provide both short-term and long-term benefits to the Town's residents and business including:

- An access corridor for the potential expansion of development lands for the Town.
- Training and Employment opportunities.
- Economic opportunities for businesses.
- Access to potential granular sources for further investigation and development.
- Access to a potential new Town dump site.
- Access to the Canyon Creek Bridge.
- Access to lands for recreation, tourism and business development. This includes easier access for community members to fishing and hunting areas.

DOT will be preparing and submitting a land use permit (LUP) application to the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) to advance this project to the construction stage this coming winter. A statement of support for this project from the Town would be much appreciated and helpful for this project to pass efficiently through the regulatory process.



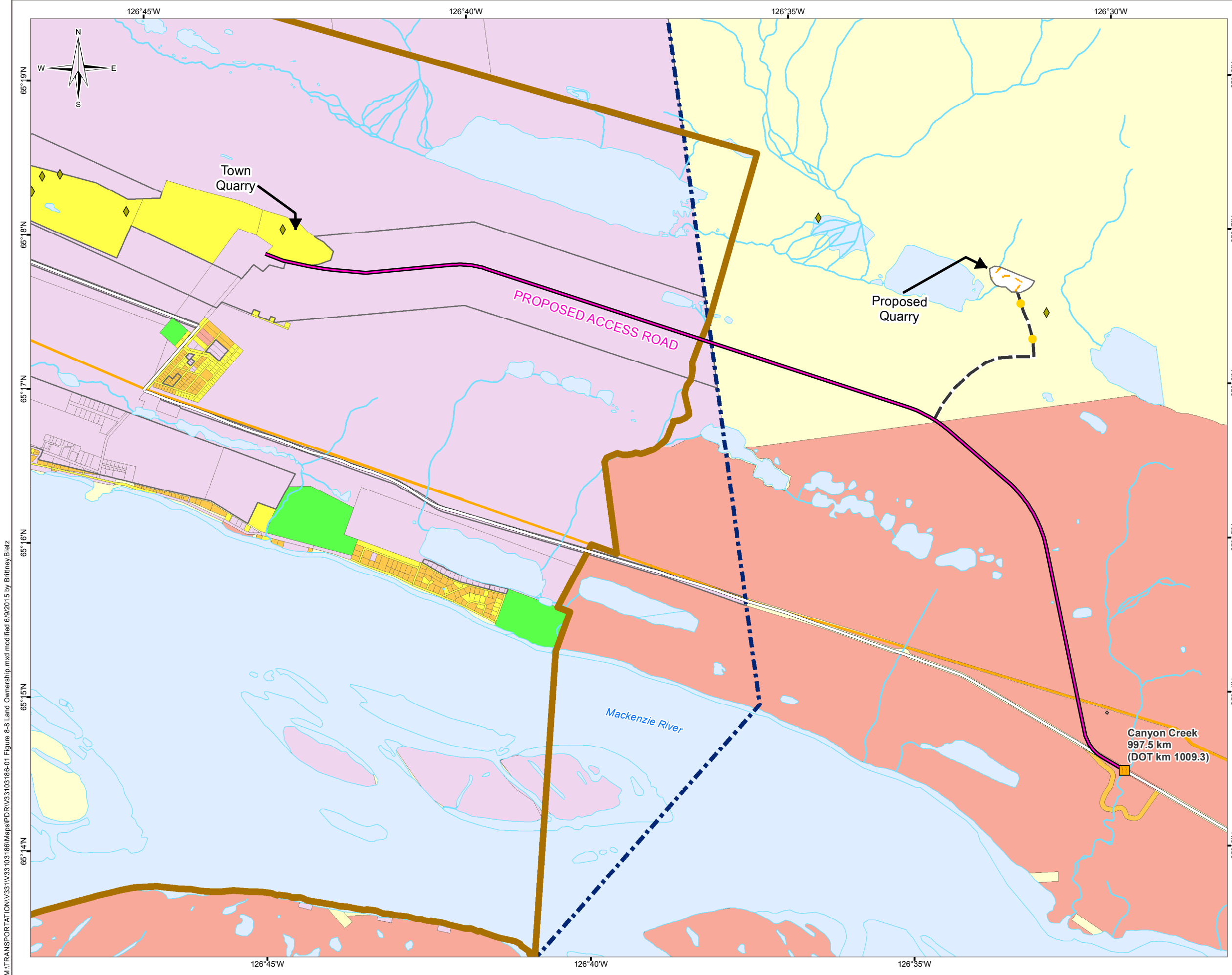
In keeping with that, DOT respectfully requests a Letter of Support from the Town for the Norman Wells for the Norman Wells to Canyon Creek access road project at your earliest convenience, understanding that this matter must be presented to Council for discussion and agreement.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this request, please contact me at (867) 767-9083 ex. 31050 or rhonda_batchelor@gov.nt.ca. We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Batchelor
Director
Environmental Affairs Division

Attachments: Project Figure



LEGEND

- ◆ Potential Material Source (AANDC)
 - Existing Bridge
 - Potential Large Culvert
 - Access Road Concept
 - DOT - Public Winter Road
 - - - Haul Road Concept
 - Enbridge Pipeline
 - Proposed Quarry
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Block Land Transfer Proposed by Others
 - Watercourse
 - Waterbody
- Land Authority**
- Federal Parcel
 - Commissioner's Parcel
 - Territorial Parcel
 - Municipal Parcel
 - Private Parcel
 - Sahtu Parcel

NOTES
 Data sources:
 Waterbodies & Watercourses: CanVec+
 GNWT, Lands,
 ATLAS GIS Shapefiles.
 Winter Road & Pipeline:
 NWT Centre for Geomatics

STATUS
ISSUED FOR REVIEW

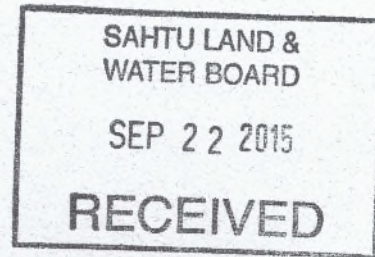
**NORMAN WELLS TO CANYON CREEK
ACCESS ROAD**

Land Ownership

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September 15, 2015
Sahtu Land and Water Board
Box 1
Fort Good Hope, NT
X0E 0H0
September 15, 2015



Attn: Regulatory Specialist

Dear Sirs:

Re: **Norman Wells to Canyon Creek Access Road – Letter of Support**

Council has given consideration to a proposal by Northwest Territories Transportation to develop an access road from Norman Wells to Canyon Creek.

They support the following contentions submitted by the Northwest Territories Transportation:

- An access corridor for the potential expansion of development lands for the Town
- Training and Employment opportunities for our community
- Economic opportunities for businesses
- Access to potential granular sources for further investigation and development
- Access to the Canyon Creek Bridge
- Assess to lands for recreation, tourism and business development.

We trust that you may give favourable consideration to issuing a land use permit to Northwest Territories Transportation for this proposed development.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H" followed by a long horizontal line.

Gregor Harold McGregor
Mayor

Cc: Rhonda Batchelor
Director
Environmental Affairs Division
Northwest Territories Transportation

