



Government of the Northwest Territories

Department of Transportation

Canyon Creek All-Season Access Road Engagement Plan

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Introduction

The Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Transportation (DOT) is proposing to construct the Canyon Creek All-Season Access Road (CCASAR) in 2016. Comprehensive community engagement has already occurred in 2015 and this project is broadly supported in the primary affected community of Norman Wells. The DoT is accountable and open to the public for discussion of all matters. DoT is well acquainted with the Sahtu communities and community members with our engagement practices and community relationships well-established.

The DoT is providing this Engagement Plan in support of our applications for a land use permit (S15E-004) and a water license (S15L8-004) and to outline our engagement approach during the construction phase of this project.

Affected Parties

The DoT's 2015 consultation efforts included the following parties:

1. Fort Norman Metis Land Corporation
2. Hamlet of Tulita
3. Norman Wells Land Corporation
4. Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council
5. Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
6. Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
7. Sahtu Secretariat Inc.
8. Sahtu Dene Council
9. Town of Norman Wells
10. Tulita Dene Band
11. Tulita District Benefits Corporation
12. Tulita District Land Corporation
13. Tulita Land Corporation
14. Tulita Renewable Resources Council

DoT will continue to specifically engage with these parties during the construction phase of the Project. Once the Project is completed and operational, there will be no further engagement specific to this project. At that point, the CCASAR will be a public road and DoT will engage with all parties as required and consistent with our engagement practices for public roads.

The DoT will continue to engage with other GNWT departments and agencies as required.

Past Engagement Activities

During 2015, the DoT consulted with the parties listed above as well as a number of departments and agencies of the GNWT. The materials used in these consultations and their outcomes are provided in Appendix G of the Project Description Report (PDR) that was provided in support of our LUP and WL applications.

Concerns that were noted were minor and have been addressed. Overall this project received broad support from the community organizations.

Engagement Approach

The DoT believes that meaningful community engagement is crucial in building and maintaining good relationships with communities and community members. Our staff are available for residents to provide comments and concerns, or to ask questions regarding the Department's activities. As a result of the Department's open lines of communication, well-established relationships have been built with the people and communities of the Northwest Territories.

Engagement Activities for the Project

During the construction of the CCASAR, DOT will build on the engagement that has already occurred and will provide opportunities for affected parties to stay informed and provide input. This engagement plan will ensure that the community organizations listed above as well as the general public in Norman Wells and Tulita are aware of the progress of this Project and the schedule of construction.

1. Prior to the start of construction, the DoT will issue a public notice advising of the construction schedule.
2. If needed, the DoT will advise the public of any disturbance to traffic movement on existing roads as a result of project activities.
3. Once construction is underway, the DoT will issue public notices as required to provide updates on project activities and the construction schedule.
4. Once the CCASAR is constructed and ready for public traffic, the DoT will issue a public notice to advise that the project roads are open for public use.
5. The public notices listed in 1. through 4. will also be sent directly to the 14 parties listed above.
6. All public notices will contain contact information such that any concerns can be communicated to the DoT.

Once constructed, the CCASAR will be a public road that is part of the existing highway network. At that point there will be no further engagement specifically regarding this project. The DoT Regional Office will be responsible for on-going operations and maintenance and will conduct its engagement activities in a manner consistent with that for other public roads.

Summary

A summary of engagement triggers and methods is provided below in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Engagement Triggers and Methods

Engagement Trigger	Primary Purpose	Primary Methods	Primary Participants
Prior to the start of construction	Inform about the construction schedule	Public notice	14 parties identified plus the public.
Disturbance to traffic movement on public roads	To advise of traffic disturbances	Public notice	14 parties identified plus the public.
As required	To provide updates on the construction progress and schedule	Public notice	14 parties identified plus the public.
Roads open for public use.	To advise that project roads are open to the public.	Public notice	14 parties identified plus the public.