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Dear Ms. Gillis:

### **Annual Review of the Tłı̨ch̨ All-Season Road Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP)**

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As per Measure 10-2, Part 3 of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board's *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision* for the Tłı̨ch̨ All-Season Road (TASR) project (EA-1617-01), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) is required to conduct an annual public review of the TASR Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP). ENR is working with the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB) and the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) to coordinate the annual public review of the TASR WMMP. On August 26, 2020, ENR copied you on a letter to the Department of Infrastructure (INF) notifying them of the timeline and process for the annual review of the WMMP. As directed, INF submitted Version 4.0 of the WMMP to the WLWB on September 15, 2020, and the WLWB posted the WMMP on their Online Review System<sup>1</sup> for a 30-day public review period. Comments from parties were due to the ORS by October 15, 2020. ENR recently learned that the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) were unintentionally not included on the WLWB's Distribution List for the public review of the WMMP.

ENR values YKDFN's input and would like to ensure that YKDFN has an opportunity to provide comments during the annual review of the WMMP. The next step in the annual review process is for INF to respond to comments on the WLWB ORS by October 31, 2020, and then to submit an updated version (4.1) of the WMMP to the WRRB by November 06, 2020. The WMMP will be considered by the WRRB as a management proposal under section 12.5.1 of the Tłı̨ch̨ Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement, and the WRRB will post Version 4.1 of the WMMP on their website for public comment. This will provide YKDFN with an opportunity to review and comment on the WMMP before INF submits a final updated version of the WMMP to ENR and the WLWB for approval.

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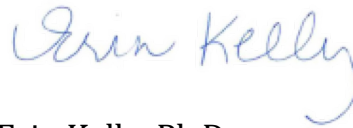
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<sup>1</sup> [http://lwbors.yk.com/LWB\\_IMS/ReviewComment.aspx?appid=13064](http://lwbors.yk.com/LWB_IMS/ReviewComment.aspx?appid=13064)

If YKDFN chooses to review and comment on the WMMP during the WRRB's public review process, ENR requests that YKDFN share a copy of those comments with ENR and the WLWB.

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