



November 12, 2019

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Re: Inuvik Wind Project Engagement Plan

Dear Ms. Macdonald,

The Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) is appreciative of the increased consultation efforts on the Inuvik Wind Project (project). We agree that opportunities for both information sharing and providing input are vital to successful engagement and consultation initiatives. With that in mind, we believe that it is important for all impacted stakeholders to be included. This does not only mean the Renewable Resource Councils (RRCs), but also all four of the Gwich'in community Designated Gwich'in Organizations (DGOs). To date, the Ehdiiat Gwich'in Council (EGC), Gwichya Gwich'in Council (GGC), and Tetlit Gwich'in Council (TGC) have been excluded from the secondary stakeholders list. This is an inadvertent oversight that we would like to see corrected.

We look forward to continued consultation and engagement efforts from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) on this project, as well as on future projects. It is important that all consultation and engagement outlines not only the potential harms to community and environmental resources but also the potential for economic opportunity and benefits for Gwich'in. Moreover, it is the opinion of the GTC that significant aspects of this particular project need to be further developed. These include: Reconciliation, the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and nation-to-nation relationship development.

With that in mind, there should be further engagement with Gwich'in, through the GTC as the treaty rights holder, in order to further develop and finalize a collaborative partnership approach for this project with the GNWT for the benefit of all Gwich'in. While the GTC appreciates previous financial assistance provided to Gwich'in entities by the GNWT to support previous engagement activities, these further discussions will require assistance to the GTC, as rights holders, to support and expedite the resolution of these discussions with impacted stakeholders as described above.

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Gwich'inat Eenjit
Gàdatr'igwìjlcheii Gidilii

*Gwich'in nan, nakhwek'yùu ts'at gwitr'it
tthak nakhwidavee gwiheezàa eenjit*



Gwich'in Tribal Council

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The GTC looks forward to continuing to work and engage with the GNWT to facilitate the completion of the Inuvik Wind Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David MacMartin".

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