

# Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley



## APPLICATION FOR LICENCE, AMENDMENT OF LICENCE, OR RENEWAL OF LICENCE IN NON-FEDERAL AREAS

Subsection 5(1) and Schedule C of the [Waters Regulations](#)

Use an "X" to indicate which Board the Application is being made to:	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board:		Sahtu Land and Water Board:	
	Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board:		Gwich'in Land and Water Board:	<b>X</b>

To complete this form, please refer to the MVLWB [Guide to the Water Licensing Process](#) (Guide) and fill in the grey fields; attach additional pages, as necessary. Indicate N/A in the grey fields for Items or parts of Items that are not applicable. An application package checklist is provided in the Guide. Review the following MVLWB guidance for formatting your Application Package:

- [Document Submission Standards](#)
- [Standard Outline for Management Plans](#)

If applicable, provide the existing or current Water Licence number:	G13L3-001		
Use an "X" to indicate if this Application is accompanied by another Application for a Water Licence in a federal area and/or a Land Use Permit.	Water Licence:		
	Land Use Permit:		<b>X</b>

### 1. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION – APPLICANT

Applicant's Name:	Sharla Greenland		
Position:	Chief Operating Officer		
Company Name:	Gwich'in Tribal Council		
Mailing Address:	PO Box 1509		
Community:	Inuvik	Telephone:	(867) 777-7900
Prov/Terr:	NT	Email:	Sharla.Greenland@gwichintribal.ca
Postal Code:	X0E 0T0	Other:	--

## 2. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION – APPLICANT’S HEAD OFFICE

Include a Certificate of Corporate Registration from the Government of the Northwest Territories to your Application Package.

Corporate Registration Number: 287473-3

Use an “X” to indicate this information is the same as Item 1 above:		<b>X</b>	
Name:			
Position:			
Company Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Community:		Telephone:	
Prov/Terr:		Email:	
Postal Code:		Other:	

## 3. LOCATION OF PROJECT

Use the grey fields below to provide or reference the following information:

Traditional Place Name: Ehditát (Mackenzie Delta); Blueberry Hill (<1km SE of camp); within Campbell Hills Special Management Zone, on the East Channel.

Maps and Geographic Information System (GIS) Data: Include a map in your Application Package, identifying local geographic features, watercourses and water sources, project structures, and location(s) of any proposed waste deposits. Provide geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) of project features, and the maximum and minimum project boundary in degrees, minutes, seconds, or decimal degrees. Include GIS data in your Application Package, if applicable. Refer to the MVLWB [Geospatial Data Submission Standards](#) for providing geographic information.

Minimum latitude:	68°16'0.80"N	Maximum latitude:	68°16'4.63"N
Minimum longitude:	133°46'11.74"W	Maximum longitude:	133°46'21.25"W

NTS Map Sheet No.: Provide the map sheet number: 107B07

Land Types: Use an “X” to indicate the type(s) of land on which the activities are proposed:

Free Hold/ Private:	<b>X</b>	Commissioner’s/ Territorial Lands:		Federal Land:		Municipal Land:	
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## 4. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Describe the proposed activities in the grey field provided below and contact Board staff to determine whether additional information will be required. For proposed amendments to authorized activities, specify: the nature of the amendment, the condition(s) to be amended, and the rationale for the amendment.

Please see attached Project Description.

## 5. TYPE OF UNDERTAKING

Refer to Schedule B of the [Waters Regulations](#). Use an "X" to indicate which one type of undertaking applies:

1	Industrial	
2	Mining and milling	
3	Municipal	<b>X</b>
4	Power	
5	Agriculture	
6	Conservation	
7	Recreation	
8	Miscellaneous	(describe):

## 6. WATER LICENSING CRITERIA

Refer to Schedules D to H of the [Waters Regulations](#). Use an "X" to indicate which criteria apply:

	Type B	Type A
To obtain water	<b>X</b>	
To cross a watercourse		
To modify the bed or bank of a watercourse		
Flood control		
To divert water		
To alter the flow of, or store, water		
To deposit waste	<b>X</b>	
Other		(describe):

## 7. PROPOSED QUANTITY OF WATER INVOLVED

Describe the purpose of each proposed water use, name, and type (e.g., lake, river) of the water source, the location, and the quantity of water that would be used in the grey fields below. Add more rows as needed.

Purpose of Water Use	Name and Type of Water Source	Location	Geographic Coordinates		Proposed Water Use Volume/Rate, including units
			Latitude	Longitude	
Domestic	Mackenzie River	East Channel, east bank	68°16'2.95"N	133°46'15.32"W	Camp use <2,000 m <sup>3</sup> / year

For each water source identified in the table above, provide a comparison of total proposed water use to the available capacity. Add more rows as needed.

Water Source	Capacity of Water Source, including units	Other Users of the Water Source	Comparison of Total Proposed Water Use to Available Capacity
Mackenzie River, East Channel	100m <sup>3</sup> /s to 800 m <sup>3</sup> /s * flow	Cabins and camps up and down the channel	Negligible

\* Mackenzie River East Channel discharge rate, mid-May to mid-October (Environment Canada, Environment and Natural Resources, Historical Hydrometric Data for 2017 [most recent year]).

## 8. PROPOSED WASTE MANAGEMENT METHODS

Use the grey field below to provide or reference the following information:

**Waste Management Plan:** Include a Waste Management Plan in your Application Package, if applicable, or for small-scale activities, describe proposed waste management activities in the grey field provided below. A template for the Plan is available in the MVLWB [Guidelines for Developing a Waste Management Plan](#).

If waste is proposed to be disposed of off-site within the NWT, written confirmation (e.g., an email, letter, etc.) from the facility/facilities indicating they will accept the waste is required. Include it/these in your Application Package. Please note this information will be required by the Board prior to commencement of activities.

**Municipalities:** Complete the relevant Operations and Maintenance Plans using the available [Templates](#) and include them in your Application Package. Please refer to Sections 4-8 of Environment and Climate Change Canada's [Solid Waste Management for Northern and Remote Communities: Planning and Technical Guidance Document](#).

**EQC and AEMP:** For activities that involve the deposit of waste into water, provide proposed effluent quality criteria (EQC) in accordance with the MVLWB [Water and Effluent Quality Management Policy](#) and MVLWB/GNWT [Guidelines for Effluent Mixing Zones](#). Please refer to the MVLWB/GNWT [Guidelines for Effluent Mixing Zones](#) when mixing zones are being considered. Please refer to the MVLWB/GNWT [Guidelines for Aquatic Effects Monitoring Programs](#) for more information regarding the development of AEMP programs.

Please see attached:

- Waste Management Plan;
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Manual; and
- Drinking Water Treatment Plant Manual.

**9. EXISTING WATER USERS AFFECTED BY THIS PROJECT**

Describe pre-Application engagement efforts with any existing water users and associated possible claims for water compensation or compensation agreements. Include the names and locations of existing water users (e.g., persons or organizations) in the grey fields below. An additional table should be added for each water user.

N/A for existing water users affected by this project: this is a remote camp using negligible water volumes compared to the source; no nearby competition for the water.  
Please see attached Pre-Submission Engagement Record and Plan.

Name:	--
Community:	
Province/Territory:	
Describe Engagement Completed:	

**10. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT AND PROPOSED MITIGATIONS**

If the proposed project, or parts of the proposed project, may be exempt from preliminary screening, describe the rationale for the exemption in the grey field below. Include the date of the most recent screening, and/or the environmental assessment or impact review number.

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Unless the project could be exempt from preliminary screening, using the Impact-Mitigation Table below, or the more detailed Table in Appendix F of the [Guide](#), identify all potential impacts and possible mitigations that are relevant to the proposed project, and indicate whether any of the mitigation measures have been developed as a result of input from affected parties. Applicants for type A water licences must use the detailed Table in the Guide; other applicants may choose either the Table below or the Table in the Guide. Possible potential impacts are listed below; however, these lists are not exhaustive and may not apply to all projects. All information provided should reflect the size, scale, and nature of the proposed project. Cumulative impacts and climate change must be considered. Attach additional pages if needed.

Potential Impacts <i>Use an "X" to indicate which apply</i>	X	Potential Project Impacts and Proposed Mitigations <i>Describe the potential impact(s) and the proposed measure(s) to reduce each of these impacts.</i>
<b>ABIOTIC COMPONENTS</b>		
<b>Land</b>		
Soil contamination	X	Fuel spills; see Fuel Spill Contingency Plan
Soil compaction	X	Vehicle rutting; avoid soft unfrozen soils

<b>Potential Impacts</b> <i>Use an "X" to indicate which apply</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>Potential Project Impacts and Proposed Mitigations</b> <i>Describe the potential impact(s) and the proposed measure(s) to reduce each of these impacts.</i>
Destabilization/erosion	X	Riverbank access; avoid trampling steeper slopes
Change in soil structure		
Inability to support vegetation		
Other		
<b>Water</b>		
<b>Groundwater</b>		
Water table alteration		
Infiltration changes	X	Due to compaction; avoid soil compaction, rutting
Changes in water quality	X	Fuel spills; see Fuel Spill Contingency Plan
Temperature changes		
Other		
<b>Permafrost</b>		
Loss or change in extent		
Changes in seasonal fluctuations		
Change in persistence		
Other		
<b>Surface Water</b>		
Water flow or level changes (permanent, temporary, seasonal)		
Drainage pattern changes		
Temperature changes		
Changes in water quality	X	Fuel spills; see Fuel Spill Contingency Plan
Wetland impairment		
Changes to aquatic habitat (see Biotic section below)		
Other		
<b>Air</b>		
Changes in air quality	X	Burning fuels; installing greener energy systems on-site
Harm to living things		
Increased greenhouse gases		
Other		
<b>BIOTIC COMPONENTS</b>		
<b>Vegetation</b>		
Direct loss of vegetation	X	New container sites; no proposed alternatives
Loss of Species at Risk or may-be-at-risk plants		
Change in species composition		
Introduction of non-native (invasive) species		
Effects on plant health (dust, metals, toxins)		
Increased risk of fire		
Compaction of vegetation	X	Foot and vehicle traffic; stay on paths, avoidance

<b>Potential Impacts</b> <i>Use an "X" to indicate which apply</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>Potential Project Impacts and Proposed Mitigations</b> <i>Describe the potential impact(s) and the proposed measure(s) to reduce each of these impacts.</i>
Other		
<b>Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat</b>		
Direct loss or removal of habitat, dens, or nests	X	New container sites; check ground for nests first
Loss or removal of keystone species and/or Species at Risk habitat		
Fragmentation of wildlife corridor		
Direct injury or mortality		
Disturbances to key lifecycle stages: breeding, feeding, nesting, staging		
Effects on population abundance		
Change in species diversity		
Effects on wildlife health (toxins, metals, etc.)		
Changes to migratory movement patterns		
Changes to predator-prey relationships		
Human-wildlife conflicts	X	Conflicts, injuries; avoid encounters, garbage indoors
Other		
<b>Aquatic Habitat</b>		
Breeding disturbances		
Change in species diversity		
Effects on health (toxins, metals, sediment, etc.)		
Changes to migratory movement patterns		
Changes to predator-prey relationships		
Effects on population abundance		
Change in species diversity		
Other		
<b>CULTURAL COMPONENTS</b>		
<b>Wildlife Harvesting</b>		
Loss or reduction in game species populations		
Effects on traditional land use, subsistence, and harvesting rights		
Other		
<b>Cultural Integrity and Heritage Resources</b>		
Change to or loss of cultural integrity		
Change to or loss of traditional lifestyle		
Change to or loss of heritage resource		
Other		
<b>Social and Economic Well-being</b>		
Increased human health hazard and risk		
Economic opportunities or losses (employment, training)		



<b>Potential Impacts</b> <i>Use an "X" to indicate which apply</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>Potential Project Impacts and Proposed Mitigations</b> <i>Describe the potential impact(s) and the proposed measure(s) to reduce each of these impacts.</i>
Change in ecological, cultural, social, or economic values identified for protection in approved Land Use Plans		
Impairment of the recreational or traditional uses of the land or water		
Impairment of the aesthetic quality of the land or water		
Changes to the use of the area by other non-Indigenous people (e.g., trappers, outfitters, residents, hunters, forest harvesters, other authorized projects)		
Other		

**Spill Contingency Plan:** Include a Spill Contingency Plan in your Application Package, if applicable, or for small-scale activities, provide relevant details in the grey field provided below. An example of this Plan can be found in the INAC [Guidelines for Spill Contingency Planning](#).

Please see attached Spill Contingency Plan

### 11. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION – CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS

Include relevant names, responsibilities, and contact information in the grey fields below. An additional table should be added for each contractor and sub-contractor.

Name:	Vern McLeod		
Responsibilities:	Contractor		
Company Name:	Midnight Sun Contracting		
Mailing Address:	PO Box 2154		
Community:	Inuvik	Telephone:	(867) 777-3785
Prov/Terr:	NT	Email:	midnightsun@permafrost.com
Postal Code:	X0E 0T0	Other:	--

	Use an "X" to indicate that contractor and/or subcontractor information is not available at this time.
<b>X</b>	Unavailable information on companies that will be chosen to deliver / haul water, sewage pump-outs and wood pellets.

### 12. STUDIES UNDERTAKEN TO DATE

In the grey field below list any relevant studies that support the proposed activities and include them in your Application Package.



- Please see attached *Targeted Energy Audit* (Arctic Energy Alliance 2017)

### 13. PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE AND TERM

Indicate the proposed project start and completion dates, and the time of year the project activities are planned to occur. Describe any anticipated temporary closure(s) or seasonal shutdowns. Indicate the term requested.

Start Date:	January 1, 2022	Completion Date:	Unknown
Activities may take place on-site at any time of year it is accessible, i.e., primarily during the open water seasons when boats can reach the site, and during the months when the site is accessible by ice road.			
Term of Licence Requested:	5 years		

### 14. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Use the grey field below to provide or reference the following information:

**Engagement:** Conduct engagement, prepare an Engagement Record and Engagement Plan in accordance with the MVLWB [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits](#), and include them in your Application Package. Templates are provided in the Guidelines. Please also refer to [Information for Proponents on MVLWB's Engagement Requirements](#).

**Eligibility:** Contact Indigenous, federal, and territorial governments, and other parties to ensure all appropriate authorizations have been obtained or are in the process of being obtained. Obtain permission from the landowner(s), if necessary (e.g., obtain and reference licences of occupation, leases, access authorizations, etc.) and attach it/them to the Application.

**Land Use Plans:** Contact the applicable Land Use Planning Board or the Tłjchq Government to discuss conformity with the relevant Land Use Plan(s). Include a Land Use Plan Conformity Table in your Application Package, demonstrating how the project meets the requirements of the Land Use Plan, if applicable.

**Traditional (Environmental) Knowledge (TEK/TK):** Provision of TEK/TK is mandatory for Applications to the Sahtu Land and Water Board. Other applicants are strongly encouraged to include TEK/TK.

**Facilities:** Include the supporting information required under subsection 5(2) of the [Waters Regulations](#) if the project includes the following: dam(s); storage reservoir(s); watercourse crossing(s); camp(s) or lodge(s); use of water for industrial use or mining and milling; deposit of waste; or handling or storage of petroleum products or hazardous materials.

**Closure and Reclamation:** Include a Closure and Reclamation Plan in your Application Package, or for small-scale activities, describe the proposed closure and reclamation activities in the grey field provided below. Describe any temporary closure(s) and seasonal shutdowns. Please also refer to the MVLWB/AANDC

[Guidelines for the Closure and Reclamation of Advanced Mineral Exploration and Mine Sites in the Northwest Territories](#) and Environment and Climate Change Canada's [Solid Waste Management for Northern and Remote Communities: Planning and Technical Guidance Document](#).

**Closure Cost Estimate:** Prepare a Closure Cost Estimate and include it in your Application Package. Applicants are encouraged to contact Board staff, prior to applying, to determine which closure-cost-estimate template is most suited to the project activities being applied for. Guidance is provided in section 2.2 of the MVLWB/AANDC/GNWT [Guidelines for Closure and Reclamation Cost Estimates for Mines](#). If your Application is submitted concurrently with a Land Use Permit Application, the estimate should include a breakdown of water- and land-related activities and liabilities.

- Please see attached Pre-Submission Engagement Record and Plan.
- The Wellness Camp is located on Gwich'in Private Lands which are administered and managed by the Gwich'in Tribal Council (the applicant).
- The Wellness Camp is located within the Campbell Hills Special Management Zone; project activities conform with the Gwich'in Land Use Plan.
- The GTC's Department of Culture & Heritage has been consulted to learn about traditional place names in the area and traditional activities in the area (see Section 4 above and attached Engagement Record).
- Please see attached Project Description for details on the Wellness Camp facilities.
- Please see attached Closure and Reclamation Plan.

**Financial Capacity:** Provide information relating to your financial capacity, as outlined in paragraph 26(5)(d) of the [Waters Act](#). Please note this information will be required by the Board prior to issuance.

As an Indigenous Government entity, the GTC has environmental stewardship as one of its core objectives, and will take necessary measures to protect the environment. Should there be need for remediation (e.g., at the Wellness Camp), it should be noted that the organization is well-funded; for the last year (2020-2021), the GTC had own source revenues of over \$4 million, in addition to over \$250,000 in profits from business investments.


**15. FEES**

Refer to the Guide for assistance with determining applicable fees.

Type of Fee	Amount (\$)
Application fee (if applicable):	\$30.00
Water use fee deposit:	\$0
<b>Total Fees:</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

**16. SIGNATURE**

Sharla Greenland	GTC Chief Operating Officer
Applicant’s Name (print) or Company Name	Position (print)

	July 19, 2022
Signature	Date

Review the application package checklist provided in the Guide, and submit completed applications to the Regulatory Manager or Executive Director identified on the “Contact Us” pages of the respective Land and Water Board ([www.mvlwb.com](http://www.mvlwb.com), [www.wlwb.ca](http://www.wlwb.ca), [www.slwb.com](http://www.slwb.com), [www.glwb.com](http://www.glwb.com)).