

Re: Mount Gaudet Access Road – Land Use Permit and Water Licence Applications Confirmation of Application Withdrawal

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Hi Patricia

We have reviewed the letter you sent on September 16, 2022 regarding the notice of withdrawal by the MVLWB of the applications for the Mount Gaudet access road. We appreciate GNWT-INF's indication that active community engagement has been occurring for the advancement of the project and that a fulsome update on activities associated with these files can be provided for the Board's review. As such, we will reactivate the applications. In doing so, and as discussed at our meeting on September 15, 2022, we ask that you submit **no later than Friday, October 7, 2022** a letter outlining a timeline and work plan for requirements for the application review to recommence. The submission should include, but not be limited to, the anticipated dates/timing for the following:

- 1) responses to reviewer comments from the Board's Online Review System (ORS) file review that was initiated in October 2020;
- 2) an updated Engagement Plan and Record;
- 3) an updated Spill Contingency Plan;
- 4) an updated Waste Management Plan;
- 5) an updated Quarry Management Plan;
- 6) the status of the required Quarry Permit to support eligibility for the land use permit application; and,
- 7) a completed "Potential Project Impacts and Proposed Mitigations" table (see attached, and refer to Section 17 of the MVLWB Land Use Permit Application Form and Section 10 of the MVLWB Water Licence Application Form).

Upon receipt of the timeline update, it is expected the Board will then be a position to update the "Proponent Responses Due" date on the ORS and continue with the proceeding. Please note there will also likely be another public review of the new information once it is submitted.

Please submit the requested update via email to Sean Joseph, the Regulatory Specialist lead on the file.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect myself or Sean or Chris Hotson, our Regulatory Manager.

Kind regards,

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On Sep 16, 2022, at 15:38, Patricia Coyne <Patricia.Coyne@gov.nt.ca> wrote:

Sent on behalf of Mr. Seth Bohnet Director, Strategic Infrastructure, GNWT

Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence regarding the “*Mount Gaudet Access Road – Land Use Permit and Water Licence Applications Confirmation of Application Withdrawal*”.

Please forward any questions or concerns regarding the content of this letter to the undersigned.

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POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT AND PROPOSED MITIGATIONS

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>
ABIOTIC COMPONENTS		
Land		
Soil contamination		
Soil compaction		
Destabilization/erosion		
Change in soil structure		
Inability to support vegetation		
Other		
Water		
Groundwater		
Water table alteration		
Infiltration changes		
Changes in water quality		
Temperature changes		
Other		
Permafrost		
Loss or change in extent		
Changes in seasonal fluctuations		
Change in persistence		
Other		
Surface Water		
Water flow or level changes (permanent, temporary, seasonal)		
Drainage pattern changes		
Temperature changes		
Changes in water quality		
Wetland impairment		
Changes to aquatic habitat (see Biotic section below)		
Other		
Air		
Changes in air quality		
Harm to living things		
Increased greenhouse gases		
Other		
BIOTIC COMPONENTS		
Vegetation		
Direct loss of vegetation		

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>
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		
Other		
Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat		
Direct loss or removal of habitat, dens, or nests		
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		
Other		
Aquatic Habitat		
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		
CULTURAL COMPONENTS		
Wildlife Harvesting		
Loss or reduction in game species populations		
Effects on traditional land use, subsistence, and harvesting rights		
Other		
Cultural Integrity and Heritage Resources		
Change to or loss of cultural integrity		
Change to or loss of traditional lifestyle		

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Change to or loss of heritage resource		
Other		
Social and Economic Well-being		
Increased human health hazard and risk		
Economic opportunities or losses (employment, training)		
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		