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File: MV2020L0014

Tricia McIntyre
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Sent by e-mail

Dear Tricia McIntyre,

Re: Communication Repeater Stations (5 sites) – Land Use Permit Application – Incomplete

On October 26, 2020, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) staff received the Application for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2020L0014 for the communication repeater stations near Mackay Lake, Courageous Lake, Paterson Lake, Brown Lake, and Anarin Lake (Project) from NorthwesTel Inc.

The Application has been reviewed and found to be lacking information required under section 19 and paragraph 22(1)(a) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR). For the Application to be considered complete, refer to the MVLWB *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process*¹ (Guide) and submit the following information to the Board's office:

1. Waste Management Plan: Revised the Waste Management Plan to include all sites covered in this Application.
2. Closure Cost Estimate: Prepare a Closure Cost Estimate and include it in the Application Package. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the attached template. If an alternative method is proposed, refer to section 2.2 of the MVLWB/INAC/GNWT *Guidelines for Closure and Reclamation Cost Estimates for Mines*.²
3. Engagement Record: As described in section 3.1 of the Guide, each applicant must conduct engagement prior to submitting a land use permit application. The application must include an engagement record, prepared in accordance with section 2.1 of the MVLWB *Engagement and Consultation Policy*³ and *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Land Use Permits and Water Licences*.⁴ Please update the engagement log submitted October 26, 2020 to:

¹ MVLWB (2020) *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process*.

² MVLWB/INAC/GNWT (2017) *Guidelines for Closure and Reclamation Cost Estimates for Mines*.

³ MVLWB (2018) *Engagement and Consultation Policy*.

⁴ MVLWB (2018) *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits*.

- a. Remove references to the engagement conducted for the recent storage authorization because that was a separate regulatory process than the current application. Engagement logs are intended to directly reflect the engagement that occurred for the application at hand;
 - b. Revise the engagement log entries dated October 27, 2020 which reference a permit extension. The engagement that is currently required is for a new land use permit and includes the amalgamation of the five sites; and
 - c. Reach out to the groups engaged on October 27, 2020 to confirm receipt of emails distributed, and note any outstanding questions, concerns, recommendations, or follow-up with meeting if requested. Update the engagement log accordingly.
4. Fees: Submit the \$150.00 Application fee to the Board in the form of a cheque payable to the Receiver General for Canada.
 5. General Application: A document titled 'merging letter 2020' was submitted with the Application. Revise this document to remove the DRAFT COPY watermark and add a signature.

Upon receipt of this information, the Application will be reviewed as per the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. If this information is not provided within 90 days of the date of this letter, staff will return the Application as per section 25 of the MVLUR.

Please contact Angela Love at (867) 766-7456 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Angela Love
Regulatory Specialist

Copied to: Clint Ambrose – Inspector, GNWT-Lands
Charlene Coe, GNWT-Lands

Attached: Closure Cost Estimate Worksheet