



Engagement Plan for Geotechnical Investigations on Infrastructure Property within Yellowknife Boundaries

Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure



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Introduction

The Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (INF) has operated numerous facilities within the Yellowknife boundaries many years. Comprehensive community engagement on various projects has occurred during the years on various Infrastructure properties both within the Yellowknife boundaries as well as the surrounding area. As Public Servants, the staff of the GNWT are accountable and open to the public for discussion of all matters. As such, the Department and staff are well acquainted with the City of Yellowknife and surrounding groups and engagement practices and community relationships are well established.

Affected Parties

Affected parties identified in the 2022 Land Use Permit Renewal include:

- Akaitcho Government;
- North Slave Metis Alliance;
- Northwest Territories Metis Nation;
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Yellowknife Métis Council
- City of Yellowknife

The Department of Infrastructure may engage with other Parties on a case by case basis as appropriate.

Past Engagement Activities

The Department of Infrastructure has operated numerous facilities and completed various project both within the Yellowknife boundaries as well as outside of the Yellowknife boundaries. Multiple opportunities to engage stakeholders have occurred throughout the years, including during previous geotechnical investigations. As a result of the open lines of communication, the Department has kept community members involved and informed on an ongoing basis.

Engagement Approach

The Department of Infrastructure believes that meaningful community engagement is crucial in building and maintaining good relationships with communities and community members. The Department of Infrastructure Regional Offices' are open for residents to provide comments and concerns, or to ask questions regarding the Departments activities. As a result of the Departments open lines of communication, well-established relationships have been built with the people and communities of the Northwest Territories.

Engagement Activities for the Project

This engagement plan will ensure that the people of Yellowknife, the major stakeholder, are fully aware of the proposed geotechnical works within the City of Yellowknife Boundaries.

Engagement for geotechnical investigations are limited but include:

- Prior to the geotechnical works GNWT Lands Inspector will be notified
- Once Geotechnical works are completed the GNWT Lands Inspector will be notified
- If any new sites are required within City boundaries an amendment will be submitted and include additional engagement on the new sites

If there is a community meeting to take place it will be open to all members of the community, including:

- Youth;
- Elders;
- Women and Men; and
- Any other community members interested in participating.

Summary

A summary of engagement triggers and methods is provided below in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Engagement Triggers and Methods

Engagement Trigger	Primary Purpose	Primary Methods	Primary Participants
Geotechnical works beginning and once complete	To notify lands inspector of start and completion of the work	Verbal and/or written notification.	GNWT Lands Inspector
New sites	To advise the Affected parties of new sites through an amendment application	Verbal and/or written notification	Affected Parties listed

Appendix E - Pre-Submission Engagement Record (Summary and Log) Template ¹³

1. Pre-Submission Engagement Summary – LUP MV2015X0008 New Land Use Permit

Name of Proponent: GNWT – Department of Infrastructure

Name of Affected Party: Akaitcho Government, North Slave Metis Alliance, NWT Metis Nations, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Yellowknife Métis Council, City of Yellowknife

Name(s) of representative(s) of affected parties who participated in engagement	Dates of Engagement (e.g. list dates or range of dates)	Reason(s) for Engagement (e.g., application for timber harvesting)	Overview of Issue(s) Resolved	Overview of Issue(s) Unresolved
Akaitcho Government Emailed: executive.director@akaitcho.ca secretary@akaitcho.ca	Emailed letter May 10, 2022 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application submission for renewal. Provided two weeks for comments, questions, and concerns. Follow up email June 3, 2022 to notify parties that additional comments can be submitted via ORS.	Emailed a pre-submission engagement letter May 10, 2022 and followed up June 3, 2022 to outline a renewal request to an existing LUP.	n/a	n/a
North Slave Metis Alliance Emailed: general@nsma.net	Emailed letter May 10, 2022 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application submission for renewal. Provided two weeks for comments, questions, and concerns. Follow up email June 3, 2022 to notify parties that additional comments can be submitted via ORS.	Emailed a pre-submission engagement letter May 10, 2022 and followed up June 3, 2022 to outline a renewal request to an existing LUP.	n/a	n/a

<p>NWT Metis Nation</p> <p>Emailed:</p> <p>Ursula.Vogt@nwtmetis.ca</p>	<p>Emailed letter May 10, 2022 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application submission for renewal. Provided two weeks for comments, questions, and concerns. Follow up email June 3, 2022 to notify parties that additional comments can be submitted via ORS.</p>	<p>Emailed a pre-submission engagement letter May 10, 2022 and followed up June 3, 2022 to outline a renewal request to an existing LUP.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Yellowknife Dene First Nation</p> <p>Emailed:</p> <p>JasonS@ykdene.ca</p>	<p>Emailed letter May 10, 2022 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application submission for renewal. Provided two weeks for comments, questions, and concerns. Follow up email June 3, 2022 to notify parties that additional comments can be submitted via ORS.</p>	<p>Emailed a pre-submission engagement letter May 10, 2022 and followed up June 3, 2022 to outline a renewal request to an existing LUP.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Yellowknife Metis Council</p> <p>Emailed:</p> <p>clem.paul@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Emailed letter May 10, 2022 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application submission for renewal. Provided two weeks for comments, questions, and concerns. Follow up email June 3, 2022 to notify parties that additional comments can be submitted via ORS.</p>	<p>Emailed a pre-submission engagement letter May 10, 2022 and followed up June 3, 2022 to outline a renewal request to an existing LUP.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>

<p>The City of Yellowknife SAO</p> <p>Emailed: sbassi-kellett@yellowknife.ca</p>	<p>Emailed letter May 10, 2022 to notify parties of upcoming land use permit application submission for renewal. Provided two weeks for comments, questions, and concerns. Follow up email June 3, 2022 to notify parties that additional comments can be submitted via ORS.</p>	<p>Emailed a pre-submission engagement letter May 10, 2022 and followed up June 3, 2022 to outline a renewal request to an existing LUP.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
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****All engagement and follow up letters sent via email.***

Signature of Proponent (representative): _____

Signature of Affected Party (representative): ¹⁴ _____

Alexis Campbell

From: Daniel Drimes
Sent: May 10, 2022 11:18 AM
To: ndiloadmin@ykdene.com; dettahadmin@ykdene.com
Subject: FW: Yellowknife Airport (YZF) Land Use Permit Application

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If you have any questions or concerns please let me know, or comments can be posted to the Mackenzie Land and Water Board Online Review System once the new permit application is submitted.

Thank you,
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Sent: June 3, 2022 1:25 PM
To: general@nsma.net
Subject: FW: Yellowknife Airport (YZF) Land Use Permit Application Engagement Follow-up
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Via Email

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**Land Use Permit Renewal Application Pre-submission Engagement:
Geotechnical Drilling within the City of Yellowknife (MV2015X0008)**

We wish to advise you that the Department of Infrastructure (INF) will be submitting a renewal application to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) for the renewal of the Land Use Permit MV2015X0008 for geotechnical drilling within the City of Yellowknife Boundaries on INF properties.

Planned activities under this permit include geotechnical drilling at the Yellowknife airport near the runway this summer. Additional sites may be added through amendments during the life of the permit.

Prior to submitting the application to the MVLWB the Department would like to engage with your organization. Any questions or concerns regarding the proposed application can be submitted to Alexis Campbell at 867-767-9083 ext 31055 or by email at Alexis_Campbell@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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