

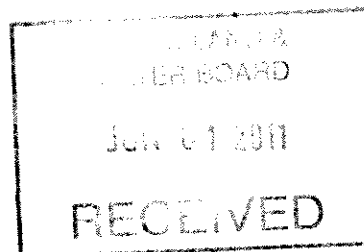


Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Re: **Land Use Permit S07C-005 & S07C-006**
Extension Request- Recce & Bronco Projects
Eagle Plains Resources
Tulita District

Dear Ms. Thomas,

Thank you for referring the above noted applications and additional information to the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board. Given that the Sahtu Land Use Plan is not yet approved, we cannot determine conformity of this application against the land use plan at this time as stipulated under subsection 47.(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

The Sahtu Land Use Plan has been under development for over 10 years and provides an excellent source of public information on community values, needs and expectations regarding land use. It was developed in consultation with residents, communities, designated Sahtu organizations, government, regulatory authorities, industry, non-government organizations, and other interested participants. The zoning and terms of the draft plan reflect current regional priorities for land, water and resource conservation, use and development. As such, the draft plan provides valuable information that can assist in the development of applications and decisions regarding land and water use and the deposit of waste within the Sahtu Settlement Area.

Draft 3, dated July 12, 2010 is the current official draft of the plan. Please be advised that the plan is under active revision so it is likely that the zoning and terms contained in this Draft will change prior to approval. The Board is not conducting conformity determinations against Draft 3 at this time, due to its draft status and other internal priorities. The plan and shapefiles are available for download on the Board's website and we encourage applicants and regulators to begin looking at the draft to assess how their applications conform. As the Plan nears completion, the Board will begin testing conformity of applications to identify and address implementation issues before the Plan is finalized.

Any rights or authorizations granted prior to approval of the land use plan will be considered existing uses and allowed to continue following plan approval, including uses that do not conform to the approved zoning and the terms of the plan.

Should you have any questions about the land use plan, please contact Heidi Wiebe at heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca or (403) 984-3916.

Sincerely,

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 Executive Director
 Sahtu Land Use Planning Board