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Staff Report

Applicant: Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) – Department of Infrastructure (INF)	
Location: Oscar Creek Bridge Relocation Project, near KM 1054.4 of the Mackenzie Valley Winter Road, NT	File Number(s): S24E-006 S24L8-003
Date Prepared: June 24, 2024	Date of Board Meeting: June 25, 2024
Subject: Request for further study - 22(2)(b) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations	

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to present to the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB/Board) a request that further studies or investigations be made for the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) – Department of Infrastructure (INF), Oscar Creek Bridge Relocation Project Type A Land Use Permit (Permit) Application S24E-006 as per paragraph 22(2)(b) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations.

The Board requires additional time to process the application due to extenuating circumstances related to the recent fire evacuation order issued on June 15, 2024 for the community of Fort Good Hope, NT and the Sahtu Land and Water Board office, located in Fort Good Hope, NT, temporarily ceasing operations.

2. Background

- May 14, 2024 – Application for Permit S24E-006 and Licence S24L8-003 (Application) received;
- May 31, 2024 – Application deemed complete and distributed for public review
- June 17, 2024 – Comments and recommendations due on Application;
- June 25, 2024 – Applicant responses due;
- **June 25, 2024 – Further Study Required request presented to the Board;** and
- July 12, 2024 – End of 42-day timeline.

3. Discussion

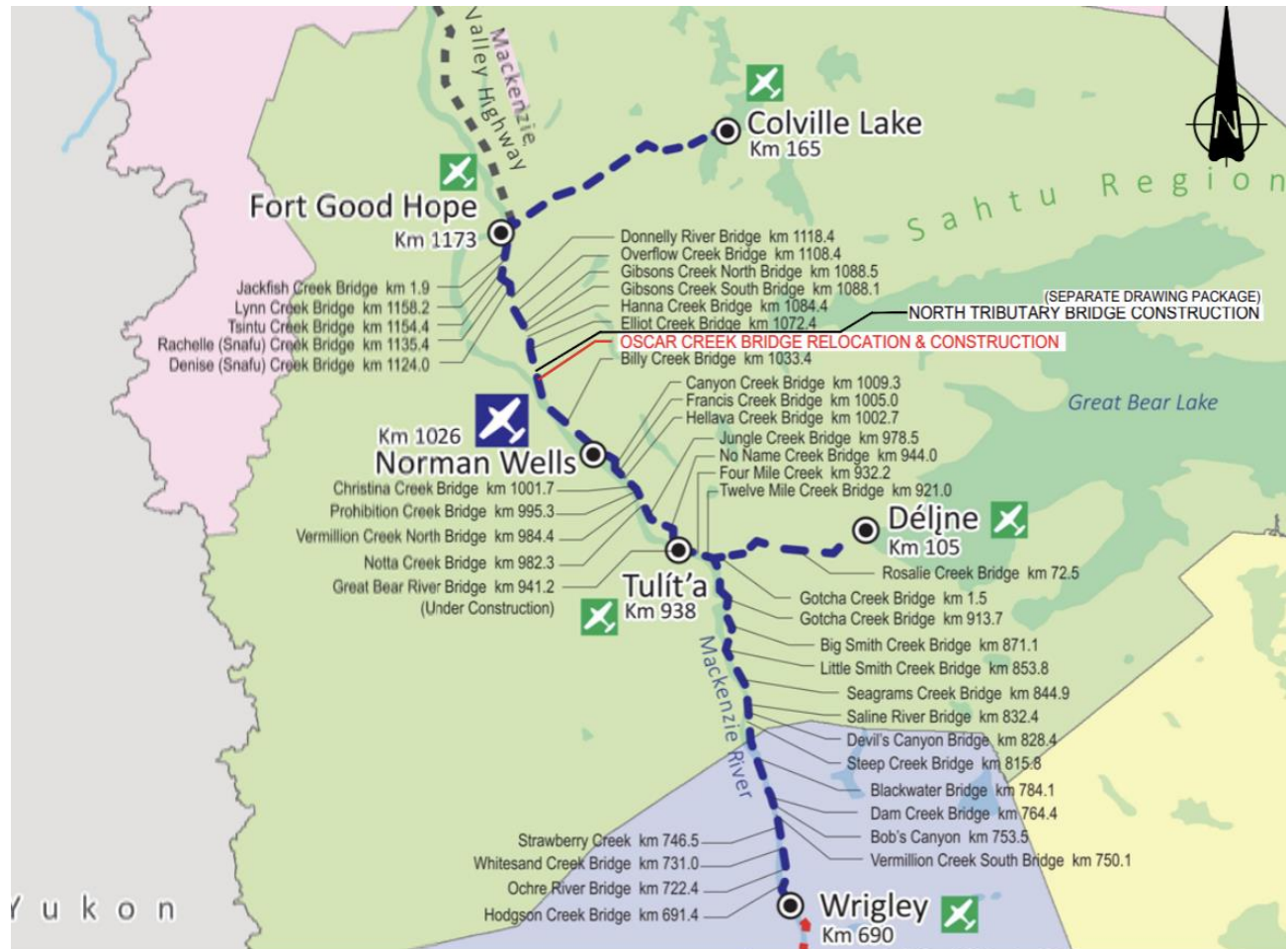
Project Description

The purpose of this Application is for the relocation of the Oscar Creek Bridge located at KM1054.4 of the Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR) to a location 2.9 kilometers to the east (upstream on Oscar Creek), and the re-alignment of the MVWR from approximately KM1051 to KM1056 to connect with the new bridge location.

As described in the application, the scope of activities include:

- a. Withdrawal of Water;
- b. Deposit of Waste from to approved facilities;
- c. Construction, operation, and maintenance of a bridge;
- d. Construction, use and operation of a camp;
- e. Earthworks associated with bridge construction;
- f. Culvert removal and channel restoration; and
- g. Progressive Reclamation and associated Closure and Reclamation activities.

The work is proposed to take place starting early 2025 in the area shown in Figure 1 below.



**MACKENZIE VALLEY HIGHWAY
PARTIAL MAP: WRIGLEY-FORT GOOD HOPE**

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4. Comments

Triggers

The activities as described trigger a type A permit in accordance with 4a(i), 4(a)(ii), 4(a)(iii), 4(a)(iv), 4(a)(v), and 4(b)(ii) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations:

(4) No person shall, without a Type A permit, carry on any activity that involves

(a) on land outside the boundaries of a local government,

(i) the use of a quantity of explosives equal to or exceeding 150 kg in any 30-day period,

(ii) the use of a vehicle or machine of a weight equal to or exceeding 10 t, other than on a road or on a community landfill, quarry site or airport,

(iii) the use of a single container for the storage of petroleum fuel that has a capacity equal to or exceeding 4,000L,

(iv) the use of a self-propelled motorized machine for moving earth or clearing land, and

(v) the levelling, grading, clearing, cutting or snow-ploughing of a line, trail or right-of-way, other than a road or existing access trail to a building, that exceeds 1.5 m in width and 4 ha in area, for a purpose other than the grooming or recreational trails, and

(b) on land within or outside the boundaries of a local government,

(ii) the use of a campsite outside a territorial park for a duration of or exceeding 400 person-days, and

A Type B water licence S24L8-003 is associated with this project and also required because of the deposit of waste and there is a proposed volume of water up to 299 m³/day.

5. Public Review

On May 31, 2024, the Application was circulated for public review on the Online Review System (ORS). Comments and recommendations were due by June 17, 2024, with responses due by June 25, 2024.

6. Security

Not applicable.

7. Conclusion

The Board requires additional time to process the application due to extenuating circumstances related to the recent fire evacuation order issued on June 15, 2024 for the community of Fort Good Hope, NT and the Sahtu Land and Water Board office, located in Fort Good Hope, NT, temporarily ceasing operations.

As the Permit Application is directly associated with the Licence Application, clear linkages can be seen between the Applications including potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures, and Board staff are of the opinion that they should be reviewed and processed together.

To finalize Permit and Licence conditions that will effectively mitigate impacts of the proposed Project on the lands which may be affected, Board staff recommend coordinating the proceeding for the Permit and Licence Applications. In order to accommodate the time required for the review and submission of

comments on the Applications and drafts of the Permit and Licence, and to bring it to the Board for decision, the Board may wish to pause the timeline in accordance with paragraph 22(2)(b) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations, to allow further studies to be conducted for the Permit Application.

8. Recommendation

Board staff recommend the Board **make a motion to pause the timeline in accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations specifically paragraph 22(2)(b) for Land Use Permit S24E-006 from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) – Department of Infrastructure (INF)**, to allow additional procedural time to coordinate the Permit.

A draft decision letter is attached.

9. Attachments

- [Application](#)
- Draft Decision Letter from the Board

Respectfully submitted,



Natalie Lippa
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