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Sent by email

Dear Chaudary Murtaza,

**Re: Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Infrastructure – Land Use Permit Application – Notification of Timeline Pause – S24E-006 – Oscar Creek Bridge Relocation Project, near KM 1054.4 of the Mackenzie Valley Winter Road, NT**

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (Board) met on June 25, 2024 and considered the Application Package from GNWT-INF for Land Use Permit (Permit) S24E-006 for the Oscar Creek Bridge Relocation Project, near KM 1054.4 of the Mackenzie Valley Winter Road, NT (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). The Board has decided to invoke 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.

The Board has also determined that there are clear linkages between this Application and the Application for Water Licence (Licence) S24L8-003, including potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures. In order to finalize Permit and Licence conditions that will effectively mitigate impacts of the proposed Project on the lands which will be affected, the Board will be coordinating the proceedings for these Permit and Licence Applications.

Please contact Natalie Lippa via [email](#) or at (780) 237 3571 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valerie Gordon  
Chair, Sahtu Land and Water Board

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