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Ms. Louisa Wedzin
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Dear Ms. Wedzin,

Re: Plan for Long-term Water Use

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (the Board) met on July 23, 2015, to consider the Community Government of Behchokq's letter regarding their plan for long-term water use for the communities of Edzo and Rae, as required by the Board's December 15, 2014 directive.

At this time, the Board does not believe that the CGB's letter outlines the steps and timelines that will address the issue surrounding long-term water use, and therefore, has not satisfied the Board's directive. While the letter indicates a short- and long-term plan for alternative water sources, the letter is unclear as to the plan for the 2015/2016 winter season, as well as when the Board would expect to receive the results from any feasibility studies. The Board acknowledges the Community Government's commitment that as more information becomes available regarding steps and timelines, the information will be submitted to the Board. Moving forward, the Board requires the Community Government to submit a letter by August 30, 2015 that confirms the alternate water-use plan for both Rae and Edzo for the 2015/2016 winter season; and provides timelines for the completion of any feasibility studies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Elsasser at (867) 765-4583 or email at selsasser@wlwb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mason Mantla', written in a cursive style.

Mason Mantla

Acting Chair, Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board

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