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**Work Plan for Municipal Water Licence Application:  
Tlicho Community Government of Behchoko  
*Updated – August 15, 2014***

**Work Plan Timeline**

See page 3.

**Purpose of the Work Plan**

To outline the processes and timelines to be followed for Water Licence Application W2014L3-0002 for the Tlicho Community Government of Behchoko (CGB) for their municipality.

**Background**

The current water licence for the Tlicho Community Government of Behchoko will be expiring on November 30, 2014.

**Scope of the Project**

The proposed water licence application for the Tlicho Community of Behchoko.

- a) This Licence entitles the Tlicho Community Government of Behchoko to use water and dispose of waste for municipal undertakings of Rae and Edzo.

**Guiding Principles**

The following principles will guide the Work Plan of the WLWB throughout this water licensing process:

- The process shall be carried out in a timely manner and shall have regard to the protection of the environment in consideration of the impacts of the proposed undertaking and the importance of conservation to the wellbeing and way of life of the aboriginal peoples of Canada (Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982);
- The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (Board) will review CGB's application and consider potential licence conditions based on evidence and rationale submitted by the community and other parties;
- The Board will review CGB's application and consider potential conditions in order to meet the Board's mandate and applicable policies and to ensure consistency in decision-making throughout the Mackenzie Valley.

**Work Plan Objectives**

The Work Plan is to achieve the following objectives:

- Compile a broad range of input through the review process;
- Ensure adequate information is gathered to complete the water licensing permitting process;
- Facilitate a thorough, inclusive, and timely water licence review process; and
- Establish water licence conditions to ensure adequate protection of the environment.

**Opportunities for Community Engagement**

- The Board will distribute the applications to reviewers – including aboriginal organizations, governments, and communities – for review using the LWB Online Review System;
- The Board will include a notification(s) regarding the review process in the newspaper;
- The Board will coordinate a technical session(s) to address specific issues that require more focused review and discussion;
- The Board will hold a public hearing; and
- Any other consultation or engagement activity that the Board considers appropriate.

Task	Responsible Party	Duration of each step (days)	Due/Complete
Application deemed complete			May 7, 2014
Circulate notice for review of the WL application	WLWB		May 7, 2014
Comments due on application	Reviewers	28	June 4, 2014
Response to comments on application	Proponent	21	June 25, 2014
Circulate agenda for technical sessions	WLWB	7	July 2, 2014
<b>Technical Session</b>	<b>All Parties</b>	<b>5</b>	July 7, 2014
Circulation Technical Session Information Requests (IRs) to Reviewers and Proponent	WLWB	2	July 9, 2014
Deadline for all parties response to IRs	All parties	21	July 30, 2014
Deadline for Interventions	Interveners	14	August 13, 2014
<b>Pre-Hearing Conference</b>			<b>CANCELLED</b>
Deadline for Reviewers Public Hearing presentations	Reviewers	4	n/a
Deadline for Proponent response to Interventions and Proponent Public Hearing presentations	Proponent	12	n/a

<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>All Parties</b>	<b>7</b>	September 10, 2014
<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>All Parties</b>	<b>1</b>	September 11, 2014
Public Hearing Undertakings due and DRAFT WL circulated	All parties	14	September 25, 2014
Deadline for Reviewer Comments on DRAFT WL and Closing Arguments from Interveners	Interveners	7	October 2, 2014
Deadline for Proponent Response to Reviewer Comments on DRAFT WL and Closing Arguments	Proponent	7	October 9, 2014
Board Meeting	WLWB	14	October 23, 2014
Draft WL and RFD sent to the Minister for review and decision	WLWB	7	October 30, 2014
Expiry of existing Water Licence (MV2003L3-0010)	Minister	31	November 30, 2014

WLWB – Wek’èezhìi Land and Water Board; WL – Water Licence; IRs – Information Requests; RFD – Reasons for Decision.

\*\*\* This work plan is subject to change. The WLWB will notify parties if there are any changes to the work plan at any time during the process.

The WLWB welcomes feedback regarding its review processes at any time and WLWB staff will actively request feedback from all parties at specific times during this review process. The purpose of this feedback is to assist the WLWB in the continuous improvement of its review processes for water licences and land use permits.