



# Tłıchǫ All-season Road Emergency Response Plan

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# **1 INTRODUCTION**

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## **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

The following is a plan of emergency response actions to be initiated when required by staff of the Department of Transportation, Government of the Northwest Territories and/or their contractors, in relation to the construction of the proposed Tłıchq All-season Road (TASR). The Emergency Response Plan (ERP) will be reviewed with all workers as part of their ongoing safety operations and orientation before commencing work. Revisions to the ERP may be made as required or mandated. Worker training will be updated as the revisions are made to the Plan.

## **1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

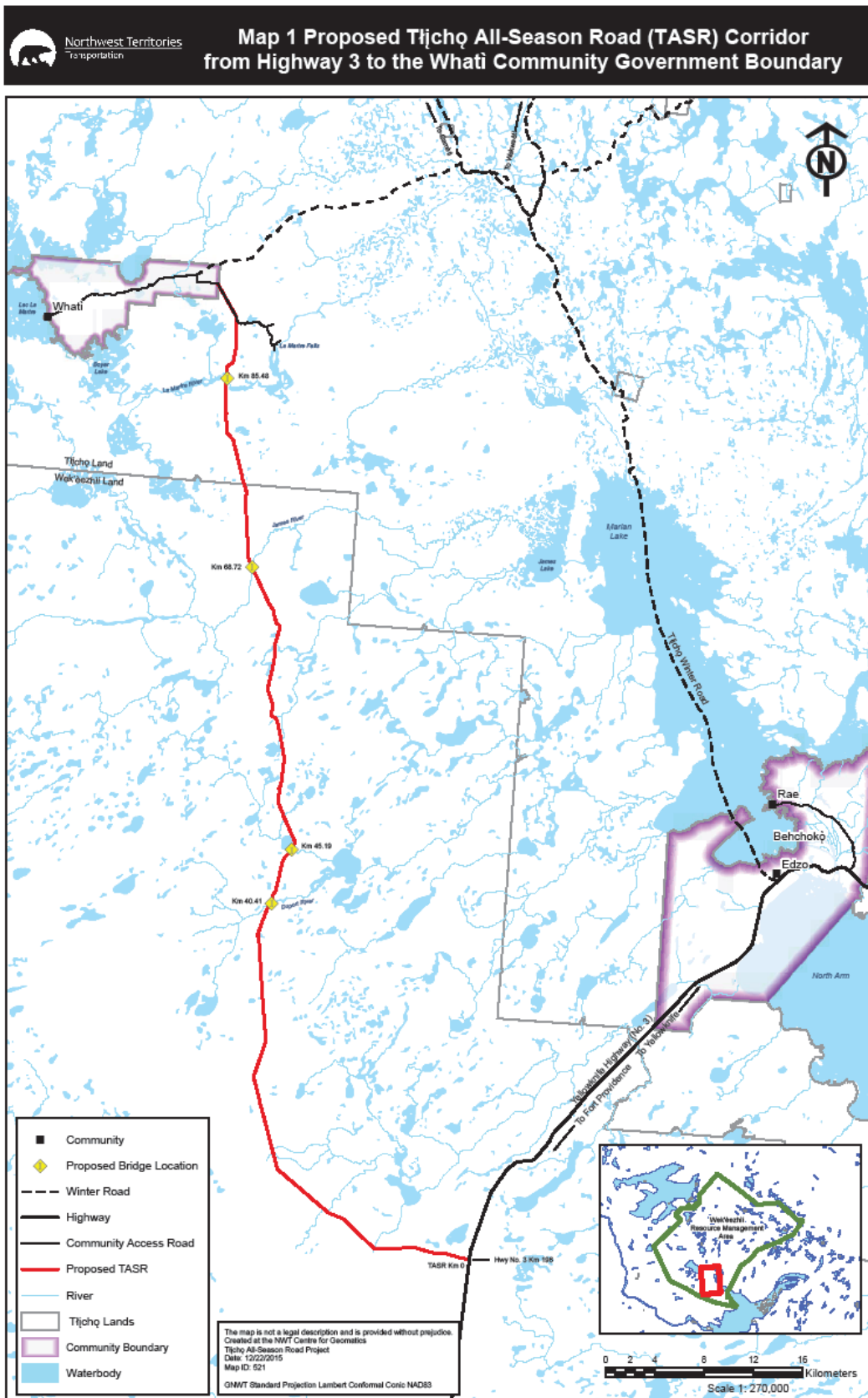
The proposed Tłıchq All-season Road (TASR) involves changing the location of the existing Tłıchq Winter Road System between Highway 3 and the community of Whatì to the overland all-season alignment illustrated in Map 1. The proposed TASR is defined as an all-season road approximately 94 km in length and 60 m in width with a cleared driving surface of approximately 8.5 m in width to accommodate a two lane gravel road with culverts and/or two lane bridges over water crossings as necessary.

The project is located within Mqwhì Gogha Dè Nııtlèè, the traditional territory of the Tłıchq Dene. The proposed TASR is intended to provide improved service to the Tłıchq community of Whatì, which is currently serviced by the existing winter road.

The route is within the Taiga Plains and is within the zone of discontinuous permafrost (ECG 2007). The region provides habitat for a wide range of wildlife, fish and vegetation species. A description of environmental conditions within and surrounding the proposed TASR corridor is included in the Project Description Report (PDR).

The location of the 94 km all-season road begins at KM 196 along Highway 3 and continues in a northwesterly direction to the community government boundary of Whatì. The alignment is situated within the geographic coordinates 62°28'54" to 63°10'37" N latitude and 116°29'07" to 117°00'05" W longitude. The proposed footprint is entirely contained within the Wek'èezhì area and begins approximately 40 km southwest of Behchokq off Highway 3. Approximately 17 km of the road is located on Tłıchq lands.

Map 1 currently indicates the proposed TASR corridor, major bridges, waterbodies, nearby communities, and roads, while archaeological sites and significant traditional knowledge sites are included in the PDR.





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## **2 IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

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### **2.1 FIRE**

- Secure the scene, PROTECT YOURSELF and OTHERS;
- Have all non-essential personnel clear the area;
- Notify other workers by voice or alarm;
- Immediately shut off power, engines and fuel sources, if safe to do so;
- If the fire is small, extinguish it with the available fighting equipment;
- If you cannot safely fight the fire, evacuate to a safe area and secure the area;
- Do a head count to account for all workers; and
- Notify Supervision and Management in accordance with the emergency contact list in Appendix A.

### **2.2 VEHICLE OR MOBILE EQUIPMENT INCIDENT**

- Secure the scene, PROTECT YOURSELF and OTHERS;
- Shut off equipment and fuel sources, if safe to do so;
- Provide assistance to injured persons;
- Call for medical assistance, if needed; (Appendix A)
- If injured persons are in imminent danger, then remove injured persons and secure the incident scene;
- Control any spill or environmental hazard;
- Notify Supervision and Management in accordance with the emergency list in Appendix A; and
- Record third-party names, addresses, contact numbers, drivers' licence numbers, vehicle and licence information.

### **2.3 SERIOUS MEDICAL INCIDENT**

- Secure the scene, PROTECT YOURSELF and OTHERS;
- Attend to the injured worker;
- Call for medical assistance, if needed; (Appendix A)
- Notify Supervision and Management in accordance with the emergency contact list in Appendix A.

### **2.4 WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS**

- All workers will be knowledgeable of the details described in the Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan (WWHPP);



- All workers will avoid situations that could create a wildlife encounter;
- All food items and domestic garbage should be secured;
- Garbage will be disposed of at approved sites only;
- Arctic or red fox may approach personnel to scavenge food. Avoid all contact as they may carry the rabies virus and exposure is through bites or saliva;
- Your operation is in an area where bears may be encountered. Proper food handling and garbage disposal procedures will lessen the likelihood of bears being attracted to your operation. Information about the bear detection and deterrent techniques can be obtained from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Appendix A; [www.enr.gov.nt.ca](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca)).

### **3 REFERENCES**

Ecosystem Classification Group (ECG). 2007. Ecological Regions of the Northwest Territories – Taiga Plains. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NT, Canada. Viii + 173 pp. + folded insert map





# Appendix A

## EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST



## Emergency Contact Lists

Contact lists will be updated when more information is available.

Main DOT Contact	Tłıchq Government Contact
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### Department of Transportation

Contact Person	Contact
TBD	

### Assigned Construction Contractor

Contact Person	Contact
TBD	

### Emergency Services

Emergency Services	Contact
Report a Wildland Fire	1-877-698-3473 or 1-877-NWT-FIRE
24 Hour NWT Spill Report Line	Phone: (867) 920-8130 Fax: (867) 873-6924
Report a Poacher	1-866-762-2437
Wildlife Emergencies	Yellowknife: (867) 873-7181
Search & Rescue, RCMP	(867) 669-1111
Ambulance, Hospital or Health Facility	Behchokò: (867) 392-6075 Whatì: (867) 573-3261
Fire	Behchokò: (867) 392-1111 Whatì: (867) 573-1111



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**Northwest Territories Regulatory Agencies and Emergency Services**

<b>Regulatory Agency</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission – 24 Hour Incident Reporting Line	1-800-661-0792
Department of Lands, GNWT (Inspector)	(867) 767-9188
Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT	(867) 392-6941
Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board	Wekweèti: (867) 713-2500 Yellowknife: (867) 765-4592
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	1-866-290-3731
Environment Canada	(780) 951-8600