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Sent via email

Dear Ziaur Rahman,

**Re: Decision on Version 1.1 of the Construction Plan and Version 3.4 of the WMMP**

The Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (Board) met on April 16, 2020 and considered Version 1.1 of the Government of the Northwest Territories-Department of Infrastructure's Construction Plan and Version 3.4 of the Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP). The Board has approved Version 1.1 of the Construction Plan and Version 3.4 of the WMMP. The Board would like to remind GNWT-INF of several items that are expected to be included in future versions of the WMMP:

- Non-intrusive pre-clearing protocol for migratory birds in the event that vegetation clearing is required during the breeding bird season in 2020 (ECCC-17). If vegetation clearing is not required, please indicate in the conformance table;
- Rare and exotic plant survey must be provided as soon as available for the public registry (NSMA-20). Please notify Board staff via email when this will be provided;
- Details of the harvest study design (TG-4);
- Findings of the program that uses Tł̨chq̨ harvesters' traditional knowledge and methods to monitor the state of barren-ground caribou (TG-7);
- Identify all recommendations and advice by the Corridor Working Group advice received, how the recommendations were incorporated into the WMMP and provide justification for any recommendation not adopted (TG-11);
- Should traffic levels increase by 50% (i.e., from 20-40 vehicles a day to 30-60 vehicles a day), the TASR Corridor Working Group should be consulted about proposed revisions to WMMP Programs (WRRB-22). Any proposed changes as a result of these discussions should be highlighted in the cover letter attached to the next version of the WMMP; and
- Wildlife Monitoring via remote cameras at the proposed wastewater disposal cell (as Type B WL Amendment Application).

As well, Board noted several items that GNWT-INF included in its conformance table but failed to include in the WMMP. The Board does not believe a re-submission for these items is warranted at this time but wants to reiterate its expectations that these commitments be fulfilled and included in the next version of the WMMP:

- To include the following text in Appendix D: “Late-winter and Summer, Fall, Early to Mid-winter seasons have the same mitigations. However, GNWT-ENR was unable to commit to providing collar data every 2 days for the entire year, but has agreed to provide collar data once a week for the Summer, Fall, Early to Mid-winter Season”; and
- To include the following text in Section 5.2.2: “The Tłıchǫ Government will be given the opportunity to be involved in the pre-selection for a potential hunter to harvest bear(s)”.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Mackenzie".

Joe Mackenzie  
Chair, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

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