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Mr. Joseph Mackenzie
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Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

Thank you for the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board's correspondence of September 30, 2021, received by the Department on October 4, 2021, conveying the Board's reasons for decision and recommendation that I approve Crown–Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada–Contaminants and Remediation Division's (CIRNAC–CARD's) Application for a type A water Licence (W2020L8-0003), to authorize the use of water and deposit of waste associated with the Rayrock Remediation Project.

With regards to the Tłı̨ch̨ Government's request that the Board raise the issue of Crown consultation, I fully commit the Department of Crown–Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to work with the Tłı̨ch̨ Government to address their concerns through mutually agreed upon decisions and to advance the completion of necessary remediation work through the undertaking of joint solutions.

In accordance with subsection 72.18(3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board's issuance of the type A Licence (W2020L8-0003), for a ten-year term, as recommended by the Board. The signed original is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Vandal'.

Hon. Daniel Vandal, P.C., M.P.

Encl.