



October 13, 2021

Ryan Fequet
Executive Director
Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

BY EMAIL

Dear Ryan Fequet:

Response to Tlicho Lands Protection Department on Information Requests Resulting from Ekati Technical Workshop - Point Lake Project – Type A Water Licence Amendment and Type A Land Use Permits Applications (W2020L2-0004, W2021X-0004, and W2021D-0005)

The Department of Lands (Department) submitted responses on September 17, 2021 to the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board's (WLWB) information requests resulting from the Ekati Technical Workshop for the Point Lake Project. Subsequently, the Department noted a comment and recommendation posted to the Online Review System (ORS) from the Tlicho Lands Protection Department on October 4, 2021 regarding the land lease and the Department's duty to consult.

In response, I would like to clarify that the Department has not received a surface lease application for the Point Lake Project but is preparing to meet with Arctic to discuss a forthcoming application.

On all tenure applications, the Department completes a consultation process. Once an application is received, the GNWT will evaluate the depth of consultation required with Indigenous governments or Indigenous organizations with asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights that may be adversely impacted and will follow-up with consultation initiation by letter. The Department's consultation timeline is typically 45 days. However, more time may be required depending on the outcomes of the consultation discussions.

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If the WLWB members and/or staff require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Melanie_Williams@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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