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Engagement Plan



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Introduction

The Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (INF) is applying for a Type B Water Licence (WL) and Type A Land Use Permit (LUP) for culverts replacement and road maintenance activities with the Whatì Access Road.



To undertake maintenance and to improve safety of the Access Road, the proposed works will be completed following approval of the WL and LUP.

As GNWT public servants, all INF staff are accountable, and open to the public for discussion of all matters regarding the Whatì Access Road maintenance and culverts replacement. As such, the INF staff are well acquainted with the Community Government of Whatì and all engagement practices and community relationships are well established.

Affected Parties

The Affected Parties identified in the 2019 Water Licence Application include:

- Community Government of Whatì
- Government of the Northwest Territories
 - Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 - Department of Lands
 - Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
- North Slave Métis Alliance
- Tlicho Government
- Wek'èezhì Renewable Resource Board

INF may engage with other Parties on a case by case basis as appropriate.

Past Engagement Activities

The Department of Infrastructure has engaged with the above listed affected parties prior to submitting the WL and LUP applications. During the pre-submission engagement period, INF built on the engagement approach and open lines of communication for affected parties to provide input on the project at a number of different steps in the process. It's important for INF to keep community members and the public involved in an ongoing basis.



Engagement Approach

INF believes that meaningful community engagement is crucial to build and maintain good relationships with communities, community members and affected parties. Regional Offices are open for residents to provide in-person comments and concerns, or to ask questions regarding INF activities. As a result of INF open lines of communication, well-established relationships have been built with the people and communities of the Northwest Territories.

Engagement Activities for the Project

During the upgrade and maintenance of the Whatì Access Road, INF will build on the engagement approach noted above and there will be open lines of communication for affected parties to provide input on the project. Ongoing engagement for the proposed works includes activities such as:

- Uncovering Historic or Archeological Artifacts;
- Start and end of the construction; and
- Possible delays or interruptions of the construction that could have an effect on stakeholders.

Summary

A summary of engagement triggers and methods is provided below in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Engagement Triggers and Methods

Engagement	Primary Purpose	Primary Methods	Participants
Uncovering Historic or Archeological Artifacts	To advise Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Center of the Departments findings	Written and/or verbal notification	Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Center



Start and end of construction	To advise the public and stakeholders prior to the starting of the construction and when it has been completed to minimize disruption	Written and/or verbal notification which could include social media platforms	Public and all stakeholders
Possible Delays or Interruptions	To advise the stakeholders of any possible delays or interruptions that may affect them	Written and/or verbal notification which could include social media platforms	All stakeholders