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Sent by e-mail

Dear Ziaur,

**Re: Quarry at KM 80 of the Tłı̄chq̄ All Season Road – Water Licence Cancellation Application – Incomplete – Quarrying and Associated Activities – KM 80 of the Tłı̄chq̄ All Season Road, NT**

On June 27, 2022, Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board) staff received an Application to cancel Type B Water Licence (Licence) W2021L8-0001<sup>1</sup> for the deposit of waste related to the quarrying and associated activities at KM 80 for the construction of the Tłı̄chq̄ All Season Road (TASR) from the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF).

The Application has been reviewed and found to be lacking information required under section 10 of the Waters Regulations.<sup>2</sup> For the cancellation Application to be considered complete, refer to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) *Guide to Water Licensing Process* (Guide)<sup>3</sup> and submit the following information to the Board's office:

1. **Engagement Record:** A licensee must conduct engagement prior to submitting an application to cancel a water licence. GNWT-INF's application to cancel the Licence states "the Engagement Record for this cancellation request is the same as the one submitted for the WL application". The Application and Engagement Record submitted on May 20, 2021, do not indicate or discuss a plan/timeline to apply for a cancellation of the Licence. Engagement specific to the cancellation Application must be conducted and the application must include an engagement record prepared in accordance with section 2.1 of the MVLWB *Engagement and Consultation Policy*<sup>4</sup> and *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Land Use Permits and Water Licences*<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> See WLWB Online Registry for [GNWT-INF - W2021L8-0001](#).

<sup>2</sup> See WLWB Policies and Guidelines for [Waters Regulations](#).

<sup>3</sup> See WLWB Policies and Guidelines (<https://wlwb.ca/resources/policies-and-guidelines>) for [MVLWB Guide to the Water Licensing Process \(2021\)](#).

<sup>4</sup> MVLWB (2018) [Engagement and Consultation Policy](#).

<sup>5</sup> MVLWB (2018) [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Land Use Permits and Water Licences](#).

2. Closure and Reclamation: The cancellation application must include a description of the proposed closure and reclamation activities that will take place prior to cancellation. As indicated in Section 6.6 of the Guide, if an approved Closure and Reclamation Plan is in place, and no changes are proposed, the licensee can reference the Plan, but must include an updated schedule for ceasing operations and conducting the approved closure and reclamation activities.

Upon receipt of this information, the Application will be reviewed as per the Waters Regulations. If this information is not provided within 90 days of the date of this letter, staff will return the Application.

Please contact Emily Finstad at (867) 765-4582 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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BCC'd to: Benjamin Bey, GNWT-INF  
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