



Via Email

Mr. Mason Mantla
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Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board
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Dear Mr. Mantla:

Whatì Access Road Rehabilitation Project: Annual Type B Water Licence (W2021L8-0002) Report Updates

On August 2, 2021, the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB) issued a Type B Water Licence (WL) (W2021L8-0002) to the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF) for the Rehabilitation of Whatì Access Road. The Whatì Access Road is approximately 14 Km access road that connects the Tłjchq Highway at Km 97 and designated as a winter road. Given that construction activities had not been undertaken since the issuance of the WL, GNWT-INF is unable to submit a complete Annual WL Report per Schedule 1, Condition 1 of the WL at this time. Instead, GNWT-INF is pleased to submit this letter as a means of updating the WLWB on the project's progress and the rationale for GNWT-INF's inability to submit the Annual WL Report.

Below are the updates:

1. Conducted Fish and Fish Habitat Assessment at a culvert crossing on an unnamed creek/watercourse along the access road. The first assessment was completed in Summer 2021 while the second was completed in Spring 2022 as requested by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada (DFO).
2. Submitted a Request for Review (RFR) to DFO on April 4, 2022. DFO issued a Letter of Advice on July 29, 2022 following a visit to the site by DFO staff, a review of the Fish and Fish Habitat Assessment Reports as well as other relevant documents.
3. Contract negotiation between GNWT-INF and Tłjchq-Kiewit General Partnership and or Tłjchq Engineering & Environmental Services is in progress.

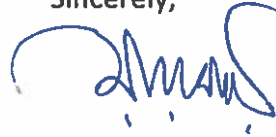
Once the contract is awarded, a revised construction schedule will be issued by the contractor.

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Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (867) 767-9086 ext. 31117 or by email at Ziaur_Rahman@gov.nt.ca at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ziaur Rahman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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c. Ms. Laura Duncan, Tłıchq Executive Officer
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