

Tłichq Government

# Engagement Plan

Whatì Falls Improvement Project

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The purpose of this Engagement Plan is to ensure that there is a process in place to involve and gather feedback from others on the proposed Whatì Falls Improvement Project. As required by the [Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board \(MVLWB's\) Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and LAND Use Permits \(2018\)](#), the Engagement Plan must:

- Describe the goals and the methods of Engagement;
- Outline the frequency of Engagement that allows for relevant and timely information sharing;
- Establish a process that allows the Affected Party to raise concerns or issues;
- Allow opportunities for, when appropriate, community meetings to take place to be inclusive of perspectives from all sectors of the community, including women, youth, and Elders;
- Ensure the Proponent has procedures in place to understand and respond to issues as they arise; and
- Provide the opportunity for relationships to be built proactively, not just when issues occur.

In the following tables, TG has proposed two types of engagement that are designed to address the above requirements using the MVLWB's template to engage with those potentially affected by the Project:

1. On-going engagement with Tłıchq Citizens, and in particular the Tłıchq Community of Whatì on the proposed project
2. General Engagement with other co-management bodies, government departments, and general public on either regulatory submissions, project changes, operational notices, and other.

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**Name of Affected Party:** Tłıchq Citizens, and in particular the Tłıchq Community of Whatı

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<p><b>Phase 1   PRE-CONSTRUCTION of day use area</b></p> <p>The first trigger for engagement will be the pre-construction background work that needs to be done (i.e. surveying, geo-technical analysis reports, brush-cutting etc.).</p>	<p>All of these pre-construction activities involve opportunities for training and/or employment of Tłıchq citizens.</p> <p>As such, the purpose of this engagement will be two-fold: (1) to update and inform community members about upcoming work that will be carried out, and to gain local input into how this might best be carried out; and (2) to communicate opportunities for employment/training.</p>	<p>Lisa Nitsiza, SAO for Whatı Community Council, will be the main initial point of contact for assisting DCLP with public communications, as she will be able to most effectively distribute / relay / advertise these to the rest of the Whatı community (including leadership).</p> <p>The entire Whatı community is our main priority for engagement, but we will also be wanting to engage with the rest of the Tłıchq communities too. Client services will be able to assist DCLP with this.</p>	<p>We will engage in a number of ways. Updates will be communicated via Whatı SAO, TG website, TG Facebook page, journalists (i.e. news articles in publications such as Cabin Radio), radio station announcements. We will also aim to hold in-person workshops / information sessions as the project progresses, and training sessions will obviously be in-person.</p> <p>A point-of-contact within DCLP (Bethany Apples, LUP intern) will be tasked with bringing community concerns and ideas to project management, so that these can be addressed proactively as the project unfolds.</p>

<p><b>Phase 1   CONSTRUCTION of day use area).</b> Target is Spring 2022. We will want to engage the community of Whatì (and leadership) regarding the workplan and timeline for this.</p>	<p>Gain community input into work planning, timelines, identification of sensitive areas, employment and training opportunities.</p>	<p>Same as above, but also TIC / Kiewit, who will providing support for construction operations. Tłchq leadership (CEC) will need to be consulted about budget approval, and give the green light before construction phase can occur.</p>	<p>Regular working meetings will be help with TIC / Kiewit partnership in regards to work planning. CEC will be updated regularly on project progress during monthly CEC meetings.</p>
<p><b>Phase 2   PLANNING of campground</b> Whilst phase 1 is being carried out, simultaneous engagement work will be undertaken to gather ideas and community input about a potential campground near the Whatì Falls.</p> <p>The trigger for this is immediate: decisions about an overnight campground cannot be made without the input and support of the community of Whatì. Much of this planning work will need to be done before a detailed proposal is submitted to CEC / leadership for approval.</p>	<p>To gain community input into whether or not Whatì wants/needs a campground, and if so, what this might look like (in terms of design and scale, and how it might work operationally).</p>	<p>Key elders and knowledge holders from Whatì, youth, other community members, Whatì community council / leadership, CEC, Tłchq citizens from other communities.</p> <p>Some consultation will also be carried out with NWT residents more generally (probably through an online survey), to gain input from those that may wish to visit the area but are not themselves Tłchq.</p>	<p>In person community meetings / workshops will be key for the both prior to, and during, the planning and design phase for an overnight campground. Now that the TASR is open, it will be much easier to do these regardless of season. Door-to-door and online surveys will also be a good way to reach those who may not have the means to attend an in-person workshop at a set time.</p>
<p><b>Phase 2   PRE-CONSTRUCTION of campground</b> If a campground is desired, similar pre-construction activities will need to take place as in phase 1. The design of campground amenities will also require significant community input.</p> <p>The trigger here will be when formal design has been made on whether or not a campground will go ahead.</p>	<p>To gather community input into the design of a potential campground, and to involve community members as much as possible in the pre-construction process (i.e. designing specific amenities, brush-cutting, surveying, geotechnical reporting etc.).</p>	<p>Again, the priority is the community of Whatì, as well as the rest of the Tłchq region.</p>	<p>In-person community workshops, TG website and FB updates, radio announcements, distribution of info pamphlets, etc.</p>

<p><b>Phase 2   CONSTRUCTION of campground</b> Same as for construction of phase 1</p>	<p>Gain community input into work planning, timelines, identification of sensitive areas, and employment and training opportunities.</p>	<p>In addition to consulting the community of Whatì about the “how” and “when” of campground construction, CEC will need to be consulted to secure funding for this phase of the project. TIC / Kiewit partnership will need to be regularly consulted in regards to work planning.</p>	<p>CEC will be updated by staff during regular leadership meetings. Regular meetings between DCLP and TIC will be scheduled to ensure community concerns and emerging issues are being addressed adequately during construction phase.</p>
<p><b>OPERATION phase</b> The trigger for engagement about operation will actually happen relatively early in the workplan – essentially as soon as a decision has been made on whether a campground will go ahead or not. Considerable community input will be required to determine how the long-term operation of a campground will occur, and be supported.</p>	<p>To gain input from community about how the long-term operation of campground should occur, and be supported by TG.</p>	<p>Community of Whatì, primarily. Other external partners such as ITI (Industry, Tourism, and Investment), TREDWG (Tłjchq Economic Development Working Group), and GNWT Parks and Recreation, may be able to provide some useful advice and ideas here too, so should also be consulted.</p>	<p>Many of the same methods as outlined for the previous stages will be useful here. Workshops in the community of Whatì will be key. Design contests / casual design charrettes could be a good way to get youth involved, and make sure their ideas are being taken into consideration.</p>

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<p>Application/Amendment/Extension/ for Land Use Permit and/or proposed changes to regulatory submissions (i.e., plans)</p>	<p>Provide details on proposed work/changes and gain input and feedback.</p>	<p>Tłıchq Community of Whatı, other Tłıchq Citizens, and others part of the LWB's Pre-submission List</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Communication</li> <li>• Phone conversation (upon request)</li> </ul>
<p>Project Changes</p>	<p>Provide details on proposed work and gain input and feedback.</p>	<p>Tłıchq Community of Whatı, Tłıchq Citizens, and others part of the LWB's Pre-submission List</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Communication/Website Notices</li> <li>• Phone conversation (upon request)</li> </ul>
<p>Seasonal opening and/or closing of the campground and other safety-related notices (if approved)</p>	<p>Inform General Public of any important notices related to campground or day use</p>	<p>Tłıchq Community of Whatı, other Tłıchq Citizens, and General Public</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Communication/Website Notices</li> </ul>
<p>Other</p>	<p>To address any other requests or concerns raised by the</p>	<p>Tłıchq Community of Whatı, other Tłıchq Citizens, and others as requested</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Communication/Phone conversation (upon request)</li> </ul>

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## Engagement Log

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Date	Attendees/ Recipients	Engagement Activity Type  (e.g., written notification, face-to-face, workshop, etc.)	Issue(s) Raised by Affected Party	Recommendation from Affected Party	Proponent Response to issue - indicate if issue(s) was resolved or	Information materials provided to Affected Party (Y/N)
May, 2021	Survey respondents included residents of Whatì, Yellowknife, Behchoko, Gamèti, Fort Smith, and Alberta.	Online survey	Types of amenities available at a potential day-use and campground area by the falls.	Majority of respondents expressed a desire for a campground near the Whatì Falls, and recommended this go ahead.	Survey responses fed into the development of a formalized development proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey questionnaire</li> </ul>
May 2021	Survey respondents included residents of Whatì.	Door-to-door survey administered in the Community of Whatì by DCLP staff.	Amenities available at a potential day-use and campground area by the falls.	Most in favor of developing a campground and/or day-use area near the community.	Survey responses fed into the development of a formalized development proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Door-to-door survey questionnaire .</li> </ul>
28-Sep, 20221	Community members of Whatì.	Online virtual engagement workshop with community of Whatì	Protecting sensitive cultural areas if Falls are to be developed.	Make sure sensitive areas are protected.	TK GIS database assess to determine sensitive areas near project that should be protected.  Archeologist engaged to carry out an AOA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project proposal;</li> <li>• project area maps.</li> </ul>
8-Nov, 2021	Whatì Community Government Council	Guest presentation and discussion of Project proposal at monthly Whatì Council meeting.	Questions around project funding, scope, and timeline.	Recommended DCLP continue project planning work.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project proposal</li> <li>• Estimated budget info</li> </ul>

Dec-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021	Whati Community Government Council	Guest presentation and discussion of Project proposal at monthly Whatì Council meeting.	No significant issues raised	Recommended DCLP continue project planning work, and continue to seek external funding for project. Offered their letter of support for project.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project proposal</li> <li>• Estimated budget info</li> <li>• Project timeline</li> </ul>
Dec-9 <sup>th</sup> 2021.	Tłjchq Government Chiefs Executive Council (CEC)	Guest presentation and project update at monthly CEC meeting	No significant issues raised	Recommended DCLP continue project planning work, seek external funding.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project proposal</li> <li>• Budget info</li> <li>• Funding sources identified</li> <li>• Summary of community engagement results form surveys</li> <li>• Letter of Support from Whatì Council.</li> </ul>
12-Dec, 2022	Wek'èezhìi WEST Pre-submission Engagement Contact List, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Bill Enge, NSMA</li> <li>• Jody Pellissey, WRRB</li> <li>• Glen Mackay, GNWT-PWNHC</li> <li>• Scott Stewart, GNWT-Lands</li> <li>• James Hodson, GNWT-ENR</li> </ul>	Written Notification with offer to do face-to-face (over ZOOM) meetings or follow up conversations to answer and questions or concerns.	Responses received by all parties, no significant issues raised.	<p>GNWT-E&amp;R recommended a tier 1 WMMP be completed (done; attached to application).</p> <p>PWNHC recommended an AOA be undertaken prior to construction (currently underway).</p> <p>GNWT-Lands recommended a review of Sections 4 &amp; 5 of the <i>Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations</i> be undertaken (complete)</p>	All recommendations were followed, including creating a tier 1 WMMP, undertaking an AOA, and reviewing Sections 4&5 of the <i>Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whatì Falls Info Package (see attached)</li> <li>• Draft Land Use Permit Application</li> </ul>