

Engagement Summary
Establishing a groundwater monitoring network in Whatì NWT
Land Use Permit Application
Attachment #4

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1.0 Introduction

This project is a partnership between the Community of Whatì, The Government of Northwest Territories, Queen's and McGill universities.

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2.0 Summary of engagement

Engagement has been facilitated between project lead Stephanie Wright and:

- Community Government of Whatì
- The Tłıchq Government
- The North Slave Metis Alliance
- Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resource
- GNWT – Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
- GNWT – ECCC, Regional Superintendent of the North Slave Region
- GNWT-ECCC, Wildlife Biologist

During the pre-engagement processes no concerns for the proposed project were raised by engaged parties as seen in Table 1: Engagement log. The Tłıchq Government requested to review drafts of the Waste Management, Spill Contingency, and Engagement Plans. The North Slave Metis Alliance requested to be sent final copies of the Waste Management and Spill Contingency Plans as well as have final drilling locations shared.

Table 1: Engagement log

Date	Means of communication	Who is involved in communication	Cced	Files attached	Details of communication	If email saved in folder (yes/no)
Community Government of Whati						
April 17 2023	Presentation to Whati Council by phone	Stephanie Wright and Community Government Council of Whati			Presentation to council to initiate project proposal with the plan to include drilling. Approved to move ahead with proposal.	
August 25 2023	Phone Call	Stephanie Wright and Whati SAO			Discussed proposal, including the idea of hosting a workshop with community members to identify priority drilling areas and the need to gain council approval for final drilling locations.	
November 13 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright and SAO			Shared information regarding initiation of a land use permit application and winter drilling workshop.	yes
November 13 2023	Phone Call	Stephanie Wright and SAO			Discussed expectations for land use permit and presentation to council in February.	
December 05 2023	Phone Call	Stephanie Wright and SAO			SAO confirmed plan to identify drilling locations sounds appropriate. Confirmed all the roads/right of ways/land are owned by the community government.	
December 05 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright and SAO			SAO provided the dates of the Whati council meetings to Stephanie	yes
January 15 2024	Email	Stephanie Wright to SAO		Three draft letters of support requiring review	Request for letters of support regarding community access, waste disposal, and security fee	yes
Jan 30 2024	Email	Stephanie Wright to SAO		Same as above	Follow up email as no response was received	yes
Jan 31	Email	SAO to Stephanie Wright		Signed letters of support	Provided signed letters of support for the application	yes
Tłıchq Government						

December 05 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to Violet Camsell-Blondin and Grace Mackenzie	Tłıchq lands, Rachel Lackey	Map of Potential threats to community drinking water well on Whatı community Government lands	Initial email to Tłıchq government lands informing them of the project and the opportunity to provide feedback and/or concerns. Requested confirmation if we should complete a land access application with the Tłıchq Government.	yes
December 12 2023	Email	Jessica Pacunayen (Violet Camsell-Blondin, Grace Mackenzie) to Stephanie Wright	Tłıchq lands, Rachel Lackey, Tyanna Steinwand		Responded, that the proposed project is wholly within community bounds no access agreement is required from the Tłıchq Government. Offered to review draft management plans.	yes
December 13 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to Jessica Pacunayen (Violet Camsell-Blondin, Grace Mackenzie)	Tłıchq lands, Rachel Lackey, Tyanna Steinwand		Informed them that draft management plans will be provided in the new year.	yes
January 18 2024	Email	Stephanie Wright to Jessica Pacunayen (Violet Camsell-Blondin, Grace Mackenzie)	Tłıchq lands, Rachel Lackey, Tyanna Steinwand	Waste management and spill contingency plan drafts	Sent waste management and spill contingency plans to be reviewed by January 29 th 2024.	yes
January 18 2024	Email	Jessica Pacunayen (Violet Camsell-Blondin, Grace Mackenzie) to Stephanie Wright	Tłıchq lands, Rachel Lackey, Tyanna Steinwand		Requested to see engagement plan as well	yes
January 22 2024	Email	Jessica Pacunayen (Violet Camsell-Blondin, Grace Mackenzie) to Stephanie Wright	Tłıchq lands, Rachel Lackey, Tyanna Steinwand		Stated if they did not communicate any concerns by January 29 th 2024, they would comment further during the public review process.	Yes
January 30 2024	Email	Stephanie Wright to Jessica Pacunayen (Violet Camsell-Blondin, Grace Mackenzie)	Tłıchq lands, Rachel Lackey, Tyanna Steinwand		Thanked Jessica for looking at plans and apologized for not sending the engagement plan as it was still being developed.	yes

North Slave Metis Alliance						
December 05 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to Alan Alex	NSMA lands, Rachel Lackey	Map of Potential threats to community drinking water well on Whati community Government lands	Initial email to North Slave Metis Alliance informing them of the project the opportunity to provide feedback and/or concerns.	yes
December 08 2023	Email	Alan Alex to Stephanie Wright	NSMA lands, Rachel Lackey		Expressed they that currently they have no concerns with the project but want final drilling locations, any research updates, and copies of the final waste and spill continuity plans to be shared with them in the new year.	Yes
Decemeber 08 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to Alan Alex	NSMA lands, Rachel Lackey		Ensured that the requested information will be provided in the new year.	Yes
Wek'èezhì Renewable Resource						
December 05 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to Jody Pellissey	Rachel Lackey	Map of Potential threats to community drinking water well on Whati community Government lands	Initial email to Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board informing them of the project and the opportunity to provide feedback and/or concerns.	Yes
December 05 2023	Email	Jody Pellissey to Stephanie Wright	Rachel Lackey, Laura Meinert		Stated that the board will review the request.	yes
January 18 2024	Email	Stephanie Wright to Jody Pellissey	Laura Meinert and Rachel Lackey		Sent a reminder email to see if the board had a chance to review the request.	yes
January 18 2024	Email	Jody Pellissey to Stephanie Wright	Laura Meinert and Rachel Lackey		Asked if an application for a GNWT Wildlife Research Permit or an Aurora Research Institute Scientific Licence is being made.	yes

January 18 2024	Email	Stephanie Wright to Jody Pellissey	Laura Meinert and Rachel Lackey	Map of Potential threats to community drinking water well on Whati community Government lands	Clarified that a Land use permit application is being made.	yes
January 18 2024	Email	Jody Pellissey to Stephanie Wright	Laura Meinert and Rachel Lackey		Stated that the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board have no questions regarding the land use application but will respond through the WLWB process.	yes
GNWT – Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre						
December 05 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to Glen MacKay	Rachel Lackey	Map of Potential threats to community drinking water well on Whati community Government lands.	Initial email to the GNWT archaeological/heritage resource group informing them of the project and the opportunity to provide feedback and/or concerns.	yes
December 06 2023	Email	Glen MacKay to Stephanie Wright	Rachel Lackey, Naomi Smethurst		Stated that they will review the map of the drilling areas and determine if there are any potential conflicts with archaeological sites	yes
January 11 2024	Email	Glen MacKay to Stephanie Wright	Rachel Lackey, Naomi Smethurst		Stated that their records indicate that there are no recorded archaeological sites within the community boundary of Whati. Asked if all wells would be drilled in previously disturbed land.	yes
January 11 2024	Email	Stephanie Wright to Glen MacKay	Rachel Lackey, Naomi Smethurst		Responded that the project will be drilling off existing roadways and clearings, so very likely to be previously disturbed land.	yes
GNWT – ECCC, Regional Superintendent of the North Slave Region						

December 05 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to Scott Stewart	Rachel Lackey	Map of Potential threats to community drinking water well on Whati community Government lands	Initial email to Land and Water Division of Environment and Climate Change informing them of the project and the opportunity to provide feedback and/or concerns.	yes
December 07 2023	Email	Scott Stewart to Stephanie Wright	Clint Ambrose, Katie Gignac, Sylvia Charlo, Rachel Lackey		Introduced Clint Abrose who is the lead on Land Use Permits in the North Slave	yes
December 07 2023	Email	Clint Ambrose to Stephanie Wright	Katie Gignac, Sylvia Charlo, Rachel Lackey		Requested Stephanie call him to discuss the project so he could provide advice on the land use permit side of things	yes
December 07 2023	Phone Call	Stephanie Wright and Clint Ambrose			Provided insight into the completion of the Spill and Waste management plans and guidance on estimating the closure cost.	
GNWT-ECCC, Wildlife Biologist						
December 05 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to James Hodson	Rachel Lackey	Map of Potential threats to community drinking water well on Whati community Government lands	Initial email to GNWT wildlife management group informing them of the project and the opportunity to provide feedback or concerns they or others may have regarding the project.	yes

December 05 2023	Email	James Hodson to Stephanie Wright	Rachel Lackey		Shared resources that may be useful regarding wildlife. Stated that there is little to no concern of wildlife interaction or habitat destruction.	yes
December 06 2023	Email	Stephanie Wright to James Hodson	Rachel Lackey		Ensured them that resources shared will be reviewed.	yes