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By e-mail

Dear Chairperson Bourassa,

On December 9, 2019, the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (Board) released a notice for the public review of the draft 5-year review amendment application. The Government of Canada, coordinated by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, provided comments to the Board on February 6, 2020. Part of the Government of Canada's review focused on the proposed mapping updates to ensure that boundaries and zoning designations were correct.

Noticing that the Zone 39 Protected Conservation Initiative abruptly ended before the Yukon border, even though both federal lands and the Government of the Northwest Territories withdrawals exist, Canada recommended that Zone 39 be extended to the Yukon border to be consistent with the rest of the Canol Trail's zoning.

Since this comment was originally submitted, the Government of Canada has been made aware of the following:

- 1- There is a differentiation between the Canol Road and the Canol Trail, as per the *Northwest Territories Public Highways Act* Regulations. From the Yukon border to Mile 222, the Canol Road is a territorial public highway; east of Mile 222 are the Canol Trail lands.
- 2- The 2007 *Doi T'oh Territorial Park and Canol Heritage Trail Management Plan* indicates the western end of the proposed territorial park is located at Mile 222.
- 3- Appendix E, Schedule XXI (Canol Trail description), as referred to in 17.3.1 of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, indicates that the Canol Trail lands are between the Norman Wells Block Land Transfer and the east end of the Canol Road.

The Government of Canada supports the request made by the GNWT in its letter to the Board of May 4, 2021 to update the 5-Year Review Amendment Application, so that it reflects the information above.

Should you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter, please contact Kim Pawley, Manager, Environmental Assessment, Land Use Planning and Conservation, at (613) 852-6533 or by email at [Kim.Pawley@canada.ca](mailto:Kim.Pawley@canada.ca).

Yours sincerely,



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