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Objet: Correspondence from the Minister of Northern Affairs, Minister Responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada and Minister Responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

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De: Ministre des Affaires du Nord, ministre responsable de Développement économique Canada pour les Prairies et ministre responsable de l'Agence canadienne de développement économique du Nord / Minister of Northern Affairs, Minister responsible for Prairies Ec

À: Chair, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Dear Heather Bourassa:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 18, 2023, regarding the timeline of the Sahtú Land Use Plan (the Plan) comprehensive review. I appreciate the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board's commitment to conducting the Plan's review and the recent circumstances you have outlined that have given rise to your request for the delay of the next comprehensive review of the Plan. I apologize for the delay in responding.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am pleased to inform you that I accept the Board's proposed timeline, as outlined in your letter. Please note that, as per section 50 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, this request will only be in effect if agreed to by my colleagues, Minister Jay Macdonald and Charles McNeely.

I would like to thank the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board for its work on the Plan's implementation. We look forward to receiving the Board's 2026 discussion paper.

Sincerely,



Hon. Dan Vandal, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Jay Macdonald, M.L.A.
Charles McNeely

