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VIA EMAIL

Chairperson Heather Bourassa
Sahtú Land Use Planning Board
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Dear Chairperson Bourassa:

Timeline for the Sahtú Land Use Plan's Next 5-Year Review

I am writing in response to the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board's letter dated December 18, 2023, requesting the three approving parties agree to a new timeline for conducting the next 5-year comprehensive review of the Sahtú Land Use Plan.

By this letter, and as per section 50 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the Government of the Northwest Territories agrees to the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board's request to defer the next 5-year comprehensive review of the Sahtu Land Use Plan to 2026.

The Government of the Northwest Territories agrees with the rationale to delay the next comprehensive review to allow time to address the two amendment applications (AM2015-01 and AM2020-01). The Sahtú Land Use Planning Board's work on monitoring and evaluation of the Plan will also provide useful information for the next comprehensive review.

I appreciate the Board's diligent work in ensuring the Sahtú Land Use Plan stays current and effective.

Sincerely,

Jay Macdonald
Minister
Environment and Climate Change

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