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Ms. Heather Bourassa  
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Dear Ms. Bourassa:

I am writing to you concerning the Five-Year Review Amendments to the Sahtu Land Use Plan adopted by the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board (the Board) on April 30, 2020, and the Addendum to the Five-Year Review Amendments submitted on May 31, 2021. These actions of the Board initiated the sequential amendment approval pursuant to subsection 48(2) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (the Act).

On October 20, 2020, the Sahtú Secretariat Incorporated approved the original Amendment. The Department of Lands of the Government of the Northwest Territories and Crown–Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada then jointly conducted consultation with Indigenous governments and organizations whose rights might be impacted by these Amendments. No concerns were raised during the consultation period, and the Government of the Northwest Territories proceeded with its decision-making process. The Board then adopted an Addendum to its previously adopted Five-Year Review Amendment Application on May 31, 2021, to rectify concerns raised by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The adoption of the Addendum by the Board then restarted the sequential approval process as per subsection 48(2) of the Act. On March 1, 2022, the Sahtú Secretariat Incorporated formally approved the Addendum to the Five-Year Review Amendment Application. On June 6, 2022, the Minister of Lands of the Government of the Northwest Territories approved the amendment.

I am now pleased to inform you that I have approved the Five-Year Review Amendment Application and its Addendum, adopted by the Board on April 30, 2020, and May 31, 2021, respectively; therefore, it is now in effect. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board on its efforts to complete this amendment.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Vandal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "Vandal".

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

c.c.: The Honourable Shane Thompson, M.L.A.  
Mr. Charles McNeely