



May 4, 2021

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by EMAIL

Dear Ms. Bourassa:

**Sahtú Land Use Plan 5-Year Review Amendment Application – Zone 39**

The Sahtú Land Use Planning Board's (the Board) 5-Year Review Amendment Application includes administrative changes to the spatial description and mapping of the western end of Zone 39 (Doi T'oh Territorial Park and Canol Heritage Trail Reserve). These changes are intended to improve the current mapping for Zone 39 near the Yukon border.

Zone 39 is designated as a Proposed Conservation Initiative to allow for the establishment of a territorial park along the Canol Trail per S.17.3 of the 1994 *Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement* (SDMCLCA). Appendix E Schedule XXI of the SDMCLCA describes the Canol Trail lands as between the Norman Wells Block Land Transfer and the east end of the Canol Road.

The Board's proposed changes to Zone 39 would depict the western end of the zone as abutting the Yukon border. This is erroneous relative to the proposed territorial park. The 2007 *Doi T'oh Territorial Park and Canol Heritage Trail Management Plan* describes the western end of the proposed territorial park as 'mile 222' of the Canol Trail. This is approximately 14 km east of the Yukon Border and, as per the *Northwest Territories Public Highways Act* Regulations, is the east end of the Canol Road.

The Government of the Northwest Territories requests that the Board update the 5-Year Review Amendment Application to reflect the appropriate spatial description and mapping of the western end of Zone 39 to be consistent with the proposed territorial park. Appendix A and the attached shape file detail specific recommendations.

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Should you or Board staff have further questions, please contact Mr. Justin Adams, Manager, Land Use Planning by email at [Justin\\_Adams@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Justin_Adams@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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## APPENDIX A

### SLUP 5-YEAR REVIEW AMENDMENT APPLICATION - RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO ZONE 39 AMENDMENTS

<b>Amendment Number and Page Number in Amendment Package</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Comment/Issue</b>	<b>Proposed Recommendation/Solution</b>
#238, p.76; #400, p. 143	Map #3 and 11 and all maps depicting Zone 39	The proposed changes to Zone 39 depict the western end of the zone as abutting the NWT-Yukon border. This is erroneous relative to the boundaries of the proposed territorial park based on the boundaries outlined in the <i>Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement</i> (SDMCLCA) and the <i>2007 Doi T'oh Territorial Park and Canol Heritage Trail Management Plan</i> which describe the proposed park boundary as the east end of the Canol Road, which is approximately 14 km from the NWT-Yukon Border.	Revert the mapping of Zone 39 to begin at the south limit of the Norman Wells Block Land Transfer to the east end of the Canol Road; i.e., remove the 14 km Canol Road section that spans from 'Mile 222' to the NWT-Yukon Border from the zoning. This applies to all maps that were updated depicting Zone 39.
#239, p 79; #941, p. 263	Table 3; Zone 39 description: Approximate Area of Zone 39	Approximate area is described as 953 km <sup>2</sup> however this area includes the 14 km Canol Road that has been added to Zone 39 in the 5-Year Review Amendment Application.	Change approximate area for this zone back to 939 km <sup>2</sup> . Associated changes that may apply to zone area descriptions within the Plan, e.g., "Table 2. Overview of Land Use Zones", should also be updated.

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#943, p. 263	Zone 39 description: Location and Boundaries description	The text in the Location & Boundaries was updated in the 5-Year Review Amendment Application to read: "It begins on the western bank of the Mackenzie River near Norman Wells and extends to the NWT/Yukon border." The boundary of the proposed territorial park does not extend to the NWT/Yukon border. As outlined by the SDMCLCA and the 2007 <i>Doi T'oh Territorial Park and Canol Heritage Trail Management Plan</i> the proposed park boundary is the east end of the Canol Road, which is approximately 14 km from the NWT-Yukon Border. We recommend that the zone description be updated for clarity.	Update the original SLUP description to: "It begins at the south limit of the Norman Wells Block Land Transfer and ends approximately 14 km east of the NWT/Yukon border."
#396, p. 135 #953, p. 264	Zone 39 description: Economic Importance: Oil and gas potential	The Economic Importance section lists "Oil and gas potential: 2% very high; 6% high; 7% low-moderate; 85% low." This description takes into account the inclusion of Canol Road in zone 39. We note that these changes were made in the 5-year review. With the	The Economic Importance description for oil and gas potential percentages should be verified.



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		recommended updates to this mapping it will be important to ensure the numbers are still accurate.	

## RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO MAPPING OF WESTERN END OF ZONE 39 PCI

