

Community Overlap Meeting Summary Notes

August 25, 2009 – 7-9pm

Fort Good Hope, Deline, Tulita, Colville Lake Communities

Participants:

Andrew John Kenny, Deline community member
Arthur Tobac, Chief, Fort Good Hope
Dave Little
Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Chair, SSI
Howard Townsend, Lands Manager, SSI
Isidore Manuel, Programs Manager, Yamoga Land Corporation
Lisa Kochon, CBC correspondent
Merrill Shepard, Legal Counsel, SSI
Russel Kenny, President, DRRC
Valerie Gordon, Minerals Division, INAC
Victor Ritias, Fort Good Hope Elder

Sahtu Land Use Planning Board and Staff

Bob Overvold, Board member
Collin Bayha, Board member
Danny Bayha, Board member
Stephen Kakfwi, Board member

Edna Tobac, Executive Director
Heidi Wiebe, Lead Planner
Ida Mak, Communications/Planner

Meeting start time: 7:23pm

Meeting Note: The intention of the meeting was to invite leaders and representatives from the communities of Fort Good Hope, Colville Lake, Tulita and Deline to address some overlap issues in zoning that surfaced during the June-July 2009 consultations on Draft 2.

Arthur Tobac: We should be presenting these issues to the District and Land Corporations to see what they want. There should be one District meeting in late November, early December. Colville Lake will be up for elections. You should also revisit the feedback from your last consultation with the Fort Good Hope residents.

Heidi: We'll try to set up some meetings and get on the agenda for the next District meeting.

Heidi: How does Deline feel about the Horton Lake zoning?

Danny Bayha: The zoning is likely not an issue. The issue is making sure that communities speak with each other before directing the zoning for an area that is outside of their district.

Meeting ended at: 8:03pm

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Frank Andrew, Chief, Tulita

Lucy Jackson, Fort Good Hope community member (previous sub-chief)

Richard Kochon, Chief, Colville Lake

Rocky Norwegian, President, Fort Norman Metis Land Corporation

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Richard Kochon: Make sure that when you are naming places you use our traditional place names.

Rocky Norwegian: What is the land use plan's concern with district boundaries? Why are you asking about district boundaries in this meeting?

Heidi Wiebe: The Plan is only concerned with zoning. We need to know what zoning is appropriate for an area that is used by more than one community to ensure that the zoning meets the multiple communities' expectations. That is the Board's only concern.

Rocky: I don't think that this issue will be solved in a two-hour meeting like this. We will have to discuss with our elders and other decision makers need to be present.

Frank Andrew: Re: overlap area into the Yukon, the Mayo First Nations are part of the umbrella land claim but the Kaska are not.

Richard Kochon: The area around Horton Lake is an area where we would traditionally meet. We don't want companies to go look for diamonds there. We're not trying to claim the area. We just want it protected for caribou.

We also want the burned land to be protected because caribou go there and we don't want them to be disturbed. I want land use planning to rest with the community. I don't want to hand it over to someone else. We protect our stories. If we show everyone what's on our land, they can take it away.

Rocky Norwegian: The land use plan should also identify important areas such as calving areas, irrespective of whether or not communities ask for them to be protected.

Richard Kochon: The whole barrenlands where the caribou travel should be identified in the plan and be protected.

Rocky: The issues we had with industry near Stewart and Tate Lake is that they were taking water out of the lake. They also have a road that is much too close to the water. We are concerned about the lack of a buffer between the road and the lake. We are concerned because it's good fishing and we don't want fish affected. We have had public meetings with Husky.

Stephen Kakfwi: Suggested that the leadership in communities take ownership of the issues and initiate the conversations to address them. He suggested that Richard Kochon write a letter to Deline to request that Horton Lake be zoned as Conservation Zone. He also suggested that Tulita leadership do the same and write a letter to request that Deline zone Marten Lake the way they would like it zoned.

Stephen Kakfwi: The Board does not have the authority to call Chiefs from multiple communities to meet and work through issues. We should get the communities to take the lead on organizing the meetings. The Board could participate and assist where we are needed. We should also give the GBLWMP back to Deline and assist them in the revisions. The main

organizational responsibilities like setting dates, calling meetings and deciding who should be present should be Deline's responsibility.

Heidi: We have limited funds for follow-up meetings, to fund our Board members and staff to go in for meetings. It is not enough to pay for community delegates to meet together.

Rocky: All you can do is nudge communities to resolve these issues. We'll meet with you on our schedule.

Meeting ended: 8:30pm