



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Re: Tulita Conservation Initiative in the Sahtu Land Use Plan

Dear Madams and Sirs,

As you know, on June 24 and 25, 2009 the SLUPB held two days of community consultation meetings in Tulita regarding Draft 2 of the Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP). I am following up to resolve two questions for incorporation into Draft 3 of the SLUP: 1) Tulita Conservation Initiative and 2) potential overlap concerns over Marten Lake in the Deline District.

1) Tulita Conservation Initiative (TCI): Willow Lake, Mahoney Lake Massacre Site, Red Dog Mountain, Kelly Lake, Bear Rock and the Smokes

The Tulita Conservation Initiative is the project name to advance the above 5 areas through the Protected Areas Strategy. It previously included lands that are now being advanced through PAS separately as Shuhtagot'ine Nene and Naats'ihch'oh. With the separation of those two areas, little has happened in recent years to advance the remaining areas of the Tulita Conservation Initiative through the PAS. In discussion with Karen Hamre, PAS Managing Director, the Tulita Conservation Initiative will continue to be considered an active project until they receive notification from the community that you are no longer pursuing protected area status. Given the lack of movement in advancing these areas over the last few years, we would like to know whether you intend to protect these lands through the land use plan only, or if you will resume work to advance them through the PAS.

All of these areas have been identified in the SLUP as Conservation Zones for the last 2 drafts. Conservation zones protect both the surface and subsurface lands from industrial development. We have no plans to change this zoning. Protecting lands as Conservation Zones under the land use plan provides similar or greater levels of protection than that received under various protected areas designations. The difference is that protected areas are permanent, while the land use plan is reviewed every 5 years, giving communities and other planning partners the opportunity to review and possibly change the zone designation. During the 5 year review, you can continue to maintain the conservation zone designation or you can change it to allow development, subject to the terms of the plan and existing regulatory processes, to suit the changing needs of your community.

Please confirm in writing whether you will resume work on these areas with the Protected Areas Strategy, or whether you would like to protect them under the land use plan only.



2) Overlap issue with Deline over Marten Lake

During the June consultation meetings in Tulita the SLUPB heard concerns that Marten Lake, in the Tulita District is an important traditional use area for Tulita. Participants of that meeting expressed concern with the zoning and wanted to discuss it further with Deline. Attempts to hold joint community meetings during the SSI Assembly to discuss this area were unsuccessful due to low turnout. In order to move forward, **please review the attached zoning map, and determine if the zoning around Marten Lake needs to change.**

Though Marten Lake is not labeled in our maps, we believe it to be in the General Use Zone, meaning that development is permitted, subject to the conditions outlined in the land use plan and those imposed through regular regulatory processes. If you would like the zone designation changed, please draw on the map the area that you would like changed, identify what values you want protected and why. Then fax the map back to me with your letter. I would be happy to discuss the different zone designations with you and provide any other assistance necessary. Please note that since this area is in the Deline District, we will need to discuss any changes you request with Deline.

Please respond to me on both of these issues by January 15th, 2010 so that we can incorporate the changes into Draft 3. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (403) 984-3916 or at heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca. Thank you in advance for your involvement and participation. It is a valuable and important part of the planning process.

Respectfully,

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