



# Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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## **Re: Summary of Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 Changes**

Dear Madams and Sirs,

As you know, on July 12 the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB) released Draft 3 of the Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP). This letter is to follow up on the email announcing its release and to summarize the changes since the previous Draft.

All Land Corporations and Band Councils will receive 2 paper copies of Draft 3, with wall-sized maps by early August. Included with this letter is an electronic copy of Draft 3 and all supporting documents. For all others interested in obtaining these files, they are available on the SLUPB website at: [www.sahtulanduseplan.ca](http://www.sahtulanduseplan.ca).

Please note that SLUPB staff and a Board member will hold community consultation meetings in Norman Wells in September. This will be the last round of consultations before the SLUPB holds a public hearing this fall from November 22-26 in Norman Wells. When both community consultations and the public hearing have been carried out, final revisions will be made to the Sahtu Land Use Plan before submission to SSI, the GNWT and the federal government for approval.

Your involvement in this final round of feedback will be important in helping the Board understand your community's interests and needs. We look forward to working with the Norman Wells leadership and community members to review and finalize the Draft Plan for submission to all approving parties.

A number of significant changes have been introduced since Draft 2. In general, they are as listed below:

- Zone numbers and names have been revised to reflect the re-introduction of some old zones that were once removed and the inclusion of new ones;
- All zone boundaries and designations have been refined based on GIS analysis of the values of interest for protection;
- A number of the Conformity Requirements (mandatory conditions for development) in Draft 2 Special Management Zones (SMZs) have now been applied throughout the Sahtu Settlement Area in General Use Zones (GUZs);
- SMZs in Draft 3 have more focused conditions that are intended to protect the specific values of the zone;



- A consistent 500 m Conservation Zone buffer was applied to specified fish bearing lakes; and
- A consistent 1 km Special Management buffer was applied to important creeks and rivers.

As a result of community consultation feedback in Norman Wells and Tulita, a number of changes have been made to the zoning in the District.

Major changes between the former Draft 2 and the current Draft 3 are summarized below:

Draft 3 Zone Number and Name	Changes
3. Mackenzie River Special Management Zone (SMZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The SMZ is a 5 km buffer along the River.</li> <li>▪ Added protection for water through watershed based management.</li> </ul>
10. Norman Range Special Management Zone (SMZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This newly delineated SMZ encompasses Turton, Oscar, Kelly and Lennie Lakes and extends into the K'asho Got'ine District where it includes a number of other sites.</li> <li>▪ At Tulita's request, this SMZ replaces the previous CZ. Core areas are still protected through conservation zones (see below).</li> <li>▪ It offers protection to a number of wildlife, cultural and harvest values expressed by the Tulita community while allowing for development.</li> </ul>
11. Willow Lake Wetlands Special Management Zone (SMZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This SMZ replaces the previous CZ. The entire wetland is included.</li> <li>▪ It offers protection to a number of wildlife, cultural and harvest values expressed by the Tulita community while allowing for development.</li> </ul>
12. Carcajou River Special Management Zone (SMZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As requested during consultations, a number of large rivers and creeks were given a 1 km SMZ buffer for added ecological protection and to allow continued community use.</li> </ul>
41. Turton Lake Conservation Zone (CZ) 45. Kelly and Lennie Lake CZ 46. Kelly Lake Protected Area (land claim) 47. Oscar Lake Conservation Zone (CZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consistent 500 m conservation buffers were applied to each of the lakes to protect important areas for ecological and subsistence use.</li> <li>▪ All the CZs are located within the Norman Range SMZ which provides protection over a larger area.</li> <li>▪ The Kelly Lake Protected Area is zoned as conservation to provide subsurface protection.</li> </ul>
44. Willow Lake Conservation Zone (CZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Willow Lake CZ lies within the larger Willow Lake Wetlands SMZ. The CZ offers a 500 m buffer around the lake and wetland areas for added protection.</li> <li>▪ As in the Norman Range SMZ, the CZ is intended to protect the strongest values and the larger SMZ is intended to protect the general area while still allowing opportunities for development, as requested by the Tulita Land Corporation.</li> </ul>
53. Stewart and Tate Lakes Conservation Zone (CZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As requested during consultations, a 1 km conservation buffer was applied to each lake.</li> </ul>



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Please see Draft 3 zoning map for above changes. You will also find a map of the Tulita District.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (403) 984-3916 or at [heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca](mailto:heidi.wiebe@shaw.ca). I look forward to our time in the communities for the upcoming consultations. 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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**Included:**

1. Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 Zoning Map
2. Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 - Tulita District Map
3. Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3 CD:
  - Draft 3 Cover Letter
  - Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft 3
  - Background Report
  - Draft CR Implementation Guide
  - Comments and Responses Table

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