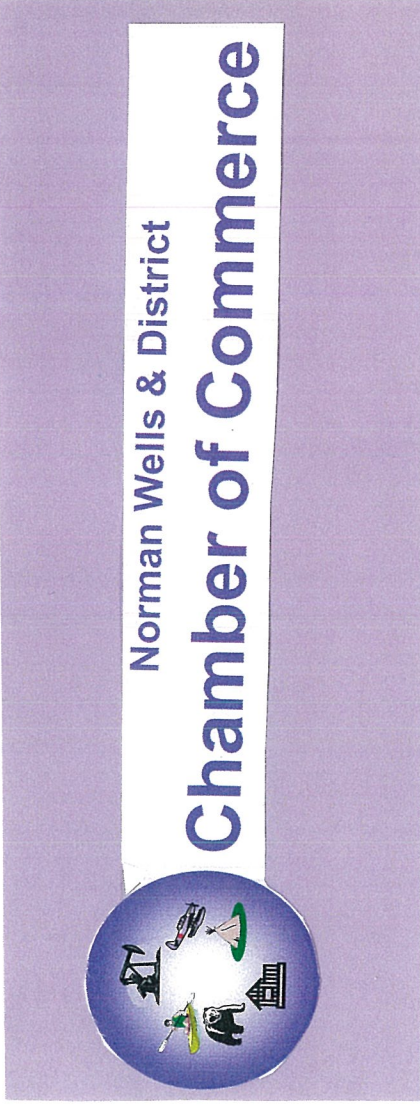


Sahtu Land Use Plan Draft# 3

PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE NORMAN WELLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & DISTRICT and the TOWN OF NORMAN WELLS



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Norman Wells NT,

Concerns / Issues: Land Access & Use

- **Only 31 % of the land is designated for General Use.**
- **We must balance opportunities for economic development with the lands slated for the levels of protection.**
- **27.5 % of the land is in Conservation Zones, National Parks / Historic Sites and Proposed Conservation Initiatives. Land use activities are severely limited (allowed uses vary from zone to zone)**
- **41 % of the land is designated "Special Management Zones". All land use activities are expected to proceed with much greater caution than in General Use Lands.**
- **50 % of the lands with known high mineral potential are located in zones which prohibit mineral exploration and development.**
- **The Plan states that it does not apply within the community boundary, Council requested that it also not apply within the Block Land Transfer Lands (BLT) , those lands bordering and surrounding municipal boundaries.**

Concerns / Issues: Land Access & Use

- Further mineral mapping is in progress and may lead to further conflicts between areas of high potential yield for development in zones which prohibit development.
- Zones with oil and gas potential have not been mapped to the same degree as mineral potential. However, not all available studies (such as GSC Open File 5384 which discusses Shale Gas Opportunities) are identified as a consideration in the SLUP.
- Currently eleven (11) parcels of land are up for bid for oil and gas exploration, does the zoning maps available to potential bidders show these parcels as being in General Use zones.
- The Plan does not address the Mackenzie Gas Pipeline (MGP) corridor.
- Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) regulates all water bodies, putting a buffer around all the bodies of water in the Sahtu Settlement Area (SSA) a Conformity Requirement (CR) should not be necessary.
- There is no reason to believe that the lands designated as General Use are those which have the highest potential for minerals or oil & gas.
- Impacts to tourism (due to watershed, restrictions) are unclear at this time.

Concerns / Issues: Regulatory

- **The SLUP adds another layer of regulation through "conformity requirements" which address a wide range of topics including community engagement, traditional knowledge and community benefits.**
- **Several of the requirements lack clarity, duplicate or conflict with existing regulations.**
- **The SLUP does not clearly define how / when applications must meet requirements - whether by separate and additional application process or whether the Plan and its requirements will be built into existing application processes.**
- **When a land use plan is created and implemented its purpose is to regulate the use of the land. Many of these conformity requirements addressed in the SLUP are covered under the Sahtu Dene Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement through Access and Benefits Agreement, they do not belong in a Land Use Plan.**
- **Could the words Permitted Use & Discretionary Use be used in place of "Conformity Requirements"**
- **A flow chart would be beneficial that shows the various agencies an application must be processed through.**