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Re: Draft 5-Year Review Amendment Application for Public Review

The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB or “the Board”) is pleased to release its draft 5-Year Review Amendment Application for public review. The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act Section 50 establishes a 5-year planning cycle in which the Board determines whether changes are needed in the plan every five years. Based on the SLUPB’s 2016 assessment, the Board determined that amendments to the Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP) were needed. This was outlined in the Board’s opinion paper entitled *Sahtu Land Use Plan, The First 5 Years: A Look Back to Move Forward* which was released for public comment in January 2018. In total, the SLUPB received 9 comments from 8 stakeholders regarding the opinion paper which voiced general support for the scope of the amendments that the Board had proposed, along with introducing several new concepts.

The SLUPB also hosted a round of gatherings in Sahtú communities throughout the autumn of 2018 to re-introduce the concept of land use planning to communities and planning partners, as well as explain the SLUPB’s role in the regulatory system. A Tripartite Meeting with the MVRMA Approving Parties was held in Délı̄nę on November 2018 to finalize the scope of amendments for the 5-year review.

Further meetings were held in Sahtú communities throughout the spring and summer of 2019 to speak with the general public and Planning Partners about the mapping of SLUP zones and to specifically address certain zones which required changes. As these improvements do alter zone boundaries, input from the general public and Planning Partners was needed to preserve the original intent of the zones as determined through the SLUP’s planning development cycle.

All of this work, as well as communication and work with key regulators and MVRMA approving parties, formed the basis of the draft proposed amendments to the SLUP. For the next 60-days, the Board invites written comments from planning partners on the content of the Draft Amendment Application. Comments received will help provide the Board with certainty on moving forward with adoption of the amendments and approval from the MVRMA Approving Parties. The Board will review the comments received and following any necessary changes to the draft Amendment Application, the Board anticipates it will submit an application to amend the SLUP in early 2020.

Should the Board adopt an amendment, it would be submitted for approval to the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, Government of the Northwest Territories, and Government of Canada. A SLUP amendment cannot take effect until all three parties have approved it.



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Because the SLUP was approved in 2013 as an evergreen document that would continue to live and breathe as the world unfolded, the first five-year review has been extensive. It has addressed legislative changes since 2013 such as devolution, minor amendments such as typos and errors, updates to the scale of the zoning and discrepancies in the mapping, clarity and updates required in certain sections, and the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework which is ongoing. As such, the amendment application is lengthy but the SLUPB and staff have attempted to make the document as user-friendly as possible. The following documents are included in the request for public review:

- Amendment Application_December 9
 - This document includes an introduction on how to use the documents included in the draft amendment application
- Metes_Bounds_Methodology (GIS Protocols, Methodology, and Physical Limits Zone Descriptions)
- Shapefile (Geographic Information Systems file for mapping software)

The Board's online registry houses all documents and updated materials as the amendment process moves forward. To access these resources, the draft amendment application which includes updated zoning maps, or the SLUP (2013), visit <https://sahtulanduseplan.org/>.

The amendment documents can also be found for direct download at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/eri4bqtdfqln5jh/AAB5JH-btx_nBEGXo3bcGy5Ga?dl=0

Any questions on the draft amendment application or the process should be directed to Melanie Harding, RPP, MCIP, Executive Director. She can be reached at 867-598-2055 ext.0 or exec_director@sahtulanduseplan.org.

Written comments on the Draft Amendment Application are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 7, 2020. Comments should be addressed to:

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In closing, the SLUPB thanks all planning partners for their time and consideration of the draft Amendment Application. The Board looks forward to continuing to build a close working relationship



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SLUPB Chair