



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Délinę Got'inq Government (DGG)
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VIA Facsimile: 867-589-8108
Attention: Raymond Tutcho

Dear Chief Tutcho:

RE: Process for Amendments to the Sahtu Land Use Plan

Thank you for your letter dated February 14, 2018 regarding the matter referenced above. Please accept this letter as a response on behalf of the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (“the Board”).

As you note in your letter, the Board is in the early stages of scoping the Land Use Plan amendment process which arose out of the five year review mandated under section 50 of the MVRMA. We view the Délinę Got'inq Government (DGG) as an important planning partner. Accordingly, and per your request, we are prepared to hold a public meeting in the community of Délinę to hear the views of community members in respect of the amendment process. We are also prepared to meet with representatives of the DGG at that time.

We appreciate the significance of the DGG’s achievement of the Délinę Final Self Government Agreement (DFSGA). We have undertaken a careful review of all relevant documents related to the DFSGA, including applicable MVRMA amendments. We acknowledge that DGG now has powers to require permits on settlement lands not otherwise required by regulation. In our view, such permits, like all other permits, must conform with the Land Use Plan pursuant to section 46(1) of the MVRMA. We also acknowledge that DGG has significant new jurisdiction over municipal/community lands.

These types of lands have never been subject to the Land Use Plan, so we see no change in the interface of the DFSGA and the Land Use Plan in respect of these lands.



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We further acknowledge a number of amendments to the MVRMA related to the relationship between the Sahtu Land and Water Board (regarding permit issuance and policy directions), the federal Minister (regarding amendments to the MVRMA), and the MVEIRB (regarding advice and policy direction). In our view, these amendments do not require any changes to the Land Use Plan amendment scoping process currently proposed by the Board. Finally, we continue to view the SSI as the sole indigenous approving body for Land Use Plan amendments, with whom the DGG should engage directly regarding its representation of DGG's views on amendment approvals.

In closing, we thank you for bringing your views to the Board's attention, and I assure you we will be mindful of these views, and any additional perspectives we may hear from the community of Déliṅę and DGG, as the amendment process unfolds.

Mahsi,

Heather Bourassa
Board Chair

cc: Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated