



Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Re: DRAFT Sahtu Land Use Plan Amendment Application; Request for Review Extension

On October 8, 2015, the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board ("SLUPB" or "Board") provided the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)* approval parties a 60 calendar day period to review and comment on a DRAFT Sahtu Land Use Plan Amendment Application.

On November 27, the GNWT-Department of Lands responded by requesting an additional 90 calendar days to conduct its review. On December 8, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (formerly Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) acknowledged the GNWT's request with an expectation that the extension would be granted. The Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated provided no comments.

On December 14 the Board met and considered the extension request. The Board chose to grant a **60 calendar day** extension. In addition, the Board will issue an update on the process to Sahtu planning partners and post the DRAFT Amendment Application to its on-line registry.

To advance the process in a timely manner, the Board requests party comments now be submitted by **February 8, 2015**. Comments should be addressed to Heather Bourassa, SLUPB Chair and submitted electronically to my email address exec_director@sahtulanduseplan.org.

Should you have any questions on the DRAFT Amendment Application or process, please direct them to me by email or phone at 867-598-2055. I will be out of the office December 18-January 4. I will be responding to emails, and can be reached on my mobile at 867-446-6382.

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