

Sahtu Land Use Planning Board  
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Dear Board Members:

**NORMAN WELLS LAND CORPORATION RESPONSE TO THE  
SAHTU LAND USE PLANNING BOARD POST-FOLLOW  
UP HEARING**

During the month of January 2011 the membership met for 2 evenings to look at the 16 maps showing the original land use on one and the changes made by the Tulita District Land Corporation without consultation with the membership in Norman Wells and Tulita. Most of the land was left open for exploration. The majority of the Board of Directors were not at these consultation meetings.

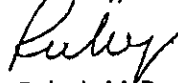
After the 2 day meetings the membership advised the Norman Wells Land Corporation Board of Directors of the changes. One of the direction given to the Board was that Parcels 105, 106 and 107 be changed to conservation zone from special management zone. As a result of the presentation to the Board of Directors to the Norman Wells Land Corporation they made a motion to comply.

During the meeting of June 13, 2011 the reason given for the motion to be rescinded is that the Oil and Gas Companies are not submitting any bids on the call for bids lands because of the change made to the Sahtu Land Use Plan in the 3-day lake area.

We are opposed to the position of the Board of Directors because there was no consultation with the membership on the suggested changes to the Sahtu Land Use Plan. The 3-day lake area from the Mackenzie Mountains to the shore of the Mackenzie River has been used extensively by the McDonald and Blondin Families and is still used today. There are cabins, equipment, historic sites, traditional trails and fishing and hunting areas. Many other families in the Community of Tulita will tell you that they have lived there and have been provided with food from the river, creek, lakes, the land and mountains.

We are definitely opposed to any of the land being used for oil and gas activities. We will go to the highest authority to stop any oil and gas activities in this area. It is our traditional area and we are here to protect it.

Sincerely,



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President, Norman Wells Land Corporation

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